

# ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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*A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World*

## Letter from our Pastor Emeritus

I am prone to have a lot of weird dreams in my sleep. I should write them down when I first wake up, for a few hours later I can't begin to recall them. I have a recurring dream that I am in college, a few days away from the final exam and course requirements, and I haven't studied, read the material, completed the project or term paper, etc.

Dreams are an important part of the Biblical narrative. A very important one was when before the birth of Christ, the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary for his wife for she was carrying a child conceived by the Holy Spirit. The Lord also told Joseph, "She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Jesus is a Hebrew word that mean savior. It is kin to the name Joshua. That Jesus was born to save us from our sins gets mentioned in our Christmas carols. Match the following:

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| ___ Cast out our sin and enter in,             | a. Thine is the Glory           |
| ___ be born in us today.                       |                                 |
| ___ How Jesus, the Savior, did                 | b. Silent Night                 |
| ___ come for to die.                           |                                 |
| ___ Born that man no more may die.             | c. Away in a Manger             |
| ___ Fit us for heaven to live with thee there. | d. O Little Town of Bethlehem   |
| ___ Christ the Savior is born.                 | e. Come, Thou Long Expected     |
| ___ Endless is the victory Thou over death     | f. Go Tell It on the Mountain   |
| ___ has won.                                   |                                 |
| ___ God brought us salvation that blessed      | g. I Wonder as I Wander         |
| ___ Christmas morn.                            |                                 |
| ___ From our fears and sins release us.        | h. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing |
| ___ The King of Kings salvation brings.        | i. What Child is This           |

Dreams do come true. Merry Christmas!  
Pastor Deeker

## —Christmas Services—

There will be a Christmas Eve service of worship at 7pm  
on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO service of worship on Christmas Day.

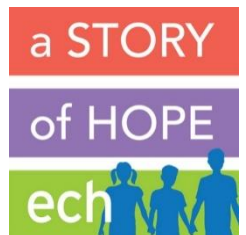
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### December Extra Steps - ECH (Every Child's Hope) (Formerly Evangelical Children's Home)

Partnering with the community to assist children, youth and families in their unique pursuit of health and wholeness through quality, professional, and faithful services.



### Christmas Fund—(Formerly Veterans of the Cross)

A UCC mission in which funds directly provide financial assistance to individual UCC clergy and lay employees.

### ***St. Paul's UCC Staff***

Pastors by Supply.....	
Robbin DeVore (stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com).....	Secretary
Sally Rohe.....	Organist
Sally & Tony Rohe.....	Custodians
Debbie Garbs.....	Choir Director
Cathie Schoppenhorst, Gene Ahmann, Brenda Daniels, Amy Lange.....	Projection Technicians
Robbin DeVore.....	Newsletter Editor

### ***Church Council***

Bob Aholt.....	President
Jim Buescher.....	Vice President, Pastoral Relations Committee Rep.
Bonnie Borgmann.....	Treasurer
Cathie Schoppenhorst.....	Financial Secretary, Missions Committee Rep., Historical Committee Rep.
Terri Ogle.....	Recording Secretary
John Buhr.....	Buildings & Grounds Committee Rep.
Jodi Lange.....	Social Media Rep., Christian Ed. Committee Rep., Membership Care Committee Rep.



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Purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas in honor or in memory of someone.

Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Cost=\$19 each.

Sign up by Sunday, December 7th.

Payment instructions are noted on the sign-up sheets.

You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas.



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## \*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*



### Cancelling Worship / Church Activities due to inclement weather:

In the event that worship, or other events, must be cancelled, postponed, or the start time be delayed due to inclement weather, communication of such will be relayed through postings on the following TV Stations:

**Channel 2, Channel 4, Channel 5, Channel 11, Channel 30**

A decision as to whether church services will be cancelled will be made by 8am on any given Sunday.

**\*\*Also, be advised that you should always use good judgment before taking unnecessary risks under any inclement weather conditions.\*\***



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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**19 boxes  
were collected.**

*Thanks to all who participated!*



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**Annual Reports** are needed from  
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**ALL** church committees/organizations.  
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Please email them to Robbin DeVore at  
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[stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com)  
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or see that she gets them ASAP to be  
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included in the annual report.

