



St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

"A Church for All Generations"

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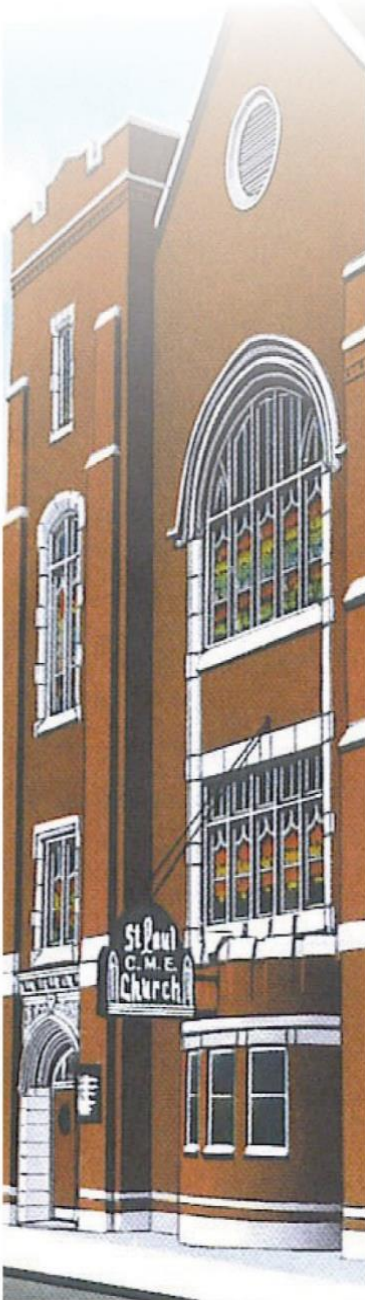
Dear St. Paul Family,

I pray this letter finds you all in great spirits and health. The purpose of this correspondence is to share with you and provide pertinent information relative to the future of our church in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. After much prayer and consultation with the Official Board of St. Paul, we have decided to **prohibit** Public Worship at the Church, as well as meetings, rehearsals and events until further notice. Because of the guidelines and recommendations provided by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), our Governor, Mayor and President, regarding limiting social gatherings to no more than 10 or less, we are taking the necessary precautions to protect our entire church and visitors.

As your Pastor, I know that worship is a time that we look forward to on Sunday. We are a church family that values worship and fellowship. I understand that for some it may seem contradictory to our faith beliefs and trust in God. However, as your Pastor, I must not put any person at risk, regardless of where they may be with their faith. It is my prayer that you know that I did not come to this decision easy. I listened and spoke to a variety of individuals, both in the public health profession and faith community. In addition, I have been in constant consultation with our Bishop and other Pastors and Presiding Elders. I believe this is both wise and vital that we take this action.

Although, we will not be physically worshipping together, I invite you to join our church via the Conference Call Line, 712 775-7000, Code 278744, for Bible Study at 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday, Sunday School at 9:00am., on Sundays and Worship Service at 11:00a.m. on Sundays as well. We will also be making the Worship Service available via Zoom and that information will be emailed to all members and places on the church website, www.stpaulcme-chi.com. This will be the mode of operation for the church until the all clear is given and/or more information is presented to the faith community.

Additionally, we ask that you continue to remain faithful in your giving. We still need all of you to pay your **Tithes, Offerings, Benevolent, Current Expense, Tribes for Christ, General Funds and Sunday School, so as to meet the needs of the church, pay bills and fulfill our conference responsibilities.** You can send your various offerings via mail to the church address, 4644 So. Dearborn, Chicago, Ill 60609, C/O Steward Board or electronically through the church's Website, Stpaulcme-chi.com, click on the link entitled Online Giving, then choose the donation category or Chase QuickPay with Zelle can also be used for online donations to St. Paul using the email address Spministries@comcast.net.





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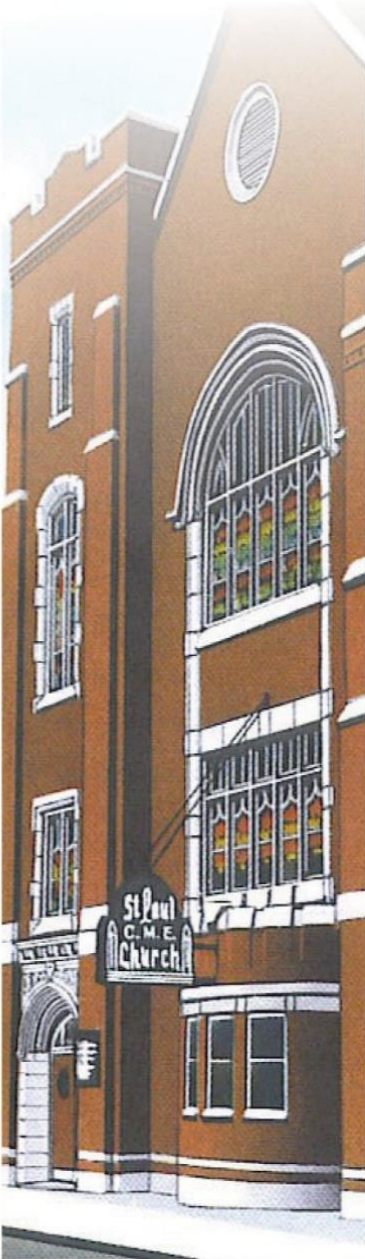
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Feel free to include the additional contribution information in the memo section. Any questions you may have, please contact the church at 773-536-1723 or Bro. Jeff Owens of the Steward Board.

As I mentioned on Sunday, the church is continually being cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis for whenever we return to the building. No one should be coming to the church unless authorized by myself or Bro. Clarence Highsmith, Chair of our Trustee Board. This is an effort to ensure that when we do return the church is fully sanitized. **For those who are not in the at-risk group (those over 60), for the COVID-19 Virus, please take time to check on our elderly members. If you discover any member in that age group needing assistance, please notify me immediately, so that their needs are met and addressed.** Also, please follow the guidelines found in the Searchlight on Sunday, as well as information provided by the CDC, our elected officials and our church leaders regarding how to best deal with COVID-19.

Lastly, I need our church to be in prayer for us as a faith community, as well as our city, state and nation. It is imperative that those who have been assigned to the 31 Prayer and Fast Calendar continue in our praying and fasting for those areas I previously mentioned. If you are not part of the 31 Day Prayer and Fast Calendar, please join us every day on the Prayer Line, at 6:00am, except Tuesdays, which is at 6:30 p.m. We will continue to trust God and His guidance during this time in our lives. The scripture reminds us that **“we know that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord and our called according to His purpose.”**

Know that I love you all and I am confident that God will see us through these trying times.

Blessings and Peace

Rev. Dr. Curlee L. Adams

Senior Pastor

Saint Paul CME Church