



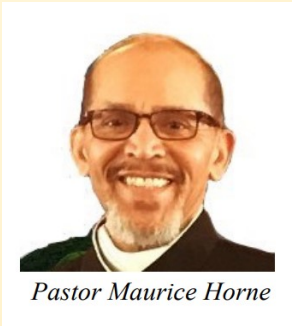
“THE SPIRE”

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"The Pastor's Pen"



Pastor Maurice Horne

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

We just finished studying the book of 2 Corinthians in Bible study and it went well. Online Bible study allows people from everywhere to join in. We had people join us from Saginaw, Flint, Hazel Park, and Waterford MI. We even had someone from Pennsylvania join us.

I will be on vacation from September 27th to October 10th. Rev. Brent Webster will fill the pulpit in my absence. If there is an emergency while I am on vacation, call the church office and leave a message, and Rev. Webster will get back in touch with you.

Our Charge Conference is on Sunday November 28th at 7:00 pm. The SPRC will meet at 6:15 pm. All our paperwork must be sent to the DS office by November 15th. We have a lot of paperwork to fill out, so let's start early so we can be on time.

October 17th is Laity Sunday. Laity Sunday is when the laity leads the worship service. Our Lay Leader Marjorie Kumar will bring the message on that day. Come out and show your support on Laity Sunday.

It's that time of year to commit our yearly stewardship to the church. Sunday October 31st has been designated as Stewardship Sunday. This is the Sunday on which we will express our financial support for the ministries in the church for the coming year. Although we don't always think of financial giving as an opportunity to tangibly express our love, devotion and thankfulness to God, it is nothing less than that. As Stewardship Sunday approaches, I would ask that each of us would consider what we would pledge (promise) to give to the church in the year 2022. Pledge cards will be collected on Stewardship Sunday. You can drop your pledge card off at the church, or you can mail it in.

In uncertain financial times, many of us hesitate to commit ourselves to give a certain percentage of our money to God. But we should trust in God as we give back a portion of what God has given us. One thing for certain is we cannot beat God's giving, no matter how hard we try.

Remember to pray for our sick and shut in. If you have not seen or heard from someone in the congregation in a while, please give them a call to see how they are doing. Until next month, may God richly bless you.

Rev. Maurice Horne

October 2021

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

Call or email the office by the 15th of each Month
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From our Finance Committee Chair. . . .Doug Sweeder

2022 Stewardship Campaign

It's Fall, which means it's Stewardship campaign time. Our campaign starts on Sunday, October 17th and ends on Sunday, October 31st, Halloween. You will receive our Stewardship letter during the week of the 17th. The ravages of Covid-19 and the Delta variant have wreaked havoc on our church family, our mission / outreach programs and our renters.

This is an important campaign as we attempt to re-energize our church family financially and our mission / outreach programs. The pastor, myself and the Finance Team invite you to think about giving above-and-beyond our regular offering gifts in this re-building year of 2022. We have added an above-and-beyond line to the website pledge function and the pledge card. Please respond with your pledge by Halloween or earlier.

Keep healthy,

Your Finance Team



2022 Follow Christ in Faith and Finance

¹¹Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. ¹²Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:11-12 NLT

I/We will give a weekly donation: \$ _____

I/We will give a monthly donation: \$ _____

I /We will give an annual donation: \$ _____

Above and Beyond regular giving:
\$ _____

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Please return this card to the offering plate by 10/31/21.



Fondly Remembering . . .

JOYCE MCCLELLAND

April 21, 1939 —

August 1, 2021

1. LEADER — Joyce was an leader in the church, whether she was Finance Chairperson, in charge of Christian Ed., Bible School, an evening of games

at the church or an outing for dinner and a play. We would encourage her to volunteer to be the leader. Joyce would say “I’m signing up to lead this, but you better volunteer. I just loved her playfully stern look and her threatening voice with an overlay of laughter in her tone. Of course, we would all volunteer to support her. By-the-way, she would also be the first to volunteer to support us as leaders. Once signed up, you could always count on Joyce to be the most organized, dependable and on-time person. I especially enjoyed the game nights, skits and dinner events. By the way, when Joyce asked for your support on one of her projects, nobody would or wanted to say no.

2. AUDITOR — Most of you aren’t aware, but the UMC requires us to have our books audited each year. Usually, you swapped books with another UMC. Joyce audited more churches than anyone else. I should know because as Finance Chair, I was always asking (more like begging) her to help out. She never said no.

