



LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE - THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST – TOGETHER!

St. Paul's Happenings

**St. Paul's United
Church of Christ**

Manheim PA

**December 2017
January 2018**

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Advent

By Rev. Bill Long, Bridge Pastor

Very soon St. Paul's will begin the journey through Advent to Christmas. What is Advent about? Here are some meanings of the symbols used during this season:

December 3rd marks the beginning of Advent. Advent means: "Come, Lord Jesus" and is the season in which the Church expresses its longing for the return of Christ. Advent is the beginning of the church year.

The color of Advent is purple. Purple was an expensive dye used by kings. We use purple because Christ is our king.

Advent lasts four weeks. During those weeks we light one candle on the Advent wreath each week through the season. The candles stand for:

- ◆ Hope
- ◆ Peace
- ◆ Joy
- ◆ Love

- ◆ The 5th candle is the *Christ Candle* which we light on Christmas Eve.

On the Advent wreath there is one pink candle. Some call this the *Mary Candle*. When it comes time to light this candle, Pastor Long will tell you the real meaning of this strange candle.

On December 26 begins *the Twelve Days of Christmas*. You know: *On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...*

Oh well, if you come to Church on December 31st, I'll share with you what these days really mean!

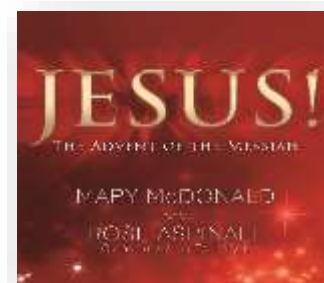
From Cheri and I may Christ not only be born in Bethlehem but in all our hearts and lives. Amen.

Merry Christmas to all!

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



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Christmas @ St. Paul's

Celebrate Christmas @ St. Paul's with the following events:



On Friday, December 1 – come and enjoy a time of decorating the church. We'll begin with a pizza party @ 6:30 pm and then move into preparing the church for the Advent/Christmas Season!



Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2 from 9-10:30 am. Come and enjoy a warm delicious breakfast and have a photo op with Santa. All children receive a goodie bag. And did I mention – it's FREE!

Almost Half Way Through School



Giveaway will

be held during the Santa Breakfast. School supplies and hats, gloves, and scarves will be given away to families in need of these items.

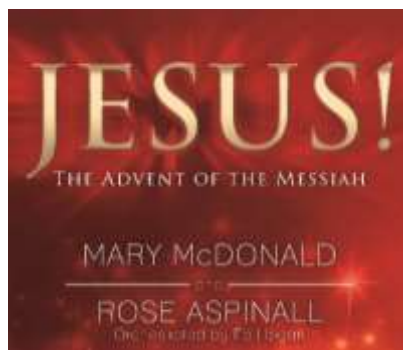


Celebrate the Advent/Christmas Season @ St. Paul's with **Advent Fellowship on Sunday, December 3 @ 9:30 am** with cookies, cocoa, Christmas Carols, Kids Activities and a Light Lunch.



Members and Friends of St. Paul's will **Ring the Bell to collect for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 12 from noon-8 pm @ Longenecker's Hardware Store in Manheim.**

Come out and support your friends and the Salvation Army – all donations received benefit those in need in the Manheim community.



Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah is a new Cantata for St. Paul's Chancel Choir which will be performed during worship @ 9:30 am on Sunday, December 17.

Come and enjoy the beautiful music of the Season at St. Paul's Christmas Cantata.



On Sunday, December 24, there will be 3 opportunities to worship!

- ◆ One Worship @ 9:30 am
- ◆ 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- ◆ 11 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship

Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Important Congregational Meeting

It is with great anticipation for the new year that Council and the Budget Committee presents the 2018 budget. Please preview the narrative and budget which is available in Fellowship Hall or on the table near the church office.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10th for the congregation to approve the budget. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 9:30 am worship service.

