



## St. Paul's Summer Hill UCC December 2023 and January 2024 Combined Newsletter

### Pastor's Page

Greetings Summer Hill!

The first Sunday of December is also the first Sunday of Advent this year, so you know what that means, right? Yep, Christmas is just right around the corner! Sometimes it seems to come around so fast that I feel like I am just never quite as prepared as I had hoped I would be. But then again, I seem to say that every year.

And that is exactly the reason why we observe the season of Advent on the church calendar. Because in our daily lives we are always just too busy trying to survive and do what we have to do, to simply slow down and get prepared for Christmas on our own. Advent is the purposeful time for us to take a break from the hustle and bustle of this world, and ponder the greatest gift that the world was ever given, God with us...Emmanuel.

During the four weeks of Advent, we are encouraged to pause from our daily work and take some time to focus on the meaning of God incarnate...God in the flesh...in the form of a tiny helpless baby named Jesus. We take time to journey with Mary and Joseph as they journeyed to Bethlehem during what had to be a difficult and tiring weeklong trip, especially with Mary nearing the time to give birth. We take time to consider the magi, who saw a star and read the signs announcing the birth of a King in a land far from their homeland. We take time to imagine the great wonder and fear of the poor shepherds who saw a miraculous angelic announcement of the birth of Christ. We take time to consider what it all must have been like, nearly two thousand years ago, and what it all means to us today.

The important thing is that we take time. Time to realign our thoughts from the temporary earthly priorities that seem to consume us, and turn our thoughts back to God and the real meaning of Christmas. Everyone has too much to do during these next four weeks, including myself. Everyone will feel unprepared because of something that they had to leave undone, or simply did not even have the time to begin. That is just the way it goes during this time. But, everyone also has the time to stop, and give a few minutes a day or even just an hour a week of our attention back to the one who came to live among us, and then gave their life for us, so that we may believe and have life eternal.

That is why we observe Advent. So that we are prepared to once again welcome Jesus back into our lives, and to turn back to God and begin to travel the path to which each of us is called. It is not always easy to do. Nor was the path Mary traveled to Bethlehem on a donkey while nine months pregnant, and nor was the path that Jesus traveled to the cross. But each path was a step towards the greatest gift we could ever hope for, and the greatest gift the world has ever received. And all we need to do now, is to accept the true meaning of Christmas and allow a little baby to rock our world once more.

Come join us this Advent Season at St. Paul's, as we travel together during the next four weeks to the place where we will greet our Savior with open arms and sing songs of praise, just as the angels sang on that first Holy Night. Take the time to experience the true meaning of Christmas and welcome Christ into this world and into our lives.

Christmas Blessings,  
Pastor Ken

## Communion Offerings

The December Communion Offering is designated to Samaritan's Purse (to the Israeli Aid/Relief).

The January Communion Offering is designated to Women in Crisis.

The February Communion Offering is designated to the Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Offering.

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## Advent Lesson Series

The Adult Discussion Sunday School Class will begin a new Advent Lesson series on **Sunday December 3**, the First Sunday in Advent. Please join us in room B1 downstairs at 9:15AM as we follow Pastor Will Willimon's book, *Heaven and Earth (Advent and the Incarnation)*. We will celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready, God is on the way!

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## Congregational Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 3** following Worship (the snow date will be December 10). The purpose of the meeting will be to review and vote on the proposed budget for 2024, and to elect new Consistory members. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

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## Christmas Caroling

Start the Season of Advent off on the right note! Join us for Christmas caroling on **Sunday, December 3** as we combine our voices with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We will depart from St. Paul's UCC parking lot at 2:00 PM and plan to return before dark for some light refreshments and fellowship. Please let Pastor Ken know if you can join to help us with logistics planning.

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## Children & Youth Gift Collection

A reminder to all who picked a tag for the Children and Youth Christmas Gift Mission- all gifts are due by **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you!

## Hat, Scarf & Mitten Tree

We are once again collecting new or gently used hats, gloves and scarves to be given to those in need. All items will need to be received by **Sunday, December 10**, and can be placed on the Christmas tree located in the back of the sanctuary. You may also call the church office to drop things at the door. Please speak to Kelly Palerino if you have any questions.

