



# THE ST. PAUL SPIRE



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## Pastor's Pen

### APPRECIATING YOUR APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much. Pam and I truly appreciated being appreciated. The greatest surprise and joy was when I came downstairs after Sunday service and saw members of both the St. Paul and Hazel Park congregations standing there together. But, I must admit as I turned the corner and saw the faces of St. Paul at Hazel Park it was like being a small child and seeing your teacher at the grocery store. It surprises you because in your mind you think they are just not supposed to be there. But then later when I thought about that reaction, my response went from a smile to concern.

It reminded me of a wonderful story about Jimmy Durante, one of the great entertainers of a generation ago. "He was asked to be a part of a show for World War II veterans. He told them his schedule was very busy and he could afford only a few minutes, but if they wouldn't mind his doing one short monologue and immediately leaving for his next appointment, he would come. Of course, the show's director agreed happily.

But when Jimmy got on stage, something interesting happened. He went through the short monologue and then stayed. The applause grew louder and louder and he kept performing. Pretty soon, he had been on 15, 20, then 30 minutes.

Finally he took a last bow and left the stage. Backstage someone stopped him and said, "I thought you had to go after a few minutes. What happened?" Jimmy answered, "I did have to go, but I can show you the reason I stayed. You can see for yourself if you'll look down on the front row." In the front row were two men, each of whom had lost an arm in the war. One had lost his right arm and the other had lost his left. Together, they were able to clap, and that's exactly what they were doing, loudly and cheerfully.

Again, Pam and I want to thank you so much for showing and sharing your love with us. But I also pray that seeing you all come together will no longer be a sight that seems strange.

There are a lot of things that we may like to do but feel are beyond our ability, but I truly believe God can do some amazing things to us and through us if we come together and work together hand in hand. But for this to happen, like those two soldiers we must learn to share the gifts, guidance, and grace of Christ as stated in Ephesians 4:16, <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (NLT)

God Bless Your Hearts,  
Pastor Frederick Sampson

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#### Points of Interest

- Small Group meets every other Wednesday, 6<sup>30</sup> P.M., in the Pastor's Office.
- Pastor's Tuesday Bible study meets at 10 A.M. in the parlor. Join us!



# October

	<u>Worship</u>	
	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
October 1	28	\$1,800
8	33	2,413
15	49	2,384
22	37	1,120
29	40	2,500



### **Designated Gifts/Giving**

Sunday School:  
(YTD Total: \$5)

### **“Second Mile” Giving**

Coins for Mission (YTD Total \$142)  
F.I.S.H. Collection (YTD Total \$206)

### **Fundraisers**

Roof Repair (YTD Total \$663 from UMW)  
Olga’s Fundraiser (YTD Total: \$16)  
Kroger Community Rewards (YTD Total: \$37)

### **Mission Opportunities — As of September 30, 2017**

	<u>Conf. Request</u>	<u>Paid in 2017</u>
Ministerial Pension	\$2,180	\$1,526
Common Budget**	15,979	200
World Service		918
Ministerial Ed.		0
Black College Fund		0
Africa Univ.		0
Meth. Union for		
District Missions	776	466
Detroit Ren. District	325	325
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,260</b>	<b>\$3,435</b>

\*\* (This amount is proportionally applied to Connectional Ministries, World Service & Conference Benevolences, Ministerial Education Fund, the Black College Fund, Africa University, and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.)

