

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2023 – Pastor Chris Nauta**  
**\*standing as able**

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

Prelude: "Earth and All Stars" *The Joyful Vibrations*

\*Greeting: The Lord be with you

**And also with you**  
Praise the Lord!

**Happy are those who delight in God.**

Let us not be afraid,

**For we are secure in the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn #158: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"  
(*Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time*)

Prayers of the People of God / Apostle's Creed #881

Holy Communion #890: Prayer of Confession  
#9: Communion Liturgy

Children's Message: "Unforgiving Servant"

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-

Offertory: "Holy, Holy, Holy" *The Joyful Vibrations*

\*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Epistle: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-12

\*Gloria Patri #70

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

\*Congregational Response

Sermon: "You Can't Fool God"

\*Closing Hymn #206: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

\*Benediction

Postlude: "Lord, Speak to Me"

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

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**Today's altar flowers**

are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dale Chronister who would be celebrating his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday February 8<sup>th</sup>, presented by Delores Chronister and Family.

**Today's bulletins**

are in loving memory of Jean Newcomer, presented by Kim Chronister and Family

**Those who serve this morning:**

Dave & Missy Ehrhart, *Head Ushers*

Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*

*The Joyful Vibrations members*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Andrea Rider & Joni Horne, *Children's Time*

Dave & Jodi Sprenkle, *Communion Stewards*

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](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 **NOT** meet on Saturday, February 18. 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.

**The 2023 Offering Envelopes are 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 and visit. 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> (35 were for disaffiliation/ 12 were opposed), there will be a special Church Conference next Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10 AM here at St. Paul's in the adult Sunday school room 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.

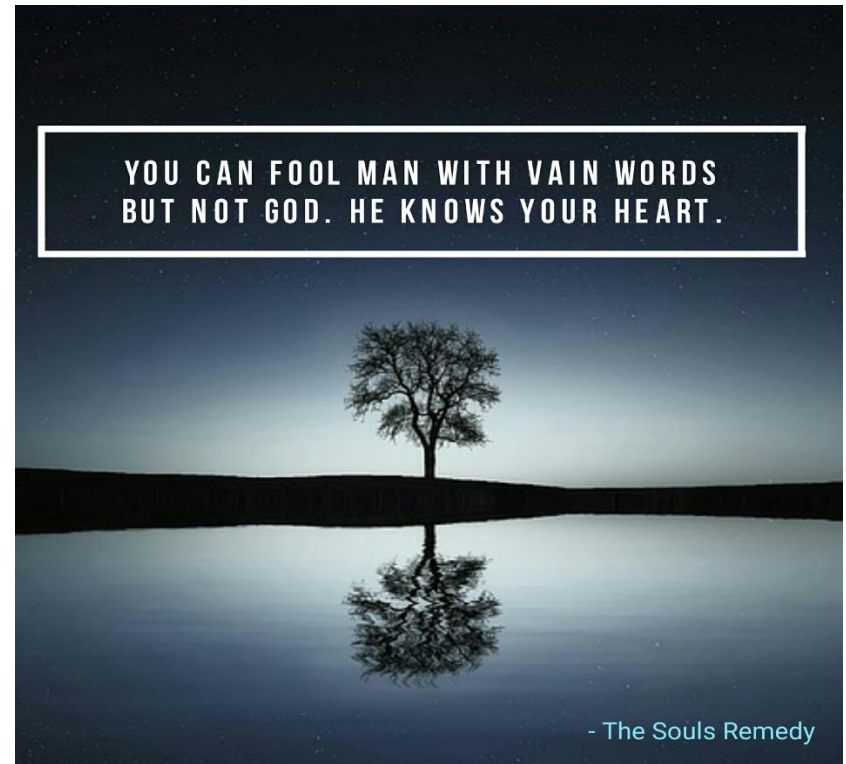
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