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Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Worship Schedule – One Service @ 10:30 Jan 2nd & 16th, Two services 8:15 & 10:30 am Jan 9th, 23rd & 30th
Sunday School at 9:15 am except for Jan 2nd, there is no Sunday School on this day.
Childcare available @ 10:30 am service.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!**

I hope your Christmas was filled with God's Presence and Spirit. I also hope God's coming to you continues to be felt through the rest of the twelve days of Christmas and on through the year. I hope you were able to connect with family and friends and enjoy the holiday season. And I hope there were and continue to be moments of hope, peace, joy and love in your lives.

We begin a new calendar year soon and St. Paul's is up and running again. Please look through the Epistle and take note of all that is going on. Please make your plans now to be involved in the various activities in which you have interest or in which your presence is needed.

There is another survey in this Epistle about our Christmas Eve Services. We hope you will take the time to fill it out and return it to the Church, either by mailing it back, or dropping it off in the office or in the offering plate the next time you are here. We would like to know how things worked with the early Service being offered at 4:00 PM.

We conduct surveys, have Congregational Meetings, ask questions because within our congregation, within our denomination it is the people of a congregation who make the decisions. We try to get as much input and information from our members as possible, particularly on issues of greatest impact. The best we can do is ask. The best you can do is respond. Without your response we cannot know what you are thinking or feeling. After discussing and praying about any potential changes or paths we may take, we will make decisions based on the responses we receive. Your voice is important and we want to hear it.

I am looking forward to the work and wonder we will be involved in together in the coming year. I hope you are too.

Peace, John

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS – November 16, 2010 Treasurer's Report – Total income for the period ending October 2010 was \$45,897.81, which was \$8,067.81 greater than budget. Total Expenses for the same period was \$29,179.51, which was \$453.51 greater than budget. We had a positive checking account balance of \$18,099 and an overall total cash balance in the bank of \$24,623.16. **Property Committee** – Rubber roof over the Kitchen has been funded entirely by an anonymous donor. The Consistory expressed its gratitude to this donor for their generosity. **Daycare** – Dennis Plymette reported that he has spoken with the leaders of Mechanicsburg Learning Center regarding issues associated with parking. They have promised to monitor and enforce parking rules at the church. Dennis also spoke with the Upper Allen Township Police, which offered some guidance and feedback. **Pastor's Report** – So far only one person has expressed concern over the new time for the early Christmas Eve service. Rev. John will continue to talk with those who express concerns and there will be a follow-up survey in January. **New Business** – Credit Card – It was discussed that the church staff would have access to a business credit or debit card for the purpose of completing online transactions, such as supply purchases. Consistory agreed to seek guidance from Members 1st regarding a practical solution. Discussion regarding additional payment of benevolences for the current year was tabled until the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Please review this prayer list and notify the Church Office if there is anyone who should be added to or removed from the list. Thank You.



