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The Epistle

is a monthly publication of St. Paul's UCC.

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM on 12/01 & 12/08, Sunday School at 9:15 AM

Childcare available at 10:30 service on these Sundays

12/12 7 PM Blue Christmas Service, 12/15 Sunday School Christmas Program at 10:30

12/22 – Christmas Musicale at 10:30 am.

12/24 - Christmas Eve Services at 4 PM & 11 PM, 12/29 – One Worship Service at 9:15 AM.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Advent is an extremely busy time of year for many of us. Our Epistle reflects that, as it is chock full of information for us to consider and events for us to attend or participate in. It is so full, that I am including in my article an event and information that usually have their own space. Before I get to those however, I want to emphasize how important it is for us to carve out time for our spiritual practices amid all the other demands on our time. Whether it is daily reading of our Advent Devotional, or our daily prayer practice, attendance at special Services and/or our commitment to specific acts of service, we need to spend time preparing our spirits, minds and hearts for how God will be coming into the world this year. We must pay attention, for surely the story of Jesus' birth reminds us, God enters the world in unexpected and surprising ways. We can miss this entrance if we are too caught up in everything else that is going on, even all the important things. Please, let us all strive to create specific time and space for opening ourselves up to God's movement within us.

You will find an Advent Envelope within this Epistle. If you are able, please make an extra contribution. We would very much appreciate such generosity. These contributions will help us cover unexpected or additional expenses we incurred this year.

Thanks to careful spending and volunteer work we have kept are expenses lean. Our Benevolences will be paid by the end of the year, with many of them having been paid quarterly or over the course of the year as organizations could best use them. Our outreach continues and expands. And, as we seek to implement our Dreams and Visions, we have had additional expenses for the professional help we have enlisted. These current costs will provide long-term benefits. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year and in this season.

Also, please check your current pledge status. We have had at least two instances (one of which involves the Ward-Diorio family)

where families thought they were current with their pledge but were not. In one instance, what was supposed to be an automatic check being sent to St. Paul's was not happening due to a bank error. In the other instance, a family was giving at their previous year's pledge level because they had not updated their monthly gift.

There are all sorts of reasons why we sometimes cannot keep up with our pledged level of giving. When financial hardship for instance occurs, that is very understandable. However, we do not want to be giving at a level less than we were planning on because of a bank or other mistake. Please check your status. Everyone got an update in your Stewardship Packet, but if you misplaced that, please contact Terry and she will let you know where you stand. Thank you.

The Ward-Diorio's will be hosting our Advent/Christmas Open House again this year on Saturday December 14th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. This will be our first "empty-nest" Open House so we look forward to your presence even more. This is an all ages event, with plenty of food, drink and good cheer available (along with the singing of Christmas Carols, for those of you who want to sing them sooner rather than later—you know who you are 😊).

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item. We bring them to Project Share, as it serves the Boiling Springs area. They are always surprised and pleased with our donations.

Ride sharing is wonderful. I know there are some who hesitate to drive into the wilds of Boiling Springs. Please don't be shy about asking for a ride. We will set something up. Our address is 4 Jenny Dr., Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Most GPS gets you right to our door. If not, or if you have other questions, call us: 717 249-6239 (home) 717 525-4689 (John's cell). We look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying each other's company.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, Rev. John

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From the Stewardship Committee:

Still have your Time And Talent, and Financial Pledge sheets for 2020? If you do, it's greatly appreciated if you fill them out and turn them in as soon as possible. These informative sheets help us with the overall St. Paul's budget planning, and also with organizing the many events/activities throughout the year. Also, THANK YOU to everyone who has already turned in their pledges, and to everyone who participated in the Stewardship Sunday/Harvest Dinner event on November 10. Parish Ministries provided an exceptional meal (as always), Lucy and Ricky Ricardo were the best celebrity hosts (they even had vitameatavegamin juice), and the baskets were marvelous. In addition to the excellent fellowship and food, 27 baskets sold for a total of \$2325. Thank you to everyone who helped with the meal, donated or purchased baskets, or assisted in any way. Many canned goods/non-perishables were also donated to our food banks.



CONTRIBUTIONS for the year 2019 must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2019.