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## December 10 Worship Time Change

For one Sunday only, on **December 10th** for our CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY sponsored by the Sunday School, worship will begin at 10:00am followed by Fellowship Time (aka coffee hour) for all downstairs in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare for the party. The kids will have a short Sunday School session from 11:00-11:30am, before joining us for the Christmas Party! Hot Dogs and fix'ins will be provided along with drinks and snacks. You are welcome to bring your favorite treat or covered dish to share, but it is not necessary to bring anything other than yourself! Come enjoy the fun as we welcome our special visitor, Santa! Kids will receive a goodie bag. If you have any questions, please speak to any Sunday School teacher or Board of Christian Education Chairperson, Laura Carll. (snow date for the party is December 17)

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## Prayer Shawl Committee

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10am-12noon in the conference room. The next meetings will be **Tuesday, December 12** and **January 9, 2024**. If you are interested in crocheting and/or knitting, we can hook you up! If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.

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The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE**. We will be helping at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry on **Monday**,

**December 11** at 8:30am, and on **Friday, December 15** at 1pm. We will also be helping on **Monday, January 15, 2024** at 8:30am and **Friday, January 19, 2024** at 1pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling or contact the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

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## Christmas Fund Offering

This special UCC offering will be collected on **Sunday, December 17 and on Christmas Eve**. It goes towards providing financial assistance to retired ministers who are struggling financially.

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## Bethany Children's Home Special Offering

On **Sunday, December 17**, we will collect the annual special offering for Bethany Children's Home which is located in Womelsdorf. Bethany serves troubled youth between the ages 13 and 19. These are young people who for one reason or another cannot live with their own families. Most have been abused or neglected and do not have a concept of what a stable two parent loving family can be. Bethany provides a safe, healthy, caring home for these children and tries to instill the values they will need to succeed in life. Please help us to remember the children of Bethany through prayer and monetary donations. These children who have not experienced much love or received many holiday gifts prior to arriving at Bethany can certainly benefit from our help.

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**The next Consistory Meeting  
will be held on Tuesday, December 19.**

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There will be three worship services on **Sunday, December 24**, Christmas Eve.

Our 10:30am worship service will be a regular Sunday service and will include honoring our Advent bulletin cover artists.

We will have two Christmas Eve candlelight worship services at 7:00pm and 11:00pm. Communion will be celebrated at both services. The 7:00pm service will be live streamed.

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## Poinsettia Orders

For anyone who ordered poinsettias for Christmas Eve, **December 24** pick up: If possible, please do not take them following the 10:30am worship service, but rather leave them here for the evening Christmas Eve candlelight services. They add beauty to the church sanctuary and we appreciate your consideration.

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## The Bulletin and Altar Flower List

The Bulletin and Altar Flower Sponsor List for 2024 will soon be posted in the hallway next to the secretary's office door. If you are already on the list, and would like to make any changes, please do at this time. There are openings for sponsorship throughout the year if you are interested. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about open dates, would like to make any changes, removals or additions. The sponsorship cost for fresh altar flowers is currently \$30, silk altar flowers are \$12 and bulletins \$10.

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## Help Will Be Needed to Undecorate

Help will be needed to remove and store away Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 7, 2024** following worship. Mark your calendars!

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## Blood Drive

The Council of Churches will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, January 11, 2024** at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Dock St., Sch. Haven. The donation time is 1-6:00pm. Please donate!

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## Installation of Officers

The Installation of Consistory Members and Delegates will take place on **Sunday, January 14, 2024** during the 10:30am Worship Service.

## VBS Winter Wonderland

All kids are welcome to join our extended Vacation Bible School and discover how God makes each of us unique...just like snowflakes! We will meet at the church on **Sunday, January 14, 2024** from 3:00-5:00pm. An RSVP to the church office or to Laura Carll at (484)269-4405 by January 1st is appreciated but not mandatory. Can't wait to see everyone there!

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## Cabinet Meeting

A Cabinet Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 21, 2024** following Worship. It will be led by Mike Fessler to discuss a focus and direction for church activities in 2024. All leaders and any church member interested in providing suggestions and input on this topic are encouraged to attend. Your participation is appreciated.

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## 2023 Annual Report Info. Needed

Please have all information for the 2023 Annual Report to the church office by no later than **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. The Annual Report will be available early in February prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, February 25, 2024**. Please email your articles to the church office at [summerhillucc@gmail.com](mailto:summerhillucc@gmail.com), or put them in the secretary's mailbox. Please contact Kelly at the church office if you have any questions.

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## Boy Scout Sunday

...will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 4, 2024**. Members of the Cub Scout Pack 651 and Boy Scout Troop 651 will participate in Worship at 10:30am.

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## “Souper” Bowl Sunday

On **Sunday, February 11, 2024**, we will join thousands of other churches and organizations tackle hunger by collecting canned food and/or cash donations. All donations stay right in Schuylkill county to help our neighbors in need through the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry. Look for the specially marked donation boxes and donation pans when you come to church on “Souper Bowl Sunday”!

