



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Cultivating Lives for Christ

Welcome Visitors, Family & Friends... We are all God's family and we're glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Greet someone around you and know that you are welcome in this place. Please join us between the services for fellowship time in the Open Arms café on the lower level!

SPUMC WEEKLY

December 2, 2018



IT'S COMING...JAZZ CHRISTMAS WORSHIP!

Mark your calendars for this exciting outreach worship event. The "Big, Big Jazz Band," under the direction of Mr. Gary Peters, will lead us in an amazing Christmas worship experience next **Sunday, December 9th** at both **worship services**. Both the 8:30 and 11:00 services will be held in the **WEST Sanctuary** to accommodate the sounds of this 17-piece Big Band. Joined by our **Sanctuary and Bell Choirs** at the 8:30 service and the **Cornerstone Praise Singers** at the 11:00 service, this "Big Band" experience will get you into the Christmas spirit with musical sounds that take you back to the 1930s and '40s. This is a great opportunity for you to invite your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family! Plan now to join us!

Christmas Services

*'Twas the
Night Before
Christmas...*

December 23, 2018:
8:30 a.m. - West Sanctuary
Advent Service
11:00 a.m. - West Sanctuary
Children's Christmas Service



December 24, 2018:
Christmas Eve Services
6:00 p.m. - South Sanctuary
(Nursery available, ages 0-3 yrs.)
Contemporary with Candle Lighting
8:30 p.m. - West Sanctuary
Traditional with Candle Lighting
10:15 p.m. - West Sanctuary
Quiet Communion with Candle Lighting

**STAY CONNECTED
EVERYWHERE YOU GO!**

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

(A card, phone call or visit would be appreciated where appropriate.)



COLLEGE & MILITARY

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CAROLING & SWIMMING EVENT

Sponsored by the Family Ministries Team.

Please join us as we spread some Christmas cheer to our LAMBS at Masonic Village! TODAY at 3:15 p.m., we will meet in the Healthcare Center by the gift shop of Masonic Village. After caroling, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., we will go to the Patton Pool for swimming and fellowship! Please join us for one or both of these activities!

BAGS OF JOY – TODAY please pick up the Bags of Joy for your chosen LAMBS. Each bag contains several perishable items, so it's important that they are delivered as quickly as possible. The Caring Ministries Team thanks everyone who is offering visit time and holiday cheer to one of our LAMBS for Christmas.

POINSETTIA SPONSORS NEEDED

(70) plants were ordered to decorate the church for Christmas. **We need 9 Poinsettia sponsors.** To sponsor, pick up a light pink poinsettia envelope, complete the outside and insert \$10 for each plant. Poinsettias can be picked up immediately following the **10:15PM** Christmas Eve service. Either take it home to enjoy or deliver it to one of our many LAMBS. Poinsettias will also be available for pick up on Dec. 27-28, from 9AM-12noon.

TARGET YOUR DISCOUNT CARDS are available to purchase for Christmas and New Year giving! \$20 will purchase a location-specific card AND a key card for ALL participating merchants. Purchase the cards through the church office during regular 9AM-5PM weekday office hours. Start the Christmas holiday and New Year off with savings! Proceeds help to offset the church's softball league costs.

JANUARY HERALD ARTICLES are due next Sunday, **December 9**. Adhering to the deadline will be essential to assure the HERALD is mailed/emailed prior to the busy Christmas season. Thank you.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Please help us re-stock the Community Cupboard shelves to assist those in need.
FOOD ITEMS NEEDED: Applesauce, Cereals, Oatmeal, Crackers, Fruit Juices, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Stew, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, SPAM, Pasta Sauce, Rice/Pasta, Instant Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ketchup, BBQ sauce, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Coffee/Tea, Snacks. **NON-FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:** Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Fabric Softener, Feminine Products, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash, Laundry Detergent, Razors, Deodorant. Please place all donated items in the marked box provided under the coat rack inside the church office door. Thank you for your generosity!