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Mayme Alfano (Paula Boyer's mother); Kevin Allison; John Argento (friend of Rev. John); (friend of Tom Stone); Mr. Bean (Zach Davinroy's HR Teacher); Lisa Benoist (Dave Ritter's nephew's wife); Peggy Baum; Barbara Bell (Patty Scott's mom); Mary Bensel (Dick's mother); Betsy (Friend of Dar Murphy); Bill & Bob (Susan Gabriel's cousins); Norma Bingham (friend of Connie Sutton); Geoffrey Biringier (friend of Velez's) Pamela Bower (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Jim Bowers (Tina Bowers-Paris dad), Charles Breon (step-father of Sue Miller); Sharon & Denny Browne (friends of Sarah Myers); Julia Bulger (Heather Miller's Grandmother); Sandy Buhrman (friend of Kathy Williams); Michaela Bushey (friend of Sara Weaver); Joanne & Janine Campbell; Kathy & Cassidy Carlis (friend of Jean & Willard Jones); Tim Carter (son of Connie Sutton's friend); Christ Lutheran Church; Ruth Chronister (Ron's Mother); Kevin Clancy (neighbor of Chronister's); Cassie Collins (daughter of Shirley Keith Knox's friend); Shannon Collins (Donna and Ron Chronister's niece); Catherine Cotton (Cheryl's grandmother); Cleason Cromer; Alice and Bill Crouse; Deana (co-worker of Anna Thompson); Debbie (friend of Velez's); Ellie Deeble (great-granddaughter of Jean Myers); Bill Dietz (friend of Chronisters); Jackie Diorio (Rev. John's mom); Pat Eakin; Julia (Rick Holtzapple's daughter); Julie DeLuca (Jim and Joan Quick's daughter); Tyler Derr (grandson of a friend of Winnie Wentz); Jackie Diorio (Rev. John's mother); Jacque & Grace Drager; Lou Donneway (friend of Mike and Kathy Aumiller); Edna Dreibelbis (Anna Burn's mother); Duriske Family (Katelyn Chamberlain's Uncle and Family); Stewart Emery (Sandi Ritter-Butz's father); Debbie and Joe Gartland; Heather Geraghty (Linda Alburger's niece); George (neighbor of Davinroy's); Nancy Girard (sister of Belva Garman); Bob & Liane Gladwin; Shirley & Tom Grammer; Jane & Dave Hall; Ellen Harling (mother of Kevin Allison's co-worker); Dot Harvey (friend of Gene Shaner); Paul Heaney, Sr. (Dar Murphy's dad); Bob Heisler; Phyllis Hershey; Travis Hessom; Sue Higgins (friend of Anna Thompson); Greg Holley (friend of Sue Miller); Galen Holtzapple (Rick's brother); Homeless Family; Jim & Diane Hughes (Jim is pastor of Grace UCC in Greencastle); Mary Kathryn Hunt (mother of Kimberly Leonard); Mary Hunter (Mary Louise Miller's cousin); Hunter & Family; Betty Hyde; Bill Ingraham (friend of Anna Thompson/Eric Dundore); Jaryd & Family; Alberta Jamison (Betty Olsen's mother); Joe (Dar Murphey's brother); Dan Jones (Jean and Willard's son); Jean and Willard Jones & daughter Sue Worley; Karen B. & Kay (neighbors of the Gabriels); Connie & Bob Kayer (Kris Amtower's parents); Brian

Keefer (high-school classmate of Christy Aumiller); Nancy Keith (Martha and Gene's daughter); Steven Keith (Martha and Gene's son); Megan Kern; Rev. George Klinefelter (former pastor of St. Paul's); John & Shirley Knisely; Emily Koontz; Carrie Kramer (Rochelle Rhoads grandmother); Lynn Lawler (Peg Wightman's cousin); Rev. Linda from Iowa (friend of Susan Gabriel's sister); Lon (Tina Bowers-Paris's brother); Cindy Long (friend of Sue Mullin); Marla (Shawna Simpson's cousin); Walter Matkowski (Joy Perry's Father); Brian McIntyre (friend of Missy Gates); Melodie (colleague of Randy Murphy's); Alice & Larry Miller (Rev. John neighbor from NJ); Bud Miller; Clyde & Treva Miller; Ryan Miller (Patrice and Greg Miller's son); Sue & Dayne Miller; Steve Mitchell; Monica (Friend of Anna Thompson); Ally, Erin, Joan & Ernie Moyer; Tyler, Hayden & Stacy Mustico (Layne Thompson's cousin); Jean Myers; Patricia Nalepka (Jon Nalepka's mother); Nancy (friend of the Chronister family); Virginia O'Connell (Elizabeth Miller's aunt); Josh Oxford (friend of Sara Weaver); Pap (Chelsey Wirth's Grandfather); Craig Parker (Ruth Wrightstone's nephew); Julia Paroda & Family (friends of the Shaner/Gates Family); Ann Patch (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Donna Perry (Friend of Lois Ritter); Joy Perry; Kristen Pike (sister-in-law of Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase); Larry R. Pike (Christal Pike-Nase's uncle); Ursula R. Pike (Christal's mom); Don Pounder (Bruce Perry's stepdad); Reddy (Eric Trout's grandmother); Rev. Yvonne Rey; Doris Rhoads (Jack Rhoads' mother); Jack Rhoads; Richard Randolph (Susan Gabriel); Emily Rieger (Patrice Miller's niece); Lynn & Bea Row (Sue Miller's parents); Rhoda Rupp, Candice Rush (friend of Phyllis Hershey); Donald Rynard (son of former co-worker of Anna Thompson); Samantha (Elizabeth Miller's niece); John Scott; Don and Peggy Seiler; Joyce Sealover (Connie Sutton's SIL); Grace Sennett (Linda Alburger's Grandmother); Zachary Shade & Family (Ward-Diorio); Jim & Kathy Short; Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox (co-worker of Brenda Kern); Gracie Simpson; Carol Sizemore and Family; Clara Sizemore (Bill's mom); Bob & Valerie Smith (friend of Anna Thompson); Rena Smith; Mike Snyder (friend of Velez's); Susie Snyder (friend of Skip and Sandy Kline); Clarence Steck; Rich & Melissa Steineiser (Friend of Carol Sizemore); Clyde Strock (Becca Strock's grandfather); Kent Strock (Becca's Dad); Alex Szeles (friend of Jean and Willard Jones); Tamara (friend of Rachele Rhoads); Dave Thomas (friend of Julie Scott); Stu Tompkins (co-worker of Kevin Allison); Bob & Carol Torpey (Kathy Aumiller cousin); Eric Trout; Debra Urich (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); Rosalie Utley (Paula Boyer's cousin); Leah van Olden; Karen Walborn (mother of Tom Stone's friend); Judy Ward (Sue's mom); Doris Washam (Sandy Kline's sister); Eric Weiner & Family; Brian Wickard (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); Ruth Wrightstone; Margie Yarborough (Bruce Perry's Aunt); Angie Young & Family (friend of co-worker of Becky Lingenfelter); Russell and Grace Young (Betsy Rushong's son and DIL).

