



THE WEEKLY

Calendar of Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday, December 4

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Social Room)
- 10:45 am Contemporary Style Worship Service
- 11:45 am Wesley Student Lunch (Abba Java)
- 1:00 pm Carillon Bell Choir Concert and Carol Sing (Sanctuary, Social Room)

Monday, December 5

- 5:00 pm Prayer (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 pm Preschool Family Christmas Dinner (Ed. Center 3rd floor)
- 6:00 pm Kappa Phi (Wesley 301)

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:00 am Worship Planning (Asbury Room)
- 12:00 pm Holy Yoga (Wesley 204)
- 12:30 pm Women of Purpose (Ed. Center 308)
- 6:00 pm Troop 31 Adult Leader Meeting (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 (Ed. Center 308)
- 7:00 pm Troop 31 Meeting (Gym)

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:30 am Women of Faith, Hope & Love (Ed. Center 3rd floor)
- 11:00 am Bread Basket (Social Room)
- 1:30 pm Laos Group (Asbury Room)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (Wesley 204)
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Prayer Gathering (Frank Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Webelo II (Wesley 205)
- 7:00 pm Troop 31 Committee Meetings (Asbury Room)
- 7:00 pm Hospital Visitation Team (Social Room)

Thursday, December 8

- 9:30 am Program Directors Meeting (Wesley 202)
- 12:00 pm Ruth Circle (Ed. Center 3rd floor)

Friday, December 9

- 6:30 am Accountable Disciples (Social Room)
- 8:00 pm SPYF Christmas Lock-in (Ed. Center 3rd floor)

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 am Finals Care Packages (Abba Java)
- 9:00 am Shoe Bank (Wesley 203)
- 10:00 am GOALS & Beyond (Asbury Room)

Sunday School Schedule

CHILDREN		
9:15	Children's Sunday School	Education Center 1 st & 2 nd floors

ADULTS		
9:15	Seekers & Servants	Wesley 202
10:45	Adult Bible Study (ABS)	Wesley 204
	The 10:45 Forum	Asbury Room/ Library

Music Ministry Rehearsals

Contact Russell Bloom at stpaulsmusicsce@gmail.com

Wellspring Praise Team

Sunday	9:00 am	Wesley 204
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Thursday	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
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Carillon Handbell Choir

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Asbury Room
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Cherub Choir (grades K-2)

Sunday	10:10 am	Ed. Center 103
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Angelus Choir (grades 3-6)

Sunday	10:10 am	Ed. Center 208
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 Find us on: [facebook](#) Music Ministry at St. Paul's

Out of the Cold will be held in the Gym every night from 8 pm-7 am through December 11



Everyone is invited to Coffee Fellowship in the Social Room following 9:15 am Worship

NOTES

Christmas Poinsettias to beautify our church may be ordered through Monday, December 5. Order forms are available in the magazine racks outside the Sanctuary entrance.

Weekly Changes: There will be no *Weekly* on Sunday, December 25. Articles for January 1 are due a week early, on Monday, December 19. Thank you!

In this week's "What's Happening" email, be sure to look for the Readiness 360 survey. You are being asked to complete the survey so the Large Church Initiative consultation team may better understand St. Paul's UMC. Simply click on the link and enter the listed passcode. No internet access? Contact Linda (237-2163) to complete the survey in the church office. Our deadline is December 31.

WORSHIP

Carillion Handbell Choir Concert TODAY Sunday, December 4, 1 pm in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy the beautiful music and sing Christmas songs. Refreshments immediately following in the Social Room. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Brass and more on Christmas Eve! Youth and adult brass, woodwind, and percussion players are invited to join the instrumental ensemble at the 7 pm Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are Sundays, December 11 & 18, 12-12:45 pm, and Thursday, December 22, 6 pm. Music will be available December 4. Contact Joanna Carlson if interested (joannacarlson@gmail.com).

Christmas Eve Nativity: Children ages 4-11 are invited to be part of the nativity procession at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service. Rehearsal is 3:20 pm on

Christmas Eve. Contact Joanna Carlson if interested (joannacarlson@gmail.com).

On Sundays, December 25 and January 1 there will be only one worship service, held at 10 am. We hope you will join us in celebrating Christmas Day and New Year's Day!

GROW

Women looking for a UMW Circle to join are invited to dinner with the Friendship Circle at Harrison's on December 7, 6 p.m. We are a newer circle and coordinate UMCOR kit assemblies. Contact Jill Teel to join the reservation (ajteel@comcast.net).

UMC Board of Church and Society is planning an educational trip to Washington DC, February 5-8, concerning the topics of poverty and homelessness. Cost is \$375. Contact Rev. Andrew Burd-Harris (aburd-harris@susumc.org; 304-554-9131) for more information. Register by December 31.