## Recognition of 50th Wedding Anniversaries

On **February 11, 2024**, we will honor couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024. If you are married 50 years, or you know of a couple in the church who is, please contact Kelly at the church office.

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## CWS Clean-Up Buckets

Following many natural disasters, Clean-Up Buckets provide those affected with the essentials to begin getting their lives back in order. The Schuylkill Association, working with the UCC Disaster Ministries, helps provide these kits through Church World Services anywhere they are needed, to include right here in Schuylkill County. Our Association currently has over sixty empty five gallon buckets that need to be filled. If you would like to help in this ministry by coordinating the filling of some of the buckets or can donate materials or money to buy the required materials, please contact the church office. Learn more at <https://cwskits.org/>.

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Your Consistory met on November 21, 2023 and discussed the following items:

- Continued discussion on our mesh wi-fi improvement advancements
- Mentioned passing the plate for Christmas Eve service at 7pm
- Planned the Cabinet meeting for January 21st following worship
- December Communion offering will support Samaritan's Purse - Designated to Israeli Aid/Relief
- January Communion offering will support Women in Crisis
- February Communion offering will support CWS Blanket Mission
- The next Consistory Mtg. will be held on December 19, 2023.

Respectfully yours,  
Trevor Smith, Secretary



## AV System Volunteers

Now that we have settled into our new sound and video equipment, we are looking for some additional people to help run it on a Sunday morning! Please let us know if you would be willing to help. We will then figure out a good mutual time to “train” those who are interested! Ideally, we will get a few people interested, and then sign up for Sundays either on a weekly or monthly basis, somewhat like the lectors.

## Altar Prep Volunteers

We are in need of altar prep volunteers. Everyone is welcome! It will be a rotation schedule on a weekly basis. You can sign up for one week or multiple weeks. Your assistance is needed to change the altar paraments, make sure altar flowers are changed and the oil candles are filled. “Training” will be provided! It’s a minimal commitment, but a great help in keeping our services running smoothly. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please speak to Kelly Palerino.

## Lectionary Readings:

### December 3, 2023- First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### December 10- Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### December 17- Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55  
I Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 24- Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### Monday, December 25- Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

### December 31- First Sunday after Christmas & New Year’s Eve

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

### Saturday, January 6, 2024- Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 7, 2024- The Baptism of Christ

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**Older Adult Meal**  
*Geisinger St. Luke's Campus*

**A Healthy Meal & A Healthy Lifestyle**

**For Adults age 65 and older**  
*Offered Monday - Friday | 4:30 - 6 pm*  
\$3.99 + tax includes entrée, salad, side, vegetable, dessert and 12 oz. drink.

*Please indicate you are ordering the older adult meal to the dietary staff*

**DINE IN OPTION / MAXIMUM 2 TAKE - OUT MEALS**  
*Credit transactions only.*

For more information please contact 272-639-1000.

**Geisinger St. Luke's**

**January 14, 2024- The Second Sunday after**

**Epiphany**

I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

I Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

**January 21, 2024- Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

I Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

**January 28, 2024- Fourth Sunday after**

**Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

**February 4, 2024- Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

I Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

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**Thank You!!**

-to John and Beth Satterwhite for sponsoring the shut-in mailing for December 2023

-to Mike and Jackie Fessler for sponsoring the shut-in mailing for January 2024

-to the Scouts and those that participated in the outdoor fall clean-up on Saturday, November 18. A great job on cleaning up all the leaves and brush!

-Dear St. Paul's,

During a time like this, we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for the beautiful candle- I light it every morning.

Nancy Clauser and Family

-Dear St. Paul's UCC,

Walk to End Alzheimer's: Good morning. I wanted to reach out today, beyond our traditional thank you and confirmation of receipt, to thank the members of

St Paul's united Church of Christ in Auburn, PA. Your support of one of our strongest walkers, Mike Fessler, is truly exemplary.

We are living in an age where the first FDA approved treatments for this disease are becoming available, where more people are accessing care & support services and government agencies are finally doing the things needed to help countless families impacted by this disease.

I have the privilege of being part of that work daily but only because of you and others like you. So thank you again for your commitment to this cause and to Mike in his efforts.

Warm regards, Clay Jacobs

Executive Director|Alzheimer's Association@-Greater Pa Chapter

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**Moments of incarnation**



The wonder of the infinite-personal God is displayed, more than anywhere else, in the Incarnation. Nothing can prepare us for the birth of God: a six-pound, four-ounce Jewish boy with dark brown curly hair born in the fall or winter of 5 B.C. in a shepherd's cave on the side of a hill in the city of Bethlehem in the Roman province of Judea in western Asia.