JANUARY LECTIONARY TEXTS

- 2 Second Sunday After Christmas**
 Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Psalm 147:12-20 John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- 09 First Sunday After Epiphany**
 Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 29 Matthew 3:13-17
- 16 Second Sunday After Epiphany**
 Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 Psalm 40:1-11 John 1:29-42
- 23 Third Sunday After Epiphany**
 Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Psalm 27:1,4-9 Matthew 4:12-23
- 30 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**
 Micah 6:1-8 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Psalm 151 Matthew 5:1-12



- 05 - All Choirs resume Wednesday evening rehearsals at their regular times.
- 09 - 8:15 am Youth Choir
 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 16 - 10:30 am Choristers at Children's Message & Hand Chimes during Offertory.
- 23 - 8:15 am Chancel Choir
 10:30 am Youth Choir
- 30 - 10:30 am Chancel Choir



JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

- 02 10:30 Chelsey Wirth
 09 8:15 Ally Moyer
 10:30 Amy MacKinnon
 16 10:30 Jeff Dundore
 23 10:30 Mike Brown
 30 10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio

GREETERS

- 02 10:30 Kathy & Art Williams
 09 8:15 Mary Louise Miller & Joanne Miller
 10:30 Pam & Allan MacKinnon
 16 10:30 Missy & Scott Gates
 23 8:15 Cheryl & Ken Malick
 10:30 Sandy & Skip Kline
 30 8:15 Dale Thorpe & Michael Gray
 10:30 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette

LECTORS

- 02 10:30 Kevin Allison
 09 8:15 Mary Runkle
 10:30 Craig Martek
 16 10:30 Becky Drazba
 23 8:15 Tom Stone
 10:30 Patty Scott
 30 8:15 Becky Thompson
 10:30 Dennis Plymette

Head Usher: Bruce Perry

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 02 Donna & Donald Sponsler
 09 Sue Stada
 16 Belva & Leo Garman
 23 Terry & Gene Shaner
 30 Kathy & Mike Aumiller

COMMUNION PREPARATION-PEW

- 02 Terry and Gene Shaner

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| 01 Mary Laughery | 17 Peggy Seiler |
| Sarah Myers | Tyler Snow |
| Erika Obrock | 19 Bonnie Plymette |
| 02 Deb Cashman | 20 Shirley Grammer |
| Barbara Chambers | Ryan Miller |
| 03 Don Wood | 22 Paula Boyer |
| 06 Shannon Sweeney | Patrice Miller |
| 07 Amanda Endy | 24 Herbert Myers |
| Lori Obrock | 25 Marshall Bender |
| Charles Roland | Matthew Miller |
| Katherine Royer | 27 Dave Hall |
| 08 Angela Severs | Chelsea Till |
| 09 Carol Rhoads | 30 Elizabeth Baineyl |
| 10 Devin Flickinger | David Bense |
| 11 Mike Aumiller | Tracy Nye |
| 12 Andrew Hall | Rhoda Rupp |
| 13 Zachary Severs | 31 Mason Elliott |
| 17 Barbara Beistline | |



Happy Anniversary

- 15 Sandra and Richard Kline
 20 Amy and Jim Paulus
 22 Lois and Dave Ritter
 26 Joanne and Charles Miller
 28 Donna and Ron Chronister
 30 Michele Motter

St. Paul's Yoga Club- It's a "Win-Win"
Situation!