Lectionary

Sunday, December 1 – Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Sunday, December 10 – Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 17 – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 24 – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve – Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

January 7 – Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 4:1-11

January 14 – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 21 – Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

January 28 – Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Bill Long's office hours are typically:

Tuesday-Friday 9 am-1 pm.

If you need pastoral care – if you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours or for **emergency** weekend hours, please call Pastor Bill directly at 717.228.0949.

Up In & Out

Up In & Out will be held next on Sunday December 17 at 10:30 am.

We start with coffee and snacks in Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 am and then move to the Upper Room to go deeper with the video series from Francis Chan on the book of James.

If you have trouble navigating a lot of stairs – please feel free to use the elevator.



Luke Bible Study

Dive deeper into the book of Luke starting in January 2018.

This is an Inductive Bible Study using Kay Arthur's *"The Call to Follow Jesus"* book. If you'd like a copy to follow along, please contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447.

The study will be held on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm from January 3-March 28.

Stay & Pray

We are one when we are united in prayer! It's one of the ways that the disciples stayed connected, both to God and to each other – and it's still true for us today!

A time of prayer for the church is held after the Luke Bible Study in the Bright Library starting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings, January 3-March 28.

All are welcome to come as you are able. Contact is Ruth Raia at 717-299-1430/raiaruthann46@gmail.com.

FREE Community Breakfast

The next FREE Community Breakfast will be held from 9-10:30 am on:

- ♦ **Saturday, Dec. 2**
- ♦ **Saturday, Jan. 20**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rhonda Raia at 717.808.6868 or by email at smiles4u@dejazzd.com.



Fellowship Breakfast

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, December 27 @ 8:30 am at Corner House Grill (formerly Lintia's).

The Fellowship Breakfast is open to everyone – men are especially encouraged! Contact is Claire Reed 717.951.4325.

Vote for Your Favorite Hymn

Use the ballot to the right to vote for your top 3 favorite hymns and you may just hear one of your top 3 in worship!

In the February issue of St. Paul's Happenings, we'll share the top 10 favorite hymns for St. Paul's UCC.

Drop your ballot in the basket found in the back of the Sanctuary. So don't forget to vote – the deadline to do so is Sunday, December 10.



Women's Fellowship

Greetings St. Paul's Family,

Women's Fellowship has wonderful things to share with you about the upcoming festive season!

Women's Fellowship is participating in the Mission Team's gift card fundraiser this year to support both the Mission Team as well as UCC Homes. Complete your order form from the Mission Team along with your payment. Once the gift cards come in, June Smith and Akira Owens will distribute the cards to the residents of UCC Homes.

My Favorite Hymn

My top 3 Favorite Hymns are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Name: _____

If there is more than one version of the hymn, please include either the hymn number or the composer/writer of the song.

Thanks for your vote!

Get ready for the first Sub Sale of 2018! You may place your order with Carole Meckley on Sundays, January 7, 14, and 21. Pick up your order on Thursday, January 25 from 3-6 pm.

A huge thank you goes out to our ladies who helped to bring together Melissa Burkhart's ordination dinner on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Whether you brought cookies, or served, or lent a helping hand in another way, your faithfulness and willingness to support this event is deeply appreciated. I also want to thank Rhonda Raia, Amelia & Ivan Toledo for pitching in at the end of the evening and tidying up after the dinner.

I, Akira Owens, would like to extend a personal thanks to all of those who donated winter-wear and school supplies to the Almost Half Way Through School Giveaway at the Breakfast with Santa. Not only am I moved by the influx of goods, but the community is as well. Manheim's children will benefit greatly from your Christian love and generosity. Many ladies handcrafted stunning scarves and hats that I just know the kids are going to enjoy and be proud to wear. Thank you everyone; this is

what it looks like to be the Body of Christ.

Finally, our next fun **Women's Fellowship gathering will take place on Thursday, December 28 @ 1:30 pm.** The ladies thought it would be nice to just get together for an informal meeting to share cookies, coffee, laughter, and encouragement. Please do join us in Fellowship Hall, and feel free to bring your favorite cookies to share. We look forward to communing with you.

