



THE WEEKLY

Calendar of Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday, December 11

- 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)
- 11:45 am Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal (Social Room)
- 8:00 pm Out of the Cold (Gym)

Monday, December 12

- 5:00 pm Prayer (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Kappa Phi (Wesley 301)

Tuesday, December 13

- 12:00 pm Holy Yoga (Wesley 204)
- 12:30 pm Women of Purpose (Ed. Center 308)
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (Ed. Center 3rd floor)
- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 (Ed. Center 308)
- 7:00 pm Troop 31 Meeting (Gym)

Wednesday, December 14

- 9:30 am Women of Faith, Hope & Love (Ed. Center 3rd floor)
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Prayer Gathering (Frank Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Webelo II (Wesley 205)
- 6:30 pm The Bear Den (Wesley 303)
- 7:00 pm Church Council (Social Room)

Friday, December 16

- 6:30 am Accountable Disciples (Social Room)

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 am Shoe Bank (Wesley 203)

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	7:00 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



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

NOTES

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, you will receive 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

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 pm Family Service
7:00 pm Blended Worship
Candlelight Service
9:00 pm Contemplative
Candlelight Service
with Communion
11:00 pm Traditional
Candlelight Service

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, from 12-12:45 pm, and Thursday, December 22 at 6 pm. 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!

The pastors would like to invite anyone with an interest in worship to a Bi-Annual Worship Planning Meeting on January 3, at 7 pm, in the Social Room. At this meeting, worship for the seasons of Lent through Ordinary Time will be discussed. All interested persons welcome.

GROW

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 coming February 2-5. Register now!

SERVE

Thanks to all who contributed cookies for our St. Paul's Homebound. As we filled the cans, and as they were delivered, there was such joy. You took time because you cared. God is good!
- Betty Blazer, Emmie Bence, Cindy Regel & Suzy Lutz.

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).

Mission Work Weeks: Help Christ UMC in Selinsgrove, PA rebuild after fire destroyed their church in May 2015. Several work weeks are scheduled January 16-February 17. Contact glbunch50@gmail.com or (570) 850-5104 for more information. Register by January 2.

St. Paul's UMC Mission and Justice Committee is planning a visit to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA on Saturday January 14. Join us as we tour and do some "warehouse work" at this awesome facility serving Central PA and beyond. For more information see missioncentral.org, If interested in the trip contact Paul Steindorf (phsteindorf@gmail.com, 880-4883) before January 6.

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.

Looking for a great Stocking

Stuffer? St. Paul's Shoe Bank magnets will be sold in the Calder Way lobby TODAY 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.

It's NOT too late for you to pick up an envelope from the Mitten Tree

in the Ed. Center Lobby, enclose \$7 and return it to the basket near the tree. Thank you for helping Park Forest Day Nursery with waterproof mittens! Already purchased mittens? We'll happily take those too! Questions? Contact Heidi Knutelsky (404-3710, hknutelsky@hotmail.com).

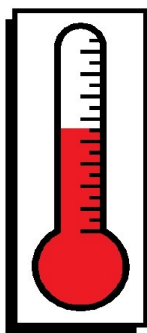
We can recycle your cardboard paper towel and toilet paper rolls! Children's Ministry and St. Paul's Christian Preschool have many uses for them! Please put them in the marked box in the Calder stairwell. Thank you!

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
\$12,965

Still Needed
\$8,035



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.

Join us for a Happy Birthday Jesus Party on December 18, 12:30-2 pm. RSVP and get more info at www.stpaulsc.org. Click on the link in the announcements! Deadline is December 13.

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*

The SPYF Christmas Lock-in was our event for this weekend, so there will be no regular SPYF meeting tonight.

Next Sunday is our last SPYF meeting of this year! Usual time: 5:30-8 pm, on the 3rd floor of the Ed. Center.

Check out the SPYNFO page www.stpaulsc.org/SPYNFO for more details about upcoming SPYF events and meetings, as well as several important sign-ups.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Abba Java Finals Hours:

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

Join us for lunch today after the 10:45 am worship service and make sure to grab a finals care package on your way out!

Join us this Spring Break in Washington DC for a week of service and exploration of issues of faith and justice. The cost is \$50 for students. Space is limited. Talk to Jen with questions.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

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

As of Sunday, December 4, we have walked 9,406 miles! We are now in Qinghai, 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

Interfaith Human Services needs volunteers to help ring bells at the IHS Wishing Wells as follows: 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. Sunday, December 11, 12-4 pm at the Festival of Trees at Central PA Institute of Science & Technology, 540 Harrison Rd, Pleasant Gap.

Service of Hope: Blue Christmas at Grace Lutheran Church. Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 pm. Co-sponsored by St. Paul's. Acknowledge pain and loss through Scripture, song, prayer, and candlelight. Experience Christ's eternal light filling and healing the darkness that surrounds us. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

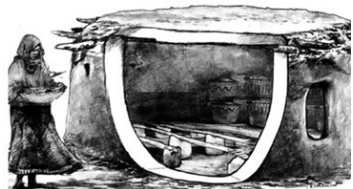
Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Karen Alley has released her latest CD, "Praise for the Morning," a collection of mostly traditional hymns. Cindy Alley (4alleys@comcast.net; 237-5276) has copies (\$15). Karen will be on her honeymoon over Christmas, so this will be the only chance to hear her hammered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

Financial update on back



Fourth Quarter Giving Update

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven..."
Malachi 3:10



As of November 30, we were about \$160,000 away from our commitment of \$1,160,000 for 2016. Last December, we were blessed to receive gifts of support in excess of \$177,000. If we match or exceed last year's giving in the month of December, we will be in great shape to begin funding ministry in 2017.

We appreciate your ongoing support to ensure that St. Paul's continues to be a vibrant presence making disciples for Jesus Christ in the heart of downtown State College.

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

Marty Adams (Calder)
Ethel Leach (College)

10:45

Leann Mohr (Calder)
Tami Mistrick (College)

GREETERS

9:15

Lefty & Connie McIntyre (Calder)
The Rowell Family (College)

10:45

Barb Barnett (Calder)
Cal & Pam Zimmerman (College)

ATTENDANCE

December 4

8:00 am	68
9:15 am	303
10:45 am	146
Total	517

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.



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