Our St. Paul's Yoga Club has been going strong since September and now it's time to turn our focus into the New Year. We'll continue to meet **every Tuesday night from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Beginning in January the cost to attend the class will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person. This will help our Yoga Level I instructor, Becky Thompson, continue her training and further enhance our yoga practice. And here's the best part- not only will you feel fantastic when you start to practice yoga regularly, but **20% of all donations will be given right back to St. Paul's UCC!!** So not only are you doing something great for yourself, but you're also helping our Church achieve its own goals as well. (Who would ever think that a series of Sun Salutations could be instrumental in repairing our church's roof?!) You're welcome to bring your friends too, even if they're not members here at St. Paul's. This can be a "permanent fundraiser" that betters our physical condition/mental peace at the same time.

If you've never taken a yoga class before, stop by and give it a try. (You can come out and try it for FREE if you'd like!) If you find yourself not able to donate the suggested \$5 for the class but you'd still like to attend, come to class anyway. Sometimes when we're in a hard spot financially, yoga can give us that "time to ourselves" and mental clarity that we need to get back on track.

St. Paul's Yoga Club classes follow a Vinyasa style format. Every class begins with a warm-up segment where we move through the poses with the pace of our own breath, flowing from one pose to the next. The class then transitions into holding select poses for 3-5 breaths and then later for 5-10 breaths. (Many variations of each pose are given so that students can control their individual class experience.) We always end our class with 5-7 minutes of deep relaxation. Please be sure to consult your physician before beginning any

new exercise program. **Note: Our instructor, Becky, will attend a "Yoga Level II" and "Seniors Yoga" training in late March 2011 to further enhance our yoga practice, especially for those with specific health concerns.



Thanks to the generosity of the members of St. Paul's we have been able to sponsor 11 children through the

Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program, a global children's ministry of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2011 CHILD SPONSORSHIPS** is on the bulletin board in the Common. The cost for a child in 2011 will be \$30.00 per child per month. Payment should be made no later than the month you are sponsoring the child. Please make your check out to St. Paul's UCC or place the cash in an envelope with your name and child sponsorship on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office. Thank you in advance for sponsoring children who have so little.



THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2011 ALTAR FLOWERS is on the bulletin board in the Common area.

Please neatly fill in the information as you want it printed in the Worship Bulletin or call your information into the church office. The price for the altar flowers is \$32.00. Payment should be made no later than the Sunday you are sponsoring the Altar Flowers. Please make your check out to St. Paul's UCC or place the cash in an envelope with your name and altar flowers on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office. Following worship these flowers are taken by volunteers to the ill, shut-in's or to other appropriate places. In this manner, the flowers continue their silent reminder of God's love. Thank you in advance for providing flowers for the Altar of St. Paul's.

In 2010 the total collected for the Four UCC Special Mission Offerings was:

The Christmas Fund	\$ 580.10
Neighbors in Need	\$ 841.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,245.00
Strengthen the Church	\$ 582.00

Thank you for your support of these offerings.



FOOD PANTRIES –

The response to the request for food donations at Harvest Home and during the Christmas Season is amazing. The need is there all year long. Please don't forget to pick up an extra item or two when you do your grocery shopping and drop off at the designated spots in the common area. The food we collect goes to New Hope Ministries and the Ecumenical Food Pantry. As always Thank you for your support of these Ministries.

THE 2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the table in the Common area. If you have not gotten yours yet, please stop by the table in the common area and pick up yours and any others that you can deliver. If you don't see yours, please check with Terry in the church office. Thank you.



The Bible Study Group meets in the Parlor from 7 to 8:30, the 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month. Starting on Monday January 10th, we will be discussing the book "Moments That Take Your Breath

Away" by James Moore. We'd love to have you join us! Please feel free to contact Anna (766-5626) with any questions.



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - The January meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held the 2nd Tuesday, January 11th at 1 pm in the parlor. Prayer Shawls will be blessed on January 16th at the one 10:30 worship service on this day.



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

will be held on January 16th following the 10:30 Worship Service. Plan to stay for the meeting and then the delicious dinner with your St. Paul's family afterwards. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons so we have an idea of how many to plan for.



Thank you, my St. Paul's family, for seeing me through my surgery and recovery, from altar flowers and visits with Rev. John, through your prayers and Martha and Gene's feast, all wrapped in the comfort and blessing of my prayer shawl. Thank you so much. Joy Perry.

To My Wonderful Friends at St. Paul's – A little Christmas hello for someone who's nice to know! God Bless You All, Love Bobby Heisler.

