



# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

***A Celebration of Carols***  
**Christmas Cantata**

**The mission of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to be a faithful community of disciples who serve as the heart, hands and feet of Christ so that all people come to know the love of God.**

## 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see our ushers for large print hymnals and bulletins.

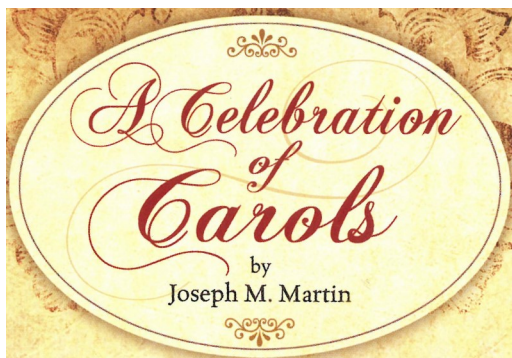
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Prelude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. J. Evanovich

## Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30: The Fugate Family  
11:00: Ed and Carolyn Holmes



*A Christmas Overture* Sue Spencer, Soloist

A Bidding Prayer Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (with congregation) UMH 234, vs 1, 3, 6

Lesson I Carol and Terry Broadway

## A Prayer for Advent

Lesson 2 Fotena Zirps

## People of Promise Arise

Lesson 3 Cynthia Jordan

*Songs of Hope and Joy*

Lesson 4 Russell Almond

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* 8:30: Emily Andrews, Soloist  
11:00: SPARKS Children's Choir

Lesson 5 Carol Lee

*My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord* Kathy Tully, Soloist

## Lesson 6

Barbara Bauldree

*Lullabies of Bethlehem*

Gary Eggebraaten, Soloist  
with SPARKS Children's Choir

## Lesson 7

Jay Novak

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (with congregation)

UMH 238, vs 1, 2, 3

## Lesson 8

Doug Garthwait

*Carol for Seekers*

## Lesson 9

Dianne Taylor

*Let Christmas Begin*

## Offering

*Meditation on Of the Father's Love Begotten*

D. Lasky

Benediction

Doris Henderson

*A Christmas Trilogy*

UMH 246, vs 1, 2, 245 vs 1, and 240 vs 1, 3

Violin - Brianna Rhodes and Rossana Cauti

Viola - Raiden Thaler

Cello - John O'Keefe

Double Bass - Sean Gorman

Flute - Janel Caine and Michelle Currie

Clarinet - Eric Jones and Jazmin Murrillo

Oboe - Labarrin Wallace

SPARKS Choir Director - Stephany Bryant

## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Charlene Doud to the glory of God  
and in memory of her husband, Frank Doud,  
on their 68th wedding anniversary.

# Around Saint Paul's

## ADVENT EVENTS

**SPARKS MUSICAL PRESENTATION "The Twelve Days of Christmas"** Join us Wednesday, December 12, in Sanders Hall for a delightful musical presentation by our kindergarten through 5th graders. Come for the fellowship dinner (5:30 p.m.) and show (6:15 p.m.). Make your reservation for dinner by Monday, December 10.

**CHILDRENS NATIVITY PAGEANT** - Our adorable children will present the Nativity Pageant Sunday, December 23, at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up online now for children ages 3 through 2nd graders to join us for this special time.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT SAINT PAUL'S** - We have three Christmas Eve Services at Saint Paul's. Candlelight and Carols at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our 11:00 p.m. service is held at the Gazebo at Lake Ella. Everyone in our community is welcome.

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**DONATIONS AT SAINT PAUL'S** - While we are grateful for donations of requested supplies, food, etc. for our various outreach ministries, we kindly ask you bring only what is requested, as we do not have space to store donations of clothing and household items. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

**POINSETTIAS SALES** - Our ROOTED youth are selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. They are in the breezeway between Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service, or you can use the envelope in the pew. Poinsettias are \$12 each.

**SENIOR HURRICANE VICTIMS** - Gift-wrapping party in Sanders Hall Sunday, Today, at 1:00 p.m. in Sanders Hall.

### MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S -

**Youth Choir:** thanks for your beautiful musical offering this past Sunday! We'll take a break from rehearsals until January 6.

**Handbell Choir:** will not rehearse this afternoon, but will rehearse with the Covenant Chancel Choir on Tuesday, December 11, 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary in preparation for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on December 16.

**Worship Band:** will be leading worship for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at the Lake Ella Gazebo.

**SPARKS Choir:** will be presenting our Christmas program, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," on Wednesday, December 12, 6:15 p.m. in Sanders Hall. We'll have our final rehearsal/warm-up time during SPARKS prior to the performance. Wear "Christmas/Holiday" outfits.

**Preschool and Toddler Music Groups:** will take a break from our regular schedule, and will start up again on January 9.

Our Preschool Group (PreK 3 and 4 year olds) is invited to join with our Preschool-Grade 2 Sunday School Classes in singing for the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship on Sunday, December 23, as part of the Children's Nativity Pageant.

**BOY SCOUTS SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES** - The Boy Scout Christmas Tree lot is open. Regular hours are Monday - Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sundays 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. Trees of all sizes, as well as wreaths, are available. Buying your Christmas tree from Troop 115 supports young men in our church and community.

