

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME. In the name of Christ, we offer you welcome to this church. May those who sorrow, find comfort; the weary, rest; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; the unhappy, joy; and to all, the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place. If you are new to this parish community, please give your name and phone number to the Rector or sign our guest register on the stand in the back of the Church. As our honored guest, we want to welcome you.

THE SERVICE. There are two main books used for our service; the smaller red book is the *Book of Common Prayer* and the larger blue book is the *Hymnal*. There is also a *Gray Hymnal*. They can be found in the bookrack on the back of the pew in front of you. A *Bible* can be found at the ends of the pew. The page / hymn numbers in the service bulletin help you find your place in these service books. We invite you to participate fully in our worship.

RECEIVING COMMUNION. Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all who are comfortable participating in the Communion of the Lords' Table. To receive communion, please form two lines in the center aisle and approach the front of the Celebration Altar. Please stand with one hand cupped on top of the other to receive the consecrated bread from the Celebrant. Then step to the side to the Eucharistic Minister and **take** the chalice and drink from it; or you may intinct the bread by dipping it in the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward for a blessing (fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive Holy Communion). Return to your pew by way of the side aisles.

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Hymn 65

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146:5-10)

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Presider: Do not put your trust in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Presider: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

**All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book, page 355

Collect of the Day: **SHAPED BY FAITH COLLECT**

God of wisdom and love, in whom we find our joy: Help us to listen for your Word and to discern your way forward for our Church. Give us the insight to hold on to what is true, the courage to explore new ideas, and the boldness to create with you. Let us be Shaped by Faith for your mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Insert

Psalm 146:4-9

pages 7-8 of bulletin

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Insert

Gospel Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Hymn 76

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Insert

Sermon

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Be strong, do not fear! Our God is coming.

Confident that our waiting is not in vain, let us offer our prayers.

Prayer Leader: O come Emmanuel, free us from the bondage of our sins, our pride and hypocrisy, our greed and self-serving interests, that we may know your redeeming love and reveal its liberating joy. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: O Wisdom from on high, show us the path of the Holy Way, and set our feet upon its joy. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: O Lord of Might, who gives sight to the blind and opens the ears of those who cannot hear, who heals the sick, raises the dead, and brings good news to the poor, give us a share

of your power that we may do the works you do. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: O Branch of Jesse's tree, we give thanks for our spiritual ancestors, by whose faith the lamp of truth illumines the disciples of every age. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: O Key of David, unlock the doors of oppression and violence that imprison humankind, and set free those living in the bondage of slavery, the victims of abusive relationships, and those chained by poverty. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: O Dayspring from on high, may the dawn overcome every darkness and as your messengers enable us to plant the barren land with the seeds of hope. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: O Desire of Nations, free us from the division that separates nations and peoples, and fill the leaders of the world, especially Donald, our President; the Congress and the Courts; Thomas our Governor; the Legislature of our Commonwealth; our Borough Council; Leo our Mayor, and all who wield power and authority in the world, with a passion for peace. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

We thank you for the community of faith throughout the world. Strengthen your church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; James and Barbara, the Bishops of our Lutheran brothers and sisters; Ronald, the Bishop of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters; clergy, especially Patrick, our Rector; Gina, Ingrid, Sud, Tim, Mark, Peter, Beth, and John, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes as we witnesses to your love. Guide us in the fulfillment of your mission, that all may be one. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O Come, Emmanuel, lift up those who are lowly, and raise from the dead those who have fallen asleep. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: We thank you, God, for the gift of creation.

Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures. We especially thank you for...

(mention any thanksgivings [if any] listed under the heading of “thanksgivings”)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add other blessings aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you all who are sick or in need, especially...

(read the names of the sick listed on the prayer list. Also read the names [if any] listed under “for the special needs of,” read the names [if any] listed under the heading of “for healthy pregnancy and safe delivery”)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

We remember and honor those who have died, especially...

