

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk

Life at St. Paul's

Prelude

Opening Scripture: Isaiah 2:12-18

Hymn # 715 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "Looking for Christ"

Closing Hymn # 591 "Rescue the Perishing"

Benediction

Postlude

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 Sandy Brown.

Today's altar flowers

are presented to the glory of God and to the beauty of His world.

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, Today: 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 our brothers and sisters in Christian of Grace Kevin and Tim will swap pulpits the fifth Sunday of each month in 2021. Today is the fifth Sunday of January. Please welcome Kevin and his 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's stained glass window that is allowing water intrusion. After that, the sanctuary ceiling damaged by the leaking roof needs repaired. The total cost for these projects is well over \$150,000.00. So far, we have received \$36,665! 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.

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 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. If that doesn't work for you, just call the church office 717-244-2355 or contact Pastor Tim directly at 717-501-4339.

Alliance Fire & Rescue Services: Have you ever thought about serving your community? Alliance Fire & Rescue Services needs your support and dedication. We are looking for assistance in a wide variety of non-firefighting positions. Dedicated volunteers are needed for fundraising, mail retrieval, finance, administration, building maintenance to name but a few. If interested and you believe that you are ready for the challenge, please call 717-244-8811 or email President Richard Sterner at president@alliancefireandrescue.org for more information.

2020 Financial Statements will be later getting out to you by mail this year than in years past. Our previous office computer somehow enabled the program that we use to enter this information to erase the data contained within it for 2020. Thankfully, hardcopies were made of each entry done previously, but all of this information has to be re-entered again. We ask for your patience as we work through this issue. When you receive your statements, please look over them carefully and notify the

church office of any discrepancies so that it may be corrected. Every effort is being made to re-enter this data as correctly as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

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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 St. Paul's Preschool at the same time? Thank you!

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Worship 10:00 AM (sanctuary)

Monday, Feb. 1st: Preschool 9:00 AM
Handbell Practice 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd: Prayer Vigil 4:00-4:15 PM (sanctuary)
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
No Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy El Kids Noon-3:30 PM (adult SS)
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
No Mid-Week service

Thursday, Feb. 4th: R. L./Felton Band 7-8:00 PM (F. Hall)

Friday, Feb. 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Feb. 6th: Cubs Pinewood Derby Clinic 8 AM-2 PM
(downstairs)

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.

Waiting for a phone call—Dottie Neff (97 years young), one of our long-time members residing at the Brunswick would welcome your phone calls. Her phone number there is 717-880-6116. Won't you consider brightening her day with a call? Thank you for reaching out to Dottie!