

# *St. Paul's Church*

*of the United Church of Christ*



**"The Light" Newsletter  
December 2018/January 2019 Edition**

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# Newsletter December 2018

## Advent

Advent is a liturgical season meant to be lived with deep spiritual anticipation. It is a time of year in which the Church invites us to look forward to spiritual gifts with the same kind of eagerness and delight that children feel towards material gifts. But how do we do that? It is learning to wait - Sally Forth has written: "That is what Advent is for me...the art of waiting. Waiting for a coming Savior, yes, most definitely. I do wait for that. But it teaches us to wait for other things as well. Waiting to see family you haven't seen in a very long time. Waiting for a new year to start. Waiting for that promotion. Waiting for holidays off of work. Waiting on the diagnosis. Waiting for the other shoe to drop. Waiting for an answer, almost any answer. Waiting to see loved ones again in the hereafter. Waiting to see my loved one again. The waiting doesn't get easier. I thought it would. People make it seem like it will. But it doesn't. But it does become familiar. And there is something to that at least. This season is not happiness. Waiting is not happiness. Happiness is fleeting. And waiting is anything but fleeting. Instead I light my candles and wait in solemn hope, love, joy, and peace. These are not feelings. They are decisions. We decide to hope, to love, to have joy, and to live at peace. That is what the waiting teaches us, that is, if we care to listen." Will you join me in the wait.

## Adult Class

The Wednesday class will begin again on Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 12.30 and 7 pm We are in the middle section of Living the Questions

## **In Worship**

Dec 2 A.1 Sign of things to come

Dec 9 A.2 John the Baptizer

Dec 12 Blue Christmas service 7 pm

Dec 16 A.3 Choir

Dec 23 A.4 Mary's Song

Dec 24 Christmas Eve 5 pm

Dec 30 C1 Lesson and Carols

Jan 6 Epiphany – Children' program

Jan 13 Baptism of Christ "Filled with expectation"

Jan 20 Ep.2 " the first sign"

Jan 27 Ep.3 " first task"

## **CHURCH TIDBITS**



### **December 9 – Christmas Caroling**

Join us for some warm and hearty soups before venturing out to sing some Christmas Carols and deliver cards and gifts to some of our shut-ins. Dinner starts at 4:00 and we will leave for caroling around 4:45.

### **Upcoming CE Activities**

Every Sunday – Children's Church & Practice for the Christmas Skit during worship (kids go downstairs after Children's Moment)

12/9 – Caroling



1/6 – Epiphany Celebration – stay after for King Cake



Christmas Skit during Epiphany

Time to start thinking about Christmas

. . . cards for our shut-ins!

We will be putting bags in the sanctuary to collect cards and then will deliver when we go caroling on December 9<sup>th</sup>.



-CE Board

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after our Worship Service. The Agenda will include the election of the Council Officers for 2019 as well as the Proposed Budget for 2019. Please plan on attending this meeting as we continue the work of St. Paul's.**

Thanks to the generosity of many of our members, we were able to purchase 14 oil candles for our two candelabras. The following is a list of the donors and the people's lives they wanted to honor:

Donors	Celebrating/Honoring the life of
Mike and Evelyn Dietz	Marilyn Dietz
Mike and Evelyn Dietz	Ron Steppeler
Lee Walz	Ruth and Roy Walz
Robert and Mary Weinel	Ken Weinel and Drew Johnson
Dennis and Karen Zimmerman	Henry and Elizabeth Rinehard
Dennis and Karen Zimmerman	Herman and Betty Lou Pfeiffer
Roger Windgassen	Ann Windgassen
Richard Carr Family	Romaine Carr
Martha Anne Schmidt	Robert Schmidt
Sandy Smith	Cleon Smith
Tim and Sharon Ash	Carl Bihl
Jeff and Julie Enyart	Loved Ones
Evelyn Keifer	Paul Keifer
Dave and Cammy Burling	Don Burling

Dear St. Paul's,

I pray that during this very meaningful season of Advent and Christmas that the Christ who came to meet us is greeting you with hope and possibility this year. I continue to hold you all in my prayers and think of you often.

I wanted to write to thank the wonderful group from St. Paul's who came to be present at my recent installation as the official Conference Minister of the Indiana Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. It was such an honor to look out and see your faces and to be embraced with your support on this very special occasion. I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with so many of you afterwards at the reception and was so honored by your generous gift to me. In my time as a Conference Minister I have found myself referencing our work together at St. Paul's often and the kind of gift you are to the world and were to me and my family. I use examples from our learning together, our faith discoveries, and the ways we found ourselves challenged to listen for the Spirit's call in our midst. I continue to be grateful for all that I learned while with you and for God's movement in our journey together. I hope you will continue to hold me in your prayers as I help to guide our conference forward into an unknown future. Once again, thank you so much to all who came. It really meant a lot to me, to Shannon, and the kids. It was a true celebration of joy and it was wonderful having so many of you with us to do so. Blessings to all of you on the season that is ahead and until we meet again, may God's love, peace, and compassion go with you always.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Chad