GIFTS BENEFIT THE CHURCH – Looking for something unique for someone who has everything? Consider purchasing a metal Calvary cross for their desk (\$20 each) or sponsor a brick (\$50 each) for display along the church walkway or in the memorial garden for a loved one who passed away. Please Note: Bricks will be displayed when the warmer weather arrives. Purchase both during regular weekday office hours.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 4 & 18:
Prayer Shawl Ministry
9:30 a.m.

Prayer Room 123
December 12, 2018:
Needlework Circle
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Social Hall

THE TRUSTEE WORK DAY scheduled for **December 15** has been canceled. Enjoy the Christmas holiday! We hope to see you on January 20.

THE CHRISMON TREE – Symbols of the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ Thursday, December 6 – 1:30 PM in the South Sanctuary

Each Christmas our sanctuaries and the gathering space are adorned with trees decorated with white lights and handmade Chrismons, Christmas decorations from Christian symbols. These trees help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Each Chrismon, usually created in white and gold, represents a unique symbol and has a special meaning to Christians.

Shirley Corbett will be sharing the history of St. Paul's Chrismons and the meaning of the symbols. All are invited to this special program as we learn more about the decorations which adorn our church during the Christmas seasons. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the social hall.

WEATHER CANCELLATION INFO

It's that time of year again, requiring us to look at how the weather may change our church schedule. Just in case, the church has prepared several ways to let you know of schedule changes and cancellations – especially for Sunday mornings. If any Sunday's weather is snowy or icy, before heading out to church, check out the following places for important weather schedule information:

- Our Church's Website - www.stpauls.faith
- Our Church's Facebook Page – StPaulsEtown
- Your Email (if the church has your email address) – for notification from the Pastors
- Call the church – 717-367-1889 and press 2 for the program cancellation mailbox

On Sundays, we try to make schedule change decisions public by 6:30 AM when possible. Regardless of the schedule, use your discretion when making decisions about traveling to our church events.

CONSUMED YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS

Please join Consumed for the following events! For more details, contact **Marika Merritt**. Join us on Facebook!
12/03 – Drama Practice @ Church, 7-8:30p
12/08 – Christmas Party @ Church, 3pm-?
(Please RSVP to Marika Merritt.)
12/13 – Bible Study @ The Woolverton's, 7-8:30p
12/17 – Drama Practice @ Church, 7-8:30p

G.R.A.C.E.

EVERY SUNDAY from 9:45-10:45 AM
For all children ages 0 through Grade 6
CHURCH NURSERY – Ages 0-3.
KIDS OWN WORSHIP – 4 Yrs to Grade 3



We encourage visitors anytime and any further questions about any of the classes, please contact Suzanne Hetrick, Children's Director: 367-1889 or suzanne@stpauls.faith

If you do not currently receive children's news updates via email, please notify Mrs. Hetrick. **REMINDER:** Activity bags are available in the colorful wooden chests entering or inside each sanctuary. Also available are crayons and children's bulletins to entertain children during worship.

KIDS OWN WORSHIP (children's church) is offered at the 11:00 a.m. service. The **1st Sunday of each month** will be designated as **Family Worship!** This will allow families to enjoy the worship communion experience together. KOW will be available for all remaining Sundays in each month.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD(REN) PROMPTLY AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE. Your consideration for the volunteers caring for your child(ren) will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

FEELING THE CALL to join the Children's Ministry Team?
We have the following openings: 9:45 AM Nursery and 11:00 AM Kids Own Worship.
Contact Suzanne Hetrick if interested.



LIFELINE STUDENT MINISTRIES

We invite all youth, grades 7-12 to join us in our youth group activities:

-Sunday school is held at 9:45 in the LifeLine rooms on the top floor of the church.

-The 3rd Sunday of each month, a group travels to Helping Hands in Harrisburg to serve breakfast to those in need.

-Ice Cube (our evening youth gathering) is held 6:30pm-8:30pm on the top floor of the church.

