

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2022 - Pastor Tim Funk
***standing as able**

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

Prelude "What Child Is This"

*Hymn # 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

*A Christmas Affirmation of Faith

Hymn # 384 vv. 1, 3 & 4 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:21-40

Sermon: "Christmas: The History We Should All Know" Part 5

*Hymn # 261 "Lord of the Dance"

*Benediction

Postlude "There's a Song in the Air"

For the beginning 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. **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 Sharon Funk.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory and honor of God. May their beauty remind us of God's promise, giving us hope for the New Year ahead.

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

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 next 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.

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 began 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. A list of items for these buckets is on the tables with the Relief Fund envelopes. 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.

A big thank you goes out to Sue Ritz for making up additional “permanent” flower arrangements for the altar. She has now made some for all seasons. These will be used when we do not have a sponsor. Thank you Sue! They add beauty to our worship setting.

Flower & Bulletin Sponsors- spots are available to sponsor either altar or pedestal flowers and/or bulletins throughout the coming year. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two and honor a loved one or that special occasion while adding beauty to our sanctuary. Please call the church office with questions. Thank you.

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, January 25th our Cub Pack 28 will be having their annual fundraising Cake Auction in our Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. Cakes made by the Scouts will be auctioned off by a real auctioneer to the highest bidder. Come out for an evening of fun while supporting our Cub Scout Pack. Thank you!

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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.

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 2nd Sunday after Christmas
(sanctuary)

Monday, Jan. 3rd: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joyful Vibrations 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Jan. 4th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Jan. 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Ministries 1:30 PM (adult SS)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Jan. 6th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Jan. 7th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Jan. 8th: Christmas Decorations Removal 9:00 AM

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.