3. CHOIR MEMBER — Judy, our exceptional choir director, arrives first for choir. Joyce was always the first choir **member** to arrive, whether she lived down the street or in Oxford. She had a good ear for pitch, blend and a good sense of rhythm. If she was having a difficult time on a few notes, she had the confidence to call the director, me, and we would review it. Sometimes she was just being a gracious alto by blaming herself for what she knew wasn’t right. We would then review the women’s part and get it right for **all** the women. Our classic choir argument starts this way. Judy would say “I can’t hear the altos. The rest of the choir is over powering them”. The rest of the choir would say “we’re listening to the altos, but they aren’t singing loud enough”. Joyce would respond, “We’re singing as loud as we can. Why can’t you sing a little softer.” She would have that same stern look with that playful sound in her voice. The choir would sing softer and the altos would sing louder and the blend would be perfect.

Joyce and Dave have been friends of St. Paul UMC for a very long time. There are so many memories. She will be missed and remembered.

Fondly Remembering

William (Bill) Johns

June 29, 1929 —

July 31, 2021



My favorite memory of Bill, that he chided me about for years, involved one evening at the church many, many years ago. The church had been broken into and a few minor things stolen. A thief that breaks into a church to find brand new computers and other valuables for a quick resale doesn’t understand the finances of a small church. With this theft in mind, I saw a car in the parking lot of the church. I pondered what to do on my way down the street to my home. I decided to be safe rather than sorry. So, I called the police, who showed up. Of course, Bill was working on something in the building. The police questioned him and then left. But my name came up. For years afterward, Bill would laughingly, I hope, remind me about dropping-a-dime on him.

Bill was always a regular at the old fish fries and the men’s breakfasts. When we started going to a restaurant in Waterford, Bill was a faithful regular. These are the kind of events that you really got to know people better.

The Men’s Christmas lunch was always well attended. The food was excellent, as was the Christmas carol singing led by Jim Tuttle. One reason it was well attended was that Bill always invited several of his sons to join him. They filled an entire end of a table. They really enjoyed this special time of food, fun and fellowship.

The Sweeder family supports the University of Michigan because three of us graduated from there. I was thrilled will I saw all the pall bearers wearing U of M ties. And then I heard one of the most inspiring songs ever played at a funeral, the UM fight song, Hail To The Victors. Bill was a special person and will be remembered by all.

These special memories were written and shared by Doug Sweeder. May our beloved church family members rest in eternal peace.

Taste of Home

Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder



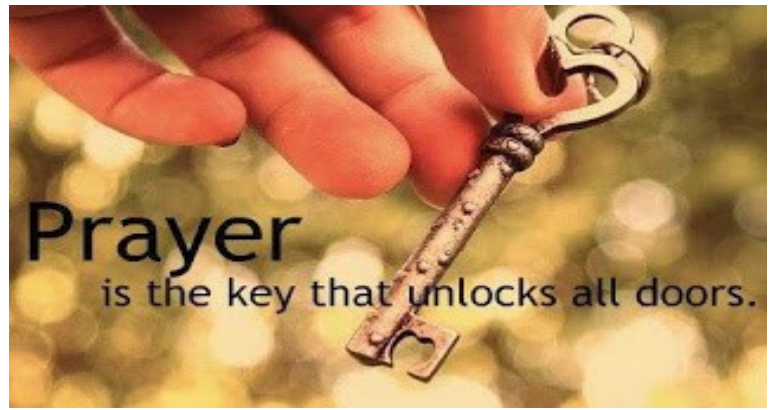
If you're like me, you love a hot bowl of soup, especially on blustery Fall day. Here's a quick 30 minute recipe sure to satisfy your amigos.

Ingredients

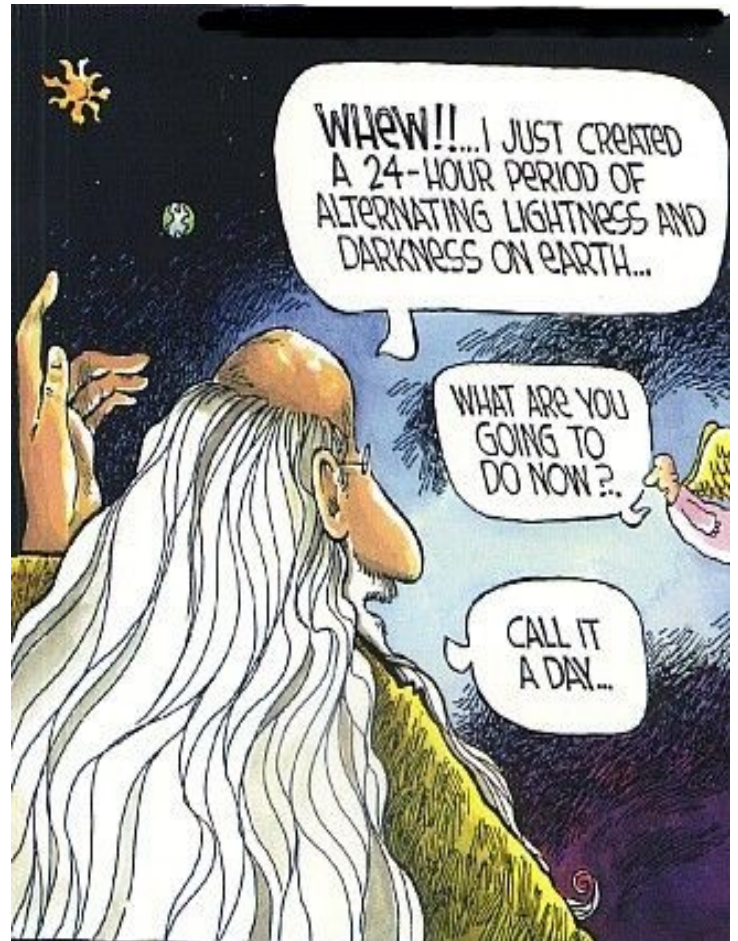
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 to 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup hot water
- 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 cups half-and-half cream
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 can (14-3/4 ounces) cream-style corn
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles, undrained
- 1/4 to 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 medium tomato, chopped

