

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
4th Sunday After the Epiphany
January 29, 2023 – Pastor Chris Nauta
***standing as able**

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

Prelude

*Greeting: The Lord be with you
And also with you
The Lord has brought us from bondage,
And redeemed us from our sins.
Let us praise the Lord,
So that all the world may know Him.

*Opening Hymn #127: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
(*Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time*)

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

Children's Message: "The Lost Sheep"

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-
Offertory: "The Tallest I Can Stand" *solo, Rick Jensen*

*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

*Congregational Response

*Hymn #174: "His Name Is Wonderful"

Sermon: "Looking Foolish"

*Closing Hymn #467: "Trust and Obey"

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and remind us that what God and His love did for us can never be considered foolish. His power and grace in our lives is all the proof of this that we need!

Those who serve this morning:

Eric Grove, *Head Usher*

Jean Helock, *Scripture Reading*

Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music, Soloist*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Andrea Rider & Lucy Brenneman, *Children's Time*

Bob Strickler, *Organ*

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.

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 – As a result of the “straw poll” taken at the conclusion of the Informational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22nd (35 were for disaffiliation/ 12 were opposed), there will be a special Church Conference on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10 AM here at St. Paul's to vote on the subject of disaffiliation (leaving) from the United Methodist Church.

Please note that:

- The only item on the agenda is disaffiliation.
- Only Professing Members of St. Paul's may vote. A Professing member is a person who has been baptized and became a member of St. Paul's through Confirmation, Profession of Faith or Transfer.
- There is no early, absentee or proxy voting allowed (as specified in the Book of Discipline-UMC) Only Professing Members of St. Paul's who are physically at the Church Conference may vote.
- Disaffiliation requires a 2/3rds vote (2/3rds of the attending Professing Members voting to disaffiliate to pass).
- This is NOT a vote on where St. Paul's will go if we disaffiliate. That would be a separate discussion which would only take place if and after a church decision to disaffiliate.

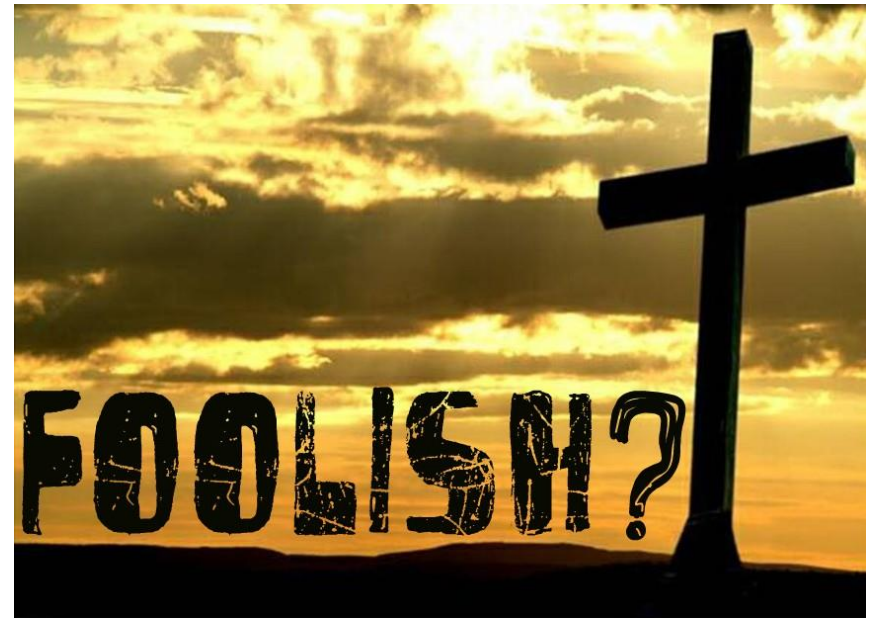
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