



# THE ST. PAUL SPIRE



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## Pastor's Pen

### In this issue:

### *Stay Connected to Christ*

I heard a true story about Herbert Jackson, a new missionary who was assigned a car that would not start without a push. After pondering his problem, he devised a plan. He went to the school near his home, got permission to take some children out of class, and had them push his car to get it started. As he made his rounds, he would either park on a hill or leave the engine running. He used this ingenious procedure for two years.

Because of his poor health, the Jackson family finally had to leave, and a new missionary came to that station. Before leaving, Jackson proudly began to explain his arrangement for getting the car started to the new missionary. The new man began looking under the hood. Before the explanation was complete, the new missionary interrupted, "Why, Dr. Jackson, I believe the only trouble is this loose cable." He gave the cable a twist, stepped into the car, pushed a switch, and to Jackson's astonishment, the engine roared to life. For two years needless trouble had become routine. The power was there all the time. Only a loose connection kept Jackson from putting that power to work.

It's sad how often we make our own lives more difficult only because we lose connection with God's teachings, don't stay committed to His technique, and end up creating unneeded chaos in our lives.

Beloved, let us revisit, and always remember the words of Paul when he said, "How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God."

**When we make firm our connection with God, his life and power flow through us."** Ephesians 1:19-20, J.B. Phillips Translation.

Be Blessed,

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 Study.
- 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	7	26	\$1,688
	14	89	2,342
	21	29	3,323
	28	39	1,332



### **Designated Gifts/Giving**

Sunday School:  
(YTD Total: \$0)

### **“Second Mile” Giving**

Coins for Mission (YTD Total \$72)  
F.I.S.H. Collection (YTD Total \$118)

### **Fundraisers**

Kroger Community Rewards (YTD Total: \$27)

### **Mission Opportunities — As of September 30, 2018**

	<u>Conf. Request</u>	<u>Paid in 2017</u>
Ministerial Pension	\$2,180	\$1,540
Common Budget**	15,979	400
World Service		810
Ministerial Ed.		0
Black College Fund		0
Africa Univ.		0
Meth. Union for		
District Missions	776	469
Detroit Ren. District	325	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,260</b>	<b>\$3,219</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.)

### **2018 St. Paul Budget Report through October 2018**

Ministry, Programs, and Outreach

Budget Each Week	\$2,579
Budget Year-to-Date	\$110,897
Offering Year-to-Date	\$90,277
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$20,620





## St. Paul Worship Assistants

### Counters

- 4 Bill Lee, Doug Sweeder
- 11 Sherry Pickett, Virginia Tuttle
- 18 Fay Alston, Lisa Sweeder
- 25 Joyce McClelland, Sue Sweeder

### Nursery

- 4 TBD
- 11 TBD
- 18 Scott Sweeder
- 25 Kecia Brown

### Lay Readers

- 4 Bill Lee
- 11 Scott Sweeder
- 18 Carol Kelley
- 25 Doug Sweeder

### Ushers

- 4 B. Johns, B. Robinson
- 11 B. & D. Casper, M. Kelley
- 18 B. Johns, J. Leitch
- 25 B. Johns

### Trustee on Duty

Brian Johns

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## Ads/Announcements

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends — Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.** Before bed on Saturday, put your clocks back one hour and change batteries in your smoke detectors.
- **Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign** — Letters and pledge cards were sent during the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>. Celebration Sunday, when we turn in the pledge cards, is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Pledge cards can also be mailed in, or dropped off at the office anytime. Consider your giving prayerfully. We also appreciate those that support St. Paul but prefer not to pledge.
- **Advent Study — Prepare The Way** In this 4-week study and prayer book, Pamela Hawkins invites us to prepare our hearts through guided prayer, readings from Isaiah and Matthew, as well as brief reflections on four scriptural themes: Peace, Justice, Fearlessness, and Faithfulness. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, study guides are \$11. The class begins Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 A.M.
- **Lighthouse** Thanksgiving food collection is November 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **UM Women's Christmas Luncheon** - Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Details TBA.
- **Baldwin Christmas Store Donations** - Now until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

- 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
- 26 Andrew & Cassie Kumar



### 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
				1  PKSA — 4 to 7 (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	2  World Community Day	3 <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. GTAC — 10 to 12 (Parlor) <b>Turn clocks back</b>
4 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M. <b>All Saints'</b> GTAC — 12 P.M.  <i>Lighthouse Donations</i>	5  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	6 Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Mid-Term Voting — (FH)  Shotokan — 6 P.M. (Upstairs)	7  <b>Sm. Group — 6<sup>30</sup> P.M. (Pastor's Study)</b> GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	8  PKSA — 4 to 7 (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	9  Rental (FH)	10 AOL — 8 <sup>30</sup> A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 <sup>30</sup> A.M.  Rental (FH)
11 Sunday School — 9 a.m. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> a.m. <b>Campaign Celebration</b> GTAC — 12 P.M.  <i>Lighthouse Donations</i>	12  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	13 Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	14  GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	15  <b>Finance Team Meeting — 4 P.M. (Parlor)</b>  PKSA — 4 to 7 (FH)	16  Rental (FH)	17 AOL — 8 <sup>30</sup> A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 <sup>30</sup> A.M.
18 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M. <b>Leadership Mtg. after worship</b> GTAC — 12 P.M.	19  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	20 Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	21  <b>Sm. Group — 6<sup>30</sup> P.M. (Pastor's Study)</b> GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	22  	23  Rental (FH)	24 <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.  Rental (FH)
25 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 <sup>45</sup> A.M. GTAC — 12 P.M.	26  Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	27 Bible Study — 10 A.M.  Shotokan — 6 P.M.	28  GTAC — 6 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	29 <b>Otology Clinic — 8 TO 3 P.M. (FH)</b>  PKSA — 4 to 7 (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	30  Jack & Jill — 6 <sup>30</sup> to 8 <sup>30</sup> P.M. (FH)	