



“THE SPIRE”

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Pastor Maurice Horne

Praise the Lord everyone!

June 21st was the official 1st day of summer. It is wonderful to enter summer with a sense of a new “normalcy” arriving. Having received both vaccine shots has allowed me to break bread with other family members who also has received both of their vaccine shots. With many restrictions being lifted, we can again begin to plan different events for the

future. Our United Methodist Women will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Tuesday July 20th at 1:00 pm. See Marjorie Kumar for more details.

We had scheduled to return to in-person worship on Sunday July 4, 2021, but due to our roof being replaced and the heavy rain that we have experienced, we are going to have to back our date up for returning to in-person worship. I spoke with our Trustee, Marcus Kelley, and he said July 18th would be the earliest possible date that we would be able to return due to the damaged in the sanctuary caused by our roof leaking while being repaired. If that date changes, then I will inform you. We will continue to meet on Saturday to record our services so you can watch it on Sunday morning. Once we return to in-person worship, we will continue to post our services online as well as be able to listen through “Sermon by phone”.

I have been invited to preach at a Revival at Halsey UMC in Grand Blanc Twp, on Tuesday August 31st at 7:00 pm. I would love to have some of our membership in attendance. The address is: 10006 Halsey Rd, Grand Blanc Twp, MI 48439. If you are interested in going with me, please let me know. After being on lockdown for a year, I think a revival can be good medicine for anyone.

Now that many Covid restrictions are being lifted, I would like to encourage everyone to continue to be safe as we move forward. Soon I would like to put together a team to begin studying our demographics surrounding the church to help us understand who lives in the community, what is needed in the community, and how we can connect with our community. I plan to re-start a Zoom Bible study in September. The bible study will be on 2 Corinthians. I will send out study material in August for the Bible study.

Once we return to in-person worship, I would like to have a Membership Drive to inspire everyone to be intentional about bringing in new members. I also would like to encourage those who have not joined yet, but they worship with us, to consider making St. Paul UMC their home church.

I pray that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Remember to pray for our sick and shut in. May God richly bless you.

Rev. Maurice Horne

July/August 2021

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FINANCIAL UPDATE From Doug Sweeder—Finance Chair

Financially, we are doing OK. We are in a wait and see mode.

Our first Paycheck Protection Program has been forgiven. One down and one to go.

Our East peaked roof will be completed soon, maybe by June 25, 2021.

The cost is now \$183,000 with some price increases and the requirement to bring the west peaked roof up to code. The new code is that the roof must be able to breathe. This will require the same Hunter panels, allowing the roof to breathe, as required by the east peaked roof. Trouble receiving these Hunter panels has the west peaked roof on hold.

So far, we have experienced 2 leaks on the north side of the east peaked roof and perhaps 5 leaks on the south side. We are working with our contractor to seek repair of the sanctuary. So far, the west peaked roof has not leaked.

However, our flat roof on the west side has leaked several times with water entering the parlor. We will be working with our insurance company and the contractor that installed the flat roof in 2015.

It will take a while to get everything in the sanctuary fixed, but we have faith in our contractor to perform the repairs.

The west flat roof issue involving the older contractor will be addressed soon.



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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Genesis 6-8)

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GEE DAD ... I HOPE THAT PEOPLE IN THE
FUTURE WON'T BE LOOKING FOR THIS ARK



Kaia Faith Ha-Yan Sweeder graduated in June from Utica Stevenson High School and Utica Center for Science and Industry. Kaia was a member of the Stevenson Marching band where she served as a trumpet section leader. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul and was an active participant in Sunday

School, Youth Choir and Vacation Bible School. She has served as a nursery assistant and an Acolyte. Kaia intends to attend Macomb Community College in the fall majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Scott and Lisa Sweeder and the granddaughter of Doug and Susan Sweeder.

Congratulations is going out to **James Kaleb Price**, son of Lore and Kevin Price and grandson of Virginia (and the late Jim) Tuttle. He graduated from Rochester Adams High School. This Fall, he will begin studies in Bio-Medical Engineering at the University of Michigan. Kaleb has received awards and recognition for his academics, cross country, track, marching band and earned his Eagle Scout badge.

We salute this marvelous young people and pray God's blessing on them as they move forward with their educations.



Thursday Virtual Coffee Hour on GotoMeeting

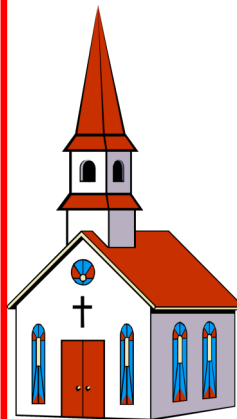
A time of fellowship on Thursdays at 10:00am is on-going. Coffee and conversation are always on tap for this event. Watch your



email for the GoToMeeting invitation, log in and join the conversation. If you're not receiving the email, simply telephone the church office (248-338-8233) and Irene will see you are added to the mailing. For more information contact Marjorie Kumar at zoroku-mar1@aol.com.

Congratulations to . . Pastor Cheryl Mancier

Pastor Mancier will begin a full-time appointment on July 1, 2021 at Alger UMC and Pinconning UMC. Cheryl was our choir director for many years while her and her family attended here at St. Paul. She has previously served in the Detroit area and in Gladwin.



Is there something you'd like to see in "The Spire"?

Call or email the office by the 15th of each Month
(248) 338-8233
stpaulumcbh@gmail.com

In July

2 — Randy Ferguson
4—Jennifer Nichols
5 — Margaret Remer
6—Scott Sweeder
11—Virginia Tuttle
15—Irene Sanchez
17—Doug Johns
17—Madeline Hinkle
20—Sarah Schall
26—Walter Kumar



In August

7—Jeff Leitch
9—Linda Lee
16—Susan Dotson
20—Mae Horne
29—Dorothy Kelchner

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers:

- Rev. Michelle Gentile
- Ruth Isca
- Bill Johns
- Dorothy Kelchner
- Helen Vaillencourt
- Chris Drouillard



If you have prayer requests or would like to share a praise to God, contact Irene at the church office and we will get your request or praise known.

St. Paul UMW Women's Luncheon

You are cordially invited to join us
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 1:00pm

St. Paul UMC Fellowship Hall
Please, bring a salad to share.

We will keep some social distancing for safety and if you are not vaccinated or simply feel more comfortable, please wear a mask.

If you have questions, please, call
Marjorie Kumar at
248-334-4146 or 248-202-2120

July 3—Bud Warner & Marie Couch

July 9—Dick & Barb Casper

August 21—Solomon & Darlene White

August 25—Marcus & Carol Kelley





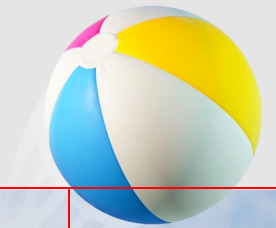
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