



# THE WEEKLY

## Calendar of Discipleship Opportunities

### Sunday, December 18

- 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
- 12:30 pm Happy Birthday Jesus Party (Social Room)
- 5:30 pm St. Paul's Youth Fellowship (Ed. Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

### Monday, December 19

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

### Tuesday, December 20

- 9:00 am Worship Planning (Asbury Room)
- 12:30 pm Women of Purpose (Ed. Center 308)
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (Ed. Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)
- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 (Ed. Center 308)
- 7:00 pm Troop 31 Meeting (Gym)

### Wednesday, December 21

- 9:30 am Women of Faith, Hope & Love (Ed. Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Prayer Gathering (Frank Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Webelo II (Wesley 205)
- 6:30 pm Service of Hope: Blue Christmas (Grace Lutheran Church)

### Saturday, December 24

#### 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

### Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 am Worship Service

### Sunday, January 1

- 10:00 am Worship Service

**Friday, December 23-Monday, January 2**

Facilities Closed for the Holidays

## Sunday School Schedule

No Sunday School December 25 or January 1

CHILDREN		
9:15	Children's Sunday School	Education Center 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

### Carillon Handbell Choir

- Tuesday 6:00 pm Asbury Room

### Instrumental Ensemble

- Sunday 12:00 pm Sanctuary

### Cherub Choir (grades K-2)

- Sunday 10:10 am Ed. Center 103

### Angelus Choir (grades 3-6)

- Sunday 10:10 am Ed. Center 208

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

**St. Paul's UMC & Wesley Foundation Corporation Annual Election of the Board of Trustees** is January 15, after each worship service. The candidates are: Kurt Baker, Jean Chirpas, Karl Colyer, Tim Schoonover, Jim Simon and Jill Teel. Information and bio sheets are located around the church. Proxy ballots are in the church office.

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

**The church building will be closed:**

- Tuesday, December 20, 11:45 am-1:30 pm as staff enjoy a Christmas luncheon off-site
- December 23-January 2; reopening January 3  
*The staff wish you a blessed, joyous and safe holiday season.  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

**Un-decorating of Christmas** will take place Tuesday, January 3. Plan to help return decorations to their holding place, after enjoying a pizza dinner in the Social Room beginning at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, December 21.

**Thank you to those who have completed the Readiness 360 survey.** The Large Church Initiative's Consultation Team will use this tool to understand St. Paul's. Our deadline to complete the survey is December 31. Access the survey through the "What's Happening" email. Click the link and enter the listed passcode. *No internet access?* You may schedule use of a computer in the church office during working hours by contacting Linda at 237-2163 before Thursday, December 22.

## 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

**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

**The afternoon knit/crochet group** will meet Tuesday, December 20, at 12 pm, for our annual Christmas luncheon at Betty Blazer's clubhouse (Hart Circle). Everyone should bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Sue Rubba (360-5264; susanjrubba@gmail.com).

**St. Paul's Men's Retreat:** January 27-29, Mt. Asbury Retreat Center. \$160 per person before December 22, \$175 after. Includes room, meals and teaching. Bob Sjogren from UnveilinGLORY will present "Cat and Dog Theology." Contact Gary Wiser, Steve Falke, Felix Boake or Mike Lebo. Checks: St. Paul's UMC; memo: Retreat; mail to Mike Lebo, 672 Berkshire Dr. State College, PA 16803.

**Created By God** brochures and registration forms are now available online at stpaulsc.org. Click on Ministries, then Children. Deadline for registering your 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> grader and their friends is January 15! The event is coming February 2-5. Register now!

## SERVE

**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).

**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

**Thanks to all who donated items for the Centre Crest Christmas bags.** Your giving will make Christmas a little brighter for some of the residents. Wishing you God's blessings during this very special time of the year.  
- *UMW Ruth Circle*

**A warm THANK YOU** to all who helped provide warm waterproof mittens to the children at Park Forest Nursery School!

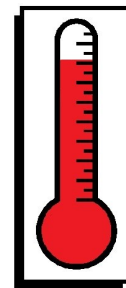
**Alternative Christmas Gifts:** Volunteers with forms to be filled out for an Alternative Christmas gift will be at tables in each lobby today. You may choose a charity listed on the form or write in a charity of your choice. Gift cards to give in lieu of packaged gifts will also be available.

**Nicaragua Backpacks & Scholarships:** Nicaraguan students are counting on St. Paul's. Backpack with supplies: \$15; a year's university tuition: \$300. Checks to St. Paul's with acct. #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**  
\$18,055

**Still Needed**  
\$2,945



## 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.*

**On 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

**Tonight** is our last SPYF meeting of this year! Usual time: 5:30-8 pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Ed. Center. Wear your ugliest, gaudiest, or most favorite festive Christmas gear!

