

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. *Book of Common Prayer* and the larger blue book is the *Hymnal*.

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 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(verses 1 - 4)

Hymn 56

Call to Worship

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

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

Amen.

Presider: The time has come to praise:

All: To embrace justice and to dispense mercy.

Presider: The time has come to rejoice:

All: To celebrate gentleness and to embody love.

Presider: The time has come to act:

All: To share abundantly, to live sustainably, and to walk lightly. The time has come to repent.

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book, page 355

Collect of the Day

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Insert

Canticle 9

pages 7 & 8 of bulletin

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Insert

Gospel Hymn "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

Hymn 59

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

Insert

Sermon

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Surely, it is God who saves us; therefore, we joyfully pray to the Lord.

Prayer Leader: Though we are hindered by our sins and in need of your bountiful grace and mercy, you never leave us. You are ever in our midst. Renew your Church in love, 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, John, and Nancy, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes. **(Silence for a few seconds)** God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: Make your deeds known among the people, O God. Give wisdom to our leaders, especially Donald, our President; the Congress and the Courts; Thomas our Governor; the Legislature of our Commonwealth; our Borough Council; and Leo our Mayor, and all who wield power and authority that they make peace in our world. **(Silence for a few seconds)** God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: Most merciful God, save the lame; gather the outcast, bring an end to war and violence, and may exiles and refugees know a home. **(Silence for a few seconds)** God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: May your springs of salvation renew the face of the earth. Heal our planet and restore in us a sense of responsibility and gratitude for the earth you have given us. **(Silence for a few seconds)** God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, in this month of great excess and consumerism, call the financial and business communities to act justly and with great generosity. Grant that those without coats be clothed and those without food be fed. **(Silence for a few seconds)** God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: O God, you have done great things. With thankful hearts we pray to you for those burdened by illness, grief, or weakness. Be for them a stronghold and a sure defense. We pray especially for...

(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)

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your loving care and blessings, especially 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)

God of our salvation, gather us, with all those who have died, into your sacred heart. Grant us to sing your praises for all eternity as we pray for...

(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)

(Silence for a few seconds) God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: For this Parish Family of Saint Paul: May we let go of our vested interests and, inspired by your Spirit, seek peace with one another. Help us give up the grievances we harbor within our families, our Parish Family, our communities, and among our co-workers and friends. Help us to build trust, the foundation of all reconciled relationships. **(Silence for a few seconds)** God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

Prayer Leader: For our young people: Let us provide space and welcome for them in our midst. Let us reassure, encourage, and strengthen them in hope so that they grow as Disciples of Jesus.

(Silence for a few seconds) God is our salvation:

All: and we await in hope.

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

**All: Expectant God,
we confess,
that our first instinct is to flee from grace,
from peace, from generosity.**

**We confess that we are eager to flee
from your desire that we will plant justice,
from your hope that we will bear mercy,
from your request that we will feed the world love.**

**Forgive us our cowardice.
Fill us with the fire of your yearning.
Fill us with the refreshing breath of good news.
Fill us with your own expectation until our repentance is
genuine and our transformation complete. Amen.**

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

Presentation Hymn “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Hymn 67

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer

Sursum Corda

Hymnal S-120

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Memorial Acclamation

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of Christ

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in
glory.**

The Great Amen

Mass of Creation

Our Father

Celtic

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, page 364

Prayer of Humble Access

Prayer Book, page 337

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 366

The Blessing

Presider: May God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

All: Amen

Presider: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

All: Amen

Presider: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

All: Amen

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(verses 5 – 8)

Hymn 56

Dismissal



PRAYER CIRCLE

Dear Members of St. Paul,

The person at the top (Jeanne Cooper) will call the next person on the list. Ex.: Jeanne will call Bev Euculano; Bev will call Ann Jones; Ann will call Alf Kuhns; and so on. The last person on each list will call Jeanne back, thus completing the circle.