(read the names of the departed listed on the prayer list)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming, and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives, that each of us may serve others for the building up of our common life. Let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: That the Parish Family of Saint Paul may know what it means to REST and be refreshed in the Lord Jesus; let us pray.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(a brief pause for the private confession of our sins)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

All: Lord, you have called us to be your disciples here on earth and promised we would do greater things than even you when you walked this earth.

**Help us in your name to execute justice for the oppressed;
to give food to the hungry;
to help the blind to see, the lame to walk, and the mute to hear;
and to embody such hospitality as to make strangers, orphans, and widows feel like family.**

Help us to even love the wicked as your Son taught and lived.

Forgive us when we do not trust your vision for our world, our church, and our lives.

Help us to trust you with the impossible – for all things are possible with you! Amen.

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

Offertory
Eucharistic Prayer B
Sursum Corda
Sanctus
Memorial Acclamation
The Great Amen
Our Father
The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, page 367
Hymnal S-120
Hymnal S-130
Mass of Creation
Mass of Creation
Celtic
Prayer Book, page 364

Prayer of Humble Access

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Blessing

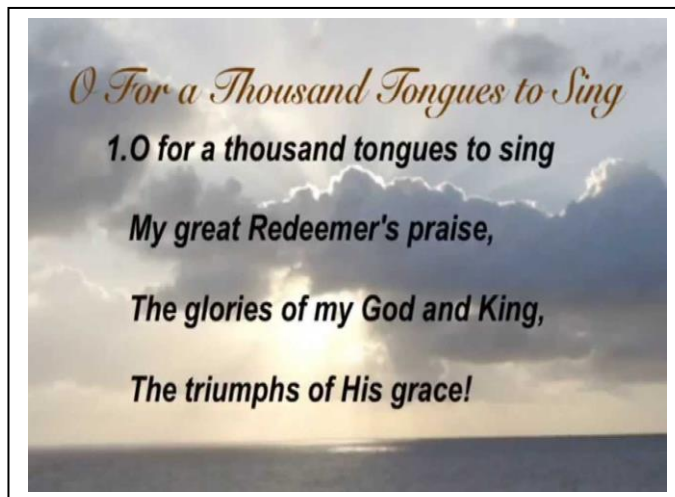
Closing Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 337

Prayer Book, page 365

Hymn 493



Prayer Requests December 15, 2019

Hospitalizations

Homebound

Delores Baker (Saint Anne); Ethel Edelman (Autumn House West)

Intercessions

Sue Ellen; Ruth; Ethel; Mike; Joann; Alf; DJ; Bryan; Bobby; Robert; Bently; Mitch; Toni, Pat and Don; George; Janet; Father Patrick; Bev; Everett; Becky; Bill; Mary Jo and Katie; Bob; Neil; Sean; Vickie

Birthday

12/16 Jan Wood; 12/18 Dee Kaufhold; 12/19 Ralph Jones, Darlene Swartzbaugh; 12/20 Mary Ann Ackerman, Linda Gewiss

Anniversary

Departed

Sue Brommer; Esther Wood

For Those in Positions of Public Trust

President Donald Trump; Governor Tom Wolf; Mayor Leo Lutz; All legislative bodies & all courts of law; for the leaders of all nations and people

For our Bishops, Rector, and Parish Members

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and his staff; The Most Rev. Michael Curry and his staff; The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan and her staff; The Rev. J. Patrick Peters; the staff and people of this parish, especially Jenny Bair and daughter Andra, Les Graham, Annabelle Vecero

World Cycle of Prayer

12/15 Belgium; 12/16 Belize; 12/17 Benin; 12/18 Bhutan; 12/19 Bolivia; 12/20 Bosnia and Herzegovina; 12/21 Botswana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

