

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 21, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk**

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

Prelude: "Springs of Flowing Water"

Hymn # 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Thanksgiving Litany (Book of Common Prayer)

Special Music by Joyful Vibrations Handbell Choir  
"Proclamation"

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

Scripture Lesson: Daniel 3:1, 8-18

Sermon: "Hold on to Thanksgiving and Praise"

Hymn # 95 "The Doxology"

Benediction

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**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.

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**Today's Scripture reader is Sherry Chubb.**

**Today's altar flowers**

are to the glory of God and in honor of  
Jim and Judy Pressel's 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May God bless  
them with many more years together!

**Bible Study** is on a Thanksgiving break. The group will not meet this Tuesday, November 23 or next Tuesday, November 30. It will meet again on December 7, 7:00 PM in the Sunday school room. Pastor Tim leads the group in the study of The Book of Jeremiah. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Due to the special events** for the advent season, there will be no Children's Worship time on December 19, 26, 2021 and January 2, 2022.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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

**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.

**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 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 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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** will be broadcasting "A Virtual Christmas Celebration" on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM on Comcast channel 16 or online at [codyork.online.church](http://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](http://jandfcommunity.org)) and Facebook page as well as C.O.D.'s Facebook page.

**Extra copies of our Church Conference**, held 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.

**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.

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