**DECEMBER**  
**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1 Cameron McDonald</b>  | <b>7 Fred &amp; Lilla Losey</b>       |
| <b>1 Jessica McDonald</b>  | <b>50 years</b>                       |
| <b>1 Kayla McDonald</b>    |                                       |
| <b>4 Susan Voelker</b>     | <b>19 Roger &amp; Kathy VonStrohe</b> |
| <b>5 Shawn Hayslette</b>   | <b>49 years</b>                       |
| <b>8 Gary Sperry</b>       |                                       |
| <b>8 Tom Wheeler</b>       |                                       |
| <b>9 Craig McAlpin</b>     |                                       |
| <b>9 Amanda Pohlman</b>    |                                       |
| <b>9 Sandy Smith</b>       |                                       |
| <b>10 Jennifer Vogt</b>    |                                       |
| <b>15 Curtis McNichols</b> |                                       |
| <b>17 Fay Racke</b>        |                                       |
| <b>21 Wanda Hornsby</b>    |                                       |
| <b>23 Samuel Edington</b>  |                                       |
| <b>24 Benjamin Dietz</b>   |                                       |
| <b>29 Jackie Poynter</b>   |                                       |



**JANUARY**  
**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>3 David Buecker</b>          | <b>14 Ken &amp; Fay Racke</b>          |
| <b>5 Margie Stormer</b>         | <b>32 years</b>                        |
| <b>6 Kevin Chalk</b>            |  |
| <b>6 Julie Enyart</b>           | <b>17 Tim &amp; Linda Velten</b>       |
| <b>6 Ginny Lickert Combs</b>    | <b>26 years</b>                        |
| <b>10 Kenneth Voelker</b>       |  |
| <b>13 Carol Valerius</b>        | <b>22 Michael &amp; Amanda Pohlman</b> |
| <b>15 Jackie Baker</b>          | <b>9 years</b>                         |
| <b>19 Roger Windgassen</b>      |  |
| <b>22 Ruth Beck</b>             |  |
| <b>22 Todd Pfeiffer</b>         |  |
| <b>22 Roland Wright</b>         |  |
| <b>23 Jim Thomas</b>            |  |
| <b>24 Becky Horn</b>            |  |
| <b>25 Ava Christine Winstel</b> |  |
| <b>26 Matthew Losey</b>         |  |
| <b>26 Andrew Saunders</b>       |  |
| <b>28 Annette Boehm</b>         |  |
| <b>29 Zachary Dietz</b>         |  |
| <b>31 Houston Hall</b>          |  |



## THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER

### Liturgist

Dec. 2 Roger VonStrohe  
9 Karey Thomas  
16 Marion Gosney  
23 Debbie Fowee  
24 5:00 pm – Roger VonStrohe  
30 Karey Thomas

### Coffee

Dec. 2 Tim Ash  
9 Debbie Yeager  
16 Tim Ash  
23 The Hayslettes  
30 Debbie Yeager

### Acolyte

Dec. 2 Logan Hayslette  
9 Shae Weinel  
16 Greyson Ballinger  
23 Kynslee Ballinger  
24 Logan Hayslette  
30 Shae Weinel

Communion Set-up: December 2 – Barb Fausz and Helen McAlpin  
December 24 – Mindy Connell and Audrey Thomas

### Ushers:

Dec. 2 10:30 Asbury Turner, Sue Hatfield,  
Debbie Fowee and Cameron McDonald

Dec. 9 10:30 Leah McDonald and Ron Sperry

Dec. 16 10:30 Shawn Hayslette and Pat Schuchter

Dec. 23 10:30 Marion & Dorothy Gosney

Dec. 24 5:00 Pat Schuchter and Debbie Fowee

Dec. 30 10:30 Ron Sperry and Gary Sperry

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ASSIGNED DATE, PLEASE  
TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE AND LET THE CHURCH OFFICE  
KNOW.**



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13 Marion Gosney  
20 Roger VonStrohe  
27 Debbie Fowee

### Coffee

Jan. 6 Tim Ash  
13 Debbie Yeager  
20 Debbie Yeager  
27 Tim Ash

### Acolyte

Jan. 6 Greyson Ballinger  
13 Shae Weinel  
20 Kynslee Ballinger  
27 Greyson Ballinger

### Communion Set-up: Jan. 6 – Marion & Dorothy Gosney

### Ushers:

Jan. 6 10:30 Asbury Turner, Jim Miller,  
Debbie Fowee and Cameron McDonald

Jan. 13 10:30 Leah McDonald and Lee Walz

Jan. 20 10:30 Marion & Dorothy Gosney

Jan. 27 10:30 Gary Sperry and Ron Sperry

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## WHITE GIFT PROGRAM 2018

As most of you know, each year our church provides food and gifts to families for Christmas. Each family receives a letter of the alphabet and a symbol to identify them. These symbols are displayed on a front pew with the identifying letter, age, sex, sizes (when available), and toy suggestions on them. The symbols are to be attached to the bottom of the gift you purchase so that they may be removed by the family when they receive them and place their own bows, etc. on the gifts. Symbols will be available before and after church on November 25<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you need more symbols, please make your own in the same color and with the same information on them. After you select your symbols, PLEASE SIGN the notebook available showing which symbols you have selected. On December 16<sup>th</sup> bring your gifts for White Gift Sunday.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am boxes of food and gifts will be assembled in the fellowship hall. We always need plenty of elves to accomplish this task. Contact Mindy Connell to help assemble the food boxes and Charlene Rogers to help check off gifts and sometimes wrap additional gifts.

God bless each of you for your part in this wonderful program. The families are so appreciative every year for all that we are able to provide for them.

Charlene Rogers and the Mission Committee

POINSETTIAS PRE-SALE  
\$7 PER PLANT



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
SEE KAREY THOMAS OR CALL HER AT  
859-496-2771. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS  
DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of  
Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory

of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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