The person being prayed for will remain on the list for 30 days; then they will be taken off unless you request that we keep them in our prayers longer. If there are any questions, please call Jeanne Cooper.



CIRCLE ONE

Jeanne Cooper—508--509-1842
Bev Euculano—717-818-7875
Ann Jones—717-681-3911 or 717-681-3226
Alf Kuhns—717-684-8735
Sue Ollar—717-449-1608
Sue Worby—717-538-6965
Tracy Witmer—717-368-2909
Shirley Wagner—717-653-6783
Jeanne Cooper—508-509-1842



CIRCLE TWO

Jeanne Cooper 508-509-1842
Kathy Johnson—717-846-4197
Deb Wasche—717-575-3914 or 717-285-7999
Tom Hartman—717-684-2169 or 717-449-0196
Mary Lynn Geltmacher—717-615-1197 or 717-684-4241
Teresa Allen—717-799-1321
Annabelle Vecero—717-252-3241
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CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday / Sunday, December 22 & 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30 p.m. – Saturday – Saint John Herr Estate Chapel – Eucharist

8:50 – Sunday – Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center – Sunday School

9:00 a.m. – Sunday – Church - Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Church – Final decorating of the church

(The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, December 16 – 10:30 a.m.)

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. – Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center – Children's Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. – Church – Christmas Festive Eucharist / Children's Christmas
Pageant

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center – Free Community Christmas
Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – Church – Christmas Eucharist

Saturday & Sunday, December 29 & 30 – First Sunday After Christmas

5:30 p.m. – Saturday – Saint John Herr Estate Chapel – Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Sunday – Church - Festive Eucharist

All are invited to share our table to be fed, nourished, and sustained during this Christmas and Holiday Season. Come to the Table of the Lord to be nourished in Word and Sacrament! Come to our table for Christmas Breakfast to be nourished in body and fellowship. All are invited! All are Welcome! All are Expected! Bring a friend!



*Jesus
Is God's Gift
To The World*

Prayer Requests December 16, 2018

Hospitalizations

Homebound

Delores Baker (Saint Anne); Ethel Edelman (Autumn House West); Alverta Hossler (Paramount Senior Living, Maytown)

Intercessions

Sue Ellen; Ruth; Ethel; Alverta; Mike; Joann; Carolyn; Vickie; Ralph; Danielle; Neil; Alf; Bruce; DJ; Bryan; Bobby; Father Tim; Robert; Bentley; Mitch; Terry; Erika Lynne; Toni

Birthday

12/16 Janice Wood; 12/18 Denise Kaufhold; 12/19 Ralph Jones, Darlene Swartzbaugh; 12/20 Mary Ann Ackerman, Linda Gewiss; 12/22 Rose Dixon

Anniversary

Departed

John Brommer; Esther Wood; Sue Brommer; Jean Feltenberger

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 Kim Morrow; Sharon Peters; Beth Runkle

World Cycle of Prayer

12/16 China; 12/17 Comoros; 12/18 Congo; 12/19 Costa Rica; 12/20 Croatia; 12/21 Cuba; 12/22 Cyprus

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

12/16 Kivu, The Rt. Rev'd Augustin Ahimana; 12/17 Kobe, The Rt. Rev'd Augustine Naoaki Kobayashi; 12/18 Koforidua, The Rt. Rev'd Francis Quashie; Koforidua, The Rt. Rev'd Felix Odel Annancy; 12/19 Kollam-Kottarakkara, Vacant; Krishna-Godavari, The Rt. Rev'd Govada Dyvarirvadam; 12/20 Kondoa, The Rt. Rev'd Given Gaula; 12/21 Kongor, The Rt. Rev'd Gabriel Thuch Agoth; 12/22 Kontagora, The Rt. Rev'd Jonah Ibrahim

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

12/16 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States; 12/17 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; 12/18 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname; 12/19 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela; 12/20 Evangelical Lutheran Church; 12/21 Evangelical Lutheran of Colombia; 12/22 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Saint John's, Lancaster and their congregation; Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Columbia and their congregation