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## Sunday Morning Fellowship

We need *volunteers* to assist with coffee, lemonade, and donuts.



**The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.**

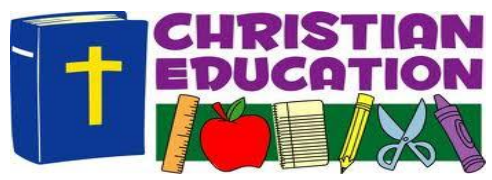
See Marigene Kersten with questions or inquiries.

*Thanks for your participation.*



## Quilting **Mondays** **10am-4pm**

*Contact Audrey Meyer with questions or inquiries.*



**Sunday School Classes will be held on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be **NO** classes on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **Women's Guild** **Wednesday, Jan 7th** **2:00 pm**



## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** **NO DECEMBER MEETING**

**INSTALLATION OF**  
**NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**WILL BE ON JAN. 4, 2026.**

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## **Church Council Meeting:**

**Mon., Dec. 8th—6pm**

## **Church Council Annual Christmas Dinner:**

**Thurs., Dec. 11th—5:30pm at Miller's Grill, Washington, MO**

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

Tentatively scheduled for

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

**—immediately following the service of worship—**

*Please plan to attend.*

*\*In the event of inclement weather, the alternative meeting date will be Sunday, January 25th.\**



# Advent



*The season of Advent begins on November 30th. Please join us in celebrating this holiday season. The Sunday School classes will be a part of the services of worship during Advent. With classes only every other week, classes will practice on **Sun., Nov. 30th**, with an additional rehearsal on **Thurs., Dec. 11th** immediately following school. Please make every effort to have your children at these practices.*

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## Mission Moment – Pregnancy Assistance Center

Because of your generosity, local needy families will be receiving help at Christmas from the Pregnancy Assistance Center.

Many of these families have children or parents with physical impairments, terminal illnesses, have been victims of natural disasters, or other situations that have caused them to fall on hard times.

Ornaments with suggested needed items are displayed on the tree in the lobby.

Consider making a contribution to help these families in need.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR DONATIONS WITH THE ORNAMENT ATTACHED BY SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH.**

You may return contributions/items wrapped or unwrapped.



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## ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

**WILL BREAK IN DECEMBER,**

**BUT WILL MEET ON **JAN. 9, 2026** AT**

**6PM FOR "SOUP & GAME NIGHT."**



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Pastor Supply



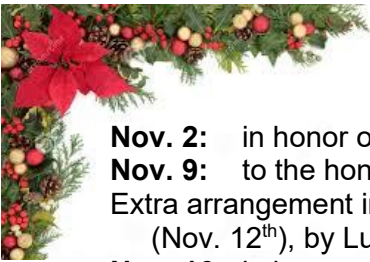
### December 2025

Dec. 7— Don Deeker  
Dec. 14— Don Deeker  
Dec. 21— Don Deeker  
Dec. 24— Don Deeker (7pm)  
Dec. 28— Don Deeker



### January 2026

Jan. 4— Don Deeker  
Jan. 11— Don Deeker  
Jan. 18— Don Deeker  
Jan. 25— Don Deeker



## ALTAR FLOWERS:



**Nov. 2:** in honor of November birthdays: Carrie, Jim, & Cindy, by Jim & Cindy Buescher.

**Nov. 9:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

Extra arrangement in loving memory of Lulu & Delvin Hasenjaeger's wedding anniversary (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>), by Lulu Hasenjaeger.

**Nov. 16:** in honor of Walean Bunge's birthday (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>), by Karen Rekate Bartizal. We love you!

Extra arrangement in honor of Tony & Sally Rohe's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, by Sally Rohe.

**Nov. 23:** in loving memory of Cornelius & Hertha Berg, and Ken DeVore, whose wedding anniversaries were today, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, by Robbin DeVore.

Extra arrangement in loving memory of Arnold Rekate, by Karen Rekate Bartizal. We love you Grandpa!

