

Paoli United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dr. LaMont L. Bonath

Sunday Schedule:

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Worship

New Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday – 8 AM-3 PM (closed for lunch 12-1)
Tuesday & Thursday – 9 AM-4 PM (closed 11-12)

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December 2020



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LaMont's Lines
December 2020

Ecclesiastes 7:25

[I turned my mind to know and to sear out and to seek wisdom and the sum of things, and to know that wickedness is folly and that foolishness is madness.]

As the last month of 2020 begins the Trustees' major focus has been on infrastructure improvement for the parsonage and the church. This should not come as a surprise, because the church building is approaching 50 years of service. The parsonage is slightly older than the church. However, the parsonage had a renovation down to "the studs" 25 to 30 years ago.

Jim Faulkner is the current Trustee Treasurer. He is using a five-year projection of income and expenses as one way to avoid financial "spikes" of expenses in any one year.

The financial budgeting by the Trustees is going or has already become complicated for 2021 and 2022 as we prepare to make our church facility ready to celebrate the 49th and fiftieth years of service to the Lord!

There are always unexpected expenses in any given year. This year one of the expenses was the repair of our flag pole, worked on by David Foster & Kevin Mills. Several attempts were made before success was achieved. If you want more information on this project, talk to David or Kevin.

Behind the scenes support by Duane Radcliffe is much appreciated. He walks through the whole church on a weekly basis. Duane discovered the Northeast side of the church building was sagging. He alerted the Trustees to this problem. Thanks, Duane!

One of the unspoken rules which guides the action of the Trustees is we want our church to look nice as one way of showing respect to our God. As we prepare to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary, the old tree on the South side of our church property has died. It needs to be cut down and the stump ground down. Seems like a project which is easy to handle? However, at the November Trustees meeting commitments to our church parking lot had already been approved and a contractual agreement was signed. So, we pushed some projects back several years and made budgeting cuts in 2021.

It was decided to ask the congregation for financial help in cutting down the tree. The price is \$800.00. If you wish to donate, please mark "cut tree" on the memo line of your check.

As with any dynamic process, things will continue to break down and the Trustees will continue to repair or replace as needed. The Trustee committee includes: Jennifer Austin, Frank Barnett, Diane Dillard, Jim Faulkner, David Foster, Darlene McBride and Kevin Mills.

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Tax Exemption
Saves us 7% of
purchase price!
If you are making a
purchase on behalf of
the church, please
remember to use our
tax exempt number. If
you do not have that
information, stop by
the church office to
pick up the needed
documents.

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Prayer Blankets
If you would like your
prayer blanket re-blessed,
contact
Annabelle Rominger
(812) 865-0927
(812) 723-3190 or
annrobertr@frontier.com.

Please keep our
church coconut oil
and peanut free for
members who are
allergic.



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December Anniversaries

18 David & Karen Foster
24 Brack & Karen Coulter
31 Howard & Judy Detweiler

December Birthdays

1 Mary Alice Caraway
8 Elizabeth Faulkner
14 Janis Easterday
16 Stella Windhorst
Willson Windhorst
18 Sarah Seidner
20 Ryan Eubank
Roarke Sparks
22 Kevin Mills
27 Holly Vincent
31 Abby Newkirk

December sermon titles & texts

December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent
Howard leading "Cwe Nothing" no in-person services
services Romans 13:8-14
December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent
Howard leading "We are the Lord's" services
services Romans 14:1-12
December 20 4th Sunday of Advent
"I am Fearful!" Luke 1:26-38
December 24 Christmas Eve Services
"See for Yourself" Luke 2:1-20
December 27 First Sunday after Christmas
"We Still Have Hope!" Isaiah 61:60-62:3
Luke 2:22-40

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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will. Contact Skip Lambdin, endowment chair, skipl1963@gmail.com or 812-345-3873.			
6 Live Streamed Services <u>Only</u>	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday						
13 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
Christian Education Sunday						
20 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Fellowship Hall	21	22	23	24 office closed Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7 PM & 10 PM Christmas Eve	25 office closed Christmas Day	26
Food Pantry Sunday						
27 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Fellowship Hall	28	29	30	31		
Mission Moment Sunday						

Local AA meetings

Paoli
Mondays, 10 A.M.; New Hope Christian Church
Tuesdays, 8 P.M.; Paoli Wesleyan Church
Orleans
Wednesdays, 8 P.M.; American Legion Post 69
French Lick
Sundays, 7 P.M.; Springs Valley Wesleyan Church
Wednesdays 7 P.M. Beechwood Christian Church

For up-to-date changes on AA meetings visit:
<http://www.district10.area23aa.org>

The worst part of holding the memories is not the pain. It’s the loneliness of it. Memories need to be shared.

