

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk

Life at St. Paul's

Opening Scripture: Romans 8:28-31

Praise Choruses led by Worship Team

“It's Christmas”

“Welcome to Our World”

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: “The War at Christmas” Part 2

Closing Song led by Worship Team

“Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy”

Benediction

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.

Scripture reader today is Mary Tisot.

Today's altar flowers

are presented to the glory of God and as a symbol of renewed hope and faith in this New Year through Christ our Lord.

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.

Leadership Council Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School Room.

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 \$36,085.00! 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 wrapped up 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 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.

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.

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Additional Announcements-

Volunteers will be needed to take down the Sanctuary decorations on Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 AM. Volunteers must wear masks.

Communion will be held on Sunday, January 10th in the 10:00 AM service. Prepackaged elements will be served.

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!

Poinsettias – if you placed any of these in the sanctuary and have not picked yours up yet, please do so today. There are protective sleeves on the front outside pews to help keep your plants safe. Perhaps you know of a relative or friend who would appreciate receiving one of these to brighten up their day, even if you cannot give it to them yourself? You could drop them off at the front door of most care facilities with instructions as to whom you wish it to go to.

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