

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
3rd Sunday After the Epiphany
January 22, 2023 – Pastor Chris Nauta
***standing as able**

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

*Greeting: The Lord be with you
And also with you
With the Lord as our light and salvation,
Whom shall we fear?
With the Lord as our stronghold,
Of whom shall we be afraid?

*Opening Praise Song: "Now Is the Time"
(*Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time*)

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

Children's Message: "Parable of the Sower"

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-
Offertory: "I Want to Be Where You Are" *solo, Rick Jensen*

*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-4

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

*Congregational Response

*Praise Song #3003: "How Great Is Our God"

Sermon: "Being..."

*Closing Praise Song #2032 (TFWS): "My Life Is In You, Lord"

*Benediction

Children's Worship/Activities today. Children may go with Jodi Sprenkle following the children's message.

Scripture reader today is Sandy Brown.

Today's altar flowers
are to the glory of God and in honor of His majesty and grace.
May we be inspired to serve Him each & every day!

Today's bulletins
are in loving memory of Larry Warner, presented by his wife Dawn and children Lorie & Missy, Kevin and grandchildren Matthew, Brynne & Katie
"Gone are the days we used to share, but in our heart you're always there. Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every day".

Those who serve this morning:
Amy Glock, *Clavinova, Praise Team*
Eric Grove, *Head Usher*
Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*
Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*
Our *Praise Team* Members
Jodi Sprenkle, *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). 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. 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- Arlene Neff has 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:

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

Our 2023 Offering Envelopes are finally here! They have been placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary in alphabetical order for your convenience. As in years past, if you see a neighbor, friend or relative's envelopes, why not consider taking them along and dropping them off to them, especially if you have not seen them in awhile? They may enjoy your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your patience and consideration!

A Reminder – TODAY, January 22, there will be an informational meeting held immediately following worship **in the adult Sunday school room** 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. Light refreshments will be available.

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.

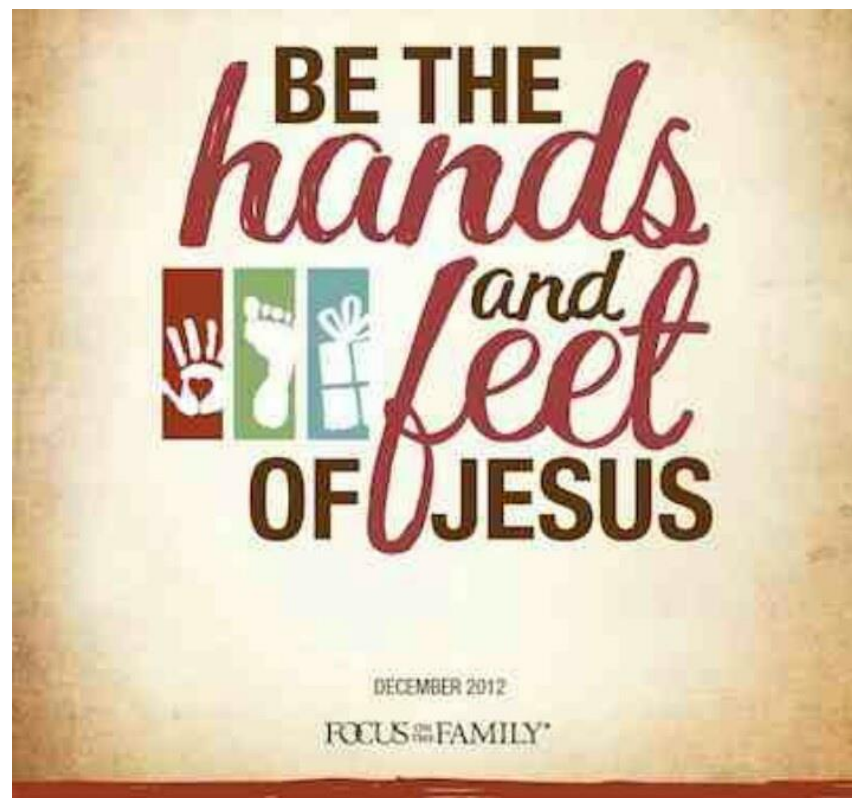
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

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January 22, 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. 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 3rd Sunday After Epiphany
(sanctuary)
Informational Meeting-State of the UMC/Future of St. Paul's (adult SS)

Monday, Jan. 23rd: Preschool 9:00 AM

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Cub Scouts 6:00 PM [Cake Auction \(F.H.\)](#)
Joyful Vibrations 7:00 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Jan 25th: 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 26th: Preschool 9:00 AM
R.L./Felton Band 6:30—8 PM (FH)

Friday, Jan 27th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scout Lock-In Begins 6:00 PM (FH)

Saturday, Jan 28th: Cub Scout Lock-In Ends 8:00 AM (FH)
Pinewood Derby Clinic 8:00 AM -2:30 PM
(FH)

Sunday, Jan. 29th: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Coffee 9—10 AM (rear adult SS room)
Worship 10AM (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), 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 huge thank you goes out to the following folks that helped take down the Christmas decorations last Saturday: *Amy & Tom Glock; Deb, Michael, Matthew & Christopher Maskaly; Bill & Sue Ritz; Mike Smith; Steven Jamison; Vivian Jamison; Pastor Chris, Becky & Jean Nauta; Ruth & Jacob Paules and Andrea Rider.*

A request regarding Children's Church— All children are welcome to come to Children's Church. In consideration of the other children in attendance, we ask that if your child is sick or not feeling well to please keep them with you in the worship service. 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.** 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.

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.