**Nov. 30:** in loving memory of Virgil Dothage who passed away 22 years ago on Dec. 6, 2003, by Bob & Karla Aholt.

**NOTE:** Consider sponsoring the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, a special date, or just because...Sign-up sheets for altar flowers are in the lobby. The flowers are yours to take with you after the service of worship.

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*\*\*Anyone who is interested in joining St. Paul's UCC should contact a council member or the church office.\*\**



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## With Deepest Gratitude

We would like to thank **THE MANY SUPPLY PASTORS** for their service to St. Paul's UCC during these months we have been without a settled pastor.

Many thanks to **REV. DON DEEKER, PASTOR EMERITUS**, for always being there for us—for keeping us under his wing. We very much appreciate his willingness to be our constant supply and cover pastoral care for St. Paul's during this time of transition.

Thanks also to **ALL** who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers, and the many kind and thoughtful gestures you have shown during this period of adjustment. May you all remain safe, healthy, and vigilant throughout these troubled times.

In His name,  
St. Paul's UCC Church Council and Congregation





# Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



December	7th	14th	21st	24th (X-Mas Eve)	28th
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob A. (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie S. Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Jodi L. (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Cathie S. (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Cathie S. (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe	Jim B. (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Jacob DeVore	Colsie Lange
<b>Readers</b>	Cathie S.	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe	Curt Rohe
<b>Greeters</b>	Brenda Roloff Cathie S.	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe
<b>Fellowship</b>	Wayne & Wilma Zeh	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	John & Kay B.	_____	Debbie Garbs

## Worship Attendance:

11-2-2025---66

11-9-2025---40

11-16-2025---61

11-23-2025---38

11-30-2025--- 58



## The Adult Choir

Come join us in song! The choir will sing on

Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> this month.

Practice will be on Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with inquiries.



## Suggested Scripture Readings for December

Dec. 7th — Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 14th — Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 21st — Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 28th — Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23





# ST. PAUL'S UCC CAR & BIKE SHOW



The figures from this year's car & bike show were not yet in at the time of this mailing. They will be relayed as they become available.







*Marthasville*  
*Community Christmas*

DECEMBER  
**7**  
2025

SUNDAY 4 PM

CITY PARK PAVILION

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All Are Welcome - Cost Free Event  
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CAROLING BY LOCAL CHURCHES  
VISIT WITH SANTA  
REFRESHMENTS

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(Answers to WORD SCRAMBLE on pg. 13)

- |              |             |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. BETHLEHEM | 4. NATIVITY | 7. REINDEER  | 10. SAINT NICOLAS |
| 2. SHEPHERD  | 5. BIRTHDAY | 8. SNOWFALL  | 11. YULETIDE      |
| 3. MANGER    | 6. SLEIGH   | 9. MISTLETOE |                   |

"MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU HOPE."



# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



JOSEPH  
KRINGLE  
MANGER  
MARY  
MESSIAH  
MYRRH  
NATIVITY  
NORTH POLE  
ORNAMENTS  
PEACE  
POINSETTIA  
PRANCER  
RED  
REINDEER  
RUDOLPH  
SANTA CLAUS  
SHEEP  
SHEPHERDS  
SLEIGH BELLS  
SNOWFALL  
STABLE  
STAR  
STOCKINGS  
TINSEL  
TREE  
VIXEN  
WINTER  
WISE MEN  
WORKSHOP

ADVENT  
ANGELS  
BETHLEHEM  
BLINKING LIGHTS  
BLITZEN  
CAMELS  
CANDLES  
CAROLS

CATTLE  
CHRIST CHILD  
COMET  
CUPID  
DANCER  
DASHER  
DECEMBER  
DECORATIONS

DONKEY  
DONNER  
ELVES  
FRANKINCENSE  
FROSTY  
GIFTS  
GOLD  
GOODWILL

GREEN  
HOLIDAY  
HOLLY  
ICICLE  
INNKEEPER  
JACKFROST  
JESUS  
JOLLY

Use the unused letters in the above to solve the messages below:

