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A New Year is just about upon us. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your tremendous support and cooperation in 2019. With everything that happens here at St. Paul's UMC, no one person can do it all. It takes a team to get it all done. We were that team!

And now, let me wish you all a very happy New Year. I look forward to what God has for us in 2020. Our Community Meal, the second Monday of each month, continues to be well received. The Den afterschool program at Maize Gable Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays is making a difference in the life of the students who attend. Along with these outreaches, money given to our Pastoral Emergency Fund by anonymous contributors has provided relief to seven families in the borough. We have truly been Jesus' hands and feet in our area.

Please pray for these and the other ministries we will undertake in the name of Christ in 2020. Below is a prayer I found offered by an unidentified pastor on behalf of his congregation. It is Biblical and a good example of how to intercede for St. Paul's throughout the coming new year. It goes like this:

Lord, make this New Year a very happy year for all of us individually here at our church. Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes. Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts as we meet hardships. Not by making our paths easy, but by making us sturdy enough to tread any path. Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows. Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where others and your cause need us most and by making us zealous to be there and to help.

We pray also Lord you will bless us as a local congregation, not with great numbers of people who come looking for entertaining activities and services, but with abundant opportunities to teach your Word and do your work here in this area in all sincerity and truth. Nor do we pray that you will make our name great as a local church, but that through us your great name will be magnified. Father, make our year a happy one, in Jesus' name! Amen!

Not much to add to that, but Amen and Amen!
In Christ's Love
Pastor Tim

Pastor Tim on Vacation: This year Tim has been given an extra full week off. He will take it from January 2-8, 2020. Filling in for Tim once again is Pastor Mitch Galloway, a retired United Methodist Elder. Pastor Mitch's first appointment was to Tim's home church of St. John's UMC. Chambersburg from 1980-1986. Mitch preaches on January 5. He also is available for emergency pastoral calls from January 2-8 if need be. You can reach Mitch on his cell phone at 717 -650-4701. If you cannot reach Mitch, call St. Paul's office secretary, Bob Strickler at 717 -244-2355. At that point Bob will work to contact Mitch.

The Christmas decorations are to be taken down on Saturday, January 11, starting at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed to help. Contact Amy Glock (246-0398) if you have questions.

The Midweek Service is on a winter break, as well. There will be no Wednesday evening services from December 25 through February 19. The first midweek service of 2020 will be Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday, 7 PM in the Sunday school room.

Bible Study: The group is on a Christmas/ Winter Break. The study resumes on Tuesday, March 3, when the participants jump back into <u>The Book of Revelation</u>, chapter 20. After Revelation is finished, the group has decided to explore <u>The Book of Daniel</u>. When in session, Pastor Tim leads the group in the church lounge Tuesday evenings at 7 PM. Everyone is invited.



when services at St. Paul's are canceled? The main means of finding out about cancelations is to tune to the ABC affiliate in Harrisburg. It is ABC TV 27, but itmay be a different channel on your cable or satellite provider. Then, watch the screen for information regarding St. Paul's, Red Lion. The next place to search would be the church's website, www.saintpauls-um.com. If that doesn't work for you, just call the church office (244-2355) or contact Pastor Tim directly at 501-4339.

Join us for New Year's Eve: Following with tradition, St. Paul's is providing a Community Pork and Sauerkraut Supper. It is Tuesday, December 31 from 5:00 — 7:00 PM in our fellowship hall. This year, like last year, the Community Meal crew will do the cooking and cleaning. As a result, the freewill donations accepted will support the Community Meal outreach. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Note: It is best to call the church office (244-2355) ahead of time for reservations. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and clean up. To offer help call the church office 717-244-2355 or Wanda Strickler at 717-244-9052.



The Next Community Meal is Monday, January 13, 5:00—6:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. This outreach continues to minister to those in the Red Lion Borough who need a hot meal and fellowship. Pass the word along! In December we served over 180 people! We handed out copies of Life Book from the Gideon's International and hats and scarves made by the ladies of Bethany UMC. Also, our Praise Team led the folks in singing Christmas carols. We offer a special thanks to our members who came through with the desserts for the December meal! The menu for January is baked ziti, salad, applesauce, rolls dessert and beverage.