If you signed up to sponsor a Child or Altar Flowers in 2019, please make sure this is in by the end of the year too.

Questions on your 2019 contributions can be directed to Terry in the Church Office. **Monies received after the start of 2020 will be booked for 2020.**



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From the Staff & Consistory of St. Paul's



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10:30 am Youth
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(Chancel&Youth), Hand Chimes at Offertory
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11:00 pm Chancel Choir

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Chris Ahrens (Mullin); **Kevin Allison**; **Alvis** (Smith); **Alyson** (Sizemore); **Kris Amtower**; **Amy** (Gabriel); **Wendy Anderson** (A. Thompson); **Anya** (Gabriel); **Joe Baker** (W.Wentz); **Barry & Family** (A. Thompson); **Jon & Nancy Barto & Family** (White); **Donald Beaver** (Keith); **Barb Bell**; **Joann Bender**; **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Rev. Dr. Susan Bertollette** (A. Thompson); **Denise Biacco & Family** (Lill); **Bill** (Stork-Whitson); **George Bingaman**; **Sarah Blumenschein and family** (Aumiller); **Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **Tina & Chris Bowers**; **Nadine Boyer**; **Joan Brenizer** (Rhoads); **Brian** (Shearer); **Brian** (Riesmeyer); **Adriana Brice & Family** (Smith); **Missy Brouch** (Myers/Mihmet); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Rev. Betsy Bruaw** (Stork-Whitson); **Tammy Boehm & Betty** (Stork-Whitson); **Glenda Brown** (Aumiller); **Anna Burns**; **Sophia Butler** (Knox); **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Beverly Caley** (Thorpe); **Marge Campbell** (Sharp); **Candace** (Stine); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Jack Carr & Family** (Williams); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Kirt Chronister**; **Alyssa Claar** (A. Thompson); **Jon & Kathy Cristofori** (Aumiller); **Pat Cleland**; **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Stacy Cole** (Ward-Diorio); **Marc Cooley** (Richey); **Rich Cowan**; **Darryl** (Carson); **Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned** (A.Thompson); **Dani DeLellis**(Knox); **Diane** (B.Thompson); **Evelyn Diorio**; **Ethan Dixon & Family**; **Marian Dornell** (Warfield); **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager**; **Ted Drager** (Bowers); **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Faye Dunne** (Mitchell); **Dixon Earley** (Rushong); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Jim Erb** (Kern); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **Bob & Eve Fenner**; **Tom Figiel** (Weiser); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Michelle Fox** (Knox); **Flynn** (Burns); **Diane Freeman**; **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel**; **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Gary** (A. Thompson); **George** (B. Thompson); **Joyce Gerstenlauer** (Dundore); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Floyd Gouse**; **Shirley Grammer**; **Teri and Dave Guelcher**; **Jane Hall**; **Bill Hanna** (Shea); **Mandi Hannah** (Hoehn); **Gavin Harris** (Cowan); **Phyllis Hershey**; **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Holly & Bobby** (Larue/Short); **Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple**; **Jay Houser** (Haagen); **Michele Hughes** (Murphy); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jack Hyde** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Lee Jackson**; **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Ritter); **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Jim** (Rhoads); **Joe** (Allison); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Clariene Jones**(MLC); **Will Jones**; **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Karen** (Devin Miller); **Karen & Margo** (Stork-Whitson); **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Pastor Del Kenney** (Ward-Diorio); **Jeff & Lyle King**; **Dot Kinzer**; **Sandy Kline**; **Shirley & John Knisely**; **Randy Krepps**; **Jennifer Lee** (Thorpe); **Jean & John Layne**; **Rev. Norma Llewellyn** (Stork-Whitson); **Bonnie Lengle** (B.Thompson); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Kim Lidzynski** (Hoehn); **Larry Linder** (Stork-Whitson); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Louise, Manny & Larry** (Sharp);

