

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk

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

Opening Scripture: Psalm 40:1-3

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team: "Now Is the Time"

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Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team "10,000 Reasons"

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

Scripture Lesson: I Kings 19:1-15

Sermon: "The Way Up When You're Down"

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team: "Trading My Sorrows"

Benediction

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 Jim Loyer.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God whom we ask to bless our veterans and active servicemen & women for their past and current service to our country. Be sure and thank a vet today for your freedom!

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

Women in the Word meet Saturday, November 20, 9 AM in the Sunday school room. All ladies are invited to attend. They are studying "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer.

Community Meal leftovers of Shepherd's Pie are available in the downstairs kitchen after worship. Donations are accepted but not necessary. Also, there are some 2 lb. packs of shredded cheddar cheese available as well. See Wanda Strickler for more info.

Preparations for Advent: The sanctuary will be decorated for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, November 27, 9 AM. This is a good event for your children or grandchildren. To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary or contact Amy Glock.

Christmas 2021: Sounds of Christmas, featuring St. Paul's special musical groups, is Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 AM in the sanctuary. A special craft time for the family is available immediately after worship in the Sunday school room.

Christmas Eve & Candlelight: Friday, Dec. 24. Like last year there is only one service at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary.

The last Community Meal of the year is Monday, Dec. 13, 5 PM. It is served take-out style. The menu includes: baked ham, sweet potatoes, corn casserole, rolls, mandarin oranges, dessert. The Community Meal takes a break in January and February. The plan is to resume the meal again on March 14 of 2022 in our fellowship hall.

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.

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. There are still some spots open. 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.

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

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 28, 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.

Jessica & Friends Community and Church of the Open Door Disability Ministry will be broadcasting "A Virtual Christmas Celebration" on Sunday, December 5th @ 6:00 PM on Comcast channel 16 or online at codyork.online.church. This will feature music, drama and creative movement. The program can be viewed afterwards on Jessica & Friends Community's website (jandfcommunity.org) and Facebook page as well as C.O.D.'s Facebook page. Check it out-these folks have worked hard to bring forth a program, overcoming disabilities and challenges!

Extra copies of our Church Conference, held last Sunday, November 7, are available on the rear sanctuary tables. The Parsonage Inspection report is available separately. If we run out, more copies are obtainable for the asking.

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Additional Announcements

It's time for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We still have plastic Operation Christmas Child plastic shoeboxes left over from last year. Therefore, you have two choices for your donations. First choice is to get one of the plastic shoeboxes and fill it for one child or you can bring in a donation of multiple items to be used to fill a shoebox. Gifts should be for girls or boys between the ages of 3 and 12 years of age. Items that could be donated are socks, stuffed animals, hair items like ribbons and barrettes, toothbrushes, small board games (etc.) NO food or liquids. Remember everything needs to fit into a container the size of a shoebox. **Any donations need to be given to Andrea or Bob in the church office TODAY, November 14, 2021 to be included in this year.**

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) TRAINING— St. Paul's purchased (2) of these units over a year ago and was going to offer a training class when COVID hit. Part of the purchase included this training and the vendor would like to see us schedule it now to ensure that these units can be used properly if needed. We are planning to offer a one hour class either the first or second week of December to all those interested. Skip Lehmann, an American Red Cross Certified Instructor will lead the session (there is no cost to the attendees). Once we see how many are interested, we will set a firm date. **If you are interested, or have further questions, please call the church office at your earliest convenience. This will help us to expedite a firm date to have the class.** The maximum number of persons able to take the class is ten. Won't you consider being a part of this potentially life-saving application? Thank you!

Church Office closures— the church office will be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Also Wednesday, Dec. 8 thru Sunday, Dec. 12. Bob and Wanda will be out of town during that time. Please see that any church business, or announcements for the Dec. 12 bulletin that you may have are into the office by end of business on Monday, Dec. 6 for our attention or inclusion. Any phone messages or written correspondence will be attended to on Monday, Dec. 13 when we return. Thank you.

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

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Worship 10:00 AM (sanctuary)

Monday, Nov. 15th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Handbells 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Nov. 16th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
Bible Study 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Wednesday, Nov. 17th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Nov. 18th: Preschool 9:00 AM
R.L. Ministerium 9:00 AM (adult SS)
Leadership Council 7:00 PM (lounge)

Friday, Nov. 19th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Nov. 20th: Women In the Word 9:00 AM (adult SS)

The Bible Adventure, run by Joy-El ministries, could use some volunteers, mostly adults who can listen to the Pleasant View Elementary children recite their Bible verses and sit with them during the session. The group meets Wednesdays from 1:30- 3:30 PM. Contact Pastor Tim if you are interested.

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.