In His Service,
Akira May Owens, Women's Fellowship Secretary



Great Gift Idea!

St. Paul's Cookbook makes a great gift – and they only cost \$10 each!

Cookbooks make a great gift for weddings, showers, house warming, and of course, Christmas!

Contact Pam Herman in the church office to get your copy today.

Women's Retreat



Women, mark your calendars for **February 9-11, 2018!** That's the date of our Winter Women's Retreat. Snow date will be March 9-12.

Look for more details coming soon. Contact is Ruth Raia at 717.299.1430 or raiaruthann46@gmail.com.

Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is The Christmas Fund.

The Christmas Fund provides UCC congregations and members an opportunity to reach out in kindheartedness to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. The Fund is used for small annuities, retiree health premium supplementation, emergency grants, and Christmas "Thank You" gifts to retired clergy and lay members and families in need. The recipients of these gifts have faithfully served the church and now, in their time of need, we can be the church to them.

For more information, go to www.christmasfund.org. To support this important mission, please use your December special envelopes.

For 2018, each month will focus on a mission that is clearly in line with St. Paul's vision and mission – making a

difference in either our church (both locally and UCC), our Manheim community or in our world.

The 2018 Missions of the Month are:

- ♦ January – St. Paul's Mission Team
- ♦ February – Shepherd's Fund
- ♦ March – Heifer International
- ♦ March 11 – One Great Hour of Sharing
- ♦ April – MC Food Pantry
- ♦ May – Hartman Center
- ♦ June – Strengthen the Church
- ♦ July – Shepherd's Fund
- ♦ August – Bible2School
- ♦ September – St. Paul's Mission Team
- ♦ October – Church World Service – Blanket Appeal
- ♦ November - Community Breakfast
- ♦ December – Teen Central



Food Pantry Update

In October, the Food Pantry served 150 households – an increase of 17 households. A total of 460 individuals were served - up by 59 individuals. The reason for the increase is unclear, but this truly shows the needs we have here in Manheim.

Thanks to Manheim Rotary for the new freezer!

Items still needed include:

- ♦ Applesauce

- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Canned Vegetables
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Mac & Cheese
- ♦ Soup

Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or in the display area near the kitchen.

Thanks to those who make a difference right here in Manheim by donating and serving at the Manheim Central Food Pantry.

For more information about the Manheim Central Food Pantry, go to www.manheimcentralfoodpantry.org or call Carol at 717.665.2331. ext. 13.

(The food pantry is open for registered clients on the **1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays and Thursdays of each month**. Hours for clients to receive food are from **11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**)

Pleasant View Communion

Communion will be served at Pleasant View Retirement Community on **Tuesday, December 12 @ 1:30 pm**.

Called to Care

If you need transportation to a doctor appointment or to church, please contact Bev Leibold, Called to Care Ministry Leader, at 717.627.3425 or the church office at 717.665.2447.

Please try to give us at least 48 hours' notice.

If you wish to serve or have questions, please contact Bev Leibold.



Church Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, November 21 @ 7 pm.
Highlights of the meeting are:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Eric Myers reported:

- ◆ \$925,372.45 is the value of the Endowment Fund as of November 10, 2017.

Treasurers Report:

Eric Myers reported:

- ◆ We've had a few months without an additional endowment draw - total drawn so far is \$121,000 of a possible \$169,000 approved by the congregation. No out of the ordinary expenses to note.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ 18 pastoral visits. More visits to be scheduled.
- ◆ Pastor's Office Hours are Tuesday-Friday 9 am-1 pm. (See Page 3 for more details.)

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Property Board: A video doorbell has been installed for security purposes. Thanks to Ed Kopp for installing the doorbell. Budget discussions re: 2018 projects were held.