-Lois Lowry

Particular Sunday Emphasizes

- 1st Sunday of the month - Communion
- 2nd Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Jr. Church
- 3rd Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Alter Call
- 4th Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Jr. Church
- 5th Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr.
Bedford, Indiana 47421
Rosemary Noble Rm. 307B
Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln.
Bedford, Indiana 47421
Marilyn Rutherford Bivins Rm. 210,
Bill Cromwell Rm. 306
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St.
Paoli, Indiana 47454

Homebound –

Charlotte Lane
312 Fair St.
Paoli, IN 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement facilities once a month.

Pastor’s Emergency Contact Information

Pastor LaMont’s contact information –
E-mail: paoli793umc@gmail.com
Cell & parsonage: (812) 653-5677
(text available)

Megan’s contact information –
Email: secretary.paoliumpc@hotmail.com
Cell (use for emergencies): (812) 653-0063

Check out our new Children’s Corner



located in

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Local Suicide Prevention Line

(812) 422-1100
www.southwestern.org

Help is available
24 hours a day,
7 days a week

Unspoken Prayer Requests

11/1
8:15 – 3
10:15 – 8

11/8
8:15 – 1
10:15 – 3

11/15
8:15 – 1
10:15 – 4

The purpose of this page is to help congregational members locate resources or information which may be helpful.



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Celebrations & Member Care

Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks

The earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in it working. James 5:16 AMP

Seen in the newspaper

Our church’s prayer list – updated 11/25/20

- Brenda Allen

Jennifer Austin

Ann Babcock

Rex Babcock

Marilyn Rutherford Bivins

Billy Bostock

LeRoy Boyer

Angie Basinger-Breeden

Denise Bruner

Mike Burton

Sharron Cousineau

Mary Crist

Bill Cromwell

Diane Dillard

Deegan Epperson

Larry Evans

Dennie Followell

Denise Hamilton

Matt Henderson

Steve Hickman
- Anna Hudelson

Roxanne Kemple

Ali King

Steve & Sheryl Kingston

Payton Krider

Charlotte Lane

Joyce Lewis & Family

Seth & Kendra Mathers

Clarence Martin

Connie McBride

Irvin McBride

Chet Messengale

John & Mary Ruth Miley

Rosemary Noble

Paulette Purkhiser

Hilma Rutherford

Scott Stemle

Paige Tow

Melanie Trinkle

Rex Tuell

Sarann Weeks



- Michael Hannon
- Tyler Hannon
- Libby Newkirk
- Maggie Vincent
- Stella Windhorst
- Willson Windhorst

It’s Not “Goodbye”, It’s “See You Around!”

I don’t feel like I could leave my position as your church secretary without giving you all a heartfelt goodbye! If it wasn’t for COVID, I’d give you all a big hug! This small space in your monthly newsletter couldn’t come close to conveying my appreciation to my congregation – but, it will have to do for now!

I want to sincerely thank everyone for their love & support over the last 2+ years. The weekly calls, e-mails and in-person conversations I was able to share with so many of you will be greatly missed on my end! The infectious smiles that would enter through those East doors in the middle of my week served as such a bright light. Please don’t think that any of your kind words, generous gestures or simple smiles went unnoticed.

I know that your new secretary will pick right up where I left off and will serve you all proud! As for myself, I plan to spend the next several months soaking in every moment with my kiddos before they’re both in school full-time. After that point, I am eager to focus on myself and plan to return to school to receive my Esthetician’s license next Fall.

Until then, and until this pandemic is over, know that I’m always thinking of my church family. It’s not goodbye for me, it’s **I’ll see you around!** 😊

Blessings and virtual hugs to you all!
Megan Bradley

How are you living?

I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

by Howard Detweiler

A fascinating topic for many people: when will the second coming of Christ occur? You have witnessed various dates and time periods, I am certain. The young church at Thessalonica had some questions about this issue which Paul tries to address in this letter.

The Day of the Lord. Many see it as doom and gloom, judgment. We are frequently warned in scripture that Christ’s return will be quick, without warning, and totally unexpected. Are you ready? This question applies to all of us. But Paul goes beyond the question of readiness to the more important question. How are you living while you wait for this event?

In Matthew’s gospel we have a clue as to what we should be doing while waiting. It is a parable about the kingdom of God. A business owner leaves on an extended business trip. He calls in three managers and gives each of them tools that they can use to carry on the business. The tools are not given equally but based on their needs. When the owner returns, he calls in the managers to hear their reports. Two managers report great success, doubling and tripling their production. One manager, however; had disappointing results. He had excuses and even blamed the owner for the problem. The bottom line was that he did not use the tool given to him. Why? He felt slighted? He wanted to try his way? The tool given him was worthless? He didn’t trust the owner? This manager was fired and did not share in the success of the other managers.

We are the interim managers until Christ returns. The business is the kingdom of God/the church. The tools given to us are the spiritual gifts. One gift all Christians receive is the Holy Spirit: the presence of God living with us, the presence of God working in us, the presence of God guiding us. Paul says this (I Cor. 12:7), “A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each of us for the common good”. Everyone has the Holy Spirit and is expected to be using its power.