Created By God brochures and registration forms are now available online at stpaulsc.org, click on Ministries, then Children. Deadline for registering your 5th, 6th, or 7th grader and their friends is January 15! The Event is February 2-5. Get it in now!

SERVE

Finals care packages: We will assemble Finals Care Packages on Saturday, December 10, 9 am in Abba Java. Please plan to come and help! Donations of cookies, snacks, candy, etc. greatly appreciated. Contact Jean Chirpas (571-0603) with questions.

Needed: Flower Coordinator for Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. This involves ordering, arranging and then distributing/removing the plants from the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact

Brook Boyer (692-9886) or the church office (237-2163).

GIVE

Alternative Christmas Gifts: Volunteers with forms to be filled out for an Alternative Christmas gift will be at tables in each lobby today. You may choose a charity listed on the form or write in a charity of your choice. Gift cards to give in lieu of packaged gifts will also be available at the tables.

Provide a gift of mittens for the children at the Park Forest Nursery School. Choose an envelope from the tree in the McAllister Lobby, enclose \$7 and return it by December 11 to the basket near the tree! If you have already purchased mittens, we will happily take those too! Questions? Contact Heidi Knutelsky (867-4911 or hknutelsky@hotmail.com).

Looking for a great Stocking Stuffer? St. Paul's Shoe Bank magnets will be sold in the Calder Way lobby on December 11 between all services. Please consider helping out the Shoe Bank with your holiday purchase. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Have a wonderful holiday season.

St. Paul's is collecting unwrapped Christmas toys for Neighborhood Center. No stuffed animals or violent toys please. Ages infants-teenagers. A complete list is attached to the box located in the Calder Way atrium of the church. Questions? Contact Judy Geschwindner (237-1743).

We can recycle your cardboard paper towel and toilet paper rolls! Children's Ministry and St. Paul's Christian Preschool have many uses for them! Please put them in the marked box in the Calder stairwell near the lost and found. Thank you!

Nicaragua Backpacks

& Scholarships: Nicaraguan students are counting on St. Paul's. Backpack w/Supplies: \$15; a year's university tuition: \$300. Checks to St. Paul's with Act. #24205 in memo line may be mailed to Barb Taylor, 86 Galen Dr., SC, PA 16801, or placed in the offering plate.

Goal

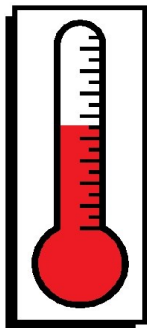
\$21,000

Current Total

\$11,515

Still Needed

\$9,485



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Tori Von Leer, 237-2163 ext. 148
tvonleer@stpaulsc.org*

All volunteers in children's classes/activities are required to have Safe Sanctuary clearances. Contact Tori for information.

Sundays, December 25 and January 1, there will be no Sunday School for children or childcare for infants and toddlers. Plan to join us for worship as a family at 10 am on both Sundays! Children's worship boxes are located at the rear of the sanctuary toward the elevator.

YOUTH MINISTRY

*Dave Fisher, 237-2163 ext. 137
dfisher@stpaulsc.org*

SPYF will meet tonight as usual from 5:30-8 pm at the Henderson home. Check www.stpaulsc.org/SPYNFO for the address.

Also on the SPYNFO page:

More details about upcoming SPYF events and meetings, as well as several on-going sign-ups. Check it out!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

*Jen Gruendler, 238.6739 ext. 139
jgruendler@stpaulsc.org
www.wesleypsu.org*

Abba Java Finals Hours:

Thursday, December 8: 9 am-12 am
Friday, December 9: 9 am-5 pm
Saturday, December 10: 10 am-9 pm
Sunday, December 11: 12 pm-12 am
Monday, December 12: 9 am-12 am
Tuesday, December 13: 9 am-12 am
Wednesday, December 14: 9 am-9 pm
Thursday, December 15: 9 am-5 pm
Friday, December 16: 9 am-12 pm

Grad Students! Join us on Tuesday night, December 6, at 6:30 pm for dinner out and shopping for the family that Wesley is sponsoring this Christmas. RSVP to Jen!

Do you love Christmas Cookies?!

Join us on December 7, at 6 pm in Abba Java for dinner, an Advent devotion, and baking Christmas cookies! Come when you can and leave when you need to!

Join us to prepare a meal for the Out of the Cold Homeless Ministry on Wednesday, December 7, from 3-4:30 pm in Abba Java.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

*Renae Schunk, 237-2163 ext. 152
rschunk@stpaulsc.org*

Love The Walk to Bethlehem, or just have a passion for writing?

We would like to invite members of the congregation to help create our own devotional booklet for the Walk to Jerusalem! This includes writing 12 devotions, and we are currently looking for writers. Contact Renae for information.