Colin Loy (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Martin Malone** (Riesmeyer); **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Marie** (Murphy); **Phyllis Martz**; **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Stephanie McGonigle** (Warfield); **Mark McKeever** (Sutton); **Linda Meola** (Roush); **Rob Merentz** (Allison); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Michelle & Family** (Mihmet); **Joanne & Charles Miller**; **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Lee & Connie Miller**; **Linda Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Steve Mitchell**; **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Trendy Mowery** (Aumiller); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Stephen O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **David Ordonia** (Myers); **Mary P.** (Rhoads); **Ann Palazzo** (Weiser); **Ms. Patterson** (Davinroy); **Lynne Patton** (Taylor); **Don Perry** (Ritter); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Marion Quinlan** (Ward-Diorio); **Randy** (Bender); **Carl Raudabaugh** (A. Thompson); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families**; **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Jo Rice** (Rushong); **Joyce Rice** (Eichman); **Mike Riesmeyer**; **Paul Ringenbach** (Wirth); **Robert** (Sack); **Lisha Robertson & Family**; **Adam Rohrbaugh** (Bender); **Rev. Roben Roof** (Stork-Whitson); **Rosemary** (Simpson); **Jerry Roventini & Family** (Boyer); **Tom Row** (S. Miller); **Marian Royer**; **Carolyn Rutherford**; **Benny Rushong**; **Sam** (Freeman); **Irv Sanders**; **Robyn Scaer** (Hoehn); **Tom Schiffgens**; **Rev. Glenn Schultz**; **Dennis Scouler** (Rushong); **Joyce Sealover** (Sutton); **Erin Shane** (Thorpe); **Maya Shapiro** (R.Thompson); **Shar & Ann** (Gabriel); **Linda Shea & Family**; **Rafe Shearer** (P. Miller); **Rev. Frank Showers** (Aumiller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Conner Snow & Family**; **Jacob Snyder** (Wentz); **Sue Snyder** (Bowers); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence, Nancy Steck & Donna Sterner**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Jon Still & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Sue** (Sizemore); **Rev. Bill Swisher** (Eckman); **Briana Thomas**; **Cathy Thomas**; **Tracy Thrush Family**; **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Linda Till**; **Todd & Family** (Morell); **Doug Townsen** (S. Miller); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Flo Turner** (B.Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Tuttle** (Trout); **Bill Utley** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Ceci Viti** (Warfield); **Evelyn Warfield**; **Anthony Warner**(Simpson); **Isabella Waters**; **Dr. Kenneth Way** (Bowers); **Amy Wentz**; **John White**; **Dave Wightman** (Trout); **Peg Wightman**; **Elaine Williams** (A. Thompson); **Wilton**; **Rose Fran Wolford**; **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Suzanne Worley**(Jones); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Carl Yohn & Deb Kassahun**; **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Kevin Young** (A.Thompson); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman)

**DIRECTORY UPDATE – Please update your directory - change effective Dec. 2nd:
Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
5225 Wilson Ln Apt 1101
Mechanicsburg PA 17055-6664
717-591-8471**



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

LECTORS

- 12/01 8:00 Anna Thompson
10:30 Patrice Miller
- 12/08 8:00 Victoria Velez
10:30 Chris Bowers
- 12/15 10:30 Paula Boyer
- 12/29 9:15 Kathy Williams

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 12/01 Martha & Gene Keith
- 12/08 Molly & Chris Cowan
- 12/15 Merikay & Don Wood
- 12/22 Mary Runkle
- 12/29 Terry & Gene Shaner

ACOLYTES

- 12/01 8:00
10:30 Grace Simpson
- 12/08 8:00 Grace Simpson
10:30 Evan June Pineo
- 12/15 10:30
- 12/22 10:30 Grace Simpson
- 12/24 4:00 Evan June Pineo
11:00 Zachary Davinroy
- 12/29 9:15

Nursery

- 12/01 Jonne Dundore
- 12/08 Sue Ward-Diorio, Becky Thompson

USHERS

Dec Head Usher: Art Williams

COMMUNION PREP

- 12/01 Intinction Kay Ohrin



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| 01 Doris Albrecht | 14 Roland Parthree |
| Raymond Krouch | Sandi Ritter-Butz |
| Rylie Wentz | 15 Thomas Amtower |
| 02 Devon Miller | 16 Jean Jones |
| John White | 17 Vic Brown |
| 05 George Bingaman | Gloria McPherson |
| Lindsay McCorkel | 18 Maddie Simpson |
| 06 Jasmyrn Brackbil | 19 Evelyn Warfield |
| 07 Pat Cleland | 21 Dale Thorpe |
| 09 Jerry Foulke | 22 Tania Pineo |
| 11 Ann Boyer | 23 Kevin Laughery |
| Ryker Wentz | 26 James Haas |
| 12 Donna Chronister | Gene Shaner |
| Will Jones | Merikay Wood |
| Shane Morell | 27 Kateri Grice |
| 13 Dale Burns | |