None of the speculations regarding the timing of the second coming are important. As Christians we do believe in Christ’s coming again. If we are ready (believers in Christ) we will not be surprised when He returns. Our focus should be on how we are living and preforming now.

Paul urges us to use self-control, use our faith, our love, our hope, and the Holy Spirit while we are waiting. Are you currently using the gifts given to you by God for the advancement of His kingdom? How are you living now?

Amen

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, in the Bible, refers to the way in which God is known and active in the world, in human history and particularly in the history of Israel and the church. Sometimes the reference is to the Spirit of God or in the New Testament to the Spirit of Jesus. Christians understand the Holy Spirit in relation to God as Trinity. God is known in three ways: as creator, redeemer, and sustainer or sanctifier. The work of sustaining (empowering) and making holy (sanctifying) is that of God the Holy Spirit. The idea of the Trinity is more easily understood as a description of how God acts than as a definition of God. The Holy Spirit is not a separate power but an expression of God. Whatever is done by the church in Christian education rests on and is shaped by belief in the Holy Spirit and the willingness to be open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Its essential task is to bring individuals into the fellowship of the church where they may hear God’s call to them in Jesus Christ and may learn what it means to live all of life as children of God. This is a magnificent responsibility, and the church that accepts this responsibility wholeheartedly will find itself fulfilled by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mission Section		
II. Blankets of Love October-December Alleviating Emotional Insecurities		
<div><div><div>Collected</div><div>Goal</div></div><div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div>\$0</div><div>\$200</div><div>\$400</div><div>\$600</div></div><div><div>Collected \$75</div><div>Goal \$400</div></div><div>Help needed in this mission!</div></div>		
Alleviating Food Insecurities I. Food Pantry		
If you are bringing items for the food pantry, please take them to the sanctuary foyer and place them in the designated area.		
Donate recyclable bags		
Jubilee Christmas		
Jubilee Christmas is a community outreach collaborative program initiated and coordinated by Throop Elementary School to assist school-aged children between the ages of 4-13.		
Donation Items:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">New clothingNew toysNon-perishable food items		
Donations may be left in narthex in designated box until Dec. 6 th .		
Essentials Project		
organized by the Becomers Class		
Items Needed:		
Toothbrush/toothpaste		
Soap		
Deodorant		
Socks/underwear		
Feminine hygiene products		
Brush/comb		
Zip-lock bags		
Gift bags		
Any personal items are appreciated!		
*Donations can be dropped off in Sanctuary.		
American Red Cross		
BLOOD DRIVE		
Dealing with Uncertain Times		
Isaiah 41:10		
Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;		
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.		
Please mark your calendars for our upcoming blood drive on December 22 nd . Our church is currently on a “Power Red” donation schedule of (roughly) every 112 days. We were able to collect a total of 19 units at our last drive in June. However, we had our biggest success in March with a total of 27/30 promised units.		
We would like to keep that momentum going as we head into our December drive. I understand the concerns as we are still in a time of uncertainty. But, I want to put your mind at ease and remind you that the church, as well as the Red Cross, are taking every precaution possible to make this a safe environment for your donation. Our seating area will be spaced out according to our local health recommendations, we will be doing temperature checks upon entry, and all tables/chairs will be sanitized and wiped thoroughly between donations.		
Additionally, all current donations are being screened for COVID-19 antibodies and your results will be made available online after your donation.		
Promoting Our Church in the Community		
Monday-Friday Faith Break WUME		
Weekly - the Paoli News Republican church section – worship schedule		
24/7		
www.paoli-umc.com		
Google Reviews		
Instagram – @paoliumc		
Facebook – Paoli UMC		
YouTube – Paoli UMC		
III. Blood Drives		
Alleviating Blood Insecurities		
Upcoming Drives		
December 22, 2020		
3-7 PM		
A Helping Hand To Others		
“If your heart be as my heart, give me your hand”		
-John Wesley		

<div><div>THE SALVATION ARMY</div><div>DOING THE MOST GOOD®</div></div>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must wear a mask while ringingHand sanitizer will be provided to clean bells when changing volunteersLimit of 2 volunteers, unless same family members	
December 1 st , 6-7 PM: Howard Detweiler	
December 3 rd , 6-7 PM: Howard Detweiler	
December 8 th , 5-6 PM: open	
December 8 th , 6-7 PM: open	
December 9 th , 5-6 PM: Mary LaVerne Boston	
December 12 th , 11A-12P: open	
December 12 th , 12-1 PM: open	
December 17 th , 5-6 PM: Vincent Family	
December 17 th , 6-7 PM: open	
December 19 th , 11A-12P: Darrell & Suzanne Newkirk	
December 19 th , 12-1 PM: open	
December 21 st , 3-4 PM: Jr. & Darlene McBride	
December 21 st , 4-5 PM: open	
December 22 nd , 4-5 PM: open	
December 22 nd , 5-6 PM: Bradley Family	