12/15 Sokoto (*Nigeria*), The Rt Revd Augustin Omole; El Salvador (*Central America*), The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar; **12/16** South Ankole (*Uganda*), The Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe; Eldoret (*Kenya*), The Rt Revd Christopher Ruto; **12/17** South Dakota (*The Episcopal Church*), The Rt Revd John Tarrant; El-Obeid (*Sudan*), The Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin; **12/18** South Kerala (*South India*), The Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasala; Ely (*England*), The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway; Ely (*England*), The Rt Revd David Thomson; Embu (*Kenya*), The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri; **12/19** South Rwenzori (*Uganda*), The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende; Enugu (*Nigeria*), The Most Revd Emmanuel Chukwuma; Enugu North (*Nigeria*), The Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze; **12/20** South West Tanganyika (*Tanzania*), The Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama; Esan (*Nigeria*), The Most Revd Friday Imaekhai; **12/21** Etche (*Nigeria*), The Rt Revd Precious Nwala; Etsako (*Nigeria*), The Rt Revd Jacob Bada

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

12/15 River Brethren; 12/16 Schwarzenau Brethren; 12/17 Social Brethren; 12/18 Alliance of Baptists; 12/19 American Baptist Association; 12/20 American Baptist Churches; 12/21 Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Saint Thomas, Lancaster and their congregation; Grace E.C., Columbia and their congregation

Companion Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Ecumenical:

The people of Saint John Lutheran Church, Columbia
Rev. Mark Kopp and the people of Saint James Lutheran Church, Columbia
Rev. Stephen Kelley and the people of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church,
Columbia
Rev. Anthony Swamy Anthappa, MSFS and the people of Saint Peter Roman Catholic
Church, Columbia
Rev. David Powers and the people of The Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia
Rev. Thomas Grubbs and the people of The Columbia United Methodist Church,
Columbia
Rev. Patricia McAllister and the people of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Columbia
Rev. Hub Smith and the people of The Columbia Christian Fellowship, Columbia
Rev. Greg Impink and the people of Ironville United Methodist Church, Columbia
Rev. Mary Ann Kingsborough and the people of Concordia Lutheran Church, Columbia
Rev. Dione Kleptka and the people of Saint John Herr Estate Retirement Community

Rim Parishes of the Lancaster Convocation:

Rev. Gina Bautista and the people of Saint John Episcopal Church, Marietta
Rev. Ingrid Andersen and the people of Saint Luke Episcopal Church, Mount Joy
Rev. Sud Tiwari and the people of Saint Paul Episcopal Church, Manheim
Rev. Tim Small and the people of Hope Episcopal Church, Mt. Hope
Rev. Mark Scheneman and the people of Bangor Church, Churchtown
and the Revs. Beth Mollard, Pete Greenfield, John Emmert and Ellie Garner

Peace and Justice

South Sudan; Nigeria; Iraq; Israel; Kenya; Afghanistan; Palestine; Somalia; Iran; Libya; Syria;
Egypt; Tunisia; Yemen; Ukraine; Venezuela; North Korea; Turkey

Amount needed each week to meet the 2019 income budget:	\$2,763.00
Amount budgeted each week from fundraisers and investment income:	\$1,764.00
Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet income budget:	\$ 999.00

Amount needed each week to meet the 2019 expense budget:	\$3,535.00
Amount expected each week from fundraisers and investment income:	\$1,764.00
Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet expense budget:	\$1,771.00

	12/08/19	12/09/18
St. John Herr Estate	18	21

9:00 a.m.