PLEASE NOTE: For all the latest information on the Student Ministries including the calendar of events and forms (permission/medical), please check out the following website...
<http://www.stpauls.faith/ministries/youth-ministries/>

WEEKLY CALENDAR
Only church groups/activities listed below.
See church website for complete list of
scheduled internal & external calendar
groups and activities.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 02

PICK UP BAGS OF JOY

8:30AM – Sunday Worship/Communion
(South Sanctuary)
9:00-11:00AM – Open Arms Café (4/14)
9:45-10:45AM – LifeLine AM (Youth Area)
9:45-10:45AM – Cornerstone Worship
Team (131)
9:45-10:45AM – Sunday School for All Ages
11:00AM – Sunday Worship/Communion
(South Sanctuary)
3:15-5:30PM – Caroling/Swimming @
Masonic Village
6:30-8:30PM – LifeLine PM Ice Cube
(Youth Area)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 03

9:00-11:00AM – MOM's Out Morning
(27/28/37)
7-8:30PM – Drama Team (131)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 04

9AM-5PM – Weekly Deadline
9:30-11:30AM – Disciple 3 Bible Study (14)
9:30-11:30AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry (123)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 05

9:00AM-12:00PM – Staff Meeting
(105CSA)
6:30-7:30PM – Step By Step (38)
6:30-8PM – Pastor Parish (125)
7-8:00PM – Sanctuary Choir/Jazz Band
(209/West Sanctuary)
7:15-8:15PM – Genesis Handbell Choir (211)
7:30-9:00PM – 412 Young Adults Worship (10)
8:15-9:15PM – St. Paul's Ringers (211)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 06

1:30-3PM – UMW Mtg & Program (131/14)
6:30-7:30PM – Jubilee Singers (209)
6:45-8:30PM – Cornerstone Worship Team
(131)
7-7:45PM – SONshine Singers (202)
7-8PM – What Were They Thinking Study
#7 of 8 (125)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 07

NOTHING SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 08

1-9PM – CYA Event (4/14)

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Sound System
Scott Merchlinski, Matt Skillen, Tymn Neece
Nursery
Leona Yeagley, Aimee Merchlinski
Michelle Singiser, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Kids Own Worship
FAMILY WORSHIP
Open Arms Café
Gay Page, Kate Stehman
Sue Smith, Linda Bell
Welcome Team
Donna Hoover, Caroline Herr, Dodie Etter
Thelma Franks, Bob Anderson
Vicki Arendt, Dianne Orwig
Gregg/Donna Melton, Jen Overmoyer
Library
Cathy Myers

PLEASE NOTE: THE MONTHLY LIST FOR THE
VOLUNTEER POSITIONS LISTED ABOVE CAN BE
FOUND IN EACH HERALD NEWSLETTER.

WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for joining us today! Ways you
can give today include:
-By pew envelope—check or cash
-On our website—stpauls.faith. Click on
“Give” to use your VISA, MasterCard, Debit
Card, or checking or savings account.
All donations are secure and tax deductible.
Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE to be mailed to your home for
those who wish to receive a year-end
statement for tax purposes. Please stop by or
call the church office if you wish to sign up to
receive your own offering envelopes.



SPUMC MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ECHOS WINTER SHELTER MEALS NEEDED - Please help us supply our
shelter guests with plenty of hot meals this winter. The freezers are empty and
need to be refilled. Freezable meal containers are available at the Community
Place on Washington, Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM. If you plan to donate meals,
please contact Frances (Shelter@ECHOSLancaster.org or 717-690-9260).

SUPPORT THE CORNERSTONE YOUTH CENTER (95 S. Wilson Avenue,
Etown) by participating in their 9th annual “*Bring the Holidays Home*”
shopping event on Saturday, **December 8**, from 8AM-1PM. A list of the many
businesses represented at the event can be found on the main hallway bulletin
board.

THE ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WINTER SHELTER is opening for its
fourth season on Monday, **December 3, 2018**. Run by Elizabethtown
Community Housing and Outreach Services (ECHOS) and many, many
volunteers, the Winter Shelter provides a warm, dry, safe place for
people to sleep. To access the Shelter, guests must register with the
Shelter Coordinator by email at shelter@echoslanca.org or by phone
at 717-690-9260 to arrange an intake. The Shelter is open from 6:30
pm to 8 am the following morning. Guests receive a hot meal,
bathroom/shower facilities, warm bed and breakfast. It will run
continuously from December 3, 2018 until April 5, 2019.