Old Business:

- ◆ 2018 Budget
The Budget Committee presented a proposed 2018 budget for approval. Council approved the budget to be approved by the congregation at a **Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 10 following worship.** (See Page 2 for details).
- ◆ **State of the Church Meeting Review**
Comments from the meeting were reviewed by all council members.

- ◆ Samaritan Counseling Center Church Assessment Forms need to be completed to begin the assessment. Feedback from council was received.
- ◆ Advent Fellowship
New Voices & Women's Fellowship are in charge of this event. A clipboard will be passed in church to find volunteers re: decorations and the Salvation Army bell ringers

New Business:

- ◆ Church Biography Review
16 Responses were received. President Dave Ludwig summarized the comments which will also be shared at the Dec. 10 congregational meeting.
- ◆ Additions/Changes to Article 7 in Church By-Laws
During a pastor's absence, our current by-laws do not stipulate who plans worship. Spiritual Council will be the entity to do so, but this needs to be added to the by-laws. Dave Ludwig will draft the proposed wording for December council approval and then January congregational approval.
- ◆ Election Board's use of Wi-Fi
Council reaffirmed their stance of not sharing wi-fi use for outside groups.

Open Discussion:

- ◆ Communion elements are to be covered.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19 @ 7 pm. The meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Herman, Recording Secretary

Church Council Minutes/Packets are posted in Fellowship Hall, in the 2nd floor hallway and are also available to you in the church office by request.



Thank you Note

Dear St. Paul's,

Never have I seen such an outpouring of love and generosity from a church as I have seen in the last few months. On behalf of the Youth Ministry here, I want to say THANK YOU to each one of you who supported the Fall Fest, Black Light

Game Night, and most recently, our Breakfast with Santa Giveaway.

At the Breakfast with Santa Giveaway, you truly made a difference in the lives of children just by thinking about their needs this winter as they navigate the rest of the school year, and potentially harsh weather that many of them were not ready to face. Because you came together and gave of yourselves by donating clothing items and school supplies, not only will the children and families of Manheim feel more prepared, but they will also experience God's love through your devoted service.

Whether you bought goods, found them at home, or knitted them together yourself, your love for people and for Christ is shining brightly outside of these walls, and into homes all over Manheim. Thank you, and let's keep serving people to the glory of our Lord!

Your Youth & Family Minister,
Akira May-Owens

9:30 Worship Attendance:

November 5 - 65

November 12 - 70

November 19 - 82

November 26 - 79

Requests for Prayer

If you have a prayer request, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705 to add a name to the prayer list. Names of those in retirement and nursing home facilities, as well as our homebound members, will remain on the list permanently as a reminder to keep these individuals wrapped in prayer and to remember them with your cards, phone calls, and visits:

Miriam Bargo
LaVerne Haas
Anna Mary Peters
Carole Shank
Polly Stoner
Helen Webb
*Carrie Mathiot
*Cindy Zdradzinsk

Anna Mae Barto
Dawn Hoffman
Marie Rhodes
Michael Shelley
Doris Stroud
*Nancy Brosey
*Linda Osborn
*Judy Longo's granddaughter, Maya

Martha Bricker
Nancy Lishman
Linda Rohrer
Phyllis Smeltz
Robert Swayne
*Ralph Givler
*Donna Rhodes

Hannah Good Fisher
Gail Ober
Burt Savitz
Everett (Tim) Stauffer
Lisa Weaver
*Betz Klopp
*Connie Shirk

In the Military:
Cindy Dieterly

Doug Pearson

Nathaniel Sexton

Giving Updates

Offering Envelopes: Your 2018 Offering Envelopes will be available in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 10. Your giving number has not changed. Please consider delivering those of your neighbor or family members who might not be able to pick up their own offering envelopes. Please contact the church office if you prefer to use direct withdrawal. Thanks!

Year End Contributions: Contributions to be credited in 2017 must be received in the church office by Sunday, December 31. Contributions received after that date will go into 2018 *regardless of the date on the check*.

