

St. Paul's News

DECEMBER 2017



St. Paul's,

Welcome to Advent. As we begin December we also begin the season of Advent as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas. In worship this Advent we are going to be focusing on some of the questions that are found in the Christmas story in Luke.

We will begin Advent with the question Zechariah offers the angel after the announcement that Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth will have a son, "How will I know this is so?" (Luke 1:18). We will discuss the questions of doubt that Zechariah raises and the questions of doubt in our own lives. The following week we will look at questions of

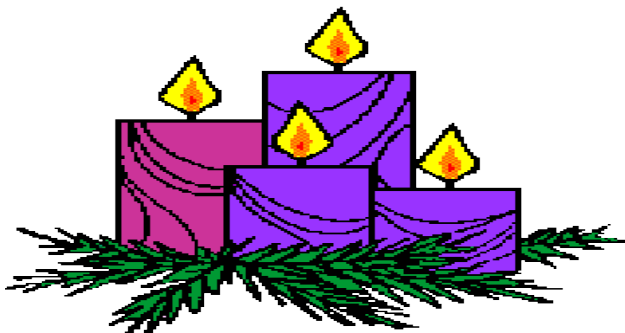
purpose through Elizabeth's question to Mary, "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" (Luke 1:43). Finally we will take on questions of future by considering a question from the crowd about Zechariah and Elizabeth's son John, "What then will this child become?" (Luke 1:66). In the midst of a busy season I encourage you to make time to join us in worship.

In addition, I want us all to be aware of some special events that will be happening in our church in December. The children and youth will present their Christmas program in worship on December 17th. Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year we will have two opportunities to worship together. During our regular worship time at 10:00am we will have a Christmas Eve service that will be designed especially with our families in mind. Then at 7:00pm we will hold our traditional Christmas Eve service. Each service

will have its unique design so feel free to join us for both services on Christmas Eve or whatever one fits your schedule best if you have other commitments on that day.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I encourage us all to take time this Advent season to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ. In the midst of everything that comes with the Christmas season take some time to gather in worship, read the Christmas story in the scripture, and serve others.

Peace,
Pastor Hannah



December Special Birthdays!

*12-6-Norina Martin
12-13-Faye Eley
12-14-Pastor Hannah
12-16-Carl Yager*



If you are over 80 and would like your birthday listed, contact the church office



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar any time during the year, please call the church office at (419) 447-1743



12/3/17: Connor and Courtney McGinnis
12/10/17: Allison Johnson and Sofia Paradiso
12/17/17: Charlie Garcia and A.J. Lindhorst
12/24/17: Robbie and Carter Lindhorst
12/31/17: At First Presbyterian Church

If your son or daughter is in Third Grade or older and would like to acolyte, please contact Jill Lindhorst at 419-443-0273. Please consider helping us!



November Mission Giving:

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering **\$145.00**
(First Call for Help distributes these funds to those in need in our community.)

32 Shoe boxes were donated for Operation Christmas Child in early November! Thanks to all who packed a box to be given to needy children around the world, also thanks to Carol Graham for coordinating this project and taking our boxes to the drop off site!

The Special Thanksgiving Offering Envelope giving was designated for F.A.C.T. this year and \$215.00 was collected.

Sharing Kitchen workers are needed for December 11th and 14th. A signup sheet will be posted on the kitchen annex door for you to sign-up to help out! Thank you to those who were able to work in November. Sharing Kitchen guests will continue to need canned goods throughout the winter months. Canned soups, stews, tuna, canned chicken and fruit and always appreciated!

The special Christmas Offering will go to First Call for Help for their heating fund and also to Morrison House.

Again thank you all for the generous support from St. Paul's members towards mission giving!

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Our November 4th clean up day was a success. Lights were repaired, damaged ceiling tile was replaced, kitchen cupboards were cleaned, junk removed from the basement, garage was swept and trash removed, storage off of the Helen Bean room was re-arranged and whole lot of sweeping went on!

We continue to seek grants for the replacement of the main church roof. The roof on the educational building has been repaired.

We are fortunate to have members who are willing to take on electrical, plumbing, woodworking, cleaning, painting, along with general maintenance and repairs in our church! This is such a cost saver and blessing to our Church.

If you see items in need of attention, please let us know. We also welcome anyone whom wishes to join us in the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Blessings-Marilou Hill, Trustee Secretary

NEED FOR NEW SOUND BOOTH EQUIPMENT



Around 2000 Art Bean funded the building of the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. The equipment has served us well over the years. However the control board is worn out and needs to be replaced. The equipment is expensive. The Trustees are looking to raise \$5,000 to fund the replacement.

Thank you to those who give to the Trustees in the offering.



SAVE THE DATES!!

St. Paul's Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 17th during
Worship Service**

**Rehearsals will be on Sunday,
December 3rd and Sunday,
December 10th from 12:00-2:00
p.m.**

**Please contact Molly Lofton for
more information.**



Poinsettia Orders



We are once again selling Poinsettia's to be placed on alter in honor or memorial of our loved ones! Plants will be placed on the altar for Sunday, December 24th. The cost is \$8.00. This year there are two alternate options. You may choose to give a gift to the Sharing Kitchen or Connections rather than purchasing a plant. Please complete the form in your bulletin on Sunday and return it to the Church office by December 10th or place in the offering plate with your check.

Checks should be made payable to the church and marked for "Poinsettia" in the lower corner and on your envelope. Thank you!



NEW YEAR'S EVE

New Years Eve Service

We will going to First Presbyterian Church this Sunday for a joint worship service please not service starts at 10:30am instead of 10:00.



Newsletter deadline for the January Newsletter is December 22, 2017

Please **email** to secretary@tiffinstpauls.org