Holy

ion will be celebrated Sunday, January 12. The elements will be received by intinction.

January 2020 Meetings:

Pre-school Committee —

Monday, January 6, 6 PM in the Lounge Administrative Council —

Thursday, January 16, 7 PM in the Lounge Community Meal Planning

Monday, January 27, 7 PM in the Lounge Worship Committee —

Thursday, February 6, 7 PM in the Lounge

Women in the Word: This class is open to all ladies inside and outside the church. Sharon Funk leads the group in a study based on Beth Moore's series, "Believing God." It meets the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Sunday school room. The next session is Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9:00 AM in the Sunday school room.



We thank those who have stepped forward to serve in various leadership positions within the structure of St. Paul's in the coming year. The slate of lay leaders was ratified at the Church Conference on October 14 and is available on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary. These leaders assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2020. Please pray for them and Pastor Tim as we move forward with the work of the Lord in this New Year. If you would like to serve on a committee in the future, contact Pastor Tim (717-501-4339). We always are looking for those with vision, ideas and a willingness to get involved.



7th — & Ed

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15th — Ann & Burnell Sprenkle
20th — Sue & Mike Smith
25th — Ratha & Jeffrey Herrman
26th — Donna & Dirk Lister
30th — Mindy & Barry Zook

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1st — Steven
Moyer, Dalton Scantling, Jennifer Wivell

3rd — Melanie Winter

4th — Hannah Ferree, Karen Green

5th — Ryan Sprenkle, Kathy Vasellas

7th — Nicole Cooper, Stephanie Knaper, Marc McClure, Cheryl Nitchman

8th — Kanen Dill

9th — Gavin Zieber

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Barbara Smith

11th — Erin Fry

12th — Adam Young

13th — Jessica Dehoff, Haden Glock, Clyde Farling, Charles Sechrist, Curtis Warren, Terrance Warren

14th — Timothy Howell

15th — Eileen Mitzel, Janice Myers,

Stewart Pomraning, Elizabeth Rhoades

16th — Samantha Taylor

17th — Garry Roberts, Grant Stephens

18th — Megan Farling, Samuel Kern

19th — Glenda Bricker

20th — Rebekah Howell

21st — Andrew Horne

22nd — Steven Kopp, Connor McCullough,

Karen Smith

23rd — Cole Burg, Todd Burke, Jacob Paules, Jessica Wivell

25th — John Arnold, Cynthia Craley, Maurice Grove, Rvan Petzar

26th — Amy Barshinger, Mick Knaper, Asher Meek, Bristol Meek

27th — Molly Brown, Carlton Grim, Jan Keener

28th — Toby Goodling, Arlene Neff, Ryan Poff, Joshua Shirev

29th — Nan Horne, Bailey Price 30th — Todd Brown, Gavin Yartymyk



Steven Kopp & Arthur Wells, Captains
Richard Barshinger Phyllis Gould
Rosemary Wise



Head Ushers

January 5 — Carol Gillmen January 12 — Lisa Petzar January 19 — William Wise January 26 — Arlene Neff

Attendance

Dec 1 — 9:00 - 61	10:30- 0	MW - 0
8 — 9:00 - 75	10:30 - 31	MW - 10
15 — 9:00 - 81	10:30 - 32	MW - 9
22 — 9:00 - 110	10:30 - 0	MW - 0
24 — 7:00 -	11:00 -	

2020 Offering Envelopes

Are now on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for pick-up. If you see ones belonging to a neighbor, friend or a shut-in, kindly take them as well to deliver to those folks. They will appreciate the gesture and, most likely, your visit! Thank you.



