

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
New Year's Day
January 1, 2023 – Pastor Chris Nauta
***standing as able**

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

Prelude: Hallelujah! Love Has Come solo, Rick Jensen

*Hymn #251: Go Tell It On the Mountain

Prayers of the People of God / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 63:7-9

Epistle: Hebrews 2:10-18

*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23

*Congregational Response

*Hymn #242: Love Came Down at Christmas

Sermon: "He Suffers With Us"

*Closing Hymn #364: Because He Lives

*Benediction

Postlude: The First Noel

No Children's Worship/Activities today.

Today's Scripture reader is *Rick Jensen.*

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and in hope that this new year 2023 will truly bring peace on this earth to all peoples.

Those who serve this morning:

Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*
Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

There will not be any coffee available this morning. This will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website (www.saintpauls-um.com). On the home page you will find a link to submit an online prayer request. When you fill out and submit it, the office and pastor will be notified about it. This is open to all, even those who are not a part of our church family.

Ladies Bible Study-will be held the 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9-10 AM in the adult Sunday school room. We will be studying "Jesus: Experiencing His Touch" (a study of Mark 1-6) by Kay & David Arthur. Invite a friend! Questions? Call Mary Loyer at 717-424-8507.

Adult Sunday School- has been postponed for today, Sunday, January 1st. Please join us as this study resumes at it's regular 9 AM time spot again on January 8, 2023. Any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Chris. Hope to see you then!

Today, New Year's Day— we will be offering a very casual and brief service at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

Special Note - Communion will be offered next week on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023 rather than on January 1st as has been our custom recently. We look forward to seeing you for this service.

Adult Ladies Coats available – a faithful attendee of our Community Meal recently passed away and her family has donated her coats to St. Paul's as a gesture for her meals and fellowship here over the years. These are available downstairs on the tables in Fellowship Hall (towards the Choir Room) on a first come, first served basis if you can use any. Those left will be donated to a local charity that gives them out to the needy.

The latest issue of The Upper Room is out on the table at the center doors to the rear of the sanctuary, and on the table inside the center tower entrance for your convenience.

Offering- you may place your tithes and offerings in the plates at the rear of the sanctuary. There will not be a collection of the offering from the pews this morning. Thank you.

Special Note- Our long-time and faithful member, Arlene Neff has had a mishap and is in a rehab facility in Exton, PA. She fell the week of December 12th and broke her hip and femur bones, which required surgery at Paoli Hospital. The breathing tube used during that surgery affected her voice, making it hard to understand her when she called into the church office on December 21st. On top of all this, she contracted COVID and that day she called in, she was not feeling well at all. She is being treated at **ProMedica Total Rehab Center, 501 Thomas Jones Way, Exton, PA 19341**. Please consider sending her a note or card to help lift and brighten her spirits!

Helpers needed- Next Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 9 AM, the sanctuary will be undecorated. Many hands would make quick work of this task. Please consider helping out.

Spaghetti Supper- Friday, January 13 here in our Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraiser for the Red Lion Swim Team. Contact Mandy Waltemyer at 717 873-1982 for more information.

Our 2023 Offering Envelopes are in process. We have been in contact with the company and they said they have been experiencing labor shortages, along with equipment problems and that they would move our order up since we called. As soon as they arrive, we will get them labeled and out on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for your pick-up. We apologize for the delay. These were ordered when 2022's were paid for back at the end of March. Thank you for your patience!

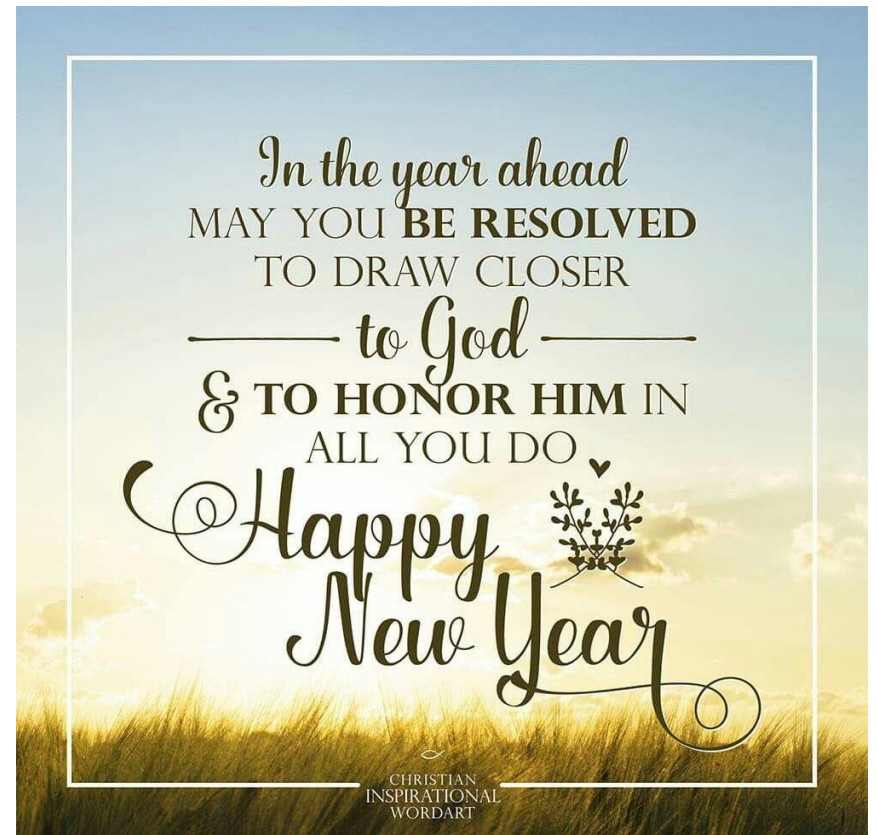
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

45 First Avenue, P.O. Box 250

Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

New Year's Day

January 1, 2023 10:00 AM



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This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Please note—There will be **NO** Children's Worship today, Sunday, January 1, 2023.

