

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 28, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk**

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

Song: "Light the Advent Candle" verse 1  
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace - The McDaniel Family

Choruses of Praise led by Praise Team  
"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

Christmas Affirmation of Faith

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team  
"Bethlehem"

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon: "Prince of Peace? Why No Peace?"

Closing Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team  
"Go Tell It on The Mountain" UMH # 251

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 and praise of God the Father who blessed us with Jesus the Son, the reason for this season we now enter into!

**Bible Study** is on a Thanksgiving break. The group will not meet this Tuesday, November 30. It will gather 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.

**Christmas 2021: Sounds of Christmas, featuring St. Paul's special musical groups**, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10 AM in the sanctuary. Refreshments and crafts in Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be a ceramic craft for adults, a snowflake craft for all ages, and a creation station for children. To sign up, call Jodi (717-757-3341) or Sharon (717-501-4339, OR complete the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Please RSVP by Dec. 5 with number attending, as well as the number of ceramic crafts and number of snowflakes your family wishes to make.

**Christmas Eve & Candlelight:** Friday, Dec. 24. 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.

**Women in the Word** meet Saturday, December 18, 9 AM in the Sunday school room. All ladies are invited to attend. They are studying "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer.

**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

**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.

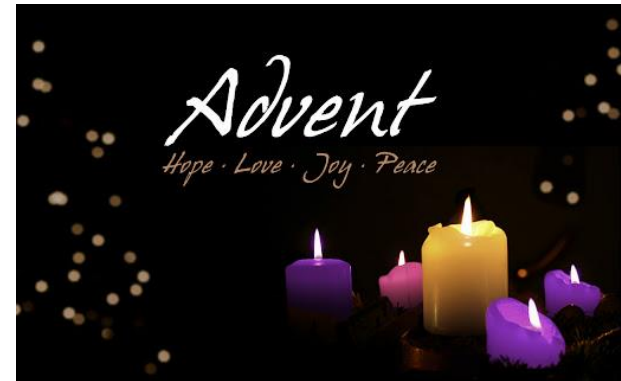
**Extra copies of our Church Conference**, held November 7, are available on the rear sanctuary tables. The Parsonage Inspection report is available separately. If we run out, more copies are obtainable for the asking.

**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.

**An opportunity...**all friends of St. Paul's are invited to join the Women's Bible study members as they collect hats and gloves for the children at Maize Gable Elementary School. Please bring your donations to church on December 19. Thank you!

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45 First Avenue, PO BOX 250  
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November 28, 2021, 10:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent



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## **Additional Announcements**

### **AED (Automated External Defibrillator) TRAINING**

Our instructor, Skip Lehmann, has scheduled our training session here at St. Paul's for **Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**. We hope that this works for all who had expressed an interest in participating in this one hour session. If you cannot make it then, please inform the church office so that an alternate can be found. We thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be a part of this life-saving training!

**Church Office closure**– the church office will be closed *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 the 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.

**Jessica & Friends Community and Church of the Open Door Disability Ministry** 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. Check it out-these folks have worked hard to bring forth a program, overcoming disabilities and challenges!

**Relief caregiver/transportation provider** is being sought for some of our members and their spouses. This would be on an as-needed basis to enable the primary caregiver to run errands, go to doctor appointments, etc. If you would have an hour or so here and there to "spell" a caregiver by staying with their loved one who cannot be left alone, or by driving them places for necessary visits, please let the church office or Pastor Tim know. Thank you for your consideration and compassion to these folks in need.

**The Sunday School Tower** repair work is now complete and the scaffolding has been removed from that stairwell. Between the work that Ehrhart Stained Glass and Ausherman Painting did, the area looks brand new. If you have a chance, we suggest you stop up and take a look at it. Thank you for your understanding and support while this work was underway. Once you see it, you will probably agree that it was worth the inconvenience and the wait!

## **This Week's Activities at St. Paul's**

Today: Worship 10:00 AM First Sunday of Advent (sanctuary)

Monday, Nov. 29th: Preschool –Vacation  
Handbells 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Nov. 30th: Preschool –Vacation  
No Bible Study  
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Dec. 1st: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)  
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)  
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Dec. 2nd: Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Dec. 3rd: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Dec. 4th:

**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.

**Recycling reminder:** There is a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for empty printer cartridges that you may have and would like to "repurpose". We turn these into the 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?

Christmas is coming early this year for the members of St. Paul's UMC! There are 2 Christian music concerts that will be happening in our area in 2022.

March 4, 2022 at 7 PM Hershey's Giant Center (\$50)  
Performers: Chris Tomlin, Hillsong United and Pat Barrett

July 24, 2022 at 8 PM York Fair (\$40)  
Performers: For King and Country (Featuring Zach Williams)

As a special Christmas gift for our members, the church will pay a portion of the tickets for these concerts as follows.....

All children and youth St. Paul's will have the full amount of their tickets paid. *Ages birth to 22 years old.*

All adult members will have 50% of their ticket price covered by the church.

Non-members are welcomed to join us. Their ticket will be full price.

If you would tickets for these concerts, complete the bottom portion of this announcement with the appropriate information to the church office or Andrea by **Sunday, December 19, 2021** so tickets can be purchased as soon as possible.

Feel free to contact Andrea at 717-449-9942 or [andreastpaulsumc@gmail.com](mailto:andreastpaulsumc@gmail.com)

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Choose which concert you would like to attend or attend both.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

March 4, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ number of children/youth tickets \_\_\_\_\_ number of adult  
\_\_\_\_\_ number of non-member tickets

July 24, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ number of children/youth tickets \_\_\_\_\_ number of adult  
\_\_\_\_\_ number of non-member tickets