Balance 01/01/2019	\$90,794.35
Receipts:	
Envelopes	238,574.00
Loose Offering	4,051.50
Maintenance	2,709.29
Easter	2,956.00
Lent	651.00
Bulletins	250.00
Mid-Week	914.51
Rental/Weddings	1,813.34
Advent	5.00
Pre School	20,877.50
Staffing	2,472.01
Miscellaneous	24,679.76
Goldman Hall	4,583.37
Parking Lot	2,491.17
Tree of Lights	1,825.00
Total	\$308,853.45

Expenses:

37,876.45
9,623.37
7,423.86
1,377.55
62,012.28
36,570.33
\$307,014.02
\$92,633.78

Our Stewardship, Year-to-Date, 11/30/19

Receipts needed per week	\$6,667.00
Total Receipts to date	308,853.45
Total receipts needed to date	313,349.00

Altar Flower & Bulletin Sponsors

We are organizing our 2020 sponsorship for these. Please let the office know when and what you would like to sponsor and what tribute you care to have published that day. There will be a booklet in the office to enter this info. Even if you have had a "standing" order previously, please reaffirm this info so that all requests are current and up-to-date. Altar flowers are \$40 for (2) vases. Larger or more ornate ones can be requested for an additional fee. Bulletins are \$25 a week. Thank You.

A Note from the Church Office

When handing in a payment for flowers, bulletins or other gifts to the church, please put a note with it (or note in the memo section of your check) to let us know what it is designated for. This will insure that proper credit and purpose of the money is applied. Thank you.

Discount Cards

St. Paul's Pre School is selling these as a fund raiser. Pictured below is a sample of all the businesses that are included. These can be used as many times as you like throughout 2020. These are available from the church office for \$5.00 each. Thank you.







Dear Church

Members,

The chaos of the holiday season is behind us and we greatly anticipate the more relaxed schedule of January. That said, we truly had a wonderful and meaningful Christmas both personally and within the preschool. This month, we have no parties to plan, no testing or conferences and are greatly looking forward to a more relaxed schedule. We will however, continue learning and preparing the students for kindergarten. Our unit for January will be self esteem and learning about our feelings. We will discuss what makes them special and unique and also how to acknowledge their feelings. We also discuss how to appropriately deal with anger. We will continue to learn letters and work on phonics. We will be going on a field trip this month to Skyline Gymnastics. This is one of the more popular field trips of the year. The preschool committee is also planning and running our lunch bunch program. The students who choose to participate bring in a lunch to school and complete crafts and learn all about exploring our world. The kids that have participated so far have really enjoyed it! Also, we are still selling our discount cards as our annual fund raiser. They are only \$5 and many of the companies listed are in the Red Lion/ Windsor area. See one of the preschool committee members or the church secretary if you would like to purchase any. Thanks!

to purchase any. Thanks!
We truly appreciate your continued support of our program.

Sincerely, Patience Martin

Dear Church Members,

I hope the holiday season was a great one for all of you! In preschool, we are ready to start 2020 off with a bang. The 2-day preschool class has come a long way since September, and we have a lot to cover before the end of the preschool year. We will start January off with reviewing the letters we have learned so far, A through J, and will reach letter "M" by the end of the month. The children will also learn the correct way to handle scissors, along with basic scissor skills. The children always have fun learning and practicing this skill! We will also have fun when we visit Lion Bowling this month for our class field trip.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2020!

Sincerely, Tasha Beck 2 day Preschool Teacher .

Pizzas Available....

We still have some Mickey's Pizzas to sell. We were unable to use them for our pizza event. So, we have several to sell.

12 in. Pepperoni Pizzas for \$7.50 each 12 in. Cheese Pizzas for \$7.00 each 9 in. Individual-sized Cheese Pizzas for \$5.00 ea. Contact Andrea Rider at 717-449-9942 or arider168@comcast.net



January's Events:

Remember we are ALL a part of St. Paul's FAMILY

*Kids Night Out—Friday, January 10th, 6-8 PM. When kids need time away from mom and dad. For dinner, we will be having hot dogs. We will have a Minute To Win It game night.

*God's Hang Out—Friday, January 24th. Time for teens to hang out and talk in a safe place with pool, ping pong and air hockey.

