

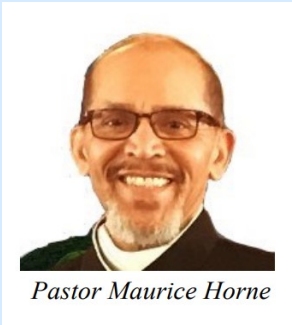


“THE SPIRE”

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Pastor Maurice Horne

Praise the Lord,

Our 40-day Lenten journey is over, and we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. There were 33 people in worship on Easter. Praise the Lord! That is the highest attendance we have had since our return to in-person worship. Let us continue to invite someone to worship with the expectation that our membership will grow.

We have restarted our in-person coffee hour every Sunday after worship. We invite you to stay for coffee hour. We are also continuing our Thursday morning on-line coffee hour at 10:00 am for those who are not able to come to worship.

To promote church growth, we are looking for four volunteers to monitor a Hospitality Table **every** Sunday. We need one volunteer for each Sunday of the month. The purpose of the Hospitality Table is to give our guest a gift for joining us in service, and to collect their contact information so we may reach out to them in the future. There have been several visitors that have come to church, and we were unable to follow up. If you would like to volunteer, call the church office and leave a message or sign the volunteer list that will be on the Hospitality Table.

I will be attending Annual Conference in Traverse City from June 1st to June 4th. This will be our first in-person Annual Conference since 2019. The Covid pandemic is slowing down, and new opportunities are becoming available for us to find new ways to reach the community. Let us be diligent in our efforts to be willing and available as we step out on God’s word to reach the unreachable and touch the untouchables.

I will be retiring on July 1, 2022, after 45 years of ministry. June 12th will be my last day in the pulpit at St. Paul UMC. I pray that you will join us in worship. In the meantime, I will be calling everyone on our phone list before I leave. If you would like a call immediately, then please call the church and/or leave a message, and I will return your call.

Mother’s Day is May 8th, and I want to wish all the mothers a Happy Mother’s Day. Continue to pray for the sick and shut in.

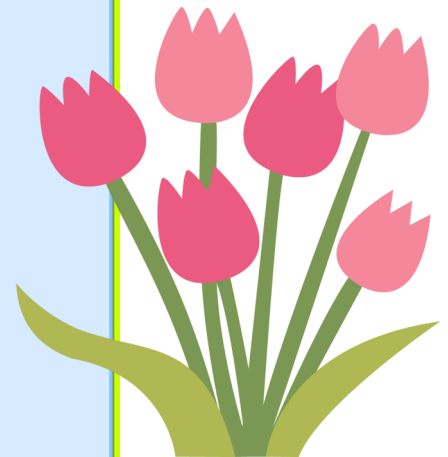
Until next month, may God richly bless you!
Rev. Maurice Horne

May 2022

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HAPPY Mother’s DAY



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

From Doug Sweeder—Finance Chair

1. Finance made available money to cover our expected expenses though the first quarter and indeed our actual Income covered our actual Expenses during this period. Finance did this by using extra money from the endowment and other savings sources. We have about \$1,500 to start April.

Some members have stepped up and donated money above their pledge. All of us can say thank you to those members. It does make a difference.

Finance has **not** drawn down our reserves, which are limited, for the remaining months of 2022. We will monitor our financial status on a month-by-month basis.

2. The United Methodist Union approved our loan request for \$51,300. If we have a successful outcome in the lawsuit, we probably will not need to take the loan. Instead, we will be able to use the escrowed funds for remediation. Currently, the money in escrow is not available until the lawsuit is settled.

3. Roof Status

- A. United Restoration, our roofing contractor, filed a lawsuit to make us pay the remainder of the insurance money. We haven't paid them because of the extensive damage they caused to the interior of the church. I think we all have a vivid memory of the extensive amounts of water leaking into the church over a five-month period.
- B. We are counter-suing United Restoration for the difference between the money we put in escrow and our outside contractor's estimates of the damage done. The difference is substantial
- C. Marcus and I filed a claim for the money that Church Mutual will make available to us for legal expenses. It was approved by Church Mutual. Where lawsuits are concerned, this isn't a lot of money, but we are absolutely happy to have it. Hopefully, we will be able to keep our legal expenses within this amount.
- D. Our roof team is working well together. Bud Warner was an excellent addition to the team about a year ago.

4. The Finance team is ready to support the Leadership team to resolve our membership and financial issues. We are open to any ideas for growth and outreach to the community. Put your thinking caps on and feel free to express your ideas. Also, read the Spire for upcoming event opportunities.





- 5/3 — Paul Angove
- 5/16 — Elizabeth Kumar
- 5/17 — Doris McCree
- 5/18 — Lisa Sweeder
- 5/21 — Chris Drouillard
- 5/22 — Miranda Whitcomb
- 5/28 — Shannah Schall

Happy Birthday to all of our May birthday folks! May the year ahead bring you blessings, perfect health and all of your birthday wishes come true!

Prayer Requests

Also, please keep in prayer:

- Rev. Michelle Gentile
- Ruth Isca
- Dorothy Kelchner
- Helen Vaillencourt
- Chris Drouillard
- Hilda Soodoo
- Bill and Linda Lee



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.



**Join us as we celebrate with Pastor
Horne and Mae
45 years of ministry
Sunday, June 12, 2022
At Hazel Park First UMC**

We will come together and thank Pastor Horne for his leadership and wish him and Mae a wonderful Bon Voyage as they move into retirement after their years of service to the church. Keep your eyes on your email and look for more information to come.



**May 24
Bill and Linda Lee**



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul United Methodist Church on **Friday, May 27, 2022**

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

If this cost is out of reach for you, contact the church office for a complementary screening coupon.

Thank
You

This year's Light house food drive was a wonderful success. With the help of everyone in our congregation, our renters and our neighborhood campaign, we collected a large amount of non-perishable food items, paper items and personal care items to help our friends at Lighthouse help the community. A HUGE thank you to everyone who so generously donated to this project and to Marcus Kelley and his Outreach Team for their work from walking around the neighborhood to hang door cards to taking the items to Lighthouse for distribution.

Take a look below at the bounty!



Now Hear This



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 zorroku-mar1@aol.com.

Luncheon in The Parlor

Our next lunch is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022 at 1:00pm. This is an informal, BYOL (bring your own lunch) gathering and a time to catch up with your friends at St. Paul. Forgot something? We have a cutlery, cups and napkins. Need to heat your lunch? We have a microwave. Come and enjoy some end of the week fellowship and laughter. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Crafter's Circle

We are planning to meet in the Parlor beginning Tuesday, May 10, 2022 beginning at 6:30pm until 8:00pm. This Crafter's Circle is for anyone and everyone with a portable craft they'd like to work on. Bring anything you already have started or start a new project. If you have questions, feel free to contact Marjorie Kumar at either 248-334-4146 or 248-202-2120.

Graduates??



Graduation is fast approaching for many. We wish to recognize all those who are graduating this year (high school, college, profession, you name it). Please submit names, schools, fields of study and a short bio to the church office. These will be published in the June issue of "The Spire". Thank you!



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5  CINCO DE MAYO	6	7
8 9:45am — Worship Happy Mother's Day!	9	10 6:30pm — Crafter's Circle	11	12 10am — Virtual Coffee Hour	13	14
15 9:45am — Worship Service with coffee hour after worship	16 7:00pm — Finance Team Meeting	17	18	19 10am — Virtual Coffee Hour	20	21
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