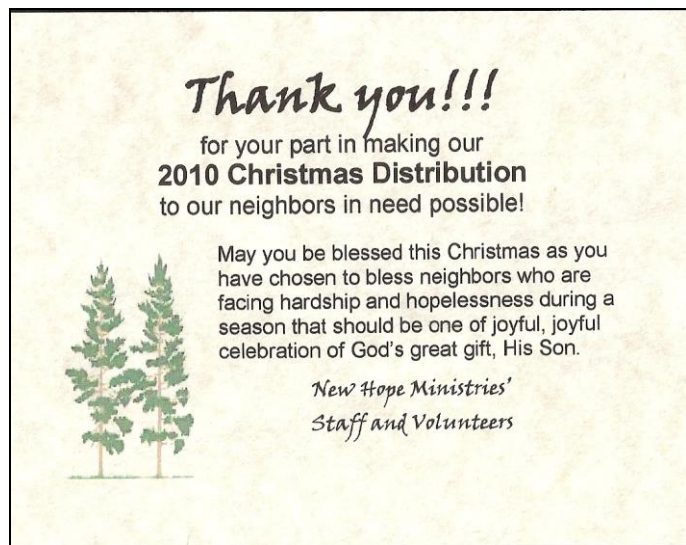
To Our Friends at St. Paul's – Thanks for the Poinsettia that was delivered to Glenn and I. He is doing much better and hopes to be back by Christmas. Happy Holidays to All. Glenn and Esther Kline.

Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for your kindness during my "shingles" period. Your prayers, calls & cards gave me hope of recovering. I have! I am grateful! Sincerely Phyllis Hershey.


Thank you to the entire congregation of St. Paul's for allowing me to complete my Yoga Level I apprenticeship here in our church during the months of September and October. What a blessing it has been to be able to practice my newly learned yoga techniques on such a warm and receptive bunch of people. I've learned so much about what "works" and what doesn't and we've all had some fun laughs along the way. In fact, we've all had so much fun that we've kept our Tuesday night practice going beyond those original apprenticeship required hours! I could not have asked for a better start on this yoga journey and I pray that all of my students know how grateful I am for their presence and "light" in my class. Namaste, Becky Thompson

Continued Thanks to our Property Committee who keeps our property warm in the winter and cool during the Summer, our lights lit, our outside looking nice and our overall facility running smoothly. Our thanks go out to: Dave Scott, Dayne Miller, Don Wood, Ed Thorn, Floyd Gouse Jr., Gene Keith, Herb Sutton, Pat Eakin, Tim Kern, to all who came out and assisted with the Fall & Spring Clean-ups and to our Sexton, Mike Hatz.

Thanks go out: to **Brenda Kern & Chris Grice** for coordinating and **all who helped** with the Gift Wrap Event held on December 12th; to the **Ward-Diorio's** for the wonderful Open House; to **Betsy Rushong & Sue Mullin** for creating Advent greens centerpieces and sharing them with some members of our congregation; to **Kathy Aumiller & Shirley Keith Knox** for coordinating, **to all who donated gifts & to Mumma Jewelers** who gave us a great deal on a last minute gift needed for the families we adopted through New Hope Ministries; **to all** who purchased the poinsettias that beautified our Sanctuary this Christmas Season and allowed us to deliver 28 Poinsettia's to the residents at Sarah Todd and Thornwald nursing homes on December 26th, to **Betty & Tom Olsen** for taking care of the luminaries Christmas Eve and **to the Youth** who assisted in blowing them out after the 4 PM Christmas Eve Service, to **Sarah Myers & Patrice Miller** for providing the beautiful prelude for the 10:45 Christmas Eve Service, to **Katelyn Chamberlain** and **Jonne & Eric Dundore** for their beautiful solos, to Kevin Neidig, instrumentalist for Eric's solo, **to all the Choirs** and **to all the Advent Readers**.



"THE POLLYANNAS' 3rd ANNUAL COOKIE WALK" netted \$467 through the sale of the cookies and cash donations. **We want to thank all who participated in this effort."**

Christmas Cantata

Thanks to all who had any hand in making the down-home Christmas Cantata come to life on Sunday, December 19th. We are so grateful to all our regular choir members and those who joined us just for this event, the instrumentalists (and most especially Sarah Myers), the puppeteers, to Brian Medkeff-Rose, all the Sunday School kids and their parents and to Eric and Jonne Dundore for making sure everything got done well!

