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| Sunday, December 10                                     |                                  |
| Scripture Readings: 2 Peter 3:8-18 Psalm 85 Mark 1:1-18 |                                  |
| 8:00 am   | Traditional Service-Church Bldg. |
| 9:00 am   | Sunday School                    |
| 10:15 am  | Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall   |
| 10:15 am  | Traditional Service-Church Bldg. |
| 3:00 pm   | Confirmation Class               |
| 5:00 pm   | Middle School Youth Group        |
| Monday, December 11                                     |                                  |
| 8:00 am   | Centering Prayer                 |
| 10:00 am  | AA                               |
| 10:30 am  | Pastoral Care Team Meeting       |
| 7:00 pm   | Venture Crew                     |
| 7:00 pm   | AA                               |
| 7:00 pm   | GriefShare                       |
| Tuesday, December 12                                    |                                  |
| 6:30 pm   | Cub Scout Pack 730               |
| 7:00 pm   | Men's Bible Study                |
| Wednesday, December 13                                  |                                  |
| 10:00 am  | AA                               |
| 5:30 pm   | Cursillo Reunion Group           |
| 7:00 pm   | St. Paul's Choir                 |
| 7:00 pm   | AA                               |
| 7:00 pm   | High School Youth                |

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| Thursday, December 14  |                                   |
| 9:30 am  | GriefShare                        |
| 10:00 am   | AA                                |
| 11:00 am   | Healing Prayer Service            |
| 11:30 am   | Al-Anon                           |
| 5:00 pm  | Medical Outreach Clinic           |
| 6:30 pm  | Confirmation Service-Church Bldg. |
| 7:00 pm  | Boyscout Troop 2                  |
| 7:00 pm  | Divorce Care                      |
| Friday, December 15  |                                   |
| 7:00 pm  | AA                                |
| Saturday, December 16  |                                   |
| 7:00 pm  | AA                                |
| Sunday, December 17  |                                   |
| Scripture Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Psalm 126 John 3:22-30 |                                   |
| 8:00 am  | Traditional Service-Church Bldg.  |
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| 3:00 pm  | Confirmation Class                |
| 4:00 pm  | Hayride and Caroling              |
| 6:00 pm  | Pasta Dinner in Skardon           |

Clergy:

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THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath has been in use for centuries in the Christian church. It has its origin in the German home and church. The practice spread to England and other countries. Our Advent Wreath is rich with symbolism. Some are obvious and others more obtuse.

- The wreath is unending as is God's love for us.
- The base is constructed from evergreens – Holly (sign of the crown of thorns), Boxwood and Fir (signs of the everlasting quality of God).
- Straw - symbol of the Nativity of our Lord.
- Pomanders (Apples studded with Cloves). The Apple – symbol of original sin, and the Cloves & Cinnamon – symbol of the death and burial of Jesus.
- The Orange Peel represents the bitter gall of the Crucifixion.
- The English Ivy and the Heather are incorporated to share our communion with the Anglican Church.
- The Grapevine and wheat are symbols of the Eucharist.
- The Pine Cones and Pomegranates are a symbol of the Resurrection – breaking forth from the tomb.
- All of these surround the Christ Candle in the center – The Light of the World.

An Advent Wreath Prayer

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light shines forth from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To reserve a cover or if you have a submission for the Sunday News please contact Shelley Fipps the Tuesday before you want the addition.

Biblically minded—Christ centered—Holy Spirit driven

Guests



WELCOME, We're glad you're here!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 8:00 am CB ☐ 10:15 am CB ☐ 10:15 am DH

☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ New to Area

☐ Looking for a church home

☐ Regular Attending Non-Member

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

☐ I would like to receive emails from St. Paul's

AGE

\_\_13-19 \_\_20's \_\_30's \_\_40's \_\_50's \_\_60's \_\_70's+

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME

DOB

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NAME

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I would like more information about:

\_\_\_ A new life in Christ

\_\_\_ Membership at St. Paul's

\_\_\_ LifeGroups

\_\_\_ ALPHA

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

If you would like your request concerning health, death, or other concerns to be added to our public prayer, please indicate by marking the box. All others will be put on the confidential prayer list for 3 weeks.

Place form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table to receive more information and a gift.

