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Dear St. Paul's Members,

Despite a Special General Conference in February of 2019, the issue of human sexuality in the United Methodist Church is still being debated. As a result, a mediation team, representing the Council of Bishops and the two factions within our denomination, have proposed groundbreaking legislation that is to be presented at the May 2020 General Conference in Minnesota. In a nutshell, the proposal allows those who hold to the traditional view of marriage and human sexuality to form a new denomination. The sticky part will be sorting out how to split the United Methodist Church's assets.

Please understand this has not been voted up or down yet. However, it most likely will be presented for a vote in May. I am uncertain as to whether or not it will pass. If it does, you and I, as individuals and as a congregation, will have a huge choice to make. Do we stay or go.

As I have shared with you before, I, as a pastor, cannot in good conscience perform same sex weddings. I would have to go with the new denomination and uphold what I believe is the Biblical stance on human sexuality.

Begin now to search your heart on this matter and ask God to give you a definite direction. Uncertain times are ahead, but the Lord promises to navigate us through them.

In Christ's Love
Pastor Tim

Bible Study is on hold until we get through much of the winter. When it starts up, participants will finish the last three chapters of The Book of Revelation. After that The Book of Daniel will be the focus of study. The first session of 2020 is Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM in the lounge. After March 3 the group will meet regularly each Tuesday until the middle of May. Pastor Tim leads the sessions. Everyone inside and outside the church is welcome to attend. Just bring yourself and your Bible.

The Midweek Service is on a winter break, as well. There will be no Wednesday evening services from December 25 through February 19. The first regular midweek service of 2020 will be Wednesday, March 4, 7 PM in the Sunday school room.

An Ash Wednesday service will be offered on Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 PM in the Sunday school room. Come and receive the imposition of ashes which remind us that our life is short, but God's everlasting life is available to all who trust Christ.

How do you know when services at St. Paul's are canceled? The main means of finding out about cancelations is to tune to the ABC affiliate in Harrisburg. It is ABC TV 27, but it may be a different channel on your cable or satellite provider. Then, watch the screen for information regarding St. Paul's, Red Lion. The next place to search would be the church's website, www.saintpauls-um.com. If that doesn't work for you, just call the church office (244-2355) or contact Pastor Tim directly at 501-4339 or 448-4059.

Scout Sunday: A very active scouting program exists here at St. Paul's. To recognize all that scouting does for boys and young men we plan to celebrate Scout Sunday on February 16 during the 9:00 AM worship hour. The Scouts assist with various parts of the service. Also a recognition of the Larry Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund will be lifted up. On that Sunday make sure you tell the scouts and their leaders how much you appreciate their service and respect their program and goals.

Cake Auction: January 28, 2020, 6 PM. All proceeds benefit the Pack. This is a real auction. All cakes must be paid for prior to leaving for the evening. All payments are given to Alexis Stuber either in cash, check or credit card. Credit card payments will be assessed a 3% service charge. This is a very fun and enjoyable evening for all. Whose cake will go for the most this year?

Spaghetti Supper: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 4:30-7:00 PM in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. Advance tickets are \$6.00 and are \$7.00 at the door. To order advance tickets call Tim Craley @ (717) 870-6445. Payment can be made with Cash or Credit Card.

The Next Community Meal is Monday, February 10, 5:00—6:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. The menu for the night includes Chicken & rice casserole, cole slaw, peaches, rolls, beverage and dessert. Over 150 people attended January's meal, a sign we are meeting a need in the borough. Also, after the meal there are activities for the children and a Christian video for the adults. Pass the word along as to what we offer without cost!

The St. Paul's husband & wife team of Jim and Mary Loyer will be traveling to Tucson, Arizona for a mission trip with UMMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission). They will leave Sunday, February 9 and return Friday, February 14. Their group will visit immigration detention centers, welcome shelters, and desert sites along the border. They also will observe and assist local UM churches as they respond to this challenging situation. In addition Jim and Mary will spend some time in Mexico, viewing things from that side of the border. The Loyers greatly appreciate your prayer support during this time. We are looking forward to hearing their experiences when they return.

February 2020 Meetings:

Board of Trustees —

Sunday, February 2, 11:30 AM

Worship Committee —

Thursday, February 6, 7 PM

All meetings are at 7 PM and in the Lounge, unless otherwise noted.

Women in the Word: This class is open to all ladies inside and outside the church. Sharon Funk leads the group in a study based on Beth Moore's series, "Believing God." It meets the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Lounge. The next session is Saturday, February 15

The Den after-school program at Mazie Gable continues to minister to almost 60 children each Tuesday & Thursday. We have a total of six volunteers from St. Paul's who help make this outreach a success. Please contact Pastor Tim or Andrea Rider if you wish to join us in working with the children or wish to contribute snacks or monetary donations.