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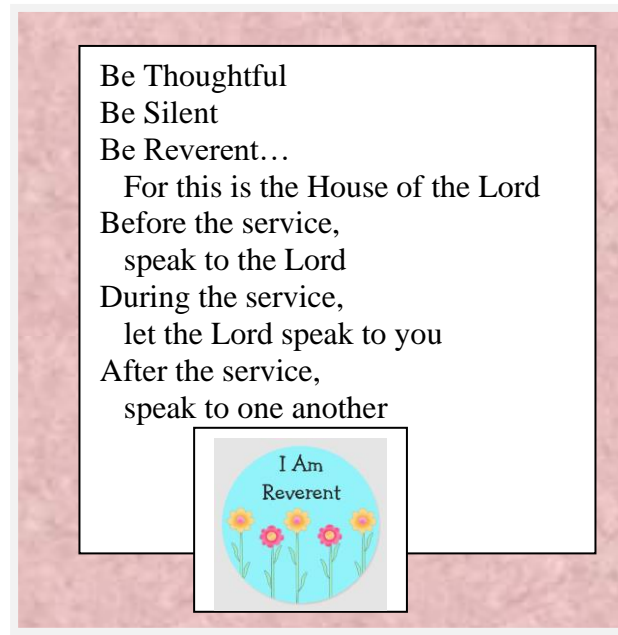
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Weekly Impact Attendance: w/e 12/08/19: 238

Pledge and Plate

\$2,009.00

\$2,250.00



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 21, 2019
St. John Herr Estate
5:30 p.m.

Lector:	Deb
Eucharistic Minister:	Les
Prayers of the People:	Bev

December 22, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Lectors:	Danielle/Mary Lynn
Eucharistic Ministers:	Danielle/Bill K.
Crucifer:	Bill K.
Server:	Georgie
Gospel Bearer:	Georgie
Prayers of the People:	Christine
Ushers:	George/Ralph
Greeters:	George/Bill W.
Verger (Open):	Christine
Verger (Close):	Bev

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Lectors:	Bill W./Jess
Eucharistic Ministers:	Christine/Ralph
Crucifer:	Ralph
Server:	Ralph
Gospel Bearer:	Christine
Prayers of the People:	Bea
Ushers:	George/Bill W.
Greeters:	George/Bill W.
Verger (Open):	Father
Verger (Close):	Father



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

Sun: -THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-

8:50 AM – Sunday School in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

9:00 AM – Eucharist

10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

1:00 PM – Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Luck Supper and Party

Mon: 12:00 PM – Food Bank Christmas Lunch in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

7:00 PM – Columbia Christmas Walk-A-Mile beginning here at St. Paul

Tue: 6:00 PM – Daisy Scouts meet in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Wed: 9:30 AM – Morning Prayer and Healing Service in the Rector’s Office

Thur:

Fri:

Sat: 5:30 PM – Eucharist – St. John Herr Estate

Sun: **-THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-**

8:50 AM – Sunday School in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

9:00 AM – Eucharist

10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

10:30 AM – Final decorating of the church

A man who does a daily blog named Seth Godin recently wrote the following and I have to think this describes where Saint Paul is right now:

There are two polar opposites: Staying Still and Breaking. It’s easy to visualize each end of the axis, whatever the activity. In between is Stretching.

Stretching is growth. Extending our reach. Becoming more resilient, limber and powerful. Stretching hurts a bit, and maybe leaves us just a little bit sore.

But then, tomorrow, we can stretch further than we could yesterday. Because stretching compounds. If you’re afraid of breaking, the answer is not to sit still but to dedicate yourself to stretching.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are available for the weeks of December 22, 29.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of December 22, 29.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of December 22, 29.

Prayer Ministry: Please take an active part in our three Core Prayer Ministries:

- 1) Send those birthday cards to the people who have a birthday in December. The names and dates are on the Prayer Calendar you received and there is also a list on the table in the back of the church. Birthday cards are available in the back of the church for a small donation.
- 2) Remember your Prayer Partner every day in December. Take the time to pray for them and the needs that they may have. Just remember them and ask God to bless them.

3) The Daily Prayer Intention Calendar was sent out for December. Please use it. Prayer changes lives! Lots of prayer changes lots of lives! Your prayers are heard and answered! Pray always!

