

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 24, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk**

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Life at St. Paul's

Prelude "He"

Opening Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

Songs led by the Worship Team  
"Open Up the Heavens"  
"Power of Your Love"

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:21-35

Sermon: "Waiting on God" Part 2

Closing Song led by Worship Team  
"Soul on Fire"

Benediction

Postlude "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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**Until further notice:** there will be one, streamlined worship service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary to minimize contact and the spread of COVID-19.

Note: there will be no children's worship activities this morning.

Please wear masks and distance 6 feet from others. Families may sit together.

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**Scripture reader today** is Wanda Strickler.

**Today's altar flowers**

are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Marlyn L. Neff, by Arlene Neff and sons David, Steve & Grandchildren.

**The morning bulletins**

are presented in loving memory of husband Larry Warner by wife Dawn and children Missy, Lori and grandchildren Matthew and Katie.

*"We begin to remember not that you died but that you lived and your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget"*

**Prayer Vigil:** Each Tuesday through February St. Paul's members are invited to take 15 minutes to pray for our country community and church wherever you are. The church sanctuary will be open, too.

**Pulpit Swap, Next Sunday:** As many of you know, we are linked in extension ministry with Grace UMC, Windsor. Pastor Tim provides leadership and visitation, while Mr. Kevin Zieber, also of our church, fills the pulpit on Sunday mornings. To support the Christians of Grace Kevin and Tim will swap pulpits the fifth Sunday of each month in 2021. January 31 is the first fifth Sunday of the year. Please welcome Kevin and family back to St. Paul's.

**Community Meals for January & February** have been canceled due to COVID and the uncertain winter weather. We plan to resume the meals in March.

**Maintenance Projects:** Good News, the roof repair is finished, the organ is now at full strength and the new computers have been installed. Next, we tackle the Sunday school tower stained glass window that is allowing water intrusion. After that, the sanctuary ceiling damaged by the roof leaks needs repaired. The total cost for these projects is well over \$150,000.00. So far, we have received \$36,585.00! Thank you. 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. You may give to this fund online at our church website or use the envelopes labeled "Upcoming Maintenance Projects" available at the rear of the sanctuary. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

**The Bible Adventure Released Time Bible Program** is coming to St. Paul's. This past Sunday the Leadership Council voted to open our church to this outreach. It is run by Joy-El Ministries, a Christian organization committed to "providing an opportunity for public school students to receive Biblical instruction from caring

adults.” Approximately 15 students in grades 3-5 from Pleasant View Elementary will participate in the program on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3:30 PM. All we do is open our facility. Transportation and teaching staff are provided by Joy-El and Red Lion Bus Company. We are excited to support this ministry.

**Zoom** – I would like to offer my time to meet with individuals to demonstrate how to participate in Zoom meetings. Several people were unable to attend the previous Sunday morning session but still want to learn how to use Zoom. If you would like a one on one session, contact me and we will make arrangements to meet at St. Paul’s. Andrea 717-449-9942 or [andreastpaulsumc@gmail.com](mailto:andreastpaulsumc@gmail.com).

**Scripture readers needed.** We are looking for volunteers to read the Scripture on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. It covers the period January-April, 2021. You will be notified by phone the week prior to the Sunday selected of the verses you will be reading so you have time to review them. Thank you for helping with this important job.

**Inclement Weather**—How do you know when services at St. Paul’s are canceled? The main means of finding out about cancelation is to tune to the ABC affiliate in Harrisburg. It is ABC TV 27, but it may be a different channel on your cable or satellite provider. Then, watch the screen for information regard-ing St. Paul’s, Red Lion. The next place to search would be the church’s website, [www.saintpauls-um.com](http://www.saintpauls-um.com). If that doesn’t work for you, just call the church office 717-244-2355 or contact Pastor Tim directly at 717-501-4339.

**2021 Altar Flower & Bulletin Sponsors-** We have our 2021 Sponsor booklet available in the office. You can sign up for a particular Sunday for either flowers or bulletins (or both) and list exactly how you would like to see your tribute placed in the bulletin. You may also call into the church office with this information as well. We ask that, even if you previously had a “standing order” in for a certain date that you stop by the office and reaffirm these so that all our information is up-to-date. Altar flowers are \$40 for (2) vases. Larger or more ornate ones can be

requested for an additional fee. Bulletin sponsorships are \$25 a week. There are spots available throughout the year—won’t you consider signing up? Thank you.

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## **Additional Announcements**

**Recycling reminder:** There is a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for empty printer ink cartridges that you may have. We turn these into various office supply stores for credit which in turn is put towards purchasing office supplies used at St. Paul's. Won't you consider helping out our operating budget, as well as our planet by donating yours? Thank you.

### **Preschool Fundraiser—Discount Cards are now available!**

Shown below is a representation of what this card offers. They feature local businesses and discounts and will pay for themselves with just a few uses—all for only \$5.00. Won't you consider purchasing some of these for yourself and family while supporting

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## **This Week's Activities at St. Paul's**

Today: Worship 10:00 AM (sanctuary)

Monday, Jan. 25th: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Handbell Practice 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Jan. 26th: Prayer Vigil 4:00-4:15 PM (sanctuary)  
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)  
No Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 27th: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)  
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)  
No Mid-Week service

Thursday, Jan. 28th: R. L./Felton Band 7-8:00 PM (F. Hall)

Friday, Jan. 29th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Jan. 30th:

### **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! Thank you.

**2021 Offering Envelopes**—some still remain on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for pick-up. If you are unable to pick them up and would like them mailed to you, please call the church office at 717-244-2355.

### **Now on our website:**

The Upcoming Maintenance Projects has now been included in the Online Giving options.

2. The weekly bulletins and inserts are now posted with the worship services on the website.