As of Monday, November 28, we have walked 8,531 miles! We are now in Beijing, China. Check the McAllister Lobby for our progress, and keep logging in your mileage, steps, or minutes of activity. Devotion Booklet and log-in link are on the St. Paul's website. Keep up the great work!

COMMUNITY

Holiday Home Tour to benefit Park Forest Preschool is TODAY, 1-5 pm. After the Christmas Handbell Concert in our Sanctuary, bring a friend and come tour 6 homes in the College Heights Section of State College. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the first home located at 315 Hillcrest Avenue. Need more info? Go to the website at www.parkforestpreschool.org.

Interfaith Human Services needs volunteers to help ring bells at the IHS Wishing Wells as follows: Sunday, December 11, 12-6 pm; Thursday, December 15, 9 am-9 pm; Sunday, December 18 12-6 pm. Please call, text or email your availability to Jerry Wettstone (571-7418; jerry.wettstone@verizon.net) or Bill Moyer (321-1414; w_moyer@yahoo.com).

Buy Rwanda Gifts for Christmas to support education and Centre County United Way. Traditional baskets, sewn bags and aprons, carved birds of peace and more. Saturday, December 10, 9 am-6 pm and Sunday, December 11, 12-4 pm at the Festival of Trees at Central PA Institute of Science & Technology, 540 Harrison Rd, Pleasant Gap.

ACAP- Centre County provides information and support for adult children caring for aging parents. You are invited to attend a free educational presentation, "Compassion Fatigue: Caregiver Burnout" December 13, 5:30 pm at Country Inn and Suites in State College. For more information call 1-877-599-2227 or visit www.ACAPcommunity.org.

Service of Hope: Blue Christmas at Grace Lutheran Church. Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 pm. Co-sponsored by St. Paul's. Acknowledge our pain and loss and through Scripture, song, prayer, and candlelight we will



experience Christ's eternal light filling and healing the darkness that surrounds us. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Karen Alley has released her latest CD, "Praise for the Morning," a collection of mostly traditional hymns. Cindy Alley (4alleys@comcast.net; 237-5276) has copies (\$15). Karen will be on her honeymoon over Christmas, so this will be the only chance to hear her hammered dulcimer this year!

What's Happening? email updates: This weekly email blast highlights a few of the many activities taking place at St. Paul's. Please send your email address to Virginia at vflick@stpaulsc.org, if you would like to receive these email updates.

Prayer Requests and Praises: Place a prayer/praise request card in the offering plate or contact Shannon McChesney-Brungart (shannonmchesneybrungart@verizon.net; 355.2870).

Hospital Visitation: Due to privacy regulations, we must depend on our members to inform the church of the hospitalization of their family members or neighbors who desire spiritual care. Please call the church office at 237.2163.

Visit the Library located in the Asbury Room on the 3rd floor. Checkout/return books any time the church is open.

Alive Now (\$1.75) & **Upper Room** (\$.80 reg. print; \$1.25 large print) for November/December are available in racks outside Sanctuary entrances.

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor Greg Milinovich
Associate Pastor Becky McGee
Director of the Wesley Foundation....Jen Gruendler

SERVICES

8:00 am Traditional Worship with Communion
9:15 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Style Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 am Children and Youth
10:45 am Adult Christian Education

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

10:15 am (Social Room)

HOURS

Church Office:
Monday-Friday 9 am-4 pm

Custodian Scheduled:
Sunday 7 am-3 pm
Monday-Friday 9 am-10 pm
Saturday 8 am-12:30 pm

PARKING INFORMATION

The church parking lot (corner of Locust Lane & Calder Way) is reserved for renters & staff Monday-Friday from 7 am-5 pm. All others will be towed at the owner's expense. Parking is available on the street or in a nearby parking facility. After 5 pm the parking lot is available to those attending church functions.

WELCOME TABLE

9:15

Louise Albert (Calder)
Lynn Phillips (College)

10:45

Tammy Mistrick (Calder)
Phyllis Stuby (College)

GREETERS

9:15

Betty Knouse (Calder)
Gertrude Finley (College)

10:45

The Jehu/Poduszlo Family (Calder)
Ned & Jan Deihl (College)

ATTENDANCE

November 27

8:00 am	42
9:15 am	271
10:45 am	95
Total	408

Submitting an article? The St. Paul's *Weekly* deadline is Monday at 4 pm. Announcements must be 50 words or less and may run no longer than 3 weeks. *The Messenger* deadline is the second Wednesday of each month at noon (announcements 200 words or less.) Email articles to cfisher@stpaulsc.org.

Please note when submitting articles, both publications appear on our church website. If you prefer to keep your address/phone number private, and a contact is necessary, you may refer people to the church office to get your contact information.

