

THE WEEKLY

Meeting/Making/Moving Opportunities

Sunday, December 3

Alternative Christmas Gifts at Entrances

- 8:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service
 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Social Room)
 10:45 am Contemporary Style Worship Service
 5:30 pm St. Paul's Youth Fellowship (Ed. Center 3rd floor)

Monday, December 4

- 5:30 pm Prayer (Sanctuary)
 5:30 pm Community Bite (Social Room)
 6:00 pm Open Table Potluck (Gym)

Tuesday, December 5

- 12:30 pm Women of Purpose (Ed. Center 308)
 6:00 pm Troop 31 Adult Leaders (Gym)
 7:00 pm Troop 31 Meeting (Gym)

Wednesday, December 6

- 9:30 am Women of Faith, Hope & Love
 (Ed. Center 3rd floor)
 11:30 pm 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)
 6:00 pm Wesley on Wednesday (Abba Java)
 6:00 pm Den Meetings (Wesley 205, Gym)

Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00 am Shoe Bank (Wesley 203)

Sunday School Schedule

CHILDREN & YOUTH		
9:15	Children's Sunday School	Ed. Center 1 st and 2 nd floors
	SPYF Sunday School	Ed. Center 3 rd floor

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

Music Ministry Rehearsals

Contact Russell Bloom at stpaulsmusicscce@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

Cherub Choir (grades K-2)

- Sunday 10:10 am Ed. Center 103

Angelus Choir (grades 3-6)

- Sunday 10:10 am Ed. Center 3rd floor

 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

Christmas Poinsettias may be ordered through Friday, December 8. Order forms are available in the magazine racks outside the Sanctuary entrances.

Christmas Band! 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 10 and 17, 12-1 pm, plus one additional evening. Music will be available December 3. Please email Joanna Carlson if interested (joannacarlson@gmail.com).

There will be no Weekly on Sundays, December 24 or 31. If you would like to advertise anything for those weeks, please submit articles earlier in the month.

The Endowment Fund Committee will be considering requests for funding from the growth in the endowment. Request forms are available from the church office, and are due by January 9, 2018. Preference will be given to ministries and programs that are helping us accomplish our vision of Meeting, Making and Moving.

MEETING

Join us for a seasonally fresh community outreach meal hosted by local organization, Community Bite on Monday, December 4 at 5:30 pm in the Social Room. Free to all. Chefs & nutritionists will be available to chat about how to create healthy and budget friendly meals.

To Bethlehem and Back: A UMW-sponsored Christmas program presented by Bobbi Korner, Sunday, December 10, at 1 pm in our Sanctuary. Light refreshments to follow in the Social Room. The program is open to everyone. We hope to see you there!

Blue Christmas Worship Service: Thursday, December 21 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The service's intention is to offer those hurting the hope found in Jesus Christ and is an ecumenical ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, State College Presbyterian Church, and St. Paul's.

On Sundays, December 24 and 31 there will be only one morning worship service at 10 am. There will be no Sunday School for children or youth, and no Coffee Fellowship. Nursery care for will be available in Ed. Center 100 during the service.

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

Wellspring is seeking a violinist to play with the team on Sunday mornings. The ability to read music is most important and the ability to improvise based on chords second. If you have a heart for contemporary Christian music, please consider using your gifts at church. We practice on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Contact Steve Linnes (777-6174; SteveLinnes@gmail.com).

See the Community Bulletin Board in the McAllister Street Lobby for more opportunities to meet new people.

MAKING

Advent Devotionals: JESUS *God's Promise*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, plus a few other titles, are available in the magazine racks outside the Sanctuary entrance doors, the Education Center and the Wesley Center. These are available at no cost to you.

GOALS (Going On After Loss) Christmas Social: The committee will hold a Christmas Luncheon on

Tuesday, December 12, at 12 pm at American Ale House, Toftrees area (pay on your own). Bring a wrapped present (\$10 max.) for exchange. RSVP by December 8 to Anne Robinson (355-0371) or Peggy Hoover (pxh6@psu.edu).

Mary and Martha UMW Circle will meet at 10:30 am on December 13 at Hoss's. After a business meeting and lunch, we will be assembling the Christmas bags for Centre Crest—an enjoyable time as we work together as Santa's elves!

Deborah UMW Circle will be meeting December 13, at Pam Zimmerman's house at 5:30 pm for our annual potluck appetizer and dessert holiday party. All are welcome to join in this holiday fellowship.

Ruth UMW Circle will meet for a Christmas salad lunch on Thursday, December 14, at 12 pm on the 3rd floor of the Education Center. All are welcome.

St Paul's Men's Retreat: January 26-28, 2018 at Mt. Asbury Lodge in Newville, PA. Speakers are Michael Gingerich, M. Div. and Tom Kaden, M. Div. Cost is \$185.00/person. Contact: Mike Lebo (mlebo44@comcast.net) Gary Wiser (GAwiser@aol.com) or Felix Boake (fcat3@icloud.com) with questions or to make reservation.

Its not too late! REGISTER TODAY! Dr. James Ritchie and "Created By God" will return to St. Paul's February 1-4, 2018. Information for parents of 5th, 6th & 7th graders can be found at <http://stpaulsc.org/Children>. If you have questions, please contact Tori Von Leer (237-2163 X148, tvonleer@stpaulsc.org).