It is so particular it staggers the imagination. God found a parking spot, a specific place and time where his love would touch our world. [Similarly,] prayer is a moment of incarnation — God with us. God involved in the details of my life.

—Paul E. Miller, *A Praying Life*

## A Year End Letter from the Stewardship Ministry Team

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's Summer Hill United Church of Christ:

As we approach the end of the year, we are able to get a clearer picture of how our faith community has responded to the financial needs required to keep the ministries of St. Paul's vibrant and sustainable. And as with all things, there is good news, and news that will challenge all of us to prayerfully consider how we can do better.

Closing out 2023, giving to the church has increased over 2022 by about \$9,000 year-on-year, however, we are still behind approximately \$25,000 in meeting our budgetary goals. When we do not receive sufficient contributions to pay all the bills at the end of the year, we must take funds out of our limited savings accounts to cover the shortfall. Unfortunately, this has been the trend for the past few years, which has certainly been exacerbated by the pandemic and now by the inflationary pressures we all have been experiencing. However, using our limited savings is only a short-term solution, since at some point we will not have enough in savings to make up the budget deficit.

If giving continues to fall short of budget, we will need to consider alternative cost saving measures to reduce the overall budget to meet the funds available for ministry, but we have reason to be hopeful that St. Paul's will not be put into that position as so many other churches currently find themselves in. We are blessed to have many faithful givers who week after week respond to God's call to return just a small portion of that which God has provided to us. But those givers only represent approximately 34% of our total membership which means 66% of those who call St. Paul's their church, have not made a significant contribution towards its ministries this year.

If each of those members were able to give as little as \$10/week, we would be able to make up our budget deficit, so even the smallest weekly gift does matter. We need everyone's support, so we can be there to support you and the community. Please prayerfully consider how you will be able to help us spread the Good News of Jesus Christ love for all and keep St. Paul's a shining light upon Summer Hill.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

The Consistory of St. Paul's UCC

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<b>For Church Records</b>	Envelop # _____	<b>For Your Records</b>
Name _____		Date _____
Address _____		With others in my congregation at St. Paul's Summer Hill UCC, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.
City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____		
I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> quarter		
Beginning _____ for an annual total of \$ _____ (date and year)		I plan to give \$ _____ Beginning _____ (date and year)
<b>I would like more information about:</b>		Each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> quarter
<input type="checkbox"/> Including the church in my estate planning <input type="checkbox"/> How to set up automatic electronic giving through my bank <input type="checkbox"/> Giving online through Tithe.ly at TINYURL.COM/GIVETOSUMMERHILL <input type="checkbox"/> How to become more involved with the ministries of St. Paul's Summer Hill		For an annual total of: _____
Signed _____ Date _____		
<i>I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the Financial Secretary.</i>		

## December Birthdays

- 6 - Ronald Mengel
  - Terri Saunders
- 7 - John Satterwhite
  - Tamara Nagle
- 8 - Earl Phillips
- 10 - Don Borger
- 12 - Elizabeth Langan
- 13 - Jason Kline
  - Sabrina Fry
- 14 - Christina Gogel
- 15 - Kevin Peiffer
  - Derek R. Faust
  - Joseph Nagle
- 16 - Roger Krause
- 17 - Abigail Zagar
- 18 - Lauren Krause
- 21 - Angela Meck
  - Donna Brensinger
- 23 - Arlene Kreager
  - Harold Brown
- 27 - Rene' Jucker
  - Rev. Mark Dewald
- 28 - Cody Rodnick
  - Bradley Miller
- 29 - Joseph Lassandro
  - Andrew Good
- 30 - Lee Moyer
- 31 - Jeremy Warke

## January Birthdays

- 1 - Leroy Knapp Sr.
- 2 - Christine Maurer
- 4 - Keith Krause
  - Eliza Kline
  - Phyllis Kast
- 5 - Carolyn Rauenzahn
- 7 - Ryan Carey
- 10 - Elaine Krause
  - Elizabeth Zimmerman
- 11 - Dawn Mattes
  - Tanya Zagar
  - Heather Fox
- 12 - Amy Clauser
  - Nathan Rodnick
  - Benjamin Good
- 13 - Michael Rodnick
  - Larry Reber

- 15 - Nancy Ulsh
- 16 - Elisa Phillips
- 17 - Trace Bitting
- 18 - Dylan Reber
- 19 - Deanna Heim
- 20 - Janet Rodnick
  - Dick Clauser
  - Jill Kerstetter
- 22 - Linda Epler
- 23 - Michael Fessler
  - Amy Zimmerman
  - Shanelle Koch
- 25 - Emily Mattes
  - Miranda Koch
- 26 - Charlotte Dintiman
- 27 - William Barnes
  - Skylar Krause
- 29 - Luke Palerino
- 30 - Joan Krause

