

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk

Welcome & Life at St. Paul's (announcements)

Prelude: "You'll Never Walk Alone"

Opening Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

Hymn # 158 "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

Affirmation of Faith # 888 (from 1 Corinthians & Colossians)

Hymn # 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

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

Scripture Lesson: I Peter 4:12-19

Sermon: "Following Jesus? Persecution Will Follow!"

*Hymn # 533 "We Shall Overcome"

Benediction

Postlude: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

Through the end of the year there will be one, streamlined worship service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary to minimize contact and the spread of COVID.

Masking policy statement: *"We hope that you will wear a mask indoors if you are not fully vaccinated. Please respect others choices to wear a mask or not." The Worship/ Leadership Council*

During worship we offer children's activities. Children will be dismissed after the opening announcements.

Today's Scripture reader is Bill Ritz.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and to wish a heavenly, happy 99th birthday to Grace Pressel, presented by son Jim, and Judy Pressel.

Our Church Conference is set for Sunday, November 7, 11 AM in the Sunday school room immediately following worship. Since our District Superintendent, Cathy Boileau led the conference last year, she has asked Pastor Tim to lead it this year. All members of St. Paul's are eligible to attend and vote on the issues presented.

Bible Study continues on Tuesday at 7 PM in the Sunday school room. Pastor Tim leads the group each Tuesday evening during the fall, winter and spring. The Book of Jeremiah is the focus, starting at chapter 5. All are welcome to attend.

Leadership Council- our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18 at 7 PM in the Lounge.

Preschool openings are still available for the 2021-2022 School Year! St. Paul's offers the 2-day and 3-day classes. This year, eligible 3 day students may also choose to participate in a 5-day program. Additional information can be obtained by calling the church office at 717-244-2355 or on our website at www.saintpauls-um.com.

Dear Church Members-for the past 5 years, the congregations of the Red Lion Area have supported The Den program. Once again, The Den Program will meet at Mazie Gable Elementary School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3:30-5:00 PM. The program will begin on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 and end on Thursday, May 19, 2022. There are 2 ways that you can help to make the program a continued success. First, you can volunteer your time and help a child with their homework, or you could donate one of the following items for the students: an individually packaged snack or 8 oz. bottles of water. Please contact The Den Coordinator, Andrea Rider at thedenforkids@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to be a part of this successful program or if you have any questions. Thank you! Andrea Rider, Den Coordinator

"Great News!!!" The Red Lion and Dallastown School Districts have agreed to begin a **Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter** at their respective high schools. The chapters are now in their planning stage with Mr. Bryant Holtzapple as representative and leader. Mr. Holtzapple is a Dallastown High and George Washington University graduate. Funds will be needed for FCA to begin this ministry, as all FCA staff fundraise the support to cover ministry expenses. Bryant is searching for monthly funding

amounting to \$3,600. Giving can be completed online at my.fca.org/BHoltzapple. Bryant can be reached at bholtzapple@fca.org or 717-881-9876. Our hope is that many Christians will realize the importance of this valuable ministry and decide to enlist their support! Many Blessings!!!

Attention Ladies!

Author, Speaker Lysa Terkeurst is coming to our area on Saturday, November 13 at 7 PM! She will be at Genesis Church (formerly Grace Fellowship) in Seven Valleys. I read her book "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way" and it is FANTASTIC!! Tickets are \$35 and all seats are general admission. If you would like to go, you can purchase a ticket off of the Genesis Church website or let me know. If there are enough women interested, we can carpool from our church and head over. If you purchase a ticket but find you are unable to go, you will have to find someone to take your spot. Let me know as quickly as you can. I imagine the tickets are going quickly. Sharon Funk

Scripture readers- a sign-up sheet has been placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for now through the end of December. Please consider signing up for this important part of the worship service. If you have questions, please call the church office at 717-244-2355. Thank you.

Poinsettia Orders can be placed using the envelopes on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary. The cost this year for a 6" potted plant will be \$10.00 each. Orders can be placed in the offering plates or dropped by the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's U.M. Church. **Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, November 21, 2021.** We are hoping to fill our "tree" again this year to add to the beauty of our sanctuary, which takes 35 plants. Please consider purchasing some to help "shape out" our tree!

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 yours included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is December 15th.** Additional forms are available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you.

Found- a light blue and chrome Zak! travel mug was left here in the sanctuary last weekend. **Also found-** a Sam's Club membership card with the member number ending in 0074 was found in the parking lot. If either of these belong to you, please contact the church office. Thank you.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
45 First Avenue, PO BOX 250
Red Lion, PA 17356
October 24, 2021, 10:00 AM

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"Following Jesus? Persecution Will Follow!"



Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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Pastor Tim's email – tfunk@susumc.org
Office email – kayl@saintpauls-um.com
Website – www.saintpauls-um.com

Additional Announcements

Dear Congregation Members,

We have been considering a Christian Growth Time on Sunday mornings before the 10 AM Worship service. Below you will find the opportunities for Christian Growth that we would like to offer on Sunday mornings.