" \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

' \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

" ' \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

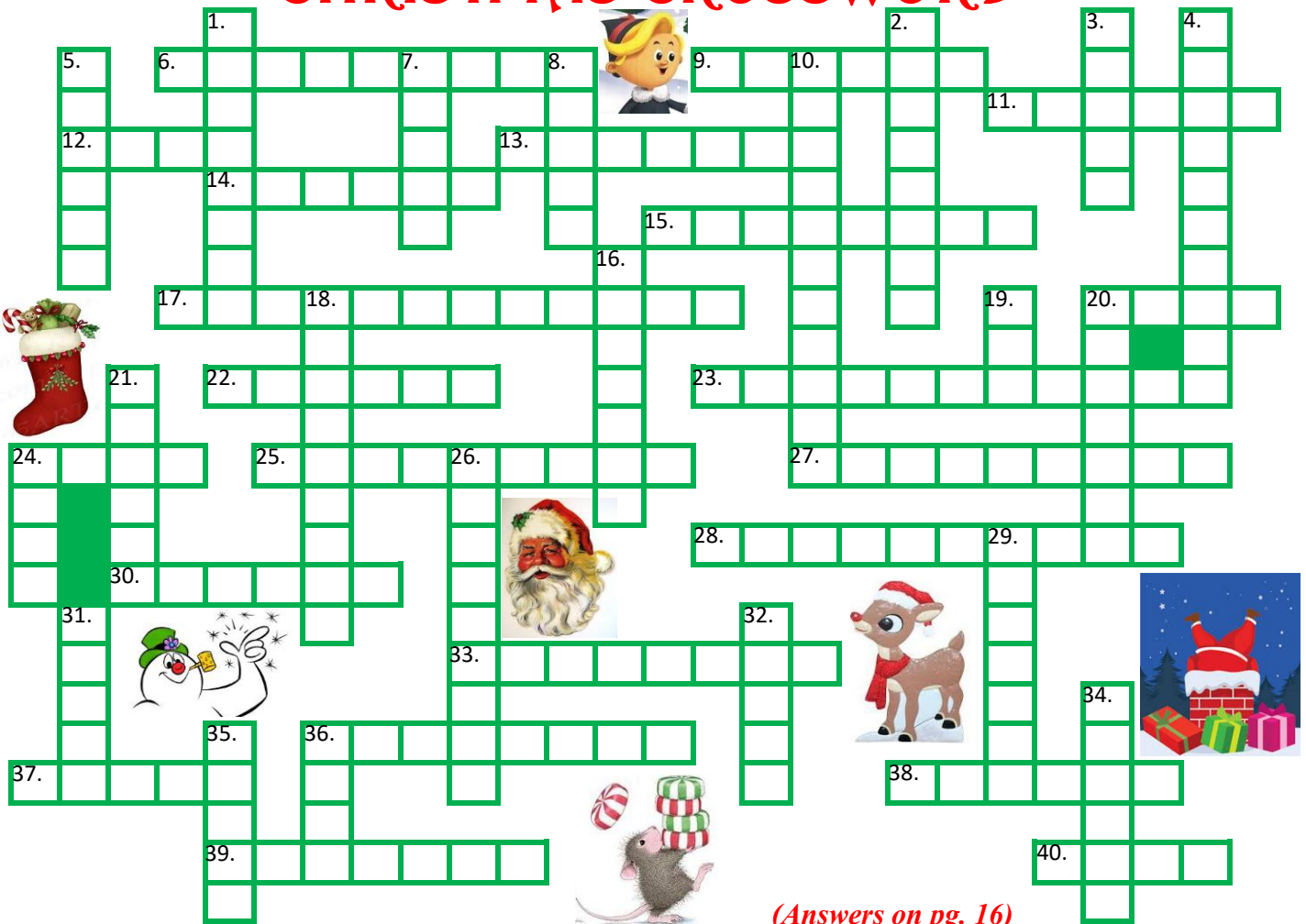
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_" (Answer on pg. 16)

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"On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer, and Vixen! On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner, and Blitzen!  
...But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all?"



# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



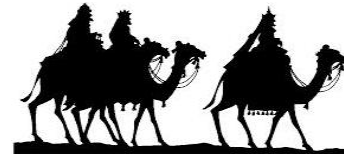
(Answers on pg. 16)

## ACROSS:

6. The city where Jesus was born.
9. Jesus' earthly father.
11. The first season of the Christian church year; the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.
12. The number of reindeer on Santa's team.
13. A large log, traditionally burned in the fireplace on Christmas Eve. (2 words)
14. When Jesus was born, Mary laid Him in a \_\_\_\_\_; this trough was used for a bed for the newborn king.
15. Wise men traveled \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem.
17. One of the gifts wise men brought for baby Jesus.
20. Frosty the Snowman's eyes were made of \_\_\_\_\_.
22. The shepherds' initial reaction to the angel who appeared to them and told them of Jesus' birth—  
"...They were sore \_\_\_\_\_."
23. These flowering plants adorn the sanctuary at Christmastime. (plural)
24. Jesus' mother.
25. December 25<sup>th</sup>.
27. These are "hung by the chimney with care."
28. December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup> is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas. (2 words)
30. Jesus was born in a \_\_\_\_\_.
33. This word means "God with us."
36. "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace, \_\_\_\_\_ toward men." (Luke 2:14)



37. "May all your days be \_\_\_\_\_ and bright."  
 38. Frosty the Snowman's nose was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 39. Santa's most famous reindeer who "leads the way."  
 40. To find the Christ Child, the wise men followed a \_\_\_\_\_.



### DOWN:

1. The twelfth month of the year.  
 2. January 6<sup>th</sup> is known as \_\_\_\_\_, celebrating the wise men's visit to baby Jesus.  
 3. "...And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, which was called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of \_\_\_\_\_, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child..." (Luke 2:4-5)  
 4. Jolly old elf. (2 words)  
 5. December 21<sup>st</sup> begins this season.  
 7. Santa's helpers and toymakers.  
 8. "'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a \_\_\_\_\_."  
 10. December zodiac signs are \_\_\_\_\_ and Capricorn.  
 16. A representation of a human figure created with compressed snow.  
 18. Where Santa resides. (2 words)  
 19. Frosty the Snowman came to life because of a magic \_\_\_\_\_.  
 20. Santa makes his way into the house down through the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 21. Christmas songs are also known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 24. Another name for the wise men.  
 26. These visited Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus on the night He was born. (Luke 2:15-16)  
 29. In "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Hermie, an elf who felt like he didn't belong, wanted to be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 31. In the song by Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby, "I'm dreaming of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas..."  
 32. King \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to kill Jesus. (Matthew 2:16)  
 34. Famous snowman who went "Thumpety, thump-thump, over the hills of snow."  
 35. One of the gifts wise men brought for baby Jesus.  
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## DECEMBER CRYPTOGRAM

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
													7		

Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

(answer on pg. 16)

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17 24 2 2 11 3 19 12 24 2 6 4 15

17 15 19 19 2 24 <sup>N</sup> 7 12 4 19 5 14 1 22,

24 <sup>N</sup> 7 12 17 24 2 24 8 8 2 11 3 19

21 1 19 5 6 22 17 24 6 15 6 4 15 26 1 5 22 15 !"





\*\*\*\*\***CHRISTMAS TRIVIA:**\*\*\*\*\*  
(answers on pg.15)

**1. What does “Emmanuel” mean? (Matthew 1:23)**

- a. God with us      b. He who is God      c. Anointed One      d. Son of God

**2. What was the shepherds’ initial reaction to the angel who visited them? (Luke 2:9)**

- a. They were angry      b. They were afraid      c. They were excited      d. They were upset

**3. Who visited Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus on the night He was born? (Luke 2:15-16)**

- a. Shepherds      b. Shepherds, wise men, and those dwelling in Bethlehem      c. Wise men      d. Shepherds & wise men

**4. The wise men traveled \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem. (Matthew 2:1)**

- a. Westward      b. Northward      c. Eastward      d. Southward

**5. How many wise men brought gifts to Jesus? (Matthew 2:1-2)**

- b. 3      b. None      c. 2      d. The bible never really says

**6. What was Jesus’ approximate age when the wise men presented Him with gifts? (Matthew 2:16)**

- b. 6 yrs. Old      b. 10 yrs. Old      c. 12 yrs. old      d. less than 2 yrs. old

**7. Who diligently asked the wise men about baby Jesus? (Matthew 2:7)**

- a. King David      b. King Elias      c. King Herod      d. King Pilate

**8. Why did Herod want to learn more about Jesus’ whereabouts? (Matthew 2:16)**

- a. He wanted Jesus to heal him      b. He wanted to worship Jesus  
c. He wanted to ask Jesus to be the heir to his throne      d. He wanted to kill Jesus

**9. How did the wise men find Jesus? (Matthew 2:9)**

- a. Directions from an angel      b. They followed a star  
c. They asked the shepherds where He was      d. They asked the King



## Christmas Blessing

May your “stockings hung by the chimney with care be overflowing with blessings,  
May warm embraces and time spent with family and friends top your “most favorite” list,  
In the spirit of giving, may your gifts include love, compassion, empathy, and appreciation,  
May your number of acts of kindness exceed the number of packages beneath your tree,  
May heavenly angels put a song in your heart,  
May the miracle of Christmas shine brighter than all other magic and awe of the season,  
May the flame of every candle and ember in your fireplace remind you that Jesus is the light of the world,  
With God’s abundant love, may you be filled with comfort and joy,  
And may the spirit of Christmas live in your heart now and in the coming year.

Robbin DeVore

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd: Kendall Lange  
5th: Katie Thornton  
7th: Rachel Richardson  
8th: Mike Schaller  
9th: Sue Berg  
13th: Abbie Walde  
14th: Karen Sida  
17th: Tyler Chapman  
20th: Walean Bunge  
Hudson Beck  
30th: Nicole Harrison

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6th: Harvey & Tammy Siem  
26th: Norbert & Patricia Shacklette-1970  
27th: Mike & Kelly Meyer



*Happy Holidays!*



## ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

(None this month)



*(Sudoku answer from pg.15)*

4	1	7	2	3	6	9	5	8
2	9	5	8	1	7	4	3	6
3	6	8	4	9	5	1	7	2
5	2	9	6	4	1	7	8	3
6	4	1	3	7	8	2	9	5
7	8	3	5	2	9	6	1	4
8	7	2	9	6	3	5	4	1
9	3	4	1	5	2	8	6	7
1	5	6	7	8	4	3	2	9

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## HOLIDAY WORD SCRAMBLE

Fill in the letters in the spaces with the corresponding numbers to solve the message below.

*(Answers on pg. 8)*

1. LEEHHMEBT — 4 — 25 — 1
2. PRESHHED — 5 — 24 — 11 —
3. EAGNMR — 7 — 18 —
4. VIITTYAN — 17 — — — — 10
5. DRABHYIT — 14 — — — — 19
6. GLSHIE — 8 — — 22

7. DNRREEIE — 15 — — — — 13
8. SLLNWOAF — 9 — 12 —
9. TEEOISMTL — 6 — 23 —
10. INSAT CLANHIOS — 2 — — — — 16 — 20 — —
11. DEEIUYTL — 3 — 21 — — — —

“

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13  
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

!”

## “Make It A Christmas Tradition”

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, read one chapter of The Book of Luke in the Bible each evening.

There are 24 chapters. (And they are very short—only one or two pages.)

On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus’s Life and wake up

Christmas Morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

\*\*\*\*\* **KRIS KRINGLE TRIVIA:** \*\*\*\*\*

(Test your knowledge of how much you know about these Christmas classics.)