Our Thanks go out to all our Worship Participants all year long; **Acolyte's, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, the Altar Flower Deliverer's, Communion Preparers, Ron & Susan Gabriel** who prepare the Altar Flowers for delivery and to those who schedule our Worship Participants each month: **Karen Allison** for Lectors, **Pam MacKinnon** for Acolytes, **Bonnie Plymette** for Greeters, **Donna Chronister** for Altar Flower deliverers, **Donna Sterner** for communion preparer's and the **Head Ushers**.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING TRIVIA – by JoAnn Grubbs.

Each year as I help pull out our St Paul's Christmas decorations my thoughts return to the people (those still with us and those who have passed on or moved on to other places) and I wanted to share these thoughts with all our new church members.

My earliest memory is of Linda Shea and Betsy Eichelberger creating a "Putz" made of chicken wire, moss and greens along with white lights and the manger scene in our narthex. It would take them hours and hours on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and Linda would inevitably end up with poison ivy, but it was a moving and beautiful display that my husband and I looked forward to every year. Due to circumstances, this tradition didn't continue so my husband, Richard, selected the manger scene we use today on a shopping trip one day.

In the parlor you will see a lovely white ceramic nativity set made by Eleanor Daniels, I am told.

The Chrismons hanging on our large tree (tree donated by the Pirtles) were hand-made by Marian Hoffman and Joyce Roth many years ago.

The star at the top was made by Al Huebner. Richard and I chose the stars on the two smaller trees to match.

The candle holders in the windows were made by Frank and Ralph "Bud" Miller.

The blue altar cloths were a memorial gift given in memory of Dorothy Scott.

I can remember Dave and Andy Hall trying to keep the luminaries that line our walkway lighted on Christmas Eve in the wind, rain and snow.

There are over 70 bows placed all around the church and thanks to the wonderful new wired ribbon we can use them for 3 years before we change the color scheme.

We decided to go with artificial greens in the 1990's. Many of us remember gathering, clipping, soaking, arranging and and creating the two smaller trees on the altar with chicken wire and oasis, a time consuming, tedious and messy job that would take all day as we kept our energy and spirits up with Christmas music, coffee and donuts.

This year, Jonne and all the Dundore family, Deb & Bill Cashman, Tim Kern, Don & Merikay Woods, Rhoda Rupp, Susan White, Jen Martek, Linda Alburger, Dave Scott, Ernie Moyer, and JoAnn Grubbs got everything up in record time.

Some of the members who have helped in the past were Kathy Templin, Anna Thompson, Cindy Bentzel, Mary Louise Miller and Leann Davinroy just to name a few. There are many, many more.

As we look around at our beautiful church decorations during the Advent & Christmas Season, it would be nice to take a few moments to remember the people who are responsible for the beautiful display.



Meet our
New
Members



On December 12th, we welcomed 5 new members here at St. Paul's. **OUR THANKS** go out to their Sponsors: Shirley Keith Knox, Linda Alburger, Ralph Kiner Jr., Connie & Herb Sutton.

Rick Holtzapple

Rick has "officially" joined St. Paul's, after attending for some time. He is married to Greg Fox and they have been attending for over a year and been active in a variety of activities. Rick recently retired from his work in the food industry. He is an avid football fan and he and Greg enjoy owning and maintaining antique cars. He is originally from the York area and has four children.

Sam & Tim Kiner

Tim is a graduate from Red Land HS, and Sam from Northern HS. They met while working at Messiah Village in the food service area. They are both huge Steeler fans. Tim had only one question for Sam before he asked her out on a date and that was what football team do you root for, when she said the Steelers he asked her out. They just celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary on the 6th of December and they reside in Grantham. . They are the proud owners of two rescued animals, a dog "Mez" and cat "Cheez-it." Samantha (Sam) works as a certified nursing assistant at Sarah Todd Nursing Home in Carlisle and Tim works for Jacobsen Companies.

Dr. Christopher Royer & Elaine Daly

Dr. Christopher Royer grew up in Philadelphia and Florida. He graduated from Haverford College and Weidner University. He and Elaine met in college and were married in 1990. They moved to Mechanicsburg in 1998. He is a Doctor of Psychology with a private practice in Camp Hill. In his spare time Chris enjoys woodworking. Elaine Daly grew up in Minneapolis and Scottsdale, AZ. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College and York

College of Nursing. Elaine is a visiting nurse. She enjoys gardening in her leisure time. They have three children; Luke is a student at Harrisburg Area Community College, Elizabeth is a 9th grader at Mechanicsburg and is in the orchestra and musical chorus and Kathryn is in 3rd grade and is in the *Nutcracker* at Whitaker Center.