- 1. Bible Study** – During this class, individuals will follow a “typical” Sunday school lesson for adults. The content for this class could be a video series or written curriculum lessons.
- 2. Discussion Group** – This group would discuss current events that effect our lives as Christians. This group may follow the format of a book discussion group. The discussion group would be for young adults in college and beyond.
- 3. Children in grades Preschool to 6th grade** will have a hands on learning activities similar to a Sunday school lesson. (This does not take the place of Children’s Worship during the 10 AM Worship service.)
- 4. Youth in grades 7th – 12th** – We will follow the format of a discussion group and follow the curriculum titled **Freedom Ride** for Christian teens living in today’s world.

As of now, we are planning for a start date of **Sunday, January 9, 2022.** A tentative time may be 9-9:30 AM. We would like the congregation’s input about these options. Please complete the survey below and return it to the church office or Andrea by **Sunday, October 31, 2021.**

Please place a check mark in front of the option you would most likely participate in when our Christian Growth sessions begin. If you are completing the survey for multiple individuals, please use a check for each person.

- _____ 1. Bible Study _____ 2. Discussion Group
- _____ 3. Children _____ 4. Youth

Suggestions:

Any questions, contact Andrea at andreastpaulsumc@gmail.com or 717-449-9942

This Week’s Activities at St. Paul’s

Today: Worship 10:00 AM (sanctuary)

Monday, Oct. 25th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Handbells 7:00 PM (adult SS)
R.L. Concert Choir Fudgemaking (Kit./F.H.)

Tuesday, Oct. 26th: Preschool 9:00 AM
No Cub Scouts
Bible Study 7:00 PM (adult SS)
R.L. Concert Choir Fudgemaking (Kit./F.H.)

Wednesday, Oct. 27th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30-3:30 PM (adult SS)
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)
R.L. Concert Choir Fudgemaking (Kit/F.H.)

Thursday, Oct. 28th: Preschool 9:00 AM
R. L. Concert Choir Fudgemaking (Kit./F.H.)
R.L/Felton Band Board 6:30 PM (Lounge)

Friday, Oct. 29th: Preschool 9:00 AM
R.L. Concert Choir Fudgemaking (Kit./F.H.)

Saturday, Oct. 30th:

Update on Upcoming Maintenance Projects giving– to date, a total of \$52,936.47 has been received towards the list of projects totaling over \$150,000. We thank you for your stewardship in this on-going project to keep the Lord’s house maintained!

Gift Cards still available for purchase– Order forms for these 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 in the church office after Wednesday of the following week unless otherwise noted. All of these can be used like any other gift card, the full face value of the card is what’s available for spending and a percentage of the purchase of each card comes back to St. Paul’s! Won’t you consider purchasing some of these as a way of helping out our church? Thank you.

The November-December Upper Rooms are out at the rear of the sanctuary and in the center tower entrance for your convenience.

Tree Lighting Service
Friday, December 24th at 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
45 First Avenue
Red Lion, PA

Tree of Lights 2021

*Proceeds benefit the Current Expense Budget of
St. Paul's United Methodist Church*

- You may sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree:
- In memory of a loved one
- To honor a family member, mentor or friend
- As a gift to help support church programs

**Please join us on Friday, December 24th
at 8:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary**

Please Note! - All light sponsorships received by December 15th will be displayed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
All light sponsorships received by December 31st will still be included in the final printing of the Scroll of Honor.

\$500 = Red Light

\$100 = Blue Light

\$ 50 = Green Light

\$ 25 = Gold Light

\$ 10 = White Light

(Sponsorship form on back)

Registration Form

Person giving the Light _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

TYPE OF GIFT:

IN HONOR OF: _____

(list name as you would like it displayed on the Scroll of Honor)

IN MEMORY OF: _____

(list name as you would like it displayed on the Scroll of Honor)

YEAR-END GIFT to St. Paul's United Methodist Church _____

TYPE OF LIGHT: _____ \$500 **Red** Light
 _____ \$100 **Blue** Light
 _____ \$ 50 **Green** Light
 _____ \$ 25 **Gold** Light
 _____ \$ 10 **White** Light

If you would also like to have an **Acknowledgement Letter** sent to the family of the person you are honoring, please tell us who you would like the Acknowledgement Letter sent to: (please supply complete mailing information as you know it so we can direct it to this person or family correctly. Thank you).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send your completed form & check to: St. Paul's United Methodist Church
P O Box 250
Red Lion PA 17356-0250

Forms must be received no later than December 15th to be included in the provisional Scroll of Honor, to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. December 31st is the deadline in the final printing of the Scroll of Honor, which will be included in the Memorial book in the Narthex.

Questions? Please call the church office @ 717-244-2355.