MOVING

Shop at St. Paul's Rwandan Market TODAY, 8:30 am-12 pm in the Calder Way area. Find unique Christmas presents like baskets, birds of peace, sewn items. All proceeds support the Urukundo School, Rwanda, Africa.

and moving into new expressions of love and service

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. Honor cards to give instead of packaged gifts will also be available at the tables.

Finals care packages: We will assemble Finals Care Packages on Saturday, December 9, at 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.

2017 UMW Garage Sale

Distribution: UMW thanks everyone who helped to make our first garage sale a success. We took in \$4000 for missions. Detailed distribution information is available at the Welcome Tables.

Homelessness among Penn State students is a real problem, and we may be able to help!

If you have ideas, feel called to serve in some way, or are just curious, please call or email Pastor Becky (237-2163X124, bmcgee@stpaulsc.org.) We will explore how we as a faith community can show mercy to our neighbors.

Seeking hosts for Sunday college lunches next semester: Contact Jean Chirpas (571-0603) for information and to volunteer. Thanks to all who helped this semester!

It's WINTER BOOT time again at the St. Paul's Shoe Bank. Please consider giving any gently used boots to the Shoe Bank for kids in need. Our greatest need is boots for younger children up to about age 12, but we will accept boots of any size. Questions? Contact Jan Becker (jbbteapot@windstream.net).

Nicaragua Backpacks &

Scholarships: \$15 provides a backpack and a whole year's education. You have helped over

1200 very thankful students like Kevin, Laurita, Millisen, Norlan, and Oscar. Checks made out to St. Paul's, marked #24205, can be mailed to: Barbara Taylor, 856 Galen Dr, State College PA 16803. Thank you.

Goal: \$20,000 **Current Total:** \$8,000
Still Needed: \$12,000

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Advent Materials for Home

Devotions: Be sure to pick up your family's Advent materials! They are available in the McAllister Lobby of the Education Center. One per family, please.

Some little ones at Park Forest Preschool need our help this winter with waterproof mittens!

Check out the mitten tree in the Ed. Center Lobby and pick a child! If you are able to help with this project, please contact Heidi Knutelsky (867-4911: hknutelsky@hotmail.com).

Wesley's Closet Donations: If you have gently used children's winter coats or snow pants, you can place them in the bin in the Calder entry to the church or the Ed. Center main lobby! Help Wesley's Closet provide winter warmth to children in need.

Christmas Eve Nativity: Children ages 4-11 are invited to be part of the costumed 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).

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday evening SPYF meets on the 3rd floor of the Ed. Center, 5:30-8 pm. Dinner, lesson and game. See you there!

SPYF Sunday School meets at 9:15 on the 3rd floor of the Education Center. All in grades 6-12 are welcome.

The SPYF Christmas Lock-in is this Friday, December 8! Join us for a white elephant gift exchange and a night of games, snacks a movie and more! Pick-up at 8 am on Saturday. Visit the address below this week to sign up!

Visit www.stpaulsc.org/SPYNFO for more info on all SPYF programs, retreats, and special events!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

*Jen Gruendler, 238.6739 ext. 139
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www.wesleypsu.org*

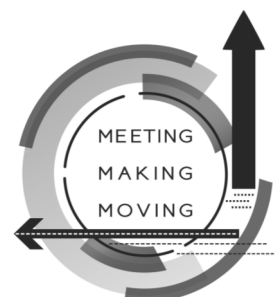
Abba Java Hours

*Stop by for free coffee, food, study
space, Wi-Fi and friendly faces!*
Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday 12:30 pm-4 pm

Grad Student Dinner and

Conversation: Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 pm in Abba Java! RSVP to Jen.

Sign up now for our Spring Break service trip to Houston, TX! Cost is \$50. Spend the week doing hurricane Harvey relief work with other Penn State Students. Contact Jen with questions and to sign up.



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 (smcchesneybrungart@icloud.com; 880-1959).

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.

Upper Room (\$.80 reg. print; \$1.25 large print) for November/December are available in the magazine racks outside Sanctuary entrances.

WELCOME TABLE

Please pick up nametags at the welcome table

9:15 am Louise Albert (Calder)
Donna Long (College)

10:45 am Lynn Phillips (Calder)
Phyllis Stuby (College)

GREETERS

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9:15 am Betty Knouse (Calder)
Ed & Sara Ferguson (College)

10:45 am Phil & Leann Mohr (Calder)
Kevin & Deb Harwell (College)

ATTENDANCE - November 26

8:00 am	37
9:15 am	281
10:45 am	111
Total	429

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, 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.

ARTICLE AND SLIDE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Weekly: Due Mondays at 4 pm. 50 word limit. Will run no longer than 3 weeks.

The Messenger (monthly): Due the second Wednesday of each month at 12 pm. 200 word limit.

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.

Email articles to cfisher@stpaulsc.org

Sunday Morning Slides: Due Wednesdays. Must be JPEG files (no PowerPoint). Indicate the order in which you want them to appear.

Email slides to stpaulsmedia@gmail.com