- 02 Sue and Bill Mullin
- 05 JoAnn and Marshall Bender
- 06 Sam and Tim Kiner
- 11 Jill and Dave Morell
- 18 Diane and Alan Richenbacher
- 19 Judith and David Clovsky
- 22 Jean and Willard Jones
- 24 Joanne and Lawrence Schmick
- 25 Barbara and Jacob Blust
- 27 Melba and Herb Bomberger
- 27 Gloria and Richard Hoffman
- 27 Susan and John White
- 30 Kim and Jim Pirtle
- 30 Martha Spong & Kathryn Johnston
- 31 Rhoda and Ned Rupp
- 31 Christine and Tim Chandler

Please visit the church website to sign up for Acolyte, Flower Delivery, Lectors, Nursery and Usher Duties. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Serving Others" menu heading. Thank you. While there if you want to sign up for fellowship time – please do!

Community Garden Update:

Thank you to Eric Dundore for all of his work this year as Chair of our Community Garden. With his leadership the garden produced 1,124 pounds of produce which was donated to New Hope Ministries to feed hungry families in Central Pennsylvania. New Hope has told us that for some people this is their only source of fresh vegetables.

We would like to thank H&N Landscaping, our neighbor on Williams Grove Road, for their generous donation of mulch for the garden next season. This mulch will be spread inside the garden on the paths between the beds and on the perimeter of the garden to keep weeds down. We can't thank our community partners enough for their generous donations!

We are happy to announce that Mike & Kathy Aumiller will be chairing St. Paul's Community Garden for the 2020 season. They will be assisted next season by Co-Chairs Wendy Hayden & Jody Biss. We are thrilled to have these volunteers responsible for the garden next year and would ask all of the members of St. Paul's to watch for information in the spring about the monthly work days. These workdays are important to get a lot of work done in one morning so that the work in the garden is more manageable each week. Even if you haven't helped before we encourage you to come out and add your helping hands to this important project that our church community supports.

New Hope News:

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to New Hope's Thanksgiving baskets.

Once again, St. Paul's members have been extremely generous! 330 lbs. of Thanksgiving food items, including seven turkeys were delivered to New Hope. Thank you for helping families in our community have a blessed Thanksgiving.

New Hope's Christmas Blessings Express gift distribution at the Mechanicsburg Center is happening Thursday December 12th and Friday December 13th. If you would like to volunteer to help go to their website at: www.nhm-pa.org, click on Christmas Blessings and follow the prompts to find out where you

can help. Depending on which location you sign up to help at: they need help as early as Dec. 2nd sorting the gifts coming in and of course on the actual days of the gift distribution. Any questions see Karen Allison.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS:

New Hope Ministries will soon host their "Christmas Blessings Express", providing clients the opportunity to select gifts for their family members. Check out the Christmas tree bulletin board in The Commons for specific gift suggestions, along with a full wish list. Last year we learned that teen boys receive the fewest number of donations for this event. Please consider donating a \$25 gift card to one of the following stores: Target, Wal-Mart, Game Stop, Best Buy, movie theaters, Barnes & Noble, Dave & Busters. Gift cards should be marked for "New Hope" and placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. These general items are always appreciated: Winter clothing and pajamas for all sizes, all ages; Books, toys and games for all ages, infant through adult. *Please place your new, unwrapped gifts in the marked boxes in the Commons no later than Sunday December 8th.*



Mitten Tree - Bring in mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for all ages not only to decorate the tree but to help bring warmth to our neighbors in need. Items collected will be distributed to the people that New Hope Ministries serves. *Deadline to drop off is Friday January 3rdth.*

Sweet Treats! St. Paul's Youth Group provided 15 'Help You Study' boxes to our young adults who are in college, or out in the world. The packages were filled with delicious cookies that the youth baked on Sunday, November 17. They baked chocolate chip, sugar cookies with sprinkles, sugar cookies with candy canes, elf sandwiches, snickerdoodles, and peanut butter blossoms! Thank you to all of you who donated money or treats for this fun event that connects our current youth with St. Paul's young adults who have graduated and are at different locations.

