

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk
***standing as able**

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

*Chorus led by Praise Team: "Bethlehem"

*A Christmas Affirmation of Faith

Chorus led by Praise Team: "Welcome to Our World"

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:57-80

Sermon: "Christmas: The History We Should All Know" Part 4

Chorus led by Praise Team: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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 Wanda Strickler.

Today's altar flowers
are presented in loving memory of
Dale L. Shellenberger by his family.

Due to the special events for the Christmas/New Year's season, there will be no Children's Worship time today or next Sunday. Children's Worship will return Sunday, January 9

Bible Study is on Christmas break. 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.

Saturday, December 31: A Bluegrass concert is presented by Summit Hill in the Sunday school room from 6:15 – 10:00 PM. It is open to the public.

Auditor needed: Susan Ferguson has stepped down after many years of auditing our church finances. Thank you, Susan for your good work. Now, we need someone to take over the task. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact Pastor Tim or the church office. The audit of the previous year is due March 15 of each year.

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

Scripture readers- a sign-up sheet has been placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for now through the end of April, 2022. 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.

Tornado Relief: You may help those affected by the terrible storms that swept through the Midwest by donating monetary gifts or basic supplies to Mission Central, an outreach ministry of our Susquehanna Conference. Envelopes are available at the rear of the sanctuary if you wish to give money. Make checks payable to “St. Paul’s UMC” and in the memo space write “Tornado Relief – Mission Central.” Place the envelope in one of the offering plates located throughout the sanctuary. Cleaning supplies may be placed in the rear of the Sunday school room. They will be taken to Mission Central (Mechanicsburg) in a timely manner. 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.

The Christmas Greens and decorations will be removed from the sanctuary on Saturday, January 8, 9:00 AM. Volunteers are needed.

Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, January 9 during the 10 AM worship service. We will use the pre-packaged elements.

Women in the Word meet Saturday, January 15, 9:00 AM in the Sunday school room. Sharon Funk leads the study of “Discerning the Voice of God.” All ladies are invited.

Leadership Council Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 7:00 PM in the lounge.

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Additional Announcements

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.

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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 1st Sunday after Christmas
(sanctuary)

Monday, Dec. 27th: Preschool –Vacation

Tuesday, Dec. 28th: Preschool –Vacation
R. L./Felton Band 9:00 AM Music Clean-up

Wednesday, Dec. 29th: Preschool –Vacation

Thursday, Dec. 30th: Preschool –Vacation

Friday, Dec. 31st: **NEW YEARS EVE-
Church Office Closed
Bluegrass Music 6:15-10:00 PM (adult SS)**

Saturday, Jan. 1st, 2022: **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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.

In Memory Of:

Larry Moore

My parents, Almeda & Harold Myers

Marlyn L. Neff

My Mother, Nancy Ewell

Kenneth M. Roth

Dale L Shellenberger

Kathryn Phillips

M/M N. M. & Glenn Shellenberger

Mr. & Mrs. William Shelley

Mr. & Mrs. Ammon Shelley

Dr. & Mrs. Emerson Shelley

Jed Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Smith,

Brian Smith, Judy Smith and

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Goheen

Miriam, Jane, Henry and Kay

Herrman

Family Members Remembered

Larry Warner

Palmer and Evelyn Winter

Glenn L. Wise, Jr.

Loved Ones

Given By:

Carol Moore

Jan Myers

Wife Arlene, sons David, Steve &
Family

Bill & Sue Ritz & Family

His wife, daughter and family

Sandy and Family

Your Family

Miriam and Family

Daughter Miriam & Families

Niece, Miriam Shellenberger

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Mike & Holly Smith

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Dave and Jodi Sprengle

Bob & Wanda Strickler

Wife Dawn, daughters Lori and

Missy & grandchildren Matt, Katie
& Brynne

Joan, Jeff, Stephanie, Tom &
Families

Kim & Frank Young & Family



*The
Greatest
Gift*

**Tree of Lights
Dedications
2021**

In Honor Of:

Our Loved Ones
Andrea Rider
Arlene Neff
Our parents, Jacob & Ruth Paules

Our Aunt, Lucy Brenneman

Burnell & Ann Sprengle
Mark & Lisa Sprengle
Dave, Jodi, Kyle & Ryan Sprengle
Bryhan Family
John Farmer, Dwight & Mary Hake
Betty L. Neff
Year-end Gift to St. Paul's
Dalen & Brenda Grove

