

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 10, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk**

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Life at St. Paul's

Prelude

Opening Scripture: Matthew 5:11-12

Hymn # 133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-23

Sermon: "The War at Christmas" Part 3

Prayer # 531 "For Overcoming Adversity"

Holy Communion

Hymn # 533 (vv. 1, 3, 4 & 5) "We Shall Overcome"

Benediction

Postlude

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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 Carol Gillmen.

**Today's altar flowers**  
are presented to the glory of God and to His creative power!

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

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

**Women in the Word**, Saturday, January 16, 9:00 AM in the Sunday school room. The study is "Believing God" by Beth Moore. Ladies, please wear your mask and social distance.

**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 last October. The total cost for these projects is well over \$150,000.00. So far, we have received \$36,585.00! Thank you. Work on the roof is almost complete. The organ pipes have been refurbished and will be reinstalled very soon. The new computers for the office and staff have been integrated into our system. Once the roof and organ work are finished we will decide how to proceed with the stained glass window repair in the Sunday school tower. 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.

**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 [andrestpaulsumc@gmail.com](mailto:andrestpaulsumc@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.

**Now on our website:**

1. 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.

**Discount Cards** – St. Paul's Preschool: our Preschool will once again be selling these as a fund raiser. They will feature local businesses with various discounts on your purchases. Watch the announcements for more information and availability of these. Please consider purchasing one or more to help out our Preschool—these more than pay for themselves after just a few uses!

**The Upper Room**— the January/February 2021 issue is now out at the rear of the sanctuary and on the stand at the center tower entrance for your convenience.

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

**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.

**Inclement Weather**—How do you know when services at St. Paul's are canceled? The main means of finding out about cancellation 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 regarding 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.

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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.

**Office closed**—the church office will be closed this coming Thursday, January 14th. Please call and leave a message for Bob regarding normal business items and he will return your call Friday. Pastoral emergencies should be directed to Pastor Tim's cell phone @717-448-4059. Thank you.

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

Today: Worship 10:00 AM Communion (sanctuary)

Monday, Jan. 11th: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Handbell Practice 7:00 PM (adult SS)  
No Community Meal

Tuesday, Jan. 12th: Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)  
No Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 13th: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)  
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)  
Cub Committee 6:30 PM (adult SS)  
No Mid-Week service

Thursday, Jan. 14th: Troop Committee 6:30 PM (adult SS)  
Church office closed today

Friday, Jan. 15th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Jan. 16th: Women in the Word Bible Study 9:00 AM  
(adult SS)

## **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.