### Check our 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 will be closed** until January 9. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We'll see you next semester!

## HEALTH MINISTRIES

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

**As of Sunday, December 11, we have walked 11,511 miles!** We are now in Iran. 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!

### "Service of Hope: Blue Christmas"

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. 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.

## COMMUNITY

**Let's End Pediatric Cancer!** Drop your spare change in the cans with Mini-Thon labels (Calder, College, and Ed Center entrances). Last year Mini-THONS across the nation raised over 1 million dollars towards the THON totals. Let's beat that number! Contact Caroline Simon (cjs37@scasd.org) with questions. For the kids!

## 2016 Poinsettias

*The beautiful poinsettias in our Sanctuary and the many contributions to our Benevolent Homes Christmas Offering are given by friends and relatives in honor, appreciation and memory of their loved ones. In order that you may know of these special remembrances, we have provided this list.*

### Presented in Loving Memory of:

Family and Friends, by Marty Adams  
Norm Bedell and grandson, Drew, by Dot Bedell  
Christy and Martha Bell, Lindsay Bell, Thursa McVay and Richard McVay, by Joanna, Evan and Lewis Bell  
John and Joan Bergstrom, by Lori, Jim and Matt Kello  
Our granddaughter, Allie Bickle, and our Parents, by Wayne and Kay Bickle  
Linda Kay Coleman, by Janet M. Coleman  
Bob and Marion Briscoe, Frances Fairchild, Mary Ann Frazier, Natalie Gedon, Jane Murphy, Kay Sefchick, Ed and Peach Stevens, Isabel Stout, Dave Wilson, Marilyn Young and Sue Ziegler by Peggy Hoover  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dunlop, by H. James Dunlop and Family  
Robert H. Fleck, by Heather F. Fleck  
Our Parents, by Ralphine and Gary Gentzler  
Michael Pfau, Evelyn Haigh and Mabel Frankenstein, by Michael M. Haigh  
Ed Herr, by Pat, Amber, Alicia and Christopher Herr  
Lois & Robert Koch; Gladys & Abe Shore, parents and grandparents; and Karen Ganter, our dear friend, by the Richard Shore Family  
Husband, Gene, by Helen Love  
Jack, Jane and Rick, by the Madore Family  
Rev. Warren and Dottie Mohr; James and Erma Miller by Philip and Leann Mohr  
Larry Pharo, by Micki Pharo  
Our Parents, by William R. and Ruth L. Smith  
Fred Spanuth, by Nancy Spanuth and Family  
Isabelle Stout, Bob & Marion Briscoe and Natalie Gedon, by their ChristCare friends  
Joan Summers, our precious Mom and Grandma, by Michelle and Jeff Helffrich, Scott, Tracy, Kayla, Taylor and Kendall Binkley  
John W. Taylor, by Nancy and Family  
Anne and Buzz Triebold, by their Children and Grandchildren  
Dot Wian, by her daughter, Tammy Jones, and family  
Dot Wian, by Hubert Wian and Family  
Jim Winck; Nora & Oscar Kimmel; Grace and Enos Winck, by Sue and family

### Presented in Loving Honor of:

Our Children and Grandchildren, by Judy and Lou Geschwindner  
Our Children, by Helen Love  
Henry and Donna Stone, by Steve, Barb and Mikayla Barnett  
Herb and Wilhelmina Tiffany, by Everett and Mary Lou Tiffany  
His Children, Grandchildren and Bonnie, by Hubert Wian  
Hubert Wian and Bonnie Wolf, by his daughter, Tammy Jones and family  
Kim and Brian; Tim and Heather, by Sue Winck

**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 (shannonmccchesneybrungart@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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Checkout/return books any time the church is open.

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

## WELCOME TABLE

*Please pick up nametags at the welcome table*

9:15 am Marty Adams (Calder)  
Peggy Cook (College)

10:45 am Bob Lamb (Calder)  
Cheri Harte (College)

## GREETERS

*Please pick up nametags at the welcome table*

9:15 am Martha Adams (Calder)  
Jean Chirpas (College)

10:45 am The Davidson Family (Calder)  
Dan & Jill Swanson (College)

## ATTENDANCE - December 11

8:00 am	31
9:15 am	234
10:45 am	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>615</b>

## 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

## 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.

## Submitting an article?

The St. Paul's *Weekly* deadline is every 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.*

