

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**January 15, 2023 – Pastor Chris Nauta**  
**\*standing as able**

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

Prelude: "How can I Keep from Singing/Praise Him"

\*Greeting: The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Let us praise the Lord  
**Who puts a new song in our mouths.**  
Let us speak of God's faithfulness,  
**And sing of God's salvation**

\*Opening Hymn #98: "To God Be the Glory"  
(*Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time*)

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

Children's Message: Parable: Foolish and Wise Builder

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-  
Offertory: "In the Bleak Midwinter" *solo, Amy Glock*

\*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

\*Gloria Patri #70

\*Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42

\*Congregational Response

\*Hymn #2070 (TFWS): "He Is Exalted" (sung twice)

Sermon: "Following..."

\*Closing Hymn #2130 (TFWS): "The Summons"

\*Benediction

Postlude: "Cornerstone"

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**Children's Worship/Activities today.** Children may go with Andrea Rider following the children's message.

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**Today's Scripture reader is Hap McDaniel.**

**Today's altar flowers**  
are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for being able to follow our Lord and His teachings each day.

**Those who serve this morning:**  
Amy Glock, *pianist & soloist*  
Eric Grove, *Head Usher*  
Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*  
Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*  
Andrea Rider, *Children's Time*

**This morning, there will be coffee available** at the rear of the adult Sunday school room from 9 AM until the start of the 10 AM worship. This is on a "help yourself" basis. Snacks may be available through donations.

**Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website** ([www.saintpauls-um.com](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. This will be a no homework Bible study. During the sessions, we will answer and discuss the supplied questions together. Each session is designed to last about 40 minutes. It would be helpful if each participant had the book. Invite a friend! Questions? Call Mary Loyer at 717-424-8507.

**Adult Sunday School-** Join us this morning for our Adult Sunday School class. From 9:00 to 9:40 AM. We meet in the Lounge. Our

study is on the Book of James and there will be a study book to accompany it. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are interested or if you have any questions or concerns.

**Special Note-** Our long-time and faithful member, Arlene Neff has been moved out of rehab and is now staying with her son for awhile. She will turn 90 years young on January 28 and would love to hear from her St. Paul's family around this special occasion. Her mailing address is as follows:

**Mrs. Arlene Neff, c/o Steve Neff**  
**120 Fairfield Circle East**  
**Royersford, PA 19468**

**Our 2023 Offering Envelopes** are still in production. We previously had been in contact with the company and they said they have been experiencing labor shortages, along with equipment problems. They were contacted again this week and they said it may be the end of January, or the beginning of February until we see these. To ensure you proper credit, please use either the generic UMC envelopes located in the pews and be sure to place your name and envelope number on them, or if you have any unused envelopes at home, no matter the date on them, your envelope number will be credited from that. We apologize for the delay. Thank you for your patience!

**A Reminder** – **Next Sunday, January 22**, there will be an informational meeting held immediately following worship here in the sanctuary regarding the state of the United Methodist church and where St. Paul's is at within that state. There are booklets on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary and up front that we urge everyone to take a copy and read through it prior to this meeting. The Leadership Council members will be there to answer questions that you may have to the best of their knowledge on this issue. We strongly urge all members that care about the future of St. Paul's to attend.

**2022 Giving Statements-** are out on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for you to pick up. They are in the box in alphabetical order from front to rear. Any that are not taken by January 22 will be mailed out on Monday, January 23. Thank you.

## St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

January 15, 2023, 10:00 AM



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

**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!

**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! Please see the flyer enclosed. Thank you.

**Still available**– there is more frozen pork & sauerkraut downstairs in the freezer in the backroom off of the kitchen. Please help yourself if interested. Donations are not required, but if you desire to donate something to defray the cost, this may be left in the church office. 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](http://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:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
Coffee will be available today (rear-adult SS room)  
Worship 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday After Epiphany  
(sanctuary)

**Monday, Jan. 16th:** No Preschool (MLK Day)

**Tuesday, Jan. 17th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs/lounge )  
Joyful Vibrations 7:00 PM (downstairs)

**Wednesday, Jan 18th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM (FH)  
Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)  
Praise Team 6:30PM (sanctuary)  
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

**Thursday, Jan 19th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
R.L. Ministerium 9:00 AM (adult SS)

**Friday, Jan 20th:** Preschool 9:00 AM

**Saturday, Jan 21st:** Women In the Word 9:00 AM (adult SS)

**Sunday, Jan. 22nd:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
Coffee 9—10 AM (rear adult SS room)  
Worship 10AM (sanctuary)  
**Informational Meeting—following Worship**  
(sanctuary)

**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](http://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.

**Thank you, to everyone who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree for the kids of the Red Lion community.** I delivered the gifts to the families on the Friday afternoon before Christmas and the parents were so appreciative of what was done for their kids. Several of them were brought to tears because they had recently lost their job and they weren't sure how they would be able to share Christmas gifts for their kids. Many of the families and kids have contacted me since Christmas Day to say THANK YOU!  
*Andrea Rider*

**A sincere thank you** goes out to Pastor Chris and to Lester Gross for their time and words of encouragement spoken to me during their recent visit at my home. May God bless them both!  
*Carlton Grim*

**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.** Here is an example of how our address should appear on your envelope or package:

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45 First Ave  
P O Box 250  
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250**

## **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.

**Offering Counters**—Individuals who would be interested in assisting to count the weekly offering on a rotating basis with other teams. It involves documenting the information from each giver onto a legible form and verifying the end amount; completion of bank deposit forms and taking of the deposit to the bank. An affinity for working with numbers accurately, along with the ability to keep other's information confidential would be a plus. If you are interested, please contact the church office, or speak directly to Ed Brown or Susan Ferguson for more information. Thank you.