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Dear Friends,

Below is a parody of the Christmas season that comes from Baptist Pastor Steve Smith.

And there were in the same country children keeping watch over their stockings by the fireplace. And lo! And was said unto them 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that is for all people who can afford them. For there will be given great feasts of turkey, dressing and cake; and many presents; and this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the presents, wrapped in bright paper, lying beneath a tree adorned with tinsel, colored balls and lights. And suddenly, there will be with you a multitude of relatives and friends, praising you and saying, 'thank you so much, it was just what I wanted'. And it shall come to pass as the friends and relatives have gone their way to their own homes, the parents shall say to one another, What a mess to clean up! I'm tired, let's go to bed and pick it up tomorrow. Thank goodness, Christmas only comes once a year!'. And they go with haste to their cold bed and find their desired rest."

Each year Christmas is celebrated, and yet many people never give a second thought as to why we have Christmas at all. They don't understand that without Christ their Christmas is just "mas."

God, because He loved the world so much: came into the world, put on human flesh, and he even started out the same way you and I did, yet far too many people don't ever take the time to recognize this king -- to bow down and worship him. Take the time this year and discover again the love that comes in human flesh for all who are willing to receive him.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Pastor Tim

Preparations for Advent: Before celebrating the start of this season of the Christian year preparations must be made. The church is to be decorated on Saturday, December 1, starting at 9:00 AM. Of course, volunteers are needed. The more the merrier and the more quickly the tasks get done. This event is a good one for your children or grandchildren. To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary & the table in the Sunday School room. Also, we need help to take down the decorations on Saturday, January 12, beginning at 9 AM.

Ladies Night Out, Make & Take Workshop! All ladies of the church and community are invited to this event. It takes place on Thursday, December 6, 6:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. Independent designer, Cindy Smith will lead participants in making a chalkboard or canvass creation using Chalk Coutre products. The cost is \$20.00 per person. You must sign up for this event. Registration deadline is Tuesday, November 27. Contact Sharon Funk at 717-501-4339 if you wish to attend.



Celebrate the Start of Advent

We begin our Advent season this year with a beautifully decorated church as our way of preparing to receive the coming of the Christ Child. Jesus, focusing this year on the nativity scene that will be displayed on our sanctuary altar. Come and find out why God had his One and Only Son to be born in a stable. It all takes place the first Sunday of Advent, December 2. On that Sunday our schedule will be as follows:

One worship service - 10:30 AM in sanctuary;
Holiday Craft Time – 11:30 AM – 12 Noon
Covered Dish Luncheon – 12 Noon in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.
Red Lion/ Felton Band Concert - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The fellowship meal is a covered dish style. Please bring your favorite dish, along with family and friends to enjoy this special day. The members of Grace & Truth Ministry, the Spanish-speaking church that uses our building, have been invited to join us for worship and the meal. This should be a great Sunday morning experience. Plan to attend. Please note: there is no early worship on December 2.

. **Deadline for registering is Sunday, Nov. 25th.**

A - F - last name bring a salad
G - L - last name bring a casserole
M - R - last name bring a vegetable
S - Z - last name bring a dessert

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Covered Dish Luncheon

Name _____

attending _____
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Sounds of Christmas: In place of a Christmas cantata, our choir, orchestra and Joyful Vibrations Hand Bell Choir will perform special selections to honor the birth of our Savior. This happens on Sunday, December 23 at 9:00 AM. **There is no 10:30 AM worship or Adult Sunday school on this day.** Immediately following the service is a fellowship and refreshment time in the Sunday school room. Cookies, punch, coffee and tea will be available. Mark this date on your calendar and invite your friends to join us.



Two Christmas Eve Services for the whole family will be held in our beautiful sanctuary on Monday evening, December 24. You may choose the 7:00 PM service or the one at 11:00 PM. A live nativity is planned for the 7:00 PM worship hour. This year there will be no special music before the 11 PM service. Any special music will be performed during both services. Come and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas this year at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Women in the Word: In December the group continues to explore the spiritual battle in which all Christians are engaged using Kay Arthur's book, Lord, Is It Warfare? It meets Saturday, December 15, 9:00 AM in the Sunday school room and is led by our pastor's wife, Sharon Funk. Remember, the ladies meet the 3rd Saturday of each month until the summer. All women are invited.

