



“THE SPIRE”

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Pastor Maurice Horne

“He arose, He arose, Hallelujah Christ arose!”

It was wonderful celebrating Easter Sunday with the drive through of the members in our parking lot.

We studied on “Small Church Check Up” during the Lenten season, and we now are at the point where we have to create a new vision and mission statement. We are gathering a team to do this, and if you would like to be on this team, please, call the church office. We will also be looking at the

demographics in our community so we may learn more about the population of our community and how we can create relationships with them. We are in the process of moving forward to become a healthier congregation and need to create goals for our 1st year, 3rd year, and 5th year. This is not a sprint, but this will be a marathon. We are needing everyone’s participation and a sharing of their gifts and graces.

I plan to teach a gift assessment class in the near future. This course is meant to help us identify the gift and graces that God has given us so they can be used to help move us forward in every aspect of our lives.

At the present time, we’re holding a Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We are currently in the book of 1 Corinthians. A Zoom invitation is sent out every Monday. If you would like to attend, and you have not received a Zoom invitation, email the church and one will be sent to you. I have a new email address: pastorhorne55@gmail.com. Please, send all emails to this address.

Marjorie Kumar is hosting our coffee hour every Thursday at 10:00 am on GoToMeeting. This allows us to stay connected to news and information in the midst of this pandemic. If you would like an invitation, contact Marjorie and one will be sent to you.

I will be on a 2-week vacation from May 17 to May 30. Rev. Brent Webster will preach while I’m away. If there is an emergency during this time, please call the church and leave a message. Rev. Brent Webster will call you back.

Mother’s Day is on May 9. I would like to wish all Birth Mothers, Stepmothers, Adopted Mother, Surrogate Mothers and all Mother Figures a very Happy Mother’s Day.

Virtual Annual Conference is from Thursday, June 3 to Sunday, June 6. I hope that you can attend. I know it feels strange not being able to do things in person, but the church must continue to move forward.

Remember to keep in prayer our sick and shut in.

Until next month, may God richly bless you.

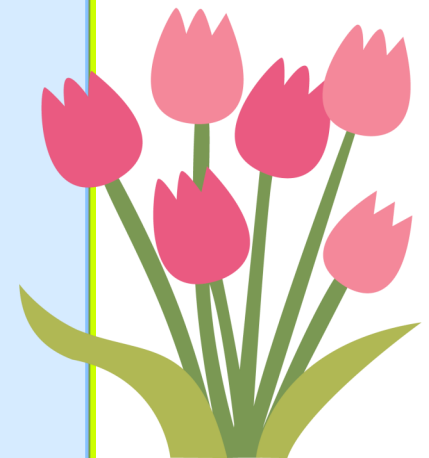
Rev. Maurice Horne

May 2021

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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

Thank you to St. Paul's family for supporting our missions and daily needs thru these trying times.

Currently, we are doing OK financially. We are in wait-and-see mode for 2021.

In 2020, we received a Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$10,400 for expenses in 2020.

In 2021, we received a Paycheck Protection Program 2nd Draw loan of \$13,800 for expenses in 2021.

All Forgiveness documents for the 2020 loan have been submitted, but the SBA suspended forgiveness to actively make loans for 2021. The forgiveness process will resume after 2021 loans are made. We think both loans will be converted to grants as we have followed the PPP spending guidelines meticulously.

Our two new roofs, paid for by our Insurance company, should be starting in the next 60 days. We are really looking forward to this completion.



Food Drive Update

Our food collection was held from the beginning of Lent to Easter Sunday. The total collection was considered at a value of around \$300. The food was delivered to Lighthouse of Oakland County. Pastor Maurice Horne and Witness Chair, Marcus Kelley, met at the church and transported the supplies to the building on Woodward.

Thank You

for your Kindness

There, they were met by James McQueen of Lighthouse.

