

**St. Paul's Church of Red Lion**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 2023 – Pastor Chris Nauta**  
**\*standing as able**

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

Prelude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\*Greeting: The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Lord is my shepherd; I want for nothing

**God restores my life and comforts me.**

God's goodness and mercy follow me always.

**So I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\*Opening Hymn #2235 (TFWS): "Siyahamba" (all verses)

*(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)*

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

Children's Message: "Prodigal Son Parable"

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-

Offertory: "Jesus Paid it All" Amy Glock, *piano solo*

\*The Doxology #95 (UMH)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

\*Gloria Patri #70

\*Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41

\*Congregational Response

\*Hymn #2112 (TFWS): "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Sermon: "Life Changing Encounters with Jesus –  
The Blind Man"

\*Closing Hymn #378 (UMH): "Amazing Grace"

\*Benediction

Postlude "No Not One"

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**Children's Worship/Activities today.** Children may go with Andrea Rider after the Children's Message

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**Today's altar flowers**

are to the glory of God. May their beauty shed light on our lives  
and help us to "see" what God is showing us!

**Those who serve this morning:**

Amy Glock, *Piano/Clavinova*

Eric Grove, *Head Usher*

Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Hap McDaniel, *Scripture Reader*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*

**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 each month (unless otherwise noted here)** in the adult Sunday school room. 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.

**There are still some 2023 Offering Envelopes** left on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. 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.

**Please note- Wi-Fi access in the church is now available** via the St. Paul's Guest network. There is no password required.

**AMBA Wellness Testing Program-** No one has stepped forward to take on this event, and time is running out to be able to realistically have this scheduled here for April, we will not be holding this program here at St. Paul's this year.

**Do you have a loved one that would like to stay in their own home, but they need assistance to do so?** Acadia Home Care offers a wide range of help possibilities for these folks, and in most instances, insurances cover the cost. Please see their descriptive literature on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for more info.

**This is UMCOR Sunday-** there is a special envelope with your bulletin today to enable you to give an additional offering to this cause if you so choose. With all that is going on in today's world, this group plays an important role in helping others through your donations. Please consider helping to sustain their efforts.

**Community Meal Food Available-** there are left-over ham & cheese sliders and Italian wedding soup (both with or without meat balls) in the kitchen freezer. If you would like to take some home, see Wanda Strickler. Donations are accepted, but not necessary.

**Disaffiliation Results** – We have had some folks who were not at the voting meeting held Saturday, February 11 inquire about the results of that voting. The result was that 69% of those attending voted to disaffiliate, more than the 2/3 needed to pass.

## St. Paul's Church of Red Lion

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Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 10:00 AM



Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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







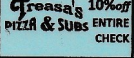

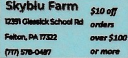
**Scripture Readers for 2023**— There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for now thru April. Please consider signing up for this important portion of our weekly worship service. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Chris or to the church office. Thank you for your participation!

**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.

**SAVE the DATE! - Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 2 PM**, a very special guest organist will be here at St. Paul's to give a concert on our Moller pipe organ in the sanctuary. He has a very special post-Easter program in store, so you won't want to miss it. **See the just released flyer enclosed for more details!!!**

**Like to try different types and styles of food?** St. Paul's will be having a variety of Food Trucks here on our side parking lot the last Wednesday of every month, beginning in April and running through September. Watch for more details.....

**St. Paul's Preschool has their 2023 Fundraiser Discount Cards available now.** They are still just \$5.00. They have loads of local establishments included and just a few uses pays for the cards with what you save. Please see the church office if you care to purchase some. Thank you.

| RED LION WRESTLING CARD- \$5.00 DONATION   |   |   |
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|  <p><b>10% off</b> your purchase of \$10 or more</p>   |  <p><b>10% off</b> <b>ENTIRE BILL</b> Cape Horn Plaza next to Wells OR 2512 Delta Road, Brogue</p> |  <p><b>10% off</b> <b>ENTIRE BILL</b> OR 2512 Delta Road, Brogue</p> |
|  <p><b>10% off</b> 2 games &amp; get 3rd game FREE</p> |  <p><b>10% discount</b> w/\$10 min</p>   |  <p><b>\$1.00 off</b> any foot-</p>                                  |
|  <p><b>10% off</b> <b>ENTIRE CHECK</b></p>             |  <p><b>10% discount</b> 2935 E Prospect Rd, York</p>   |  <p><b>\$10 off</b> orders over \$100 or more</p>                    |