Scripture Readers for 2023— There is a new sign-up sheet on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for the New Year. Please consider signing up for this important portion of our weekly worship service. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Chris or to the church office. Thank you for your participation!

Please Note— The church office will be closed on Friday, January 6, 2023. Normal hours will resume on Monday, January 9, 2023. Thank you.

Recycling of used printer/copier ink cartridges continues— There is a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary that these can be put in. These are turned into local stationery stores for credit to purchase office supplies for the church. Please consider helping out our budget with your empty cartridges. Thank you.

Mark your calendars! The Red Lion Lions Club/St. Paul's Cub Pack 28 will be having their annual Cake Auction Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 PM. Various cakes made and decorated by the Scouts will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Proceeds will go towards Scouting activities throughout 2023. Come out for an evening of fun (and sweetness) while supporting the Cub Scout Pack! Thank you.

How do you know when services at St. Paul's are cancelled? There are several ways. The first way is to make sure the church office has your email address. Pastor Chris will send out cancellation notices via email as soon as he would make the decision. The second step would be to check the church's website—www.saintpauls-um.com. The third method is to tune to the ABC affiliate in Harrisburg. It is ABC TV 27, but it may be a different channel on your cable or satellite provider. Then, watch the screen for information regarding St. Paul's, Red Lion. If any of those methods do not work for you, try the church office at 717-244-2355, or contact Pastor Chris directly at 570-529-3466.

Today: No Adult Sunday School.
No Coffee will be available today.
Worship 10:00 AM — New Year's Day / sanctuary
Casual service

Monday, Jan. 2nd: Preschool 9:00 AM
Scoutmaster Meeting 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joyful Vibrations 7 PM (downstairs)
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Jan 4th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)
Praise Team 6:30PM (sanctuary)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Jan 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Jan 6th: Preschool 9:00 AM
(Field Trip to Lion Bowling)

Saturday, Jan 7th: Undecorating of the sanctuary 9:00 AM

Sunday, Jan. 8th: Adult Sunday School 9:00-9:40 AM (lounge)
Coffee 9—10 AM (rear adult SS room)
Worship 10AM—Communion
Troop Court of Honor-Bryce Reynolds 1 PM
(adult SS, F.H./kitchen)

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. A percentage of the purchase of each card comes back to St. Paul's!* Thank you.

Prayer Requests Reminder—If you have a prayer request you would like to share with Pastor Chris and/or the congregation, please fill out one of the cards located in the pews and hand it to one of the ushers during the opening hymn. The card also has a side where you can indicate if you want the request spoken within the service, or kept for private prayer time. Please be sure to mark that as well.

St. Paul's Preschool continues to accept registrations for their 2, 3 & 5 Day classes for the 2022-2023 term. Pass the word around if you know someone looking for a reasonably-priced, church-based program for 3 to 4 year olds. Have them check it out on the church website (www.saintpauls-um.com), or call the church office for more information. There are informational brochures on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary and at the ramp door entrance. Registration Forms are available online, or from the church office as well. Thank you.

A note from the Postal Service— as you may be aware of, St. Paul's has a Post Office Box assigned to us (**P.O. Box 250**). **Please be advised that any mail received by the Red Lion Post Office without our P. O. Box 250 will be sent back to you, the sender, delaying receipt by the church.** This applies to packages coming in to the church by USPS as well. Here is an example of how our address should appear on your envelope or package:

**St Paul's U M Church
45 First Ave
P O Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250**

Thank you for keeping this in mind as you mail things to us.

Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Flower and Bulletin Sponsors for 2023— It's not too early to think about signing up for the New Year for altar flowers and/or bulletins. The 2023 sign-up register is in the church office on the desk. Thank you to all who sponsored these throughout 2022. If you signed up this year and want that similar spot in 2023, please let the office know. Otherwise, that spot may go to someone else, or not be filled without this information. Thank you!

Mission Central still needs your help for the flood and hurricane victims around the country! There are copies of an informational sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary which details what items they need for the Flood/Cleaning Buckets. Monetary donations are accepted. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this cause thus far.

We have resumed traditional offering from the pews. The Worship Team is happy to report that 5 people have agreed to serve as Head Ushers. *We thank them for their assistance!* They are: Carol Gillmen, Bill Ritz, Eric Grove and Dave/Missy Ehrhart and Nelson Cearfoss. The Head Usher at any given Sunday may ask members of the congregation to assist with ushering for offering and communion. Please consider helping them if you are able!

Organizer Needed for the AMBA Wellness Testing Program held here at St. Paul's each April. After 13+ years of heading this, Kim Kopp is stepping down. This position involves contacts with AMBA, scheduling, advertising and scheduling volunteers to help that day. Kim will still avail herself as a helper. If you have questions, please give Kim a call at 717-244-7394 for more info.