**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer:**

1. How many reindeer does Santa have? (Hint: Don't forget the one with the shiny red nose.)  
a. 8                                      b. 9                                      c. 10                                      d. 12
2. What was the name of the elf that felt like he didn't belong?  
a. Henry                                      b. Hermie                                      c. Harley                                      d. Charlie
3. What did this misfit elf want to be?  
a. a doctor                                      b. lawyer                                      c. a dentist                                      d. a pharmacist
4. Which of Santa's reindeer is Rudolph's father?  
a. Comet                                      b. Prancer                                      c. Blitzen                                      d. Donner
5. Which of Santa's reindeer was the "flying" coach?  
a. Comet                                      b. Prancer                                      c. Blitzen                                      d. Donner
6. What was the name of Rudolph's buck buddy at the reindeer games?  
a. Fireball                                      b. Firecracker                                      c. Crackerjack                                      d. Sparky
7. What is the name of Rudolph's doe friend that wanted him to walk her home?  
a. Candice                                      b. Sharice                                      c. Clarice                                      d. Francine
8. Where did Charlie-in-a-box, the bird that couldn't fly, the train with square wheels, the gun that shoots jelly, the elephant with polka dots, and the cowboy who rides an ostrich live?  
a. The Land of Broken Toys                                      b. The land of Misplaced Toys                                      c. The Island of Misfit Toys  
d. The Island of Unloved Toys
9. What is the snowman's name that narrates the story of Rudolph?  
a. Sonny                                      b. Stan                                      c. Frosty                                      d. Sam
10. Who was the prospector that fell over the cliff trying to save Rudolph and his friends from the Abominable Snow-Monster?  
a. Yukon Cornelius                                      b. Franciscan Felix                                      c. Tuscan Sebastian                                      d. Mountain George

**Santa Claus is Coming to Town:**

11. What is the name of the baby found on Burger Meister Meister Burger's doorstep?  
a. Christopher                                      b. Claus                                      c. Nicholas                                      d. Christmas
12. How did the Burger Meister Meister Burger break his leg?  
a. He stepped on a toy and fell down the steps.                                      b. He slipped on some new-fallen snow  
c. Someone tripped him                                      d. He fell out of bed during a storm
13. What is Mrs. Claus's first name?  
a. Janice                                      b. Tonta                                      c. Jessica                                      d. Teresa
14. What was the name of Kris Kringle's friend, the penguin?  
a. Tapper                                      b. Tipper                                      c. Chipper                                      d. Topper
15. What gift did Kris Kringle give Winter Warlock that brought him to tears and made him start to melt?  
a. a snowglobe                                      b. a toy train                                      c. a sled                                      d. a yo-yo
16. How did Santa's reindeer learn to fly?  
a. a magic wand                                      b. wishing on a star                                      c. magic jingle bells                                      d. magic feed corn
17. Name the town where it is illegal for children to have toys? (Hint: home of Burger Meister Meister Burger)  
a. Christmastown                                      b. Sternville                                      c. Whoville                                      d. Sombertown

(Answers on pg. 15)



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Blood Facts:

- On any given day, an average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed for hospital patients in the U.S.
- One in 10 people entering the hospital needs blood.
- Red blood cells must be transfused within 42 days.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- There is no substitute for human blood. It cannot be manufactured.



**TUES., JANUARY 6, 2026—1-5pm**  
**YOUR DONATION IS NEEDED!!**



- Only 9 percent of people in the U.S. have type O negative blood. Type O negative donors are universal red cell donors as their blood can be given to people of all blood types—always in great demand and often in short supply.
- Type O negative blood is needed in emergencies before the patient's blood type is known and with newborns who need blood.
- 48 percent of people in the U.S. have type O (positive or negative) blood.
- Only 3 percent of people in the U.S. have AB positive blood type. AB positive type blood donors are universal donors of plasma, which is often used in emergencies, for newborns and for patients requiring massive transfusions. AB plasma is also usually in short supply.

### Direct Appointment Link:

This is the easiest way for donors to sign themselves up for the drive.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StPaulsMarthasville>



*Please donate blood. It saves lives!*

redcrossblood.org

1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

facebook.com/redcrossblood



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**Sudoku Solving Directions:** To solve, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. No number can appear more

4			2					
		5			7		3	
	6			9		1		
5			6				8	
		1				2		
	8				9			4
		2		6			4	
	3		1			8		
					4			9

than once in any row, column or 9-box square.