Directions

- In a Dutch oven, brown chicken and onion in butter until chicken is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Add the water, bouillon and cumin; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5 minutes.
- Stir in the cream, cheese, corn, chiles and hot pepper sauce. Cook and stir over low heat until cheese is melted; add tomato. If desired, top with cilantro and tortilla strips.



- ♥ For our leaders and our country
- ♥ For ALL our front line workers and members of our health care teams.
- ♥ For our church family and shut-in members; especially: Rev. Michelle Gentile, Ruth Isca, Dorothy Kelchner, Helen Vaillencourt, Chris Drouillard





Have you ever thought about the following?

- I want to see my grandchildren grow up.
- I want to continue living independently.
- I don't want to be a burden on my family.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings.

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
10/15/2021.**

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.

From our friends at Lighthouse:

Lighthouse is continuing to provide emergency food and shelter to more clients than ever before, while working to find families stable homes and providing follow-up care. As the holidays approach, Lighthouse hopes to continue these services, while also providing a full Thanksgiving meal to more than 2,000 families in need.

Volunteers and donations are in needed to make this vision a reality. People are needed to sort, pack and distribute the boxes to needy families in time for the holidays. If your schedule does not permit you to volunteer, would you prayerfully consider giving a donation to help. Any amount is appreciated.

Visit the Lighthouse website at www.lighthousemi.org and click on the appropriate tabs to either donate money or volunteer your time.



Now Hear This

Thursday Virtual Coffee Hour on Go-to-Meeting

Missing connecting with our St. Paul friends and family? Well, no more! Join us for Thursday Go-to-Meetin' using a remote app. No travel time required. It's a time of fellowship, devotions, and a beverage of your choice. For more information or to join the fun, contact Marjorie Kumar at zorrokumar1@aol.com.

New Gathering Opportunity — Lunch at Church

Everyone is welcome to bring their lunch and join us in the **Narthex area** at church on Friday, October 15 at 1:00pm. Parking is available in the upper lot. If you do not wish to bring your lunch, you are welcome to come and join us anyway as we fellowship together. If you are more comfortable keeping a mask on and keeping some distance, that will work too. We are planning this time so we can have a time of sharing, expressing concerns and gathering in a way in which we haven't for quite awhile. Contact Marjorie Kumar at zorrokumar1@aol.com with questions.

All Saint's Sunday — Sunday, November 7, 2021

Join us on for this wonderful celebration as we remember those who have gone before and wait to greet us in Heaven. We will hold a special service to name our St. Paul family members and friends who have gone to glory in 2021. By request, if you have anyone else you'd like remembered during this service, send a message to Irene in the office so their names can be included in the bulletin and the service.



October 2

Martin & Brenda Nichols



- 10/4 — Bud Warner
- 10/8 — Dave McClelland
- 10/11 — Judy White
- 10/15 — Ruth Isca
- 10/18 — John Murphy
- 10/22 — Joshua Whitcomb
- 10/25 — Beverly Lovett

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

Sorry, if we missed you! Contact the office so you may be added to the birthday list.

October 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				10am—Thursday Go-to-Meetin’	1	2 9:00am — Shotokan
3 9:45am — Worship Service World Communion Sunday 12pm— GTAC	4 7pm — Tai Chi	5 6pm — Shotokan	6 6:30pm — GTAC 7pm — Tai Chi	7 10am — Thursday Go-to-Meeting virtual coffee hour	8	9 9:00am — Shotokan
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17 LAITY SUNDAY 9:45am — Worship Service 12pm — GTAC	18 7pm — Tai Chi	19 6pm — Shotokan	20 6:30pm — GTAC 7pm — Tai Chi	21 10am — Thursday Go-to-Meeting virtual coffee hour	22	23 9:00am — Shotokan
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31 9:45am — Worship Service Reformation Sunday 12pm — GTAC					<p>You can hear Rev. Horne’s message and view the Sunday bulletin by going to . . . spumc.net</p>	