

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 First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn 324

Call to Worship

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

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

Presider: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Presider: God has come to us in the birth of Jesus.

All: God continues to come to us in new and surprising ways.

Presider: We worship the God of new life.

**All: We praise God for the gift of peace, hope, joy,
and love in Jesus the Christ.**

– Based on John 1:1, 14

Collect for Purity	Prayer Book, page 355
Gloria “Angels We Have Heard On High”	Hymn 96
Collect of the Day	
First Reading Isaiah 61:10---62:3	Insert
Psalms 98	pages 7 & 8 of bulletin
Second Reading Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	Insert
Gospel Hymn “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	Hymn 82
Gospel John 1:1-18	Insert
Gospel Response “If You Believe and I Believe”	
Sermon	Rev. J. Patrick Peters
Nicene Creed	Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a Father’s only son, full of grace and truth. We are witnesses at prayer.

Prayer Leader: Abba, Father, you have received us as your children. May our hearts and the hearts of 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, John, and Nancy, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes, shine every brighter with the pure life of Christ, that all people might witness your all-encompassing love. Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

All: Alleluia!

Prayer Leader: Almighty God, let all the leaders of nations, 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 in the world, give witness to your glory and cause righteousness and praise to cover the earth. Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

All: Alleluia!

Prayer Leader: O God, it is you who establishes peace. Comfort your people with safety and security; assure us that it is not by our own strength, but by your goodness, that we can rest in quiet confidence. Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

All: Alleluia!

Prayer Leader: Loving God, you are the healer of the brokenhearted; it is you who binds up their wounds and you lift up the lowly. Clothe your children with the garments of health and salvation as we remember 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)

Great Lord, you are mighty in power: you graciously make the earth to burst forth with plants and animals to provide food. You give us the resources to thrive on this planet. May we be thankful in our hearts and generous in our lives as we give thanks, 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)

O God, you sent your Son to redeem us from sin and death: draw us closer to your Son Jesus – into your heart, both and now and in the life to come as we remember 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)

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

All: Alleluia!

Prayer Leader: For all families, especially members of the Parish Family of Saint Paul, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger. Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

All: Alleluia!

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: Loving God,
over these past weeks our worship and praise
have focused on what you have done for us in Jesus.**

Forgive us if we think today that Christmas is over.

**Remind us that your work of Christmas continues
as we celebrate the birth of a baby in a stable
by responding to the needs of those living in poverty
today.**

**Your work of Christmas continues as we remember
the flight of the holy family
and respond to the needs of refugees around the world.**

**Prompt us, God, to continue your work of Christmas
in our acts of care and compassion that express your
love, shown in the Christ child, a love that continues to
flow to us, and through us, to all people. Amen.**

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

Presentation Hymn "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"
Offertory
Eucharistic Prayer
Sursum Corda
Sanctus

Hymn 497

Hymnal S-120
Hymnal S-130

Memorial Acclamation
The Great Amen
Our Father
The Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Humble Access
Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Blessing
Closing Hymn "Joy to the World"
Dismissal

