

*St. Paul's opens our doors and our hearts to guests who choose to participate in the life, worship, and work of our church. If we can be of help to you in any way, please call us at 412.486.7006.*

## **FALL WORSHIP**

Saturday@6 pm - Wesley Hall

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Communion@8:30 - Sanctuary

Grace Cafe@9:30 - George Crooks Dining Area

Classic@10:30 - Sanctuary

Modern@10:30 - Fellowship Hall

We invite you to find the worship style that helps you engage with God!

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR ALL AGES MEET AT 9:15 AM**

## **ENJOY BOOKS AVAILABLE**

We have 2019 Enjoy Books for \$30 each. They are available in the Church Office weekdays and Sundays in the Ministry Center following worship. The books make great holiday gifts. Get yours today!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Wednesday, November 21

7:30 pm - Hampton Presbyterian Church

2942 E. Hardies Road, Gibsonia, PA

## **ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD**

Please return your estimate of giving card to the church by November 25. Return by mail or place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your prayers and generous stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures.

## **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

'Tis the season of comfort and joy...but if the joy is hard to find this year for whatever reason, come and be part of our Blue Christmas Prayer Service on Sunday, December 9, at 7 pm. We'll pray and share Communion. Invite those you may know who are having a difficult time. Even when our world seems very dark, it's the light of Christ that gives us hope to wait and know that a new day awaits us.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL OF 2019**

Preschool registration for members of St. Paul's UMC will begin on Monday, November 19, at 7:00 am. If you wish to have the online link emailed to you, please email the Preschool office at [preschooloffice@stpaulsumc.com](mailto:preschooloffice@stpaulsumc.com) and the link will be emailed to you sometime on Sunday.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Drop-In Child Care - November 22-26

Preschool - November 21-26

Kidz Korner - November 22-26

## **SANTA EXPRESS TICKETS AVAILABLE**

St. Paul's Preschool hosts this fundraiser each year for scholarships and financial support to families in need attending Preschool. Santa Express will take place on December 1 with two sessions available. The first session is from 10:00 am - noon. The second session is from 1-3 pm. During Santa Express there are lots of activities for children including a train ride, train display, bounce house, crafts, visit and pictures with Santa, and much, much more. There is a silent auction for the adults as well. Children and adults attending must purchase a ticket (\$10 each). Children under 2 years old are free. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.stpaulsumc.com>children>preschool>fundraising](http://www.stpaulsumc.com>children>preschool>fundraising).

## **LUNCH AND ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

Enjoy a time of fellowship with family and friends as you prepare for the Advent Season. On December 2, meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch at 11:30 am. Create your very own Advent Wreath with live pines. There will also be Gingerbread Houses and Crafts. Lunch for family, 1 wreath and 1 Gingerbread House \$25; additional wreaths and houses \$10 each. **Please check your Friday email to RSVP.**

## **KIDZ KORNER ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Part-time classroom assistants are needed! Candidates must be available for morning shifts (6:30-9:00 am) and would ideally also be available for afternoon shifts (3:00-6:00 pm). Please help spread the word and contact Chelsea Enright, Director, at 412.334.8193 if you are interested!

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **HARVEST HUSTLE**

#### **5K Fun Run / Walk**

#### **Thanksgiving Morning**

#### **Pie Traynor Loop at North Park**

#### **Check in at 8:30 am; Start time at 9:00 am**

St. Paul's invites you to prepare for your big Thanksgiving feast with us at North Park. On Thanksgiving morning, November 22, we will burn a few extra calories in support of our amazing students who participate in Youth Ministry activities at St. Paul's UMC. Imagine an extra piece of pumpkin pie without the guilt! Yummy!

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 per runner / walker

\$25 Late registration on Race Day

Bring the family and kids 11 and under are FREE

Free Continental breakfast available in Picnic Pavillion

Pickup a registration form & waiver in the Communication Centers.

## **PIES NEEDED**

Pies are needed as prizes for the Harvest Hustle. If you are able to donate a pie/pies, please contact Tami Weisner at [tweisner@stpaulsumc.com](mailto:tweisner@stpaulsumc.com).

## **SHAREHOLDER'S CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, November 25 - 11:45 am**

Please join us for our annual Shareholder's Celebration. We will share great food, great stories, great pictures and great fun. We are so thankful for your support and can't wait to tell you all about our experiences in Moore, Oklahoma. It would be an honor if you will be our guest for lunch at 11:30 am, immediately following worship on Sunday, November 25.