Final Decorating of the Church: Next Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m. the Altar Guild will do the final decorating of the church. Please stay after the service to help.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service: On Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church (277 S. Fifth Street), as part of our Monday Night Adult Forum Program, we will gather for an ecumenical service of worship and prayer to honor the memory of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please plan to attend.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Each year, Christians the world over pray for unity among Christian churches and denominations. At the Last Supper Jesus prayed that we would be one even as Jesus and the Father are one. Unity among churches does not necessarily mean a unity of organizational structure (since Jesus did not leave a blueprint or organizational chart of the church with the Apostles, he could not have prayed for that). The unity that exists between the Father and Jesus was a unity of mind and heart – of reason and love. This year the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity begins on Saturday, January 18 (The Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and ends on Saturday, January 25 (The Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). We will have one service to celebrate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be Solemn Evening Prayer on Tuesday, January 21 at Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. This service will be a joint celebration of prayer and praise of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Saint Paul Episcopal Church, and Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church. Father Swamy will be the main celebrant with Father Kelley, Pastor of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church assisting and preaching. Father Patrick will represent Saint Paul Episcopal Church.

Solemn Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul: We will celebrate our Patronal Feast – The Conversion of Saint Paul – on Sunday, January 26. There will be a Solemn Festive Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. Father Patrick will be the primary celebrant and we will have a guest preacher. During this service, we will recognize the new members of the Saint Paul Sages Society – which are those of our family who have turned 80 during the past year. Come celebrate the mission and ministry of Saint Paul – the person and this parish – and all that the future holds for us. Come celebrate our “wise foundation” – our “rocks” who are the foundation of this parish family and who have helped make Saint Paul what it is today.

Prayer Circle: In the bulletin you will see our updated Parish Prayer Circle. Please make use of this powerful source of prayer. If you have a prayer need, just call Jeanne Cooper – the first name on the Prayer Circle – and tell her your request. It can simply be a name or an intention. Jeanne will call the next name on both prayer lists. This is a powerful source of prayer...please make use of it.

Prayer Meditation: Each month you will find a meditation by Steven Charleston in our Sunday bulletin. These messages are taken from his book “The Medicine Wheel.”

For December

Who will you bless today? Whose life will you touch with a hint of grace? One of the most joyful things about being a person of faith is the awareness that we all have the ability to change reality. Not with magic, but with mercy. We have the power to impart a word of understanding, a gesture of kindness, an act of grace. We can lighten the load of a troubled heart, listen with compassion to another person's story, share some of our strength to support a good cause. Each day we are offered a series of choices to add our blessings into life. What will you choose to do today?

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service: Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing – 9:30 a.m. in the Rector’s Office.

Missed You Cards: Father Patrick sends weekly "Missed You Cards" to those who miss our Saturday or Sunday Eucharist for any reason. Coming together each week is very important and we hope that you will make every effort to attend our Sunday Eucharist. Common Parish Family Prayer on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning is important every week for disciples of Jesus.

“Rediscover Jesus”: On the table in the back of the church are copies of “Rediscover Jesus”. If you would like a copy of this book, please take one after the service. There is no charge for the book. Only two copies left.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School: Sunday at 8:50 a.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. Please see Christine Weinberg to register your children or to volunteer to help.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH,
SAINT PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
AND SAINT JOHN HERR ESTATE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT FORUM PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2019 – 2020

All sessions, except as noted, will take place in the dining room of the Saint John’s Herr Estate

Retirement Community. Please enter through the Personal Care Entrance and go down the hallway to the Rotunda. The dining room is on your right. There is plenty of parking.

All sessions, except as noted, begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m.

December 16 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK-A-MILE (WALK #1)

St. Paul Episcopal Church
Columbia Presbyterian Church
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS)
St. John's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Following the service, we will gather in the narthex to share treats and time for fellowship.

December 23 CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO CLASS

December 30 NEW YEAR'S BREAK – NO CLASS

January 6 SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Sermon on the Mount presents the largest single block of Jesus' teaching in the New Testament. We'll look into the Sermon's introduction, the Beatitudes, as an invitation to potential disciples; the Antitheses (5:21-48) as setting forth Jesus' expectations for disciples; and how the Sermon reflects the distinctive emphases of Matthew's Gospel.