## December Anniversaries

- 18 - Bonnie and Bill Reber
- 31 - John and Becky Ulsh
  - Joseph and Tamara Nagle

## January Anniversaries

- 3 - John and Phyllis Kast

## December Baptismal Anniversaries

- Benjamin Lawrence, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Good
- Josephine Rose, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Good
- Ellie, daughter of Kevin and Carolyn Richards
- Erin, daughter of Kevin and Carolyn Richards

## January Baptismal Anniversaries

- Gabriel Donald, son of Benjamin & Amy Crouse
- Blake Harrison, son of Andrew and Melissa Reber
- Stella Ann, daughter of Andrew and Melissa Reber
- Luke Allen, son of Zachary and Alexis Palerino



## Special Dates

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 3, 2023*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 10, 2023*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 17, 2023*
- First day of winter, *December 21, 2023*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 24, 2023*
- Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2023*
- Christmas Day, *December 25, 2023*
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2023*
- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2024*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2024*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 7, 2024*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 15, 2024*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2024*

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## Christian Symbol



**ROSE** — This flower, often shown as stylized artwork, is a symbol for Advent, the promise of the Messiah and Jesus' nativity. A white rose represents the Virgin Mary, and a red rose stands for martyrs. A wreath of roses symbolizes heavenly joy.

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## Advent meanings

During Advent, which begins this year on December 3, many churches and families use wreaths to symbolize watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches. Colors for the candles vary, with some traditions using blue (for hope or creation) and others preferring purple (for royalty, humility or penitence).

The four candles that each represent a week in Advent also signify hope, peace, joy and love. (The third candle is often pink.) In the center is the white Christ candle, representing Jesus as the light of the

world. That candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The round, green Advent wreath has special meaning of its own. It symbolizes eternal life and the unending love of God, who sent his only Son to earth to die in our place.

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## Holiday Humor

Much planning and preparation goes into worship during December. But that doesn't mean Christmas services and pageants are always picture-perfect. For anyone who's experienced holiday chaos (who hasn't?!), take comfort in knowing you're not alone.

Church leaders who shared stories with Outreach magazine describe an alarming number of Christmas candle vs. hair incidents. Here's what else has transpired:

- One pastor was sharing the Nativity story when he bumped the button on his singing Christmas tie, which didn't have a mute button. So congregants had to listen to the entire verse and chorus of "Jingle Bells."
- A child discovered a live mouse in his chocolate-filled gift bag on Christmas Eve. Although the creature jumped out and scurried out the door, worshipers saw it return for the next service.
- After flames were distributed for the candlelight service, a pastor said, "Now that we're all good and lit ...," causing laughter throughout the pews.
- Children tend to go off-script during Christmas plays, as evidenced by all the bloopers available online. (Check out the YouTube clip titled "Sheep, Mary tussle over baby Jesus in children's pageant gone hilariously awry.")

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*"May God give you peace with yourselves; may he give you good will towards all your friends, your enemies and your neighbors; and may he give you grace to give glory to God in the highest."*

—Charles H. Spurgeon

**December 2023  
and January 2024**



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### **Church Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. Ken McDowell  
**Church Administrator & Cleaning:** Kelly Palerino  
**Music Director/ Pianist:** Rae Ann Borger  
**Organists:** Jacob Challenger/ Colin Andrew (Supply)

### **Lay Leaders**

**Consistory President:** Pam Clauser  
**Consistory Vice President:** Jeff Palerino  
**Secretary:** Trevor Smith  
**Assistant Secretary:** Mike Fessler  
**Treasurer:** Lori Moyer  
**Financial Secretary:** Kathy Kline

### **Board of Christian Education:**

**Chairperson** - Laura Carll  
**Vice-Chairperson** - Vicky Borger  
**Secretary** - Amy Zimmerman

### **AGAPE Committee:**

**Fundraising Committee:** Libby Zimmerman and Deb Clauser

**Sunday Morning Coordinator:** Trevor Smith  
**Assistant Sunday Coordinator:** David Deibert  
**Stewardship/Mission:** Robin Ferguson, Carol Mengel, Trevor Smith, Lori Moyer, Tom and Terri Saunders

**Budget Committee:** Pam Clauser

**Spiritual Council Convener:** Lori Moyer

**Personnel Committee:** Lori Moyer

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Chair:** Nancy Dewald

**December 2023 & January 2024**