## **ADULT MINISTRIES**

### **COOKIE WALK: Saturday, November 17**

**9:00 am - 12:00 Noon**

### **MISSION MALL**

**Saturday, November 17**

**9:00 am - 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

In its 10th year, Mission Mall features more than 20 local and international nonprofit groups selling unique and practical fair trade and handcrafted items made by local artisans and those in developing countries. All sales go directly to each group's mission charity. Just a few of the many nonprofits represented include Ten Thousand Villages, Gwen's Girls, Building New Hope Coffee and Mission to El Salvador. Many more will be on site!

This is a great time to get a start on holiday shopping. Make your money work for good by shopping at the Mission Mall and Cookie Walk

### **PASTORS' WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

Pastor Jeff's Wednesday morning and evening Bible study will NOT meet on November 21. Pastor Karen's morning Bible study will not meet Nov. 21 but her St. Barnabas afternoon group will meet.

### **THURSDAY DINNER**

The Thursday meal will not be served this week.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

### **LAST CALL: CHRISTMAS SINGERS INVITED**

High school and adult singers are warmly invited to join our choir for the beautiful Advent and/or Christmas music we are preparing. Please come to the Choir Room at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays (November 28, December 5, 12, 19) to join other singers in offering your musical gifts to God and to our congregation. Come lend your voice as we sing "Glory to

God in the highest!"

### **SPECIAL ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Come join Pastor Karen on Monday evenings, November 26 - December 17 at 7:30 pm or Wednesday mornings, November 28 - December 19 at 9:00 am. The theme is "Faithful Patience." We will look at four famous stories in the book of Daniel and invite the Holy Spirit to form faithful patience in us as we commit to practicing community, loyalty, humility, and prayer.

### **WORLD THANK OFFERING REMINDER**

As we approach this thankful time of year, please consider giving to the United Methodist Women World Thank Offering by November 30. You received an envelope in your church mailbox in October. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMW and place in Carolyn Metting's mailbox or offering plate.

### **CHRISTMAS SHARE**

Please bring your extra Christmas decorations to the Charles Wesley Room December 7 through December 10 to share with others less fortunate! If you'd like to donate a synthetic Christmas tree, we are only able to accept trees 3 feet and smaller. Thanks for sharing the joy of the season!

### **2018 NoMIC ANGEL TREE**

No Mission Impossible Club is once again hosting our Angel Tree that will provide Christmas gifts to families supported by Ward Home and the East End Community Outreach. There will be one angel per person on the tree with a gift suggestion. Please sign-up on the sheet next to the tree with the Angel ID number and your name and phone number. Please have all angels with the gifts back to St. Paul's, placed under the tree or in the gift card box on or before December 7. Any additional directions will be on an Information Sheet, located next to the sign-up sheet. Thank you in advance for supporting this year's NoMIC Angel Tree Mission.

### **2019 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY**

Our new Guide Book & Directory should arrive at your house in the coming week. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise.

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED**

There are several openings for communion stewards beginning in January, 2019. Communion stewards are responsible for speaking with the ministers, ordering the bread for communion, picking up the bread, and setting up (and cleaning up) communion for the weekend in the Sacristy. Typically, the volunteers are only responsible to do this twice a year. Please contact Lynne Stephenson to sign up. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

NHCO seeks volunteer groups or individuals to do home safety assessments for seniors, either once or on a regular basis. Dozens of seniors are waiting to have assessments completed. Volunteers need to complete simple background checks. The volunteer session includes a brief training, and then volunteers pair up to visit homes of local seniors to do safety assessments for fire and fall hazards, and install smoke detectors. People wishing to volunteer should contact Cathy Pschirer at NHCO's North Boroughs office at 412-307-0069 x 3313 or [clpschirer@nhco.org](mailto:clpschirer@nhco.org).

### **ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL**

Jail chaplains need volunteers to participate in one or both of two Advent services for the inmates. Religious services of Lessons and Carols will be offered to the inmates on November 29 and December 7, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Volunteers will form an impromptu choir, singing from caroling sheets provided by the chaplains. A good singing voice is NOT necessary. All that is necessary is a desire to fulfill the words of Jesus: *"I was in prison and you came to visit me."* Matthew 25: 36. If you would like more information or wish to register for one of the services, please contact Tom Greway - tennis2tom@aol.com

### **GROCERY CERTIFICATES**

If you shop at Giant Eagle, purchase gift cards in the Ministry Center following worship or in the Church Office Monday-Friday. Available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Use the same as cash. St. Paul's receives five cents per dollar purchased.

### **FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER REQUEST**

Baking Staples (oil, sugar, flour, etc.)

Toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, and bar soap are always needed and appreciated. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the Ministry Center.