### **2017 St. Paul Budget Report through October 2017**

Ministry, Programs, and Outreach

Budget Each Week	\$2,611
Budget Year-to-Date	\$109,662
Offering Year-to-Date	\$89,204
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$20,458

**Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever.**

*-1 Chronicles 16:34*





## St. Paul Worship Assistants

### Counters

- 5 Bill Lee, Lisa Sweeder
- 12 Sherry Pickett, Virginia Tuttle
- 19 Doug Sweeder, \*\*\*
- 26 Barb Casper, Joyce McClelland

### Lay Readers

- 5 Marcus Kelley
- 12 Bill Lee
- 19 Carol Kelley
- 26 Doug Sweeder

### Trustee on Duty

Marcus Kelley

### Nursery

- 5 Kim Hinkle
- 12 Helen Vaillencourt
- 19 Scott Sweeder
- 26 Kecia Brown

### Ushers

- 5 B. Johns, B. Robinson
- 12 B. & D. Casper, M. Kelley
- 19 B. & S. Johns, J. Leitch
- 26 B. Johns, H. Vaillencourt

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### Ads/Announcements

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends — Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.** One hour before bed, set your clocks back one hour and change batteries in your smoke detectors.
- **Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign** launched on October 22nd with the announcement of the Campaign and an interesting video about sharing and appearances. (The first time I saw the video, I also felt the older man was taking the donuts, rather than sharing them.) The letter and pledge card were sent during the week of October 23rd. Celebration Sunday, when we turn in the pledge card, will be November 5th. Pledge cards can also be mailed in, or dropped off at the office anytime. Consider your giving prayerfully. We also appreciate those who support St. Paul but prefer not to pledge.
- **Advent Study — *When God Comes Down***  
Tues., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>—Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 A.M., Hazel Park, Thur., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>—Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 P.M. Booklets are \$9 each.
- **CROP Walk** was September 24<sup>th</sup>, two walkers raised \$165. Good Job!
- **Lighthouse Thanksgiving Food Collection** is November 5<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>.
- **UMW In-Gathering** will again be collecting hats and gloves for the "Power Company Kids Club", in Pontiac.

- Is there anything you'd like in the Spire? Call the office - (248) 338-8233 by the **15<sup>th</sup>** of the Month.



### **November Anniversaries**

- 9 Issic & Kecia Brown
- 26 Bill & Jan Doxtader



### **November Birthdays**

- 1 Winona Elmy
- 1 Ric White
- 3 Doug Sweeder
- 4 Laura Ferguson
- 11 Dick Casper
- 19 Gary Lowell



# NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Prayer — 10 A.M. <b>Lifeline Screening — 8 TO 5 P.M. (FH)</b>  Sm. Group — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Office) GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>2</b>  Choir — 7 P.M.	<b>3</b>  <b>World Community Day</b>	<b>4</b> <b>UMM — 8<sup>30</sup> A.M. (Dixie Diner)</b> AOL — 8 <sup>30</sup> A.M. (FH) EIP — 8 <sup>30</sup> A.M. Shotokan — 10 <sup>30</sup> A.M. <b>Rental Turn clocks back!</b>
			<b>5</b> Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M. <b>All Saints' Stewardship Celebration</b>  Jack & Jill — 2 <sup>30</sup> -6 <sup>30</sup> (FH)	<b>6</b>  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>7</b> Bible Study — 10 A.M. <b>UMW — 11<sup>30</sup> A.M.</b>  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	<b>8</b> Prayer — 10 A.M.  GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.
<b>12</b> Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M.	<b>13</b>  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>14</b> Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	<b>15</b> Prayer — 10 A.M.  Sm. Group — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Office) GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>16</b>  Choir — 7 P.M.	<b>17</b>  <b>18</b> AOL — 8 <sup>30</sup> A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 <sup>30</sup> A.M.	
<b>19</b> Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M.  Jack & Jill — 2 <sup>30</sup> -6 <sup>30</sup> (FH)	<b>20</b>  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>21</b> Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	<b>22</b> Prayer — 10 A.M.  GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>  <b>25</b> <b>UMW — 8<sup>30</sup> A.M. Leo's Coney</b> AOL — 8 <sup>30</sup> A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 <sup>30</sup> A.M.	
<b>26</b> Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M.	<b>27</b>  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>28</b> Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	<b>29</b> Prayer — 10 A.M.  Sm. Group — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Office) GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	<b>30</b> <b>Otology Clinic — 8 — 5 P.M. (FH)</b>  Choir — 7 P.M.		