Companion Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Ecumenical:

Rev. Beth J. Costlow and 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, Ellie Garner and Nancy Rementer

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 2018 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 2018 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

	12/09/18	12/10/17
St. John Herr Estate	21	12
9:00 a.m.	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>
	56	42
Pledge and Plate:	\$2,250.00	\$1,213.00

Please remember to return your Declaration of Faith card for 2019

Weekly Impact: w/e 12/09/18: 514

Be Thoughtful
Be Silent
Be Reverent.....
For this is the House of the Lord
Before the service,
speak to the Lord
During the service,
let the Lord speak to you
After the service,
speak to one another

REVERENT



December 22, 2018
St. John Herr Estate
5:30 p.m.

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

December 23, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Lector: Janet/Bea
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill K./Danielle
Crucifer: Bill K.
Server: Georgie
Gospel Bearer: Georgie
Prayers of the People: Jeanne
Ushers: George/Ralph
Greeters: Evelyn/Ralph
Verger (Open): Christine
Verger (Close): Bev

December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m.

Lector: Bev/Jessica
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill K./Ralph
Crucifer: Bill K.
Server: Georgie
Gospel Bearer: Georgie
Prayers of the People: Charlene
Ushers: George/Ralph
Greeters: George/Bill W.
Verger (Open): Tracy
Verger (Close): Bev

**December 25, 2018
Christmas Morning
10:00 a.m.**

Lector:	Father Patrick
Eucharistic Ministers:	Alf
Server:	Alf
Gospel Bearer:	Father Patrick
Prayers of the People:	Father Patrick
Verger (Open):	Father Patrick
Verger (Close):	Father Patrick



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

Sun: 8:50 AM – Sunday School – small classroom in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
9:00 AM – Eucharist – Church
10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
1:00 PM – Christmas Pot-Luck Luncheon in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Mon: 7:00 PM – Christmas Walk-A-Mile beginning at Salem UCC, 324 Walnut Street

Tues: 6:30 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

Thu: 12:00 PM – Lancaster Clericus Meeting – St. Edward

Fri:

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

Sun: 8:50 AM – Sunday School – small classroom in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
9:00 AM – Eucharist – Church
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 23, 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of December 23, 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of December 23, 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27.

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!

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”. I pray you will find Bishop Charleston’s meditations/visions are as inspirational as I have. Shirley Wagner

For December

And the prophet said: for unto us a child is born. That is the message. That is the meaning. A child, a pure unspoiled hope, an embodiment of all that is decent and honest and good, a new beginning, a fresh vision, a blessing and a challenge, is born, made real, come alive. Not born to the special or the few, not born to the privileged or the powerful, not to the followers of this religion or that politician, but to us. To us, all of us. The poor us, the forgotten us, the immigrant us and the native us, the us of every culture and language, of every class and condition. For unto us a child is born. Unto the deserving and the undeserving, the broken and the lonely, the tired and frightened, unto the whole tribe of the human beings, the child is born, the hope is given, the healing is offered. Let us believe what the prophet said, and by our believing, set one another free.

Columbia Christmas Walk-A-Mile: One of the great traditions of Columbia is its Annual Christmas Walk-A-Mile sponsored by the Columbia Ministerium. This year’s walk will take place on Monday, December 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will begin at Salem United Church of Christ (324 Walnut Street). Following a reading from Scripture, a hymn, and a prayer, we will walk to Columbia United Methodist Church (Corner of Walnut & 5th Streets), Columbia Church of God (Corner of Walnut and 7th Streets), Grace Evangelical Church (Corner of Walnut and 8th Streets), and the Chapel at Saint John Herr Estate Retirement Community – Personal Care Entrance (200 Luther Lane). We will have light refreshments and conversation in the Rotunda at Saint John Herr Estate following the service. At each stop, there will be a

Scripture reading, a hymn, and a brief prayer. Come and experience the wonderful Advent and Christmas traditions of each church. This walk is open to all members of the community – so bring a friend. Bring someone from outside of Columbia and let him or her see how we come together in prayer at this most sacred time. (Please note that we will have a bus for those unable to walk but who would like to participate in the Walk – the bus will leave from Saint John Lutheran Church (corner of Locust and 6th Streets) at 6:30 p.m. and return there after the walk). **Please note: The walk will take place rain or snow.**

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service: Our Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service is held in the Rector's Office at 9:30 a.m.