Dr. Greg Carey
Lancaster Theological Seminary

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Please, Please, Please: If you missed church the past several weeks, please make up your weekly contribution so that we can keep on budget. The treasurer needs to pay bills whether you are here or not. We are behind in pledged and non-pledged income. Thank you.

From Our Treasurer: Please put your pledge for 2020 in the offering or mail into the office. Thanks, Bev.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Columbia Food Bank Online Information: Information regarding the Columbia Food Bank can be found on their website: <https://www.columbiafoodbank.org/> or on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/columbiafoodbank/>.

Food Donations: You are reminded to bring your food items to church each week so that on the last Sunday of the month we can present them to the Lord for blessing and then give them to the food bank. Whenever you go shopping, please add extra non-perishable items to your order for this outreach ministry. Jesus never forgot the last, the lost and the least in his ministry and neither can we.

Adult Cereals (less sugar)
Soups
Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter
Rice

Jelly
Boxed Potatoes

Let's all bring one non-perishable food item each week as committed to in our Mission and Ministry Plan.

Food Bank Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Columbia Food Bank is closed on holidays.

Greeting Cards: We are collecting greeting cards so that adults with autism and other intellectual disabilities can recycle them into new greeting cards. Don't throw away your greeting cards – just bring them to the church and put them in the box on the back pew. This will be an ongoing outreach ministry project. Thank you.

Angel Tree: Once again, this year we will participate in the Angel Tree Project. There is an Angel Tree by the side altar with angel tags on it. Each tag has a need of the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg – an outreach ministry of The Diocese of Central PA. Please take as many tags as you can and then return the item (unwrapped) to under the tree no later than Sunday, January 5. This is a very concrete way to help those in need.

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Office is closed on holidays.

Use of St. Paul's Facilities: Please call the Parish Office if you want to reserve the Parish Hall or

Church.

Reminder: Please remember that when you use the Parish Hall nothing can be put on the walls or the woodwork. Using scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, and even some types of painter's tape has the possibility of pulling the paint off the wall or damaging the surface. Items can only be placed on the wooden food bank cabinets or the metal kitchen window and its metal surrounding. Only masking tape or painter's tape can be used on these surfaces. This applies to both parish members and outside groups that use the hall and is clearly stated in the policy outlining use of the parish hall or the church. Thank you.

Christmas Memorial Flower Envelopes: Included in last week's bulletin was a Christmas Memorial Flower Envelope. Extra envelopes are on the table in back of the church. If you would like to place flowers in the church for Christmas in memory of your loved ones, please return your envelope by today Sunday, December 15, 2019 in order to have them listed in the bulletin. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS

Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Luck Supper and Party: The Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Luck Supper and Party will be held today, Sunday, December 15 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. All members of the parish and their guests are invited to bring an entrée, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The parish will provide the beverages. The sign-up sheet is on the Sign-Up Board in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. If you wish to bring some wine or beer, please feel free to do so. It will be placed in the kitchen and served to you.

Attention Readers: St. Paul has a small library located in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. Feel free to borrow a book (or books). When you have finished reading it, please drop your book into the "Book Return" basket located to the left of the book shelves. We have also included a donation box if you would like to make a contribution. Enjoy! Thanks to Vickie Stump for all her hard work in organizing and maintaining our library.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Here are a few Youth dates to put on the calendar:

February 14 - 16, Happening (Sr. high youth retreat at Camp Mt. Luther)

March 27-29, Middle School Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther - Theme is Narnia

OTHER EVENTS

Quilts for Kids: If you know how to quilt, want to learn how to quilt, know how to sew, don't know how but want to learn, or just have a relaxing hour or two finding out how, we can cheer up

a sick kid with a quilt. If you have quilting supplies you do not need anymore, we may be able to use them too. Call Gayanne Basham through the parish office (717-684-8496) if any questions. The quilting group meets Wednesday afternoons.

Free Sunday Breakfast: On the last Sunday of every month, the Columbia United Methodist Church offers a Free Community Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in their Fellowship Hall. All are invited.