George & Diana Boyer

Ann & Burnell Sprengle
Susan & David Bryhan
Lisa & Mark Sprengle
Jeff Herrman & Family
Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ
Waylon Hunter Young

In Memory Of:

Herman & Ethel Goodyear

Given By:

Lori and Missy
Ed & Joyce Brown
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The Brown Family - Sandy,
Ken, Sam & Jake & Tim Paules
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David and Susan Bryhan
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Kim Farmer
Amy Glock
Luanne Grafton
Eric, Missy, Morgan & Alyssa
Grove
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Dave & Jodi Sprengle
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Mary & Ray Tisot
Kim & Frank Young & Family

Given By:

Harold & Dorrie Anstine and
Phyllis Gould

In Memory Of:

Frank, Beatrice and David Anstine
Michael Fritz
Lawrence & Hester Moore

Our Loved Ones
Ed Sweitzer
Our Loved Ones
Sarah Bryhan
Dale Chronister
Kevin Wallen
Jean Newcomer
Bertha Collins
Yvonne & Darwin Pettit
Dorothy Taylor
Loved Ones
Bill & Lorraine Gillmen
David J. Neff
Mike Fritz
Mary Snyder
Fay Warner

Loved Ones
Joyce E. Seitz
Ernest, Martha & Mary Jane Hyson
Pete Keller, Sr. & Pete Keller, Jr.

Alan, son of Baird & Marion
Deceased Family Members

Given By:

Dorrie & Harold Anstine
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Beth, Rick, Amy & Lori
Barshinger
Lori & Missy
Ed & Joyce Brown
David & Susan Bryhan
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Delores & Kim Chronister
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Missy and Dave Ehrhart
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Susan Stump Ferguson
The Gillmen Family
Amy Glock
Phyllis Gould, Aunt
Phyllis Gould, close friend
Eric, Missy, Morgan & Alyssa
Grove

Mary Hake
Joni Horne
JoAnn, Jim & Suzanne Hyson
Doris Keller & daughters-
Kathy, Lisa, Gayle & Families
Baird & Marion Kreckler
Tom & Louise Minnich

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Christmas Eve & Candlelight
Friday, December 24, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk**

** indicates congregation standing

Greeting

Prelude: "No Room At the Inn"

**Hymn # 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Baptism of Rowan Winter

Christmas Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Message: "Christmas: The History We All Should Know"

Praise Team Special Music: "Welcome to Our World"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Special Music by Natasha Maskaly Finch: "O Holy Night"

**Sharing the Light- Candle lighting
(Please tip the unlit candle into the lit candle.)

** Hymn # 239 "Silent Night"

**Hymn # 246 (vv. 1 & 4) "Joy to the World"

**Benediction

Postlude: "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"

This evening's altar flowers
are presented in loving memory of
Dale L. Shellenberger by his family.

This evening's pedestal flowers

are presented in loving memory of Mr. Charles R. Nitchkey; Mr. & Mrs. Martin R. Nitchkey and Mr. & Mrs. Ira C. Seitz and daughters Beulah & Marie.

This evening's bulletins

are presented in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Meads, daughters Sara, Geraldine & Kathryn and granddaughter Fayne by the family.

Merry Christmas! Welcome to St. Paul's Church. We pray that the Child of Bethlehem will find a welcome in your heart and in your life, that you may know the wonder of being loved unconditionally, cherished unceasingly and saved everlastingly.

Candlelighting Service: We urge you to use every precaution in lighting your individual candles this evening. Please hold your candle straight up and down and wait until the lights are on before you extinguish them. *Please return the candles and holders to the boxes at the rear of the sanctuary as you exit. Thank you.*

Poinsettias. If you have placed poinsettias in the sanctuary, you may take them along at the conclusion of this evening's service. There are protective sleeves in the front pew closest to the adult Sunday school room for your use to protect your plants as you take them home. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary even more beautiful this Christmas through your sponsorship of these.

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Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, January 9 during the 10 AM worship service. We will use the pre-packaged elements.

Greetings! The staff of St. Paul's would like to extend a wish for all of St. Paul's to experience the peace and love of God the Father and Jesus the Son this Christmas season. We are grateful for all of the well-wishes received and we are thankful for your continued support over the year. May the Good Lord bless and keep you as we begin 2022!

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