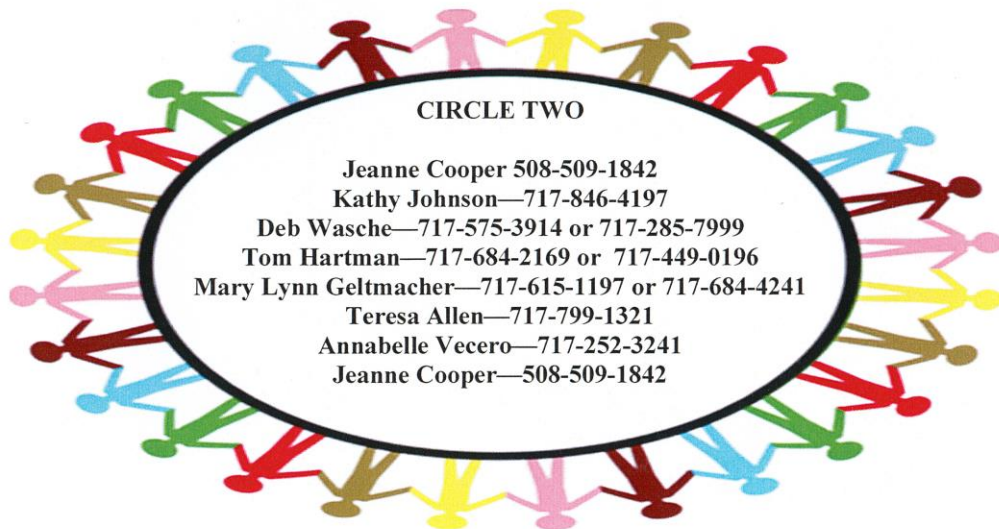
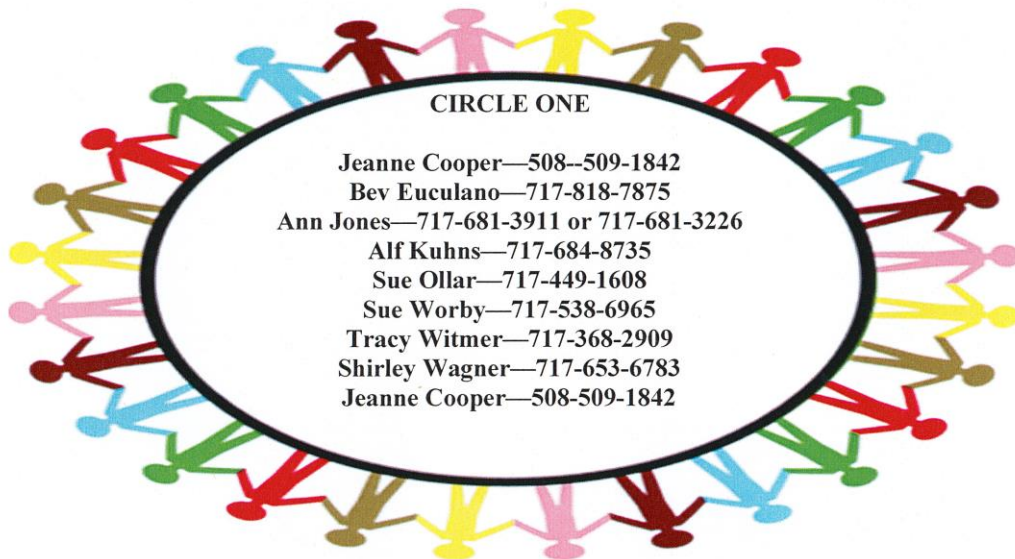
Mass of Creation
Mass of Creation
Celtic
Prayer Book, page 364
Prayer Book, page 337
Prayer Book, page 366
Hymn 100

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.



Prayer Requests December 30, 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; Toni

Birthday

Anniversary

12/30 Bishop Michael and Elizabeth Creighton

Departed

Mary Elizabeth Bair; Ernest Wood; Gretchen Blakey; Mary Louise Graham; All those in whose memory this church has been so beautifully enhanced

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 Pat Dancause; Joann and Leroy Fals; Evelyn Martin

World Cycle of Prayer

12/30 Ecuador; 12/31 Egypt; 1/1/19 El Salvador; 1/2 Equatorial Guinea; 1/3 Eritrea; 1/4 Estonia; 1/5 Ethiopia

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

12/30 Kyushu, The Rt. Rev'd Luke Ken-ichi Muto; 12/31 Lafia, The Rt. Rev'd Miller Maza; 1/1/2019 Lagos, The Rt. Rev'd Humphery Olumakaiye; Lagos Mainland, The Rt. Rev'd Adebayo Akinde; Lagos West, The Rt. Rev'd James Olusola Odedeji; 1/2 Lahore, The Rt. Rev'd Irfan Jamil; South Western Brazil, The Rt. Rev'd Francisco De Assis Da Silva; Southeast Florida, The Rt. Rev'd Peter Eaton; 1/3 Lainya, The Rt. Rev'd Eliaba Lako Obede; Southeastern Mexico, The Rt. Rev'd Benito Juarez-Martinez; 1/4 Lake Malawi, The Rt. Rev'd Francis Kaulanda; Southern Brazil, The Rt. Rev'd Humberto Maiztegue; Gippsland, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Richard Treloar; 1/5 Lake Rukwa, The Rt. Rev'd Mathayo Kasagara; Southern Highlands, The Rt. Rev'd Jlius Lugendo; Gitega, The Rt. Rev'd John Nduwayo; Gitega, The Rt. Rev'd Aime Joