

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 3, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

Gathering		Ann Shively
Welcome		Pastor Kathy Neary
Prelude	"Once in Royal David's City"	Ann Shively
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Advent Candle Lighting		Tracy, Shea, Izzy, and Kay
Hymn:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	p.211 verse 1
Hymn	"Enter In"	
Praise Team and Congregational Singing		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Kathy Neary
Lord's Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"	Chancel Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	p.94
Congregational Singing		
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:5-25	
Sermon	<b>"What We Do When We are Getting on in Years"</b>	
Pastor Kathy Neary		
Hymn	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	p. 204
Congregational Singing		
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
Prayer After Communion		
Hymn	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"	p. 203
Congregational Singing		
Benediction Unison Prayer		
Closing Song	"Thanks God"	
Jerry Shively and Congregation		
Postlude		Ann Shively
<b>Helping with worship today</b>		
Worship Leader		Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher		Pastor Kathy Neary
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Musician		Jerry Shively and Ann Shively
Choir Director		Jason Peters
Liturgist		Tracy, Shea, Izzy, and Kay
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**

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

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Thank You!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you to everyone who came Monday morning to decorate the church for the Advent season. You did a wonderful job. The church sanctuary and foyer look beautiful.



December Birthdays

Lisa Lau	Dec 02
Arleen Malone	Dec 03
Richard Cullison	Dec 05
Clara Grimes	Dec 06
Conrad Yorgensen	Dec 06
Sharon Evans	Dec 06
Frederick Kurt Meyer	Dec 09
Kay Pottorff	Dec 12
Kylee Evens	Dec 12
Elizabeth Ecklesdafer	Dec 13
Shelley Deming	Dec 13
Nancy Strom	Dec 14
Brenda St. Clair	Dec 17
Larry Deming	Dec 17
Jeff Bell	Dec 21
Kenneth Rackham	Dec 21
Mary Towler	Dec 21
Jan Wright	Dec 23
Lucretia Murphy	Dec 26
Lynn Raines	Dec 27

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL**

**OPEN-MEETING**

**December 9th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

**We'll be discussing Simple Governance and St. Paul's Goals.**

**Council members will give updates and Pastor Kathy will be joining us.**

**The meeting is open to all.**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Join us for dinner on Christmas day at the Shivelys 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, November 17.**

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



## CONNECT

### 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.

#### Ladies Luncheon:

December 12th at 1:00 pm at Sizzlers. All Women are invited.

Contact Sharon Evans or sign up in the information hall.

#### Soup for the Soul:

December 14th at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC. Chicken Stew will be served.

### A MESSIAH SING A LONG

A Messiah Sing A Long at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 270 N. Placer.

Dec. 3rd at 3pm

For questions, please call 208-522-8465.

No experience necessary and it's ok to just listen. Family friendly and free.



## GROW

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Come and join St. Paul's weekly prayer group at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays in the parlor. All are welcome.

### SAFE SANCTUARY PRESENTATION

Join us on Sunday December 3, 2023 as we go over the Safe Sanctuary Policy for St. Paul's UMC.

We will be discussing this during the Sunday Worship service that begins at 10:00 am.

## GO

### URGENT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our Women's group has an opportunity to help a local school in need. A majority of the students qualify for free hot lunches and their families may not have money for warm clothes or food for their kids while their kids are on break.

Their Christmas break begins after school on Friday, December 15, We will be collecting the below items until until

**Wednesday, December 13.**

We will collect underwear, warm socks, slipper socks with non-skid bottoms, hats, gloves, mittens, hygiene items . Fruit cups, Breakfast bars, Mac and cheese, beans, (foods that are quick to prepare and easy to haul home) and reusable fabric bags with handles, . The school has received coats, and toothbrushes from other sources.

**Please bring all items to the church before Wednesday, December 13. We'll run them to the school for dispersal.**

**We are blessed to be a blessing!  
If you have any questions contact  
Michelle Jones.**

## 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.



The Christmas Adopt a Family tree is up in the foyer. If you would like to bless an individual or family this Christmas then come grab an ornament off the tree.

### How You Can Help

- You can purchase gifts for the adopted family members, or donate money through St. Paul's UMC to purchase gifts and food. Make a note on your check "for Christmas families".
- \*\* If you are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact Mary Bash before November 12th.**
- The Christmas Giving Tree will be available by Sunday, November 12th.** It will be available a little early this year due to the service we will be attending at Trinity on November 19th.
- If you would like to purchase a specific gift, but can't get to the church to choose from the Giving Tree, you can call and I would be happy to help you identify a gift you wish to provide.

### RETURN GIFTS TO ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE BY SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Shoppers may be needed!** If you like to shop, please volunteer now!

Shoppers will be provided with a list of items needed and a gift card with funds for those items. Contact Connie Dobbins to volunteer.

**Holiday Food for our Adopted Families!** One of the most important gifts we give this Christmas is food! Each adopted family will receive a Gift Card in the amount of \$175 to purchase their holiday foods at WinCo.

**Wrapping party:** There is a wrapping party scheduled on December 13th, in the Sunshine room at the church from 10:00 a.m. until we finish. If you would like to help, contact Connie Dobbins.

**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**

**Saturday, December 2nd**

**Ladies Tea Party 2pm-4pm at St. Paul's UMC**

**Sunday, December 3rd First 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

Safe Sanctuary Presentation

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

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

**Monday, December 4th**

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

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

**Tuesday, December 5th**

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

**Wednesday, December 6th**

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

**Women's Coffee Hour at 9:30 am.**

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

Prayer Group at 12:30 pm in the Parlor at St. Paul's

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 7th**

Women's Bible Study at 1:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

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

**Friday, December 8th**

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

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

**Saturday, December 9th**

**Church Council Meeting at 9:00am all are welcome**

**Sunday, December 10th 2nd 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

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

**"There is surely a future hope for you,  
and your hope will not be cut off."**

**Proverbs 23:18**

# 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

**Pastor:** Pastor Kathy Neary

**Council Chair:** Chris Holden

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Jeff Bell  
David Lively  
Cindy Mason

**Treasurer:** Lacey Moon

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**Council Secretary:** Linda Moore  
**Finance Secretary:** Lynda Fennern  
**Ministry Coordinator:** Melinda Ginosar

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