Cannot be combined with other discounts. Valid 1.1.23—12.31.23

**Today:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
 Coffee will be available today (rear-adult SS room)  
 Worship 10:00 AM **UMCOR SUNDAY** (sanctuary)  
**UM Cluster Lenten Service 6:00 PM (sanctuary)**

**Monday, Mar. 20th:** Preschool 9:00 AM

**Tuesday, Mar. 21st:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
 Cub Scouts 6:00 PM (FH)  
 Joyful Vibrations 7:00 PM (Choir room)

**Wednesday, Mar. 22nd :** Preschool 9:00 AM  
 Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)  
 Praise Team 6:30PM (sanctuary)  
 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)


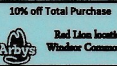







**Thursday, Mar. 23rd:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
 R.L./Felton Band 6:30—8 PM (FH)

**Friday, Mar. 24th:** Preschool 9:00 AM

**Saturday, Mar. 25th:**

**Sunday, Mar. 26th:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
 Coffee 9—10 AM (rear adult SS room)  
 Worship 10AM **5th Sunday in Lent** (sanct.)

**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.

| RED LION WRESTLING CARD- \$5.00 DONATION  |  |  |
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|  <p><b>Buy 1 Get 1 Free</b> \$5 Minimum purchase</p> |  <p><b>10% off</b> Total Purchase</p>         |  <p><b>15% off</b> FOOD purchase of \$25 or more <b>NO DELIVERY</b></p> |
|  <p><b>10% off</b> TOTAL order</p>                   |  <p><b>10% off</b> Red Lion Location Only</p> |  <p><b>15% off</b> Snow Tubing for no less than 10 people</p>           |
|  <p><b>10% off</b> Entire Check</p>                  |  <p><b>10% DISCOUNT</b> Red Lion Location</p> |  <p><b>Buy One, Get One Free</b> Mini Golf Round</p>                    |

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## Volunteer Opportunities for 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.

**The Red Lion Cluster 2023 Lenten Services** have been announced as follows:

**Mar. 19th — St. Paul's UMC w/ Pastor Angie Nett**

**Mar. 26th — Bethany UMC w/ Rev. Becky McGee**

**April 2nd — Bethlehem Stonepile UMC w/ Rev. Josh Wargo**

Each service will begin at 6 PM each Sunday evening, with a time of fellowship & refreshments after.

**Easter Lilies can be ordered now-** The traditional white lilies are \$12.50 each this year. Order envelopes are on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Please be sure to mark how you would like them dedicated to in the bulletin (In Honor of /In Memory of). Make checks payable to St. Paul's U.M. Church. **All orders must be in to the church office by TODAY, Sunday, March 19th to ensure that we are able to get them for Easter Sunday.** Thank you.

**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.

**When mailing something into the church**, here is an example of how our address should appear on the envelope or package coming to us:

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.

**Flower and Bulletin Sponsors for 2023**— 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 in 2022 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 needs your help for the flood and hurricane victims around the country and now the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria!** Please consider donating to their cause, as well as keeping their efforts and purpose in your prayers. The world-wide need for their services is greater now than ever.

**Offering Counters**—Two individuals have stepped forward to learn this function. We are thankful for their willingness to learn this and for their time. If anyone else cares to be a part of this team, please contact the church office, or speak with Joyce & Ed Brown or Susan Ferguson for more info.

**Head Ushers** are needed on these Sundays: **March 26, April 2** (Palm Sunday-NO Communion this Sunday, will be on Maundy Thursday), **April 9** (Easter Sunday), **April 16, April 23** and **April 30**. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary. Please consider volunteering for this easy endeavor.

**Help is needed in preparing the Communion Elements** for the first Sunday of the month. The elements can easily be prepared in less than 30 minutes. It would also require clean up after the service, again time is less than 30 minutes. See Amy Glock if you can help. Thank you.

**Our church is hosting the Sunday evening Lenten Service to-night at 6 PM.** Help is needed to set up and serve light refreshments after the service for the attendees. Please see Amy Glock if you can help.

**The Community Meal has resumed serving**— Helpers are needed to prepare, cook, serve and clean-up for this function. We continue to serve both inside, as well as take-out, so more help is required to keep two versions going at the same time. Please see Wanda Strickler, or contact the church office if you are willing to participate. Thank you.