

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk
***standing as able**

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy – The Brinton Family
Song: "Light the Advent Candle" verse 3

*Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team
"See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw"

*A Christmas Affirmation of Faith

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team
"Star Child"

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "The History We Should All Know" Part 2

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - verses 1, 2 and 4

Benediction

Through the end of the year and into part of the new 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. **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.**

Today's Scripture reader is Sherry Chubb.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joyce Seitz on what would have been her 86th birthday December 14, presented by Joni Horne.

Today's pedestal flowers

are in loving memory of Janet, Sterling & Galen Stump, presented by Susan Stump Ferguson.

Today's bulletins

are placed in honor of what would have been Joyce Seitz's 86th birthday December 14 (*she is dearly missed*), by Joni Horne.

And also

in loving memory of Mike Fritz, who was the nephew of Phyllis Gould and the son of Dorrie & Harold Anstine. Mike passed away ten years ago on July 18, 2011.

A special Church Conference will be held in the sanctuary immediately following worship today. It pertains to the Boy Scout bankruptcy case that involves churches like ours that charter Scout troops. This is the only item on the agenda so it should be a brief meeting.

Bible Study meets this Tuesday, December 14. After this session, the group takes a Christmas break. There will be no Bible study the Tuesdays of December 21, 28 or January 4. It will reconvene on January 11. When in session, Pastor Tim leads the group in the study of The Book of Jeremiah. All are welcome.

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.

Christmas Eve & Candlelight: Friday, December 24. One service at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary.

The last Community Meal of the year is tomorrow, 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 this 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.

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

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.

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 Mazie Gable Elementary School. Please bring your donations to church by December 19. Thank you!

Relief Caregiver/Transportation Provider needed. We are looking for St. Paul's members to drive other St. Paul's members to the grocery store, pharmacy or doctor's office or just stay with a member while their spouse runs the errands. Contact Pastor Tim or church office if interested. So far, three volunteers have stepped forward. We could use one or two more.

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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!

2022 Offering Envelopes are now available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for pick-up. As before, if you see a family member or friend that lives close to you, and you feel secure in dropping them off to them, please help us to distribute these by doing this small favor for St. Paul's. It is greatly appreciated and you may get to say hi to someone you haven't talked to in awhile. Thank you!

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.

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.

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 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 recycling yours? Thank you.

The January/ February 2022 issue of the Upper Room is now available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as on the table inside the center tower ramp door for your convenience.

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Worship 10:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent (sanctuary)
Special Church Conference 11:00 AM (sanctuary)

Monday, Dec. 13th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Community Meal 5 PM (Take-out Only)
Handbells 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
Bible Study 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Wednesday, Dec. 15th: 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. 16th: Preschool 9:00 AM
AED Training 7:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, Dec. 17th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Dec. 18th: Women in the Word Bible Study 9:00 AM
(adult SS)

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– Because of Wanda's vacation, orders placed on December 5th won't be available for pick-up until after December 13th. Any orders from December 12th, please place them in either the offering plate or in the church office. These orders will be available for pick-up on December 19th. Thank you for your participation and patience.