Pastor Tim's Bible study on The Gospel of John is on a break for Thanksgiving. There is no Bible Study on November 20 & 27. In December it will meet the 4th, 11th and 18th. Then it will go on a Christmas, New Year's and winter break. The group will resume its study on Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 PM in the Lounge. New students are always welcome!

There are no Mid-week services November 21, December 26 and January 2 due to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. The first mid-week service of 2019 will be Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM.

Christmas & New Year's At-a-Glance

Christmas Eve, Monday December 24

Early Christmas Eve Service – 7:00 PM;

Late Christmas Eve Service – 11:00 PM.

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31

Pork and Sauerkraut Supper - 5:00-7:00 PM.



- 10 - Sue & Jeff Smith
- 13 - Joyce & Lee Seitz
- 16 - April & Justin Orwig; Anita & David Smeltzer; Holly & Michael Smith
- 21 - Diane & David Koller; Susan & James McKeever
- 26 - Dorothy & Glenn Cooper
- 30 - Barbara & Kent Smith



- 1 - Liam Jensen
- 2 - Sawyer Robertson, Dorcas Townsley
- 3 - Leanne Bailey, Barry Frey
- 4 - Katie Fabbri, Tim Funk, Andrew Roland
- 5 - Jeanne Burke, Janet Grove,
Charlotte Haugh (96), Joshua Inners, Emily Stefanelli
- 6 - Jacqueline Bailey, Phyllis Frey
- 8 - Sylvia Berger
- 9 - Lisa Downs
- 10 - Charles Waltemyer
- 12 - Dean Baldwin, Harry Lohss, Alexandra Smith, S. Sue Smith
- 14 - Joyce Seitz, Rodger Stein
- 15 - April Stephens
- 16 - Elizabeth Dinsmore
- 18 - Tony Baldwin, Melissa Fabbri, William Mitzel, Holly Seace, Betty Taylor (99)
- 19 - Tifinie McCullough, Angel Michael
- 20 - Lloyd Eyster
- 21 - Glenn Cooper
- 22 - Beth Barshinger, Rick Jensen, Kimberly Kopp
- 23 - Amanda Wivell
- 24 - Weslee Zieber
- 25 - Baby Jesus
- 27 - Chloe Seace, Laurie Yeakel
- 28 - Troy Fisher
- 29 - Matthew Fisher, Eric Warner
- 30 - Natalie Lawton, Tracy Mummert



Our Christian Sympathies are spoken to the families of Terry Rider, who passed away, Monday, September 24th; Henry Herrman, who passed away, Friday, October 5th; Claudia Gillespie, who passed away, Thursday, Oct. 18th and Carolyn Kline, who passed away, Wednesday, Oct. 24th.





Ushers

William Ritz, Captain

David Ehrhart

Melissa Ehrhart

Head Ushers

- Dec. 2 - Arlene Neff
- 9 - Carol Gillmen
- 16 - Lisa Petzar
- 23 - William Wise
- 30 - Arlene Neff

**Nursery Helpers
(9:00 AM)**

(10:30 AM)

- Dec. 2 -
- Dec. 9 - Jeanne Ratliff
- 16 - Sandy Brown
- 30 -



December 15th



Church Stewardship

Balance 01/01/2018	100,649.91
Receipts:	
Envelopes	183,972.00
Loose Offering	2,750.75
Sunday School	391.00
Mid-Week	955.35
Maintenance	1,706.50
Lent	660.00
Easter	1,586.00
Rental/weddings	5,623.40
Bulletins	800.00
Advent	5.00
Pre School	17,165.00
Staffing	1,706.50
Miscellaneous	4,928.32
Goldman Hall	4,166.67
Parking Lot	2,264.71
Tree of Lights	850.00
Total	229,531.20
Expenses:	
Salaries	140,688.50
Related to Salaries	34,795.52
Administration	6,720.73
Program	4,886.85

Miscellaneous	1,469.15
Property	57,803.10
Outreach	17,598.75
Total	263,962.60
Balance 10/31/2018	66,218.51