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| Charles Waltemyer | | Manor Care-South |
| Bette Houck | Rm 123A | Manor Care- South |
| Jeanne Ratliff | | *Back Home* |
| Vernon Baldwin | | *Back Home* |
| Baird Krecker | Hospice Care/Masonic Home | Elizabethtown |
| John Ruby | | *Back Home* |
| Ann Sprenkle | | York Hospital |

5th — Carole & Roy Hanna
 12th — Fae & Kenneth Roth
 14th — Sherry & Frank Chubb, Lisa & Mark Sprenkle, Belinda & Jeffrey Smith

1st — Kitty Heidlebaugh, Francis McGee III
 2nd — William Gillmen, Janelle McGee, Ryan Overmiller
 3rd — Rona Brock, Cindy Cooper, Sharon Horne
 4th — Michael Rhoades, Ammon Shelley
 5th — Susan Bryhan, Cathy Frey, Chloe Nagle, LeRoy Runkle
 6th — Barbara Anderson, Joan Wise
 7th — Trevor Rider
 8th — Jeffrey Herrman, William Shellenberger
 9th — Timothy Leshner, Barry Stein
 10th — Robin Seidenstricker, Belinda Smith, Thomas Shellenberger, Jessica Wineholt
 11th — Mary Loyer
 13th — Marion Krecker, Scott Seitz
 15th — William Goodling
 16th — Marcie Roberts
 17th — Russell Fuhrman, Mona Hagner, Ruth Myers, Arthur Wells, Kaitlynn Young
 20th — Seth Heidlebaugh, Stephen Petzar
 21st — Mark Vasellas
 22nd — Kirk Johnson
 23rd — Donna Lister
 24th — Josie Blevins, Christine Nagle, Elizabeth Schaeffer
 25th — Pamela Lininger
 26th — Delores Fisher, Spencer Schaeberle, Imelda Waltemyer
 27th — Lori Barshinger
 28th — Luke Harbaugh

Jeanne Burke
Sarah Gillmen

Eric Grove
Joyce Wise

William Wise

Head Ushers

February 2 — Carol Gillmen
February 9 — Lisa Petzar
February 16 — William Wise
February 23 — Arlene Neff

Attendance

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| Dec 24 — 7:00 — 95 | 11:00 — 67 | Christmas Eve |
| 29 — 9:00 — 47 | 10:30 — 60 | MW—0 |
| Jan 5 — 9:00 — 63 | 10:30 — 27 | MW—0 |
| 12 — 9:00 — 86 | 10:30 — 29 | MW—0 |
| 19 — 9:00 — 0* | 10:30 — 47 | MW—0 |

* Cancelled due to ice.

2020 Offering Envelopes

Are now on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for pick-up. If you see ones belonging to a neighbor, friend or a shut-in, kindly take them as well to deliver to those folks. They will appreciate the gesture and, most likely, your visit! Thank you.

“Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”

— Marie

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| Balance 01/01/2019 | \$90,794.35 |
| Receipts: | |
| Envelopes | 271,554.85 |
| Loose Offering | 5,349.50 |
| Maintenance | 3,423.62 |
| Easter | 2,956.00 |
| Lent | |
| 651.00 | |
| Bulletins | 275.00 |
| Mid-Week | 1,098.51 |
| Rental/Weddings | 1,863.34 |
| Advent | 496.00 |
| Pre School | 22,887.50 |
| Staffing | 2,472.01 |
| Miscellaneous | 24,678.46 |
| Goldman Hall | 5,000.04 |
| Parking Lot | 2,717.64 |
| Tree of Lights | 6,910.00 |
| Total | \$352,334.77 |
| Expenses: | |
| Salaries | \$163,091.75 |
| Related to Salaries | 40,628.71 |
| Administration | 10,215.45 |
| Program | 7,565.25 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,509.36 |
| Property | 66,900.35 |
| Outreach | 48,159.00 |
| Total | \$338,069.87 |
| Balance 12/31/19 | \$105,059.25 |

Our Stewardship, Year-to-Date, 12/ 31/19

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| Receipts needed per week | \$6,667.00 |
| Total Receipts to date | 352,334.77 |
| Total receipts needed to date | 346,684.00 |

Altar Flower & Bulletin Sponsors

We are organizing our 2020 sponsorship for these. Please let the office know when and what you would like to sponsor and what tribute you care to have published that day. There will be a booklet in the office to enter this info. **Even if you have had a “standing” order previously, please reaffirm this info so that all requests are current and up-to-date.** Altar flowers are \$40 for (2) vases. Larger or more ornate ones can be requested for an additional fee. Bulletins are \$25 a week. Thank You.

A Note from the Church Office

When handing in a payment for flowers, bulletins or other gifts to the church, please put a note with it (or note in the memo section of your check) to let us know what it is designated for. This will insure that proper credit and purpose of the money is applied. Thank you.

Discount Cards

St. Paul's Pre School is selling these as a fund raiser. Pictured below is a sample of all the businesses that are included. These can be used as many times as you like throughout 2020. These are available from the church office for \$5.00 each. Thank you.

February's Events:

Remember we are ~~All~~ a part of St. Paul's FAMILY

***Kids Night Out—Friday, February 14th, 6-8 PM.**

When kids need time away from mom and dad. For dinner, we will be having grilled cheese sandwiches. Theme: Kindness

***God's Hang Out—Friday, February 28th, 7-9 PM.**

Time for teens to hang out and talk in a safe place with pool, ping pong and air hockey.

Watch for an explanation of new programs that will begin soon!

***Outreach programs I'm developing for the spring.....**

St. Paul's Ambassadors —"Buddies" for families and individuals that visit our church on a Sunday morning. Basically, you will show them around St. Paul's.

Visitation Teams—We need to reach out to individuals and families in our "neighborhood" to offer them a path to Christ.

So.....I will be looking for volunteers

PLEASE "step up" and volunteer your time to make a difference in a child's life. Frankly, by volunteering and giving of ourselves we can impact a life for Christ.

Any questions, feel free to contact me at arider168@comcast.net or 717-449-9942.

