

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering		Ann Shively
Welcome		Melinda Ginosar
Prelude	"Birthday of a King"	
	Connie Bryngelson & Ann Shively	
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Advent Candle Lighting		The Lively Family
Hymn:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	p.211 verse 2
Hymn	"Servant of All"	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Deaconess Jeanie Hughes
Lord's Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	"Go to Him in Bethlehem"	Chancel Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	p.94
	Congregational Singing	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:39-56	Jennifer Lively
Sermon	"Would We Accept this Challenge?"	
	Dr. Deaconess Jeanie Hughes	
Hymn	"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"	p.198
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
	Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	"Here I Am, Lord"	p.593
	Congregational Singing	
Benediction Unison Prayer		
Closing Song	"Thanks God"	
	Jerry Shively and Congregation	
Postlude		Connie Bryngelson & Ann Shively
	Helping with worship today	
Worship Leader		Melinda Ginosar
Preacher		Dr. Deaconess Jeanie Hughes
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Musician		Connie Bryngelson & Jerry and Ann Shively
Choir Director		Jason Peters
Liturgist		The Lively Family
Lead Usher		Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader		Nancy Copp
Sound and Video Tech		Mosy Moran
Acolyte		Izzy Perez



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Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am

"TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"

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5th Sunday Joint Worship
December 31st 10:00 am
at St. Paul's UMC

The message will be
**a Wesleyan Covenant
Renewal Service**

In 1775, John Wesley introduced a covenant service as an important part of spiritual life in the Methodist Societies. This renewal service was a time for the Methodists to gather annually in a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving up themselves and renewing covenant with God.

The worship will include vocal and instrumental music centered around Gospel Music with the Praise Band. Anyone wanting to participate in the Praise Band is welcome. Praise Band rehearsal is on Wednesday at 7:00pm at St. Paul's. For more information, contact Nancy Copp.

The service will be followed by an informal New Years Eve party in the fellowship hall featuring potluck holiday hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, cookies, and holiday desserts. Please bring your favorite appetizer, cookies, or dessert to share. Coffee, Tea and Water will be served.

Start the new year off with all your friends.



CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

There will be a Sunday morning worship service held at St. Paul's UMC on December 24th at 11:00 am

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

We hope you will join us for a special Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

TRINITY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE CAROL & LESSONS

**11:00 pm
at Trinity United Methodist Church**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Join us for dinner on Christmas day at the Shively's.
gather at 2:00 p.m.**

**Bring a favorite Christmas dish to share and plan to enjoy food, fellowship, games and the puzzle!
See Ann Shively or call 208-520-2982.**

LET'S GO CAROLING

**You are invited to go caroling with the choir on
Sunday, December 17.**

**We will leave the church at 3:45 to go to Morningstar, Fairwinds
and Lincoln Court.**



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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

Women's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's UMC.

GROW

COMBINED YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY

REHEARSAL

Saturday December 23rd
at 11:00 am

at St. Paul's UMC

A pizza lunch will be provided .
No memorization required
come and have fun.

SERVE

THE HABITAT HOME BUILD PROJECT UPDATE

This home is looking great!

The front porch is getting a ceiling, siding and a porch light. Inside all the insulation is done on the exterior walls upstairs and downstairs. Sheet rock can start next. If

you want to volunteer to help the sheetrock crew please contact the Habitat office or stop by the house and let them know when you are available.



Vision for the Church

I was recently asked to be on the Innovators Vision Team for the two churches. I happily agreed to take on that responsibility. The Methodist church is important to me. I am not religiously knowledgeable or even a shining example of God's grace. I just really appreciate the concept of a church. I have this inner desire to do good things but need an outlet for it to happen. I also see that in the people around me in the church and yes, in the community.

I am willing to pay my tithings and put in my time to have that conduit where good people can make an impact on the community. I love the fellowship and working in teams to get things done. I love seeing people's lives change and helping people get through challenges. And I even sometimes love experiencing growth in my faith as I work through my own challenges.

I am working with the vision team to help discern a vision for the church that is inspired by God and that will invigorate the congregation. Bishop Cedrick calls it "Ministry that Matters". I have a feeling it will involve personal interaction between the congregation and the outside world. I hope to be able to talk to more people from the congregation and get your feelings about your vision for the churches.

The vision will play a big part in helping to find the right minister for our churches.

-Don Rohde

Christmas Adopt-A-Family 2023

St. Paul's Church is excited to offer Christmas Adopted Family program this year with a Giving Tree located in the Church entry area. Christmas is a time to bring ALL of St. Paul's Family together as the Light of Christ within our community. We are planning to accept up to 20 families this year.

Gifts will be handed out to the adopted families on Saturday, December 16th, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Families are asked to Drive by and pick up their gifts in St. Paul's Parking Lot. If any family is unable to come and pick up their gifts, delivery volunteers may be needed. If you are interested in providing a delivery if needed, please contact Mary.

In this season of preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the Light of God's love shine brightly into a dark world, bringing Hope to the world.

**Mary Bash
Jerry Cass St. Paul's Mission Coordinator**

Thank You!

Thank you St. Paul's UMC!

Christmas Adopt-A-Family takes a lot of help and hard work to happen each year. Thank you to all those who helped organize, plan, shop, donated gifts, wrapped gifts and to those planning on helping distribute God's love and blessing to each Christmas Adopted Family.

You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus.

A special thank you to Mary Bash, Jerry Cass, Connie Dobbins, Helen Schoonen, and Sharon Evans.

2023 Christmas Adopt a Family photos



This Week At St. Paul's UMC & Trinity UMC

Saturday, December 16th

Christmas Adopt a Family Gift Distribution 9am- noon

Sunday, December 17th **3rd Sunday in Advent**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

10:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Choir Practice at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

Caroling 4-5pm meet at St. Paul's 3:45pm

Monday, December 18th

Scouts BSA Female Troop 6:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC

N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Tuesday, December 19th

N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Wednesday, December 20th

Men's Coffee at 8:30 or 9am @ Perkins

Women's Coffee Hour at 9:30 am at St. Paul's UMC

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

Gather at the Table @ 6:30pm at Trinity UMC

Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Praise Band Practice at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Thursday, December 21st

Women's AA Group Meeting at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Friday, December 22nd

N.A. at 7:00pm at Trinity UMC

Candlelight N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Saturday, December 23rd

Youth Christmas Eve Rehearsal 11:00am at St. Paul's

Sunday, December 24th **4th Sunday in Advent**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

Christmas Eve Service 11:00 pm at Trinity UMC

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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