December & January Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays:

3 – Bev Leibold
 4 – Benjamin Peiffer
 5 – Cayson Longenecker
 6 – Robert Loop
 8 – Jenn Givler

Sydney Peters

9 – Timothy Fegely
 10 – Todd Nauman
 13 – Maybelle Martin
 14 – Keegan Nauman
 15 – Delores Forry
 17 – Sally Young
 18 – Janet Degler

Beverly Geib

LaVerne Haas

19 – Fay Doster

John Fantom

21 – Katie Doyle

25 – Marian King

26 – Taylor Eckert

Sylvia Shelley

27 – Kathleen Prince

28 – Doris Stroud (turning 90!)

29 – Wayne Martin

30 – Donna Ricketts

Cayden Troop

31 – Abbey Fee

January Birthdays:

2 – Karen Weiss
 3 – Aaron Kopp
 7 – Sandy Bareford
 8 – Becky Becker
 9 – Makayla Burkhart

10 – Brent Peiffer

11 – Linford Harley

Joseph Wells

14 – Ron Nauman

15 – Ronald Swartz

16 – Gregory Mumma

18 – Maddix Newhouse

20 – Helen Webb

21 – Ed Parido

22 – Rhonda Raia

23 – Marie Bryant

Jackson Lau

24 – Heidi Ganse

27 – Hannah Fisher

28 – Eleanor Paine

Anniversaries:

Dec. 23 – Robert & Fay Doster

Dec. 24 – Edgar & Aldine Bergeron

Jan. 9 – Menno & Betty Lou Stoner


Jan. 16 – Harry & Joanne Lehman

Doris Stroud will be turning 90 years old on Thursday, December 28! Let's shower her with cards and well wishes. Her address is Pleasant View Retirement Community, 544 North Penryn Road, Room 237, Manheim, PA 17545.

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Decorating for Christmas	2  9:00am Santa Breakfast Breakfast with Santa
3 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Advent Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	4 5:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Property Board	5 10:30am Bible2School 1:00pm Staff meeting	6 10:30am Bible2School 7:00pm Children's Bells 7:30pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 8:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 10:30am Bible2School 6:00pm Manheim Women's Club in Kitchen 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting	8	9
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9:30 am Usher Schedule

Team 1 - *Steve Balmer, Terry Myers, Ron Forry

Team 2 – New Team Needed – contact Gail Ober

Team 3 - *Lynn Brewer, Dottie Boger, Eric Myers & Wayne Deem

Team 4 - *Ed Kopp & Jay Hess

Team 5 – *Dave Ludwig, Gail Ober, Menno Stoner & Tom Brewer

Substitutes are: Jane Laube and Wayne Deem

If you are not able to serve, please contact your team captain and let them know the name of your replacement.

Date	Team	Date	Team
December 3	4	January 7	5
December 10	5	January 14	1
December 17	1	January 21	3
December 24	3	January 28	4
December 31	4		

Greeters

December 3 – June Kopp & Julia Shreiner

December 10 – Rick & Brenda Conley

December 17 – Joe & Ruth Raia

December 24 – Tom & Jean Gates

December 31 – Phyllis Smeltz

Altar Flowers

Please contact Bonnie Myers at [717.626.7307](tel:717.626.7307)/tlmyers@ptd.net if you would like to sponsor the altar flowers. The cost is \$25 per week.

Please make your check payable to St. Paul's UCC.