Missed You Cards: Father Patrick continues to send his weekly "Missed You Cards". Coming together each week is very important and we hope that you will make every effort to attend our Sunday Eucharist. Common Family Parish Prayer on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning is important every week.

“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.

-CHRISTIAN FORMATION-

Sunday School: Our Sunday School-for children age 4 through 10 will continue today at 8:50 a.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center.

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT FORUM

SPONSORED BY:

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ST. JOHN'S HERR ESTATE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
and
ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

All sessions, except as noted, take place in the dining room of the St. John's Herr Estate Retirement Community. Please enter through the Personal Care entrance and go down the hallway toward the rotunda. The dining room is on your right. There is plenty of parking.



All sessions, except as noted, begin at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!

There is no charge for any of the sessions, and you do not have to register in advance. Just come and enter into God's presence in this holy place!

December 17

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK-A-MILE
(WALK #3)**

Salem United Church of Christ
Columbia United Methodist Church
Columbia Church of God
Grace Evangelical Church
Saint John's Herr Estate Retirement Community

Light Reception to follow service (Rotunda)

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE—NO CLASS



Merry Christmas!

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE—NO CLASS

January 7

**WHEN THERE ARE NO WORDS: UNDERSTANDING
GRIEF AND LOSS**

Grief is experienced whenever we lose someone or something that has been an important part of our lives. While grief is universal it is also a very unique and personal experience. This presentation will cover the common ways people experience grief, what can help and how you can offer support. An overview of the services at the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss will also be provided.

Elaine Ostrum
Adult Services Coordinator
Pathways Center for Grief & Loss
Hospice & Community Care

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

From Our Treasurer: If you are behind on your pledge, we would appreciate your catching up on it before the end of the year. Thanks, Bev

Pledge of Faith Cards: If you have not already done so, please return your Pledge of Faith card before the end of the year.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

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.

Christmas Day Free Community Breakfast: On Tuesday, December 25, Saint Paul will host its 15th Annual Free Community Christmas Breakfast from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. This breakfast is open to anyone who wants to come together for conversation, friendship, and food. Donations of food and time will be appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center on the Sign-Up Board.

It's Time: 32 Seniors Need You (Angel Tree Ministry): Our shared mission in our Episcopal Home provides a loving, safe home for up to 32 seniors. The average age of those seniors is 89! Our donations provide benevolent care to many who outlive their savings. Together, our 63 parishes share a mission in support of the Episcopal Home, providing community and safety. If every family in each of our 63 parish communities gives at least \$25.00 (the price of one resident's daily living cost), and take one or more tags from the Angel Tree, we can support this safe haven for another year. Thank you for your help.

Greeting Cards: We are collecting old 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.

ADMINISTRATION

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes: Please return your envelope today, Sunday, December 16, 2018 in order to include them in the Christmas bulletin. Additional envelopes are on the table in the back of the church.

Parish Hall Health Inspection: On Monday, January 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. the Borough Office will conduct their Annual Health Inspection of the Parish Hall, Kitchen and Restrooms. We will need volunteers to help clean these areas to get ready for the inspection. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Father Patrick if you are willing to help. Thank You.

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 surround. 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.

PARISH EVENTS

Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Lock Luncheon and Christmas Party: The Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Luck Party will be held today, Sunday, December 16 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 to be served .

Attention Readers: St. Paul has a small library located in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center – Middle Classroom. 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 setting up our library.

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.

OTHER EVENTS

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.