Our Stewardship this Year to Date, Nov. 12

Receipts needed per week	6,502.00
Total Receipts to date	237,907.78
Total Receipts needed to date	292,593.00 (11/11)

Attendance

Sept. 23 – 9:00 - 82	10:30 - 19	MW - 15
Sept.30- 9:00 - 67	10:30 - 28	MW - 20
Oct. 7 - 9:00 - 79	10:30 - 21	MW - 13
Oct. 14 - 9:00 - 92	10:30 - 19	MW - 11
Oct. 21 - 9:00 - 78	10:30 - 20	MW - 12
Oct. 28 - 9:00 - 74	10:30 - 16	MW - 00
Nov. 4 – 9:00 - 111	10:30 - 21	MW - 12
Nov. 11 - 9:00 - 95	10:30 - 00	MW -

Financial Need

Over the last few years, we have lost many good givers to St. Paul's due to death. It is now starting to catch up to us. The offerings are down this year. As a result, the Administrative Council has decided to freeze all staff salaries and wages. This is no reflection on their performance. It is simply a response to the loss of income. We do have reserve funds to help cover any shortfall. The leadership has endeavored to trim the budget for 2019. (Copies are inserted in this newsletter.) However, the Shares of Ministry increases mean a rise in the budget from last year. Prayerfully consider how you can help replenish St. Paul's General Fund his Christmas and New Year season.

Discount Cards

The Preschool has discount cards available this year for **\$5 each**. They may be purchased from the church office. Some of the establishments are Hardee's, Subway, Wendy, The Meadows, Lion Bowling Center, Mignano's Pizza, Golden Crust, Rita's, Flying Feet, Arby's, S & S Produce, Treasa's Pizza, Cape Horn Pets, Anstine's Candy, Red Lion Corner Café, Roma's Pizza, Mack's Ice Cream by Wendy & Heritage Hills Mini Golf.



Remember our Shut-ins

Several members of St. Paul's now reside in area nursing homes, some permanently and others temporarily. Nevertheless, these persons are still a part of our church, and need to be remembered by all of us. Therefore, this list is being provided not merely, for your information, but so that as caring members of Christ's Holy Church you will make the effort to remember these individuals in your prayers and with visits, cards, and telephone calls.

Country Meadows – 2960 Pine Grove Rd., York, 17403 Betty Houck (3101)

Rest Haven – 1050 S George St., York, 17403
Hilda & Lloyd Eyster (765)

Broadmore – 2405 Knob Hill Rd., York, 17403
Doris Keller (221)

Country Meadows North – 1920 Trolley Rd., York, 17408 Charlotte Haugh

Brunswick – 2830 Carol Rd, York 17402
Larry Smith (128) Glenda Bricker (210)

Homebound Members

Kay Rider – 451 N. Main St., Red Lion

Helen Donagher – 214 Forest Hills Rd., Red Lion

Betty Markel - 941 Wise Ave, Red Lion
 Iris Hannigan – 625 Wise Ave, Red Lion
 Charmaine & Charlie Waltemyer – 2172 Knob Hill Rd, 17403
 Vernon Baldwin – 880 Country Club Rd, Dallastown, 17313
 Dale Chronister – 120 Kirkland Dr., RL
 Dorothea Gipe – 2448 Emig Mill Rd, Dover, 17315
 Dottie Neff – 1026 Hastings Blvd, York 17402
 Roland Sowers – 2105 Knob Hill Rd, Apt. 327, York, 17403
 Barbara Green – 623 Courtland St, York, 17403

Help Needed

Once again we will be hosting a New Year's Eve Pork & Sauerkraut dinner. We will need donations of various desserts & extra volunteers. If you can help please fill out the slip below & turn it in to the church office or call Wanda Strickler @ 717-244-9052.

I can help by:

- serving food
- washing dishes/cleaning tables
- setting up
- seating people
- making a dessert

Name _____

Phone _____



December 31 (5 - 7 PM)

The Annual New Year's Eve Pork & Sauerkraut Supper will be served in our fellowship hall on Monday, December 31, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. It is best to phone in ahead of time to the church office (717-244-2355) for the meal. Donations are accepted. Like last year, the Community Meal crew is preparing the food. But

we still could use extra volunteers, especially for clean-up, and dessert donations. Call Wanda Strickler if interested (717-244-9052). All proceeds raised are to be used to support the community meals held at St. Paul's the second Monday of each month. Note: a planning meeting for the New Year's Eve supper is set for Monday, December 17, 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Community Meal Update: A total of 162 attended November's dinner of Chicken & Rice casserole. In addition, 80 takeout meals were distributed. The next supper of ham, baked corn and sweet potatoes is Monday, December, 10. We serve from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. St. Paul's has been asked to supply the desserts for this meal. Please contact Wanda Strickler (717-244-9052) if you wish to contribute. The first Community Meal of the New Year is Monday, January 14, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. That evening beef pot pie, peas and coleslaw are on the menu. As always, after each meal activities for children and a Christian video for adults are offered.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
 BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, January 3

Watch weekly bulletin for more info





Dear Church Members,

Happy Holidays! This time of year flies by in general, but more specifically in school. Between celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas we don't have time for much else!

In addition to our focus on Christmas this month, we will also be teaching the students some Math concepts. We have a lesson on patterning, measurement and a lesson on graphing. We continue to learn how to recognize letters as well as the sounds they make and practice writing them. We also do a special lesson using the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The students have an opportunity to make a very hungry caterpillar sock puppet and retell the story using their puppets. This year, this lesson will have special significance as Mr. Ehrhart brought in his caterpillars and butterflies and taught the kids the life cycle of a butterfly, how to care for them, and he even released them with the students.

We have a parent planned Christmas party and our Christmas break starts on Monday, December 24th and we come back to school the Friday after the New Year!

I will be concluding our first round of testing this month. Each student receives an individual report card and parents have an opportunity to sign up for a conference. Due to the shortness and busyness of the month we will not be going on a field trip until January.

Thanks for your continued support!

Merry Christmas,
Patience Martin

Dear Church Members,

There will be a lot of excitement in the 2's class this month. We will be learning a few more letters, "H", "I", and "J". We will also be making a lot of crafts pertaining to Christmas. Our field trip will be to the Red Lion Train Station to see the model trains. This is always an exciting trip for the kids with their eyes searching through every little crevice of the display. If you have never been, I would highly suggest a visit. The Red Lion Model Railroaders do an amazing job with the display. We will also be having a special visitor to the classroom this month; the Big Guy all the way from the North Pole!!

I cannot believe that we will be saying goodbye to 2018 already, but we are all looking forward to the New Year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tammy Rutzebeck



Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a form to sponsor a light on the sanctuary Christmas tree in memory of a loved one, to honor a family member, mentor or friends or as a gift to help support church programs. The tree will be lit at the 7 PM service on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Upcoming Meetings

New Year's Pork & Sauerkraut Planning - Monday, Dec. 17, 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall;

Preschool Committee - Monday, January 7, 7:00 PM in the lounge;

Finance Committee - Monday, January 14, 7:00 PM in the lounge;

Administrative Council - Thursday, January 24, 7:00 PM in the lounge.

December's Events:

St. Paul's Family Activities:

Remember we are **ALL** a part of St. Paul's FAMILY

A big THANK YOU, to everyone who donated items for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. A big THANK YOU as

well to those who helped to pack them. We filled 25 shoe boxes which were delivered to one of the organizing churches for shipment. Great job everyone!

Due to special services and holiday schedules, there will be NO Children's Worship or Just 4 Teens Worship on the following dates December 23 and 30, 2018. Please enjoy the special services as a family.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 11:30 AM Hanging of the Greens Special Activity: Holiday Craft Time for children, youth and adults. Thank you to Jodi Sprenkle for organizing this special event for us.

December 24, 2018 7 PM Live Nativity. Characters will be portrayed by our children and youth.

Thursday, December 27, 2018 5 PM Family Holiday Minute To Win It Games and Pizza dinner. Please look for a sign up form in the weekly bulletin.

Any questions about these events, contact Andrea Rider at 449-9942 or arider168@comcast.net