JOYS

Family Grandchildren Love Full Sanctuary SONshine Singers Holidays with Family Grace & Forgiveness My Mom Anderson Family Merciful God Connie	Giving Forgiveness Good Swim Time Cancer Free Healthy Grandson Snow/Quiet Time Thanksgiving Fun! Normal Liver Enzymes Fun with Family! Answered Prayers Niece's 2 nd Birthday	Randy's Birthday Healing Disney Cruise w/ Family Safe Travel Thanksgiving with Family Church Outreach Love of Family Completed Rehabilitation God's Many Blessings Wonderful Grandchildren
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SPUMC
Commitment to God's Plan
Pre-School Sunday School Class
Community Place on Washington
Church Choirs/Directors/Wonderful Music
Time with Adult Children
Shawn/Chris
Mother-in-Law's Move to New Home
Kaye Home from the Hospital
The Church – Our Brothers & Sisters



PRAYER CONCERNS

Eye Healing Carl/Deb M Travelers Kim/Wes Caterina Jason M Gloria T Chris R Betty H Bonnie Janice Jackie Lois B Mindy David Nikka Harry Jack Judi Mim	Killian Family Carol Greiner Dave's Faith Michael/Jen Luke Martin Jackson R Karen/Rob Knee Pain Rodney M Dennis M Jim Epler Kim/Kath Diane B Healing Vernon Kaye B Jean G Ann H Beth Lois	Family of Sandy Spady Deployed Military Mary Jean Risser Regan Hostetter New Beginnings Broken Families Leah Hammaker Cancer Patients Adam Hollinger Family Conflict Ride to Church Belen & Family Mark & Family Mom & Family Beiler Family Jane/Jenee' Safe Travel Lisa/Jerry Neda Mae Joy	Mother-in-Law's Smooth Transition to New Home Vehicle Accident Victims & Families Hershey/Engle/Rutt/Baker Families Surgery Preparation/Recovery Homeless Lady/Daughter Joel/Ginny/Regan/Skylyn Planted Good-Will Seeds Desire to Expand Family Revival in Elizabethtown Family of Jean Gutshall Transitioning Families Family of Audrey Rutt Safe Holiday Travel Death Anniversary Church Outreach Family Problems Family Conflicts Softened Hearts Non-Believers	Vernon Witmer Patrick Harner Rosann Miller Grief Support Job Search Homeless New Job Shut-Ins Bennett Yankee Maricia Elderly Dennis Terri B Jacob Josue Corry Carol June Gigi
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**2018 CHECK REQUEST & REIMBURSEMENT
DEADLINE**
NOON ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
Dec 7, 18

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor David Woolverton – Lead Pastor
Pastor Paul Miller – Teaching Pastor

PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

John Messick – Director of Worship & Music Ministries
Suzanne Hetrick – Director of Children's Ministries
Staci Hood-Neece – Intermediate Children's Coordinator
Leona Yeagley – Nursery Coordinator
David Rizzo - Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
Tim Olsen - Assistant Director, Youth Ministries
Caleb Sisak - Organist
Melissa Miller – Director of Handbell Choirs
Barbara Woods – Business Administrator
Diane Miller – Full-time Office Assistant
Peggy Ellison – Admin Assistant to the Pastors
Sue Keath – Custodian

VOLUNTEER PASTORAL STAFF

Dianne Orwig – Certified Lay Minister



WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE
November 25, 2018
8:30am Worship Service 141 persons
11:00am Worship Service 141 persons
Sunday School 108 persons
WEST SANCTUARY FLOWERS

CONTACT THE CHURCH

Our regular office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.
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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA

Our Mission: As followers of Jesus Christ, we will out-love the world.
Our Strategy: Invite – Connect – Grow – Serve.