*Outreach programs I'm developing for the spring.....

St. Paul's Ambassadors —"Buddies" for families and individuals that visit our church on a Sunday morning. Basically, you will show them around St. Paul's.

Visitation Teams—-We need to reach out to individuals and families in our "neighborhood" to offer them a path to Christ.

So.....I will be looking for volunteers

*Future event — Christian band for King and Country will be having a concert at The Giant Center in Hershey on Saturday, April 18th. Mark this date on your calendar! I've seen this group in concert and they are fantastic! We will be getting a group together soon. If you are interested in tickets please contact Andrea by January 1, 2020. Tickets will be ordered on January 2, 2020.

We started a number of new programs. We cannot make these new programs a success without volunteers. PLEASE "step up" and volunteer your time to make a difference in a child's life. Frankly, by volunteering and giving of ourselves we can impact a life for Christ.

Any questions, feel free to contact me at arider168@comcast.net or 717-449-9942.



A Big Thank You to everyone for their cards, gifts and other acts of kindness extended to the staff this Holiday Season. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated! We wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

7im, Rick, Madalene, Amy, Bill, Louanne, Kent, Matt, Andrea, Patience, Missy, 7ammy, Carissa, Wanda and Bob

Six Resolutions for the New Year

During the New year I resolve to:

Forget the past and honor God more.

Live for Christ in the world.

Trust God with a strong faith.

Remain faithful to my church.

Witness to the lost.

Cultivate whatever talents God has given me for His glory and His church.

Overstuffed Chair Needed

Bette Loucks-Houck has moved to Manor Care South, Pauline Drive and has asked for an overstuffed chair for her room. It doesn't have to recline and all they ask is that it be in relative good shape. If you have one that you could give her, please call her daughter, Joette Allphin at 717-586-8152. Thank you.

The Meaning of the New Year

The New Year's chief value to us is it's spiritual opportunity. A year from now we may be richer or poorer than we are today; stronger in body or weaker; more famous or more obscure.

Whatever these results may be, they will not interpret the real significance of the year. That will only be revealed by the application of finer tests. If the year makes us more patient and courageous, with purer zeal for righteousness and a consciousness of deeper fellowship with the Spirit of Christ, it will have brought us the richest harvest it can bring.

Whatever else the New Year may mean to us, it surely means the opportunity for spiritual attainment. If we go forth into it with the full appreciation of that fact, and the purpose and prayer to redeem the time, we shall estimate our experiences by a true standard and be certain not to fail to gather the choicest fruit of the days.

-George E. Horr



Please have your information for the February issue into the church office by January 15th.

Thank You.



December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 AM Crafts in SS Room 12:00 PM Luncheon 1:00 PM Red Lion/Felton Band 	2 9:00 AM 3 Day Preschool 7:00 PM Joyful Vibrations	3 9:00 AM 2 Day Preschool 7:00 PM Bible Study	9:00 AM 3 Day Preschool 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Mid-Week	5 9:00 AM 2 Day Preschool Grace Church - Kitchen/ Fellowship Hall	6 9:00 AM 3 Day Preschool Grace Church - Kitchen/ Fellowship Hall	7
8 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Faith Central 11:00 AM Brenneman Party (Fellowship Hall)	9 9:00 AM 3 Day Preschool 5:00 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM Joyful Vibrations	9:00 AM 2 Day Preschool 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	9:00 AM 3 Day Pre School 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:30 PM Cub Committee 7:00 PM Mid-Week	9:00 AM 2 Day Preschool 6:30 PM Boy Scout Committee	9:00 AM 3 Day Preschool 6:00 PM Boy Scout Lock-In (Ending @ 8 AM Sat.)	14 11:00 AM Kent Smith Party (Fellowship Hall)
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9:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sounds of Christmas/ Cookie Celebration! (No Sunday School or Faith Central).	23 Preschool Vacation	Preschool Vacation 7:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service 11:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service Church Office Closed	MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Preschool Vacation	27 Preschool Vacation	28
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