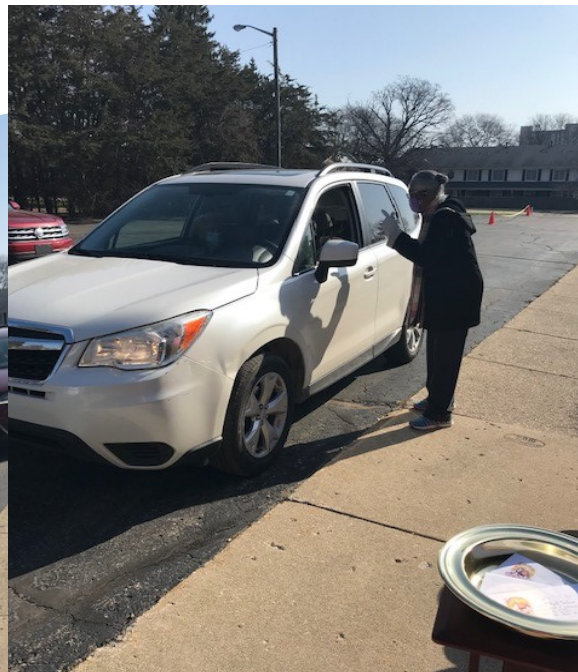
Trustee Report for April

- A visit by Stewart Heating and Cooling to Parsonage to correct a thermostat problem.
- Drain in Parsonage rechecked for blockage by T & K Excavating. Sump Pump replaced.
- Front door repaired at Church. Birmingham Locksmith services fixed the locking mechanism.
- Leaves were removed from the roof of the parsonage.
- Roof repair to start May 3



Our Easter Drive-up Celebration

April 4, 2021





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

Susan Dotson, Erin Brinkman,
Cathy Kisser

Also, please keep in prayer:

- 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.



You are Needed!!

As the St. Paul United Methodist Church, we are in need of creating a clear vision statement to propel us into the next century of service. Volunteers are needed to help review and create this statement for our church. Please, prayerfully consider participating in this task force. If you have questions, you may contact the office. Meetings will be planned for early May and date/time will be announced as volunteers come forward.



May 24

Bill and Linda Lee



Now Hear This

Virtual Class Schedule:

Join Pastor Horne for Bible Study beginning on Wednesdays through , May 12 on Zoom. This class is discussing Paul's letters before his imprisonment . If you are interested in receiving an invitation, contact Pastor Horne (Pastorhorne55@gmail.com) or

The church office to get on the list to receive the link.



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.

Life Line Screening is here this month!

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 21, 2021**. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. 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.

Thank You!

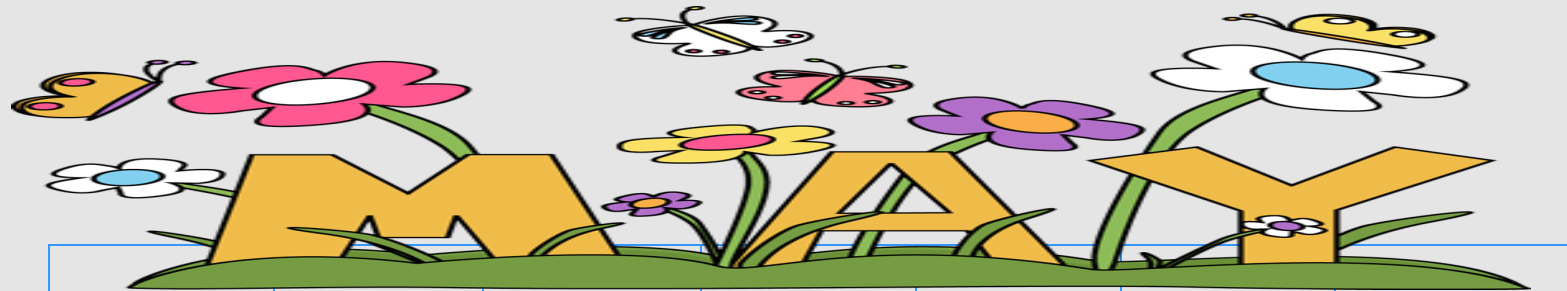


Thank you to everyone for the beautiful flowers and card in honor of Professional Assistant's Day. It was such a wonderful surprise. I am grateful to serve here at St. Paul UMC and appreciate every one of you as well.

— Irene Sanchez

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 National Brothers and Sisters Day
2 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	3	4	5  CINCO DE MAYO	6 10am — Virtual Coffee Hour	7	8
9 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service <i>Happy</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11 National Shrimp Day	12	13 10am — Virtual Coffee Hour	14	15 National Buttermilk Biscuit Day
16 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	17	18	19	20 10am — Virtual Coffee Hour	21 Life Line Screening Day	22
	Pastor Horne on Vacation					
23 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	24	25	26	27 10am — Virtual Coffee Hour	28	29
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30 9:45am — Virtual Worship Service	31 LABOR DAY 	2021				