(Answers on pg. 13)

## CHRISTMAS TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. a. God with us (from pg. 12)
2. b. They were afraid
3. a. Shepherds
4. a. Westward
5. d. The bible never really says
6. d. Less than 2 yrs. old
7. c. King Herod
8. d. He wanted to kill Jesus
9. b. They followed a star



## KRINGLE TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. 9—Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph
2. b
3. c
4. d
5. a
6. a
7. c
8. c
9. d
10. a
11. b
12. a
13. c
14. d
15. b
16. d
17. d

(from pg. 14)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Robbin DeVore (broken femur), Brenda Napier (of Marthasville)—cancer has returned; Carrie Deeker—health issues; Rev. Jeff Mueller—diagnosed with stage 2 leukemia; the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, and of those who are in harm's way trying to protect them; those affected by armed violence in this country and in the world; those affected by the recent natural disasters; all those recovering from surgery and other health issues, those fighting cancer, and those homebound/shut-in/in-care facilities.



**Those Battling Cancer:** Bonnie Borgmann, Rev. Jeff Mueller, Brenda Napier, Caiden Thies, Mildred Hinnah, Eric Moritz, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratza, Marigene Kersten, Glennon Hepperman, Ted Lepper, Dave Pruitt, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Teresa Wheeler, Marsha Meyer, Kurt Gildehaus, Kristi Warnecke, James Heady, Isaac Mercer.

**Those serving in the Military:** Nick Sullentrup, Tyler Buescher, Luke Bronstrup, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

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**Please remember those who are not always able to worship with us at St. Paul's UCC.**

**Remember them in prayer, with a visit, card, or a phone call:**

Ellen Engelage  
Union Care Center  
1080 Marie Lane  
Union, MO 63084

*Have a very Merry Christmas!*



Mary Mittler  
Homestead at Hickory View  
1481 Marbach Dr., Room 211  
Washington, MO 63090

## —Meals on Wheels—

If anyone needs or knows of anyone who needs home-delivered meals from the Warren County Senior Center, please contact the center at 636-456-3379. **Volunteers are also needed** to deliver meals.

*(From the Word Search on pg. 9)*

*"Deck the halls with boughs of holly...  
'Tis the season to be jolly."  
"I'll be home for Christmas,  
if only in my dreams."*

**CRYPTOGRAM** *(from pg. 11)*

**"MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT,  
AND MAY ALL YOUR CHRISTMASES BE WHITE!"**

*(Answers to Crossword from pg. 10)*

### ACROSS:

- |                  |                 |              |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 6. Bethlehem     | 20. Coal        | 33. Emmanuel |
| 9. Joseph        | 22. Afraid      | 36. Goodwill |
| 11. Advent       | 23. Poinsettias | 37. Merry    |
| 12. Nine         | 24. Mary        | 38. Button   |
| 13. Yule Log     | 25. Christmas   | 39. Rudolph  |
| 14. Manger       | 27. Stockings   | 40. Star     |
| 15. Westward     | 28. Twelve Days |              |
| 17. Frankincense | 30. Stable      |              |

### DOWN:

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|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. December     | 16. Snowman    | 31. White  |
| 2. Epiphany     | 18. North Pole | 32. Herod  |
| 3. David        | 19. Hat        | 34. Frosty |
| 4. Santa Claus  | 20. Chimney    | 35. Myrrh  |
| 5. Winter       | 21. Carols     | 36. Gold   |
| 7. Elves        | 24. Magi       |            |
| 8. Mouse        | 26. Shepherds  |            |
| 10. Sagittarius | 29. Dentist    |            |

# St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 NO Quilting today  Women's Guild Outing (Leave church at 8:30am)	2	3	4	5  Hang your stockings and say your prayers...	6 
7 <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Bring-A-Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	8 10am-4pm Quilting  6pm Church Council	9 6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry	10 	11 <b>Sunday School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal</b> —Immediately after school— 5:30pm Church Council Christmas Dinner @ Miller's Grill	12  NO Adult Social Connection	13 
14 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	15 10am-4pm Quilting  NO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 	16	17  7pm Adult Choir Practice	18 	19	20 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
21 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30am Worship NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	22 NO Quilting today 	23 	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 7pm Candlelight Service	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>	26 	27 
28 9:30am Worship NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	29 NO Quilting today 	30 Please turn in your yearly reports!	31 	"On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer, and Vixen! On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner, and Blitzen!" 		

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14 KJV)*





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