It's always great to see the many donated items that are packed into the boxes with the freshly baked cookies. The 11 youth who helped bake and package are looking forward to receiving their own boxes in a few years when they are off to school and/or out in the world.



Sunday December 1st
8:00/10:30 AM Worship/Holy Communion by Intinction/
 Lighting of the First Advent Candle.

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THE CHRISTMAS FUND
 for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:5

For over 100 years, the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a way to ensure that a light of love and hope will always shine for faithful servants of our church who find themselves facing unforeseen financial need.

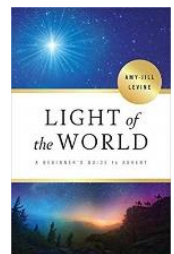
Each year the United Church of Christ provides direct financial assistance to retired and active UCC authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank you checks. Many of these annuitants have worked their entire lives for the church. The church is an institution that cares for its people as these former pastors have cared for their congregations. Now it is time for them to be cared for in their hour of need.

Donations for this offering will be accepted thru Sunday December 22nd. Please indicate on your check or envelope that you are donating to "The Christmas Fund." Please consider a gift to this special offering this holiday season.



November 30th-8 AM - Decorating the Sanctuary and Church for Advent and Christmas. Let Jonne Dundore

know if you can help, 766-2601 or Jonnekev@aol.com.



ADVENT BOOK STUDY — Mondays beginning December 2nd thru December 23rd. We will be reading and reflecting on "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent" by Amy-Jill Levine. To participate, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons and indicate if you wish us to order the book for you. Books are \$14.00 each. There will be two sessions offered each Monday: an afternoon session (1:00-3:00 pm) and an evening session (7:30-9:00 pm). We hope you can join us!



Saturday December 7th 2 pm to 5 pm: Drop off your cookie donations in the Kitchen for the

Cookie Walk.



Saturday Dec. 7th – 7:00 pm – We're gonna have a party! On December 7th, at 7pm, the River City Singers will be at St. Paul's to sing in

the holiday season. Several different instrumental accompanists will add to the sound. There will be a time of contemplation, a time of joy, and a time of just plain old-fashioned fun!! No admission will be charged. A freewill offering will be collected. Cookies and punch will round out the evening. Please bring your friends and neighbors. The more the merrier!! "



Sunday December 8th-8:00/10:30 am Worship Services /Lighting of the second Advent Candle. 9:15 am Sunday School - Rehearse Sunday School program in Sanctuary during Sunday School hour.



Sunday Dec. 8th - St. Paul's Annual Cookie Walk. Plan to purchase and enjoy some of the best cookies and confections provided by St.

Paul's bakers! This year the Cookie Walk is again sponsored by our youth and St. Paul's on a Mission. The proceeds will be split between the Youth Fund and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. *Donations of cookies, Christmas candies, etc. are needed to ensure the continued success of this event!* Drop your cookie donations packaged to sell for \$1 (unless otherwise indicated) off in the Church Kitchen by 8 am on Sunday the 8th. Please see Jonneke Dundore or Mary Runkle with any questions.



A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Sunday December 8th** following the

10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion and vote on the 2020 budget & upcoming building updates. Please plan now to attend.



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet at 1 PM Tuesday December 10th The Prayer Shawls will be blessed

on Sunday December 15th at the one worship service at 10:30.



Thursday December 12th- 7:00 pm

- Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary This service recognizes that not everyone feels jolly and joyful throughout Advent and Christmas. We may be facing our first Christmas without a loved one; past unpleasant Advent seasons may cause us anxiety this year; the increased darkness may decrease our energy; all these reasons and others may cause us to be blue. We want folks to know they are not alone in feeling that way, and that God is with us as we struggle with our blues, especially in the face of the joy of so many others.