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### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Dinner in Sanders Hall - 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Reservations due by midnight Monday by calling 385-5146 or online at [saintpaulsumc.org](http://saintpaulsumc.org). \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12.  
December 12: Sloppy Joes

**CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS** - Janet Clark is collecting gift cards for the Children's Home and Madison Youth Ranch through today. She will be at church and Wednesday night dinners, or you may leave cards in the office. The request is for \$10.00 or \$25.00 cards to Walmart, Target and Best Buy. Thank you for sharing the joy! **Merry Christmas.**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** - The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, December 11, 11:00 in Sanders Hall for our annual Christmas luncheon. Bring a salad to share and join us for good food and fellowship. If you've not attended a Circle meeting for a while, or if you've never been, we hope you'll come join us. For more information contact Peggy Harter, 878-1343.

**PACESETTERS LUNCHEON** - Thursday, December 20, 11:30 a.m. in Sanders Hall. Pacesetters is hosting a Christmas Sing-a-long with Gaye Herndon. Chef Betsy will prepare a festive meal. Lunch cost \$7.00 at the door. Please call the church by Tuesday, December 18 to RSVP @ 385-5146.

**SUPPORT TWO MINISTRIES WITH ONE DONATION** - The Haiti Mission Team will head down to our sister church in Soisson in June 2019 to support their summer VBS programs. You can help our team members make this important trip AND support Manna on Meridian in the process! The Haiti Team is offering bags of homemade instant soup mixes for \$5 apiece. Each mix makes 2 cups of delicious soup with the addition of boiling water. 100% of all sales proceeds go directly to Saint Paul's Haiti Mission Team and you can keep the soup mix for yourself or donate the mixes to Manna on Meridian. Sales will be held in the courtyard each Sunday during December and January. Flavors currently available are minestrone and chicken noodle. Contact Liane Giroux at [LianeM75@gmail.com](mailto:LianeM75@gmail.com) for more information or to place an order. Mesi anpil! (Thank you very much!)

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - We're offering Dave Ramsey's nine-week Financial Peace University, beginning January 9. This class will help you take control of your money and your future! Free childcare available. Course materials cost \$129. To sign up, text or call coordinator Julie Hatfield at (850) 586-0830 or email [juliedupuis@yahoo.com](mailto:juliedupuis@yahoo.com).

## This Week at Saint Paul's

### Monday, December 10

**8:00 am** Classical Conversations  
**11:00am** Ed Wynn Luncheon/SH  
**5:00 pm** Manna Bagging/Faith Presby.

### Tuesday, December 11

**10:30am** Ruth Circle/SH  
**6:15 pm** Covenant Chancel Choir/CR  
**6:45 pm** Handbell Choir/S  
**7:00 pm** YA Group/Red Eye Café  
**7:30 pm** Se'Lah Choir/CR

### Wednesday, December 12

**8:00 am** Prayer Group/WR  
**3:00 pm** SPARKS/200 Level

### Wednesday, December 12 cont.

**5:15 pm** Wednesday Night Dinner/SH  
**5:30 pm** Soul Food Feeding Homeless  
**6:30 pm** SPARKS Musical/SH  
**6:30 pm** Knitting & Crochetiers/311

### Thursday, December 13

**9:30 am** MOPS/SH

### Friday, December 14

**Church Office Closed**

**9:00 am** Alzheimer's Respite/200/202/204

### Saturday, December 15

**8:00am** Manna on Meridian/Faith Presby

**ROOM KEY:** CR - Choir Room / CY - Courtyard / F - Foundation / GP - Generations Park / L - Library / N - Nursery / P - Parlor / S - Sanctuary / SH - Sanders Hall / SHK - Sanders Hall Kitchen / WR - Work Room





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### WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Nurseries for ages infant to five years are located in the lower level of the sanctuary building. One of our friendly ushers can give directions to restrooms.

### AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED

Are available from our ushers. Kindly return the large-print hymnal at the end of worship. We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

### NAME TAGS

Name tags help us get to know one another better. They are located in the narthexes. If you need a name tag, please indicate on the attendance pad so we can make one for you. Please wear your name tag each week during worship.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

A wide variety of adult Sunday School classes and age-appropriate classes for children and youth are offered at 9:45. An additional adult class meets at 11:00. For details, visit the information table in Sanders Hall or call our office.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING SAINT PAUL'S?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Paul's, please indicate so on the attendance pad. We will set a date for you to be received with joy!

### Financial Snapshot

Expenses to date: \$796,281.00

Average weekly expenses (2017): \$18,269.00

Income to date: \$801,657.00

Actual	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Income:	\$24,785.00				

December 2 attendance: 8:30: 92 11:00: 193 Sunday School: 154

**We encourage you to give on-line** - No wallet required! It's fast, safe, and secure. Use your phone's camera and hover over the image - most will take you directly to the webpage for online giving.



### Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor

Rev. David Gill, Pastor of Congregational Care

Cynthia Prescott, Adult Choirs

Gaye Herndon, Music Performance Associate

Jill Merryday, Director of Children's Ministries

Peggy Benton, Ministry Coordinator/

Children's Ministry Assistant

Laurie Batten, Church Administrator

Linda Fletcher, Publishing Specialist

Stephanie Corry, Facilities Coordinator

Raymond Pandley, II, Associate Director of Youth Ministry

Simon Webb, Lead Sexton

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