

St. Paul's Church

of the United Church of Christ



**"The Light" Newsletter
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From the Interim

We know we are in “liminal space,” betwixt and between, on the threshold—and we have to stay here until we have learned something essential. It is still no fun and filled with doubt and “demons” of every sort. But it is the darkness of being held closely by God without our awareness. This is where transformation happens.

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC)

The key leadership of the congregation and myself will be working from your nominations to solicit the willingness of people to sever on our PSC. We will present them on the first Sunday in Dec. to bless and dedicate them to their task.

Advent traditions

Two traditions I would like to share with you while I’m you interim one is my Advent banner that I made many years ago and have shared with most of my churches I have severed. This banner has a Chi (P like symbol) and the Rho (the X like symbol) coming out of a manger. These two letters in Greek is the name of Jesus.

The second tradition I would like to share is a reading of children’s book during the weekly advent services. I will share my favorite of them *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* by Susan Wojciechowski most time I find the adults liking the book more than the children.

Wednesday Study/Special

Will be wrapping up the study of Falling Upward in Nov. and then two special events-
Dec 6 – the interim and the question box-

During November you can submit questions to the interim and he will do his best to answer them on this Wednesday night

Dec 13 – a Blue Christmas service

A quiet service of reflection for people who are struggling the “holiday cheer” – a time to grieve and remember

Worship

Nov 5 – All Saints Sunday - Sermon: Saints I have known

Nov 12 – Sermon: Fishing for money

Nov 19 – Sermon: Giving like Jesus gave

Nov 26 – Reign of Christ Sunday – guest preacher – Kay Young

CHURCH TIDBITS



ANNUAL REPORTS

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS NEED TO TURN IN AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 12TH. THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 17TH.

Pull Tabs Bring Help to Ronald

This is how it works. It's like the old time Pony Express. The rider started out with the mail to deliver on a fresh horse and rode to the way-station. He left the tired horse there and rode on a fresh horse to the goal.

You bring in can pull-tabs and I collect them. Then I'm the tired horse that takes them to the way-station (The Campbell County Retired Teachers Association meeting.) There the fresh horse (one of our members – J.B. Losey) takes all the tabs the retired teachers have brought in to the Ronald McDonald House and the man who receives them.

That man tells J.B. that the Campbell County Retired Teachers Association is one of the biggest donors to the House. And J.B. tells him that “the good people of St. Paul’s Church in Alexandria” are by far the biggest donors of what he brings in. Your last donation consisted of 36,000 tabs!

That's how you have become known as “the good people of St. Paul’s Church in Alexandria.”

F.Y.I. - “Our Ronald McDonald House makes about \$27,000 a year from recycling tabs.

I hope this explains our can-tab collection. Thanks for being who you are.

Donna Mader

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Laura Darlington	2	Ron & Joanne Laws
1	Terri Lewis		24 years
2	Dolores Boehmer	7	Ralph & Anna Olson
2	Mike Dietz		58 years
2	Hannah Winstel	11	Mike & Evelyn Dietz
3	Helen Bain		15 years
3	Janice Painter	11	Jim & Peach Webb
3	Emily Cox		39 years
7	Ben Losey	24	Asbury & Carole Turner
10	Nick Snelling		54 years
12	Pat Schuchter		
13	Joshua Darlington		
14	Kelsey Miller		
15	Jeanne Greiser		
17	Pat Markus		
17	Benjamin Franzen		
21	Eric Bihl		
21	Lindsey Buechel		
21	Benjamin Knipper		
23	Everett Harrison		
23	Helen Mason		



THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Liturgist

Nov. 5 Karey Thomas
12 Marion Gosney
19 Debbie Fowee
26 Amity Kukla

Coffee

Nov. 5 Dave & Cammy Burling
12 D. Yeager & J. Baker
19 Tim Ash
26 Dave & Cammy Burling

Acolyte

Nov. 5 Logan Hayslette
12 Greyson Ballinger
19 Shae Weinel
26 Logan Hayslette

Communion Set-up: Nov.5 – Marion & Dorothy Gosney

Ushers:

Nov. 5 10:30 Asbury Turner, Jim Miller, and
Rick Carr and Lee Walz

Nov. 12 10:30 Ron Sperry and Gary Sperry

Nov. 19 10:30 Marion & Dorothy Gosney

Nov. 26 10:30 Pat Schuchter and Shawn Hayslette

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

WHITE GIFT PROGRAM IS COMING SOON

The Mission Committee is gearing up for our White Gift Program 2017. We have made contacts with those who provide the families we will serve. We will be giving out symbols on November 26th, December 3rd, and December 10th. We are hoping to provide gifts and food for 12 to 15 families this year. Items on our wish list for the food boxes include:

Canned fruits and vegetables

Canned meats/fish

Boxed desserts and breakfast items

Peanut butter/jellies/jams

Paper products like paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, etc.

Soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, detergents and more

These items may be taken down to the fellowship hall and left on tables set up in the south end for the collections after December 2nd.

White Gift Sunday will be December 17th, so please bring your gifts that day.

Watch the bulletins and newsletter for more dates and details.

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