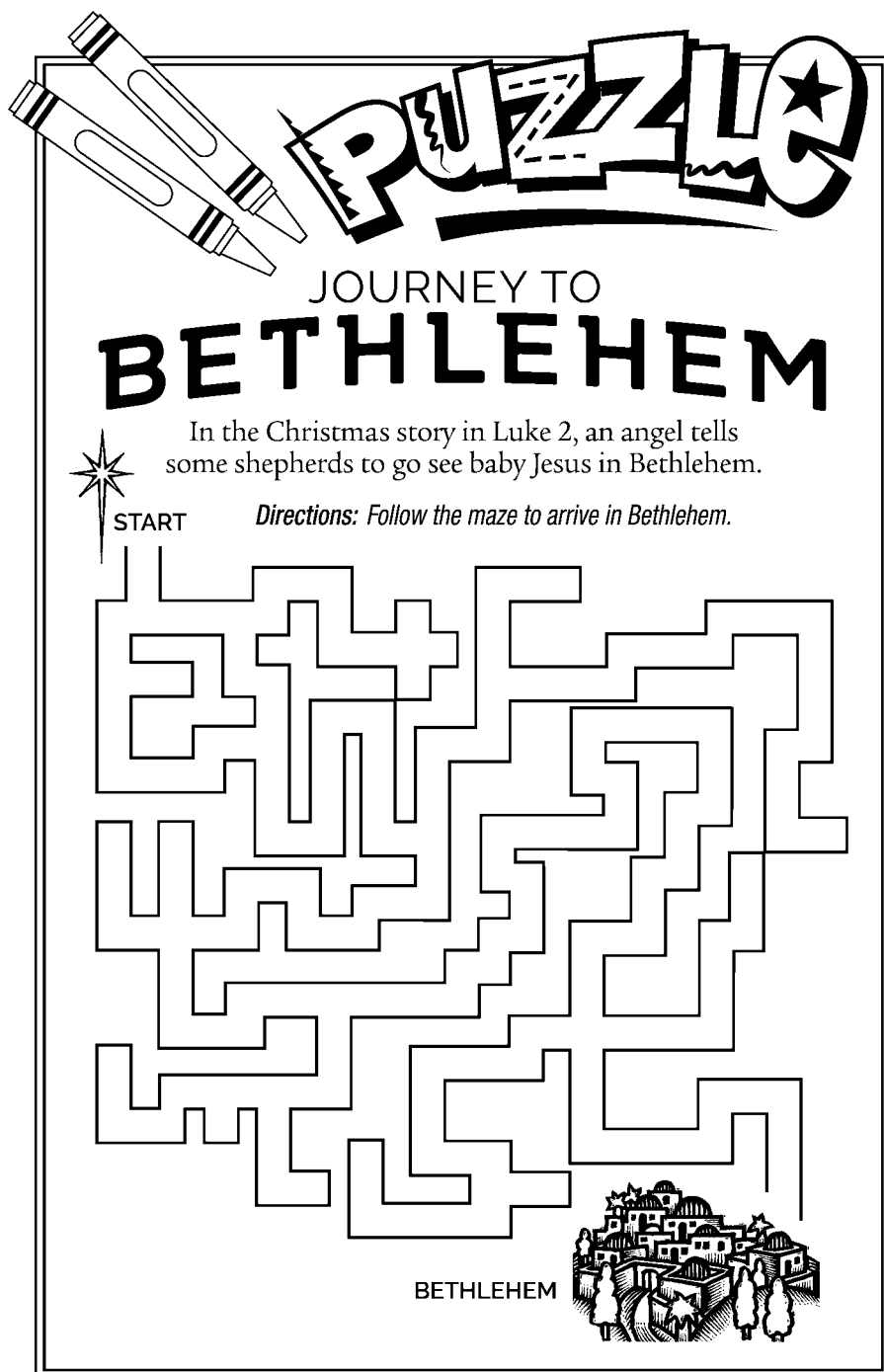
The Perfect Gift

Do you stress about finding just the right gift for everyone on your Christmas list? Does it make the season more a hassle than a joy? Pastor Mike Slaughter reminds us that Christmas isn't about perfect presents for people, as if it were their birthday — or ours. Christmas is about the perfect presence of Immanuel, God with us, through the birth of Jesus; it's his birthday, after all!