Saturday December 14th – 9 am to Noon: Property Workday – Bring your tarps, gloves and rakes and help us clean up all the leaves that have fell all around the Church property. Questions please see Eric Dundore.



Saturday Dec. 14th 10 am to Noon Costumes and rehearse full Sunday School Christmas Program in the Sanctuary.

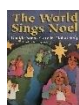


Saturday Dec. 14th 2 to 6 pm Advent /Christmas Open House at the Ward-Diorio's.



Sunday December 15th, One service at 10:30 am Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls/Sunday School Christmas

Program – Lighting of the third Advent Candle. 9:15 am Rehearse Full Sunday School Program in the Sanctuary.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

On Sunday, December 15, our Sunday School classes will be presenting "The World Sings Noel, the Christmas Story Told in Global Song", by Hal H. Hopson. Please join us as we begin the 10:30 worship service with this program full of delightful melodies and dances from around the world. You won't want to miss it!

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tues, Dec 17th at Hoss's on Gettysburg Pk. If you are planning to attend, please call Bonnie Plymette, 717-591-8471 (new # as of 12/2).



Youth & young adults, don't be a scrooge, come Christmas caroling! **We will leave St. Paul's at 5:30 pm on Fri, Dec 20th.** Bring comfortable shoes, warm clothes, and a joyful spirit. After caroling, we'll gather for a "warm-up party." A perennial favorite Youth Fellowship event, please help us to carry on this magical tradition! Sign-up on the sheet in the commons. Questions? Email allyssaboyer@outlook.com. Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la!



Sunday December 22nd – One Worship Service this day at 10:30 am -Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle/ Christmas Musicale.



Christmas Musicale

Our Chancel & Youth Choir will sing “Have You Heard?” by Joel Raney on Sunday Dec. 22nd. **This is a popular service – come early!**

St. Paul’s Yoga Club Holiday Break: We will not have Yoga classes on Monday, Dec. 23rd, Tuesday, Dec. 24th, Monday, Dec. 30th and Tuesday, Dec 31st. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!! - Becky Thompson.



Please contact Terry Shaner @ stpaulstaff@outlook.com if you and your family are interested in helping this year.

Christmas Eve Service
Volunteers Needed

- As in years past, we will have luminaries lining the driveway on Christmas Eve. We will need volunteers for both services- 4:00pm (put them out) and 11:00 pm – (bring them back in.)



December 24th - 4:00 pm & 11:00 pm - Candle Light Christmas Eve Services of Readings, Hymns and Carols, Lighting the Christ Candle



If you ordered Poinsettias, you may start to pick them up after the 4:00 or 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Services. We again ask that you pick up your poinsettia - if you are unable to pick up Christmas Eve, we will hold them for you till December 29th. Thank you for purchasing the flowers that will help beautify the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve.



Sunday December 29th – One Worship Service at 9:15 am - Service of Carols (no Sunday School)

Sanctuary Cleaning Up, Saturday January 4th 8 am – Come out and help us take the decorations down in the Sanctuary. Let Jonne Dundore know if you can help, 766-2601 or Jonnekev@aol.com.



Sunday January 5th 8:00/10:30 am Worship Services/Holy Communion via Pew and the Burning of the Greens after the 10:30 service. Sunday School @ 9:15 am.



ANNUAL DINNER - January 12th 9:15 am Sunday School, **10:30 am** One Worship service this day followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting. After the meeting, we hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall for the **Annual Congregational Dinner of Pork & Sauerkraut**. Plan to stay and enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship. **We will be honoring our members with 50 or more years and our new members who have joined since last year at this dinner.** To help cover the cost of the meal, there will be a charge of \$3.00 for ages 5 – 12 and \$7.00 for ages 13 & up. Ages 4 and under are free. Watch for sign-up sheet on the bulletin board coming soon!



Thank you to our St. Paul’s Family for all the prayers, kind words and cards for the loss of my mom. Prayer’s and Family is what holds us together. *Love Sue, Dayne, Shannon & Phoenix.*

Thank you to St. Paul’s family for the prayers, cards, Called to Care, and the beautiful altar flowers after my Gamma Knife Radiosurgery. Still hoping for pain relief in weeks to come. *Sandy Kline*