## MEMBERS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 8:00 am CB   ☐ 10:15 am CB   ☐ 10:15 am DH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHANGES ONLY

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Please place completed form in the offering plate  
or take to our Welcome Table.  
Anonymous comments will be discarded.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS MORNING

**Welcome** to St. Paul's! We hope to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels welcomed with open arms. Here is the information that you need to know for a successful morning of worship and Sunday School:

- **Worship as a Family (all ages):** At St. Paul's, we encourage families to worship together on Sunday mornings, therefore children in third grade and older will remain with their parents throughout the service. If you or your children are not used to this, please know that we understand and recognize that it might take time to develop the routine. We're here to help, so don't hesitate to ask a priest or Tina Smith about successful family worship.

- **Kids Church** (K3 –2nd grade) starts the same time as "big church" so bring your child to the Worship Center prior to the service start time. There you will find computers to sign in your children. There will be one computer for families attending services in Doar Hall and another for families attending services in the Church building. Please use the appropriate computers. They will print color coordinating name labels so that our little ones are taken to the correct service.

- Once they enter the Worship Center they will find lots of friendly faces welcoming them along with activity centers that will start their lesson time. They will continue with these until the sermons have ended:
  - ✚ If you are attending the Church building service, please pick your child up at the end of the sermon.
  - ✚ If you are attending the Doar Hall service, please look for your child entering the sanctuary and wave to them so they can find you.

**Communion**—Anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion at St. Paul's. **Please note:** The Communion elements consist of real wine and bread or wafers containing wheat. Please ask the bread server for gluten free wafers. Receiving one or the other of the elements is considered participating as fully in the Eucharist as anyone who receives both.

All guests are invited to visit our **Welcome Table** after the service today to receive a gift and information about St. Paul's.

**Giving**—Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates. We have electronic giving centers in Doar Hall for debit and credit cards. St. Paul's does not want anyone to incur debt in order to give to the Lord. We offer the electronic giving centers as a convenience.

**Giving Envelopes**—are available for your convenience. You may pick up a pack in the church office, in the back of Doar Hall, or the Church Building.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Today:

- † Confirmation Class, 3:00 pm in the C/Y building
- † Middle School Youth Group, tonight in the C/Y building 5:00 -6:30pm

**This Week:**

- † High School Youth, Wednesday, December 13 in the C/Y Building at 7:00 pm for our Christmas Party.

### Upcoming Events:

- ✝ Christmas Break: No Youth Groups will meet the weeks of December 17-31

For questions contact Korey Kincaid Youth Minister 785.215.3710

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Poinsettias** are available for purchase for the Christmas services. There are forms in the back of Doar Hall and the Church Building as well as the church office to pick up. Poinsettias are \$20 and checks can be made out to St. Paul's. Please place the completed form in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office. Order deadline is Monday, December 18.

**Advent Sunday School** continues today and next Sunday, December 17. For our multigenerational class we will learn about the importance of Christmas traditions this week. We will meet St. Nicholas next week in Skardon Hall at 9:00 am. The Star of Bethlehem will continue until this week and next in C/Y Room 219.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Hayride and Caroling: Sunday December 17** - Children and adults of all meet us behind the C/Y building at 4:00 pm for caroling around the neighborhood. At 6:00 pm we will gather in Skardon Hall for an Italian feast. There will also be a cookie decorating station! Make your reservation here: [stpaulssummerville.org/hayride](http://stpaulssummerville.org/hayride). There is a suggested donation of \$5 to save your spot and cover the cost of food for adults. Children eat free! Questions, contact Cathy McGrew.

**Polar Express: Friday December 22** - We are showing *The Polar Express* on Friday, December 22 on the Plaza at St. Paul's. We will begin the night at 6:30 with s'mores over a campfire. The movie will start at 7:00. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be provided.

**Christmas Eve Services: Sunday, December 24** - There are four services on Christmas Eve. Church Building services are at 8:00 am (Advent 4) and 11:00 pm. Doar Hall services are at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The 5:00 service is a an interactive story telling that will be led by Tim Lowry. Every child has an important part to play in it! If your child would like to participate, have them come dressed as a wise man, a shepherd, or any animal. There will be a limited number of costumes on hand that can be borrowed so get creative and pull out those bathrobes and cowboy hats - they're great for wise men and shepherds! There won't be a dress rehearsal beforehand so come ready to participate! If you do not have a costume please arrive 30 minutes early. There will be a birthday party for Jesus immediately after the service in the Atrium.

**Christmas Day: Monday, December 25** - There is a Christmas Day Service in the Church Building at 10:00 am. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31** - Join us at 8:00 am in the Church Building for our traditional service and at 10:15 am for a combined service of Lessons and Carols in Doar Hall.