In *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* (Abingdon), Slaughter writes, "How funny that it can be so hard to find gifts that will please certain family members or friends — the people who seem to have everything — and yet it is so clear what the Lord of lords and King of kings wants for his birthday. God wants you — your time, your talent and your treasure — used in service to others."



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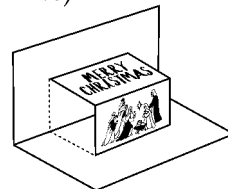


POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.

Let it Snow!



Communication Deadlines

St. Paul's Happenings is printed monthly with the exception of the combined issues in December/January and July/August. The deadline to submit articles is typically by the 3rd Sunday of the month before publication. **The February 2018 issue deadline is Sunday, January 21, 2018.**

Bulletin information/announcements are due to the church office no later than Wednesday morning @ 8 am. Typically, announcements in the bulletin run no more than 2-3 weeks. Submit your information by dropping off in the church office or by email at stpaulsucc@dejazzd.com.

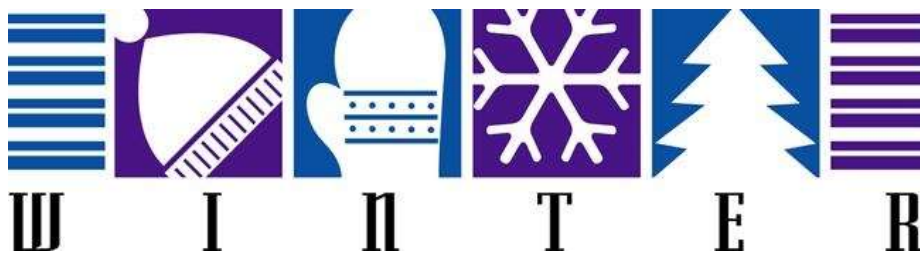
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Nursery Coordinator	Rhonda Raia Smiles4u@dejazzd.com
Custodian	Mark Lowe
Kitchen Manager	Joe Raia

Council Members

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Ron Forry	
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Gail Ober, Secretary	
Amanda Peiffer	
Alec Raia	
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Sylvia Shelley, Assistant Treasurer	
Non-voting Ex-Officio Member by Position:	
The Rev. Bill Long, Bridge Pastor	
Pam Herman, Church Administrator & Recording Secretary	



Welcome to St. Paul's Happenings!

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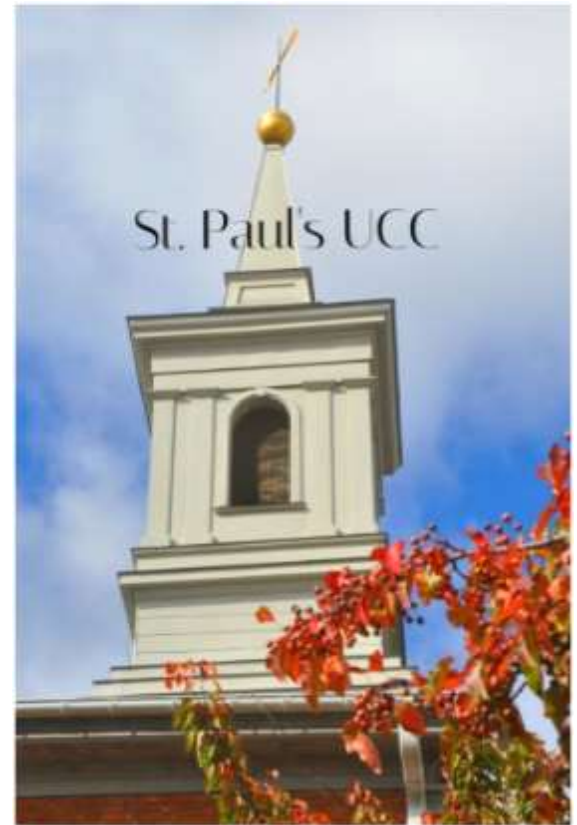
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Sunday Worship:

ONE Worship @ 9:30 am

Up In & Out @ 10:30 am

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