



THE ST. PAUL SPIRE



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Pastor's Pen

Claim and Proclaim Christ

Greetings St. Paul,

"In his autobiography, Mahatma Gandhi wrote that during his student days he read the Gospels seriously and considered converting to Christianity. He believed that in the teachings of Jesus he could find the solution to the caste system that was dividing the people of India. So, one Sunday he decided to attend services at a nearby church and talk to the minister about becoming a Christian. When he entered the sanctuary, however, the usher refused to give him a seat and suggested that he go worship with his own people. Gandhi left the church and never returned. 'If Christians have caste differences also,' he said, 'I might as well remain a Hindu.' That usher's prejudice not only betrayed Jesus but also turned a person away from trusting Him as Savior."

Beloved, as the Body of Christ we are to live as the

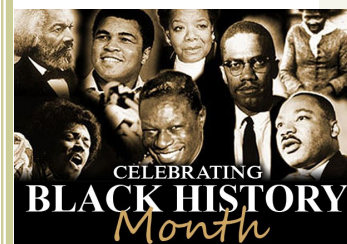
earthly reflection of His love, His peace, and His righteousness. Right now, our country and our world are going through some trying times, and there are times that people, nations, and organizations do not live lives that reflect what they claim they believe. But as the Body of Christ we are to seek daily to discipline ourselves to claim the life that Christ proclaimed for us to live in the scriptures. For as Christ told us ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14-16, NLT

God Bless your hearts,

Pastor Frederick Sampson

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Points of Interest

- Small Group meets every other Wednesday, 6³⁰ P.M., at the Church Parlor..
- Pastor's Tuesday Bible study meets at 10 A.M. in the parlor. Join us!





December

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 4	43		\$2,278
11	30		1,079
18	49		2,888
25	32		2,720

Designated Gifts/Giving

Sunday School:
(YTD Total: \$74)

"Second Mile" Giving

Coins for Mission (YTD Total \$240)
F.I.S.H. Collection (YTD Total \$326)

Fundraisers

Roof Repair (YTD Total \$663 from UMW)
Olga's Fundraiser
(YTD Total: \$44)
Kroger Community Rewards
(YTD Total: \$43)

Mission Opportunities — As of December 31, 2016

	<u>Conf. Request</u>	<u>Paid in 2016</u>
Ministerial Pension	\$3,660	\$3,150
Common Budget**	14,946	0
World Service		420
Ministerial Ed.		97
Black College Fund		96
Africa Univ.		96
Meth. Union for		
District Missions	764	75
Detroit Ren. District	308	152
Total:	\$19,200	\$4,086

** (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.)

January

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
January 1	29		\$2,609
8	34		1,925
15	30		1,720
22	32		925
29	36		1,430

2016 St. Paul Budget Report through end of the year

Ministry, Programs & Outreach

Budget Each Week	\$2,611
Budget Year-to-Date	\$147,888
Offering Year-to-Date	\$106,156
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$41,732

2017 St. Paul Budget Report through Jan, 2017

Ministry, Programs & Outreach

Budget Each Week	\$2,611
Budget Year-to-Date	\$13,055
Offering Year-to-Date	\$8,609
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$4,446



St. Paul Worship Assistants

Counters

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

Nursery

- 5 Kecia Brown
- 12 Scott Sweeder
- 19 Doris Henry
- 26 Helen Vaillencourt

Fellowship Time/Greeters

- 5 **
- 12 **
- 19 **
- 26 **

Ushers

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

Lay Readers

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

Trustee on Duty

Brian Johns

****Nurture, if no one signs up**

***** TBD**

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Ads/Announcements

- **Lenten Potluck March 5th is in the planning stage — Details TBA.**
- **Mrs. Schall's Class — March is Reading Month**
Volunteers needed for reading to the class. Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Help us support Mrs. Schall and her students. Feb. 16th and 21st are still open as well. Please contact Marjorie with questions.
- **FISH Collection Reminder — First Sunday of each month**
The FISH pantry is in need of Hamburger Helper, tuna, crackers, spaghetti pasta and sauce, large peanut butter, jelly, boxed potatoes, baked beans, cereal, canned corn, and green beans. Your donations do make a difference. Thank you for supporting this cause.
- **Greeters & Fellowship Hour Sign-Up**—Please sign up today, if your unsure what to do, please see Judy White or Dorothy Kelchner.

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



February Anniversaries

- 4 Gil & Barb Bluhm



February Birthdays

- 5 Jane Lowell
- 12 Brenda Nichols
- 14 Michele Lowell
- 16 Peg Lowell
- 23 Doris Henry
- 28 William Nichols



February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer — 10 A.M. Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	2 Choir — 7 P.M.	3 Art of Living — (AOL) 6-9 P.M.	4 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) EIP — 8 ³⁰ A.M. UMM — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (Leo's Coney) Shotokan — 10 A.M. (Upstairs) AOL — 3 - 6 P.M.
5 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. AOL — 3 - 6 P.M. Laura — (Parlor) 1-4 ³⁰ P.M.	6 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	7 Bible Study — 10 A.M. UMW — 11 ³⁰ A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M.	8 Prayer — 10 A.M. Small Group — 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	9 Staff — 6 P.M. Choir — 7 P.M.	10	11 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 A.M.
12 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. Jack & Jill — 3-6 P.M. (FH)	13 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	14 Bible Study — 10 A.M. <i>Valentine's Day</i> Shotokan — 6 P.M.	15 Prayer — 10 A.M. Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	16 Choir — 7 P.M.	17	18 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 A.M.
19 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M.	20  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	21 Bible Study — 10 A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M.	22 Prayer — 10 A.M. Small Group — 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	23 Choir — 7 P.M.	24	25 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) UMW — 8 ³⁰ A.M. Leo's Coney Shotokan — 10 A.M. Delta — 10 ³⁰ A.M. (Parlor)
26 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M.	27 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	28 Bible Study — 10 A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M. Leadership — 7 P.M.				