

Maintenance Projects: We have quite a list of work that needs done to our building to keep it from deteriorating. The list appears in a letter sent out in October to each member. The total cost for these projects is well over \$150,000.00. So far, we have received \$32,685.00! Thank you. Work on the roof is progressing. After that the organ will be fixed. Then we will decide how to proceed with the stained glass window repair. The upgrade for our church computers has been approved and they have been received. With the Lord's help and your generosity we will complete these projects and keep our facilities presentable to all who worship with us and, most importantly, to God.

Tree of Lights is again being offered for this Christmas season. This is an opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones and important people in your life or in that of St. Paul's Church life. It also provides an opportunity to give a year-end gift to St. Paul's. Please see the enclosed form in today's bulletin for more details. Deadline to have these included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is December 15th. Extra forms will be available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank You.

Online Learning: Listed below are times when Andrea Rider will be sharing lessons for different age groups. She will teach lessons "live" at the times listed. All lessons will be recorded and added to the church website for people to watch if they can't join her at the scheduled time on Google Meet or Zoom for the "live" lesson. In order to participate in the "live" lessons or discussions, Andrea will need your Google Meet ID or email address to invite you to participate on Google Meet and/or Zoom. If you have questions, contact ANDREA at 717-449-9942 or arider168@comcast.net

Each Tuesday evening
Bible Story Time for Preschool – Grade 2, 6:30 – 6:50 PM
Bible Lesson for grades 3-6, 7:00 – 7:30 PM

Each Thursday evening
Jr. & Sr. High Lesson/Group Discussion, 7:00 – 7:30 PM
College Age Lesson/Group Discussion (on Zoom) 7:35- 8:00 PM

2nd Sunday each month
Monthly Adult Group Discussion of Contemporary Issues (on Zoom), 7:00 – 7:30 PM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
45 First Avenue, PO BOX 250
Red Lion, PA 17356
November 29, 2020
10:00 AM

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-24



First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020 - Pastor Tim Funk

Life at St. Paul's (Children to Sunday school room)

Opening Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn # 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Hymn # 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Prayers of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer ("debts")

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

Sermon: "Stories That Stand Out: The Prodigal Son"

Hymn # # 348, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Benediction

Worship through the End of the Year: There will be one, streamlined worship service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary through the rest of the year. This is to minimize contact and the spread of COVID-19. There is no "Passing of the Peace," Children's Sermon" or "Offering," though plates are located at various locations for those who wish to give. Children will be dismissed to the Sunday school room right after the announcements. Please wear masks and distance 6 feet from others. Families may sit together.

Scripture reader today is Sherry Chubb .

Today's altar flowers

are presented to the glory of God and for all of the many blessings that He has given us to be so thankful for this time of year and beyond.

Children's Worship Activities: We now offer Children's Activities during the 10 AM worship service in the Sunday school room. Andrea Rider is the leader. Children will be dismissed to their activities just after the announcements.

Bible Study and Midweek Service are on break until late winter or early spring. Watch the bulletin for the start-up dates.

Christmas 2020: Sounds of Christmas, featuring St. Paul's special musical groups is Sunday, December 20, 10 AM in the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve & Candlelight: Thursday, December 24. Due to COVID there is only one service at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Kids Helping Kids Project: While working on the curriculum that comes with the Operation Christmas Child program, the children of the Children's Worship time came up with an idea. They would like to provide the needy children of the Red Lion community with a holiday surprise. They have set a goal of 15 bags of goodies for 15 needy children. The plan is for the bags to be full of items for boys and girls. Unlike Operation Christmas Child, bags will not be specified for boys or girls. Our bags will be full of items that we can give to either boys or girls. We just want to be able to pass the bags out and not be concerned if we have a boy or girl bag.

Here is a list of items for the bags generated by the kids (ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020.

- Coloring Books, Puzzle Books, Tablets, Construction Paper, Stickers
- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Side-walk Chalk, Erasers
- Yo- Yo, Slinky, Bubbles, Small Games - for example Uno cards
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Hats, Gloves, Socks - neutral colors
- Stuffed Animals, Balls, Squishy Toys
- Hand Sanitizer, Tissues, Soap, Toothpaste and Toothbrush
- Each bag will include a Bible – I will order the Bibles so they are all the same. If you cannot purchase any of the items listed, please consider donating monetarily to defray the costs of the Bibles.

Any questions, feel free to contact me at arider168@comcast.net or 717-449-9942. THANK YOU! Andrea

Additional Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar:

On Sunday, December 6th, 2020 at 11 AM in the Adult SS Room, I will hold a "Learning to Use Zoom" training session. A number of you have shared with me that you are unsure how Zoom works and that has prevented you from participating in the online activities that we have offered. So, I'm going to show anyone who would like to learn, how to download and use Zoom. If you have a laptop computer or some type of a tablet, it would be helpful to bring it with you to the training. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Please notify me if you plan to attend so I can plan for social distancing.

Thank you!

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Who likes to solve escape rooms???

Who wants to give a try???

If you answered yes to either of those questions, plan to join us for The Nativity Escape Room! On Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 11 AM in the Adult Sunday School Room. Either individuals, teams and/or families may participate in The Nativity Escape Room activity. I will give more detailed directions on December 20th but I don't want to give away any hints/clues. However, I will try to answer any questions you may have about this activity. We will make accommodations for people to join us over Zoom so everyone can enjoy this fun activity. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Please notify me if you plan to participate in person or via Zoom so I can plan for social distancing and materials.

Thank you!

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This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Worship 10 AM—Sanctuary

Monday, Nov. 30th: No Preschool—Vacation
Handbell Practice 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Dec. 1st: Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
No Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd: Preschool 9 AM
Praise Team 6-7 PM (sanctuary)
Boy Scouts 6:30-8 PM (downstairs)
No Mid-Week service

Thursday, Dec. 3rd:

Friday, Dec. 4th: Preschool 9 AM

Saturday, Dec. 5th:

Gift Cards Anyone?

Current Order Forms are at the rear of the sanctuary. Completed orders can either be left in the church office, placed in the offering plate or given directly to Wanda Strickler. Card orders normally will be available for pick-up in the church office after Wednesday of the following week unless otherwise noted. All of these can be used like any other gift card and a percentage of the purchase of the card comes back to St. Paul's! They make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends. Won't you consider buying some this Christmas to support St. Paul's? Thank you.

Plastic Grocery Bags are needed for the Community Meal to put the meals in for distribution to the recipients. If you have clean ones lying around that you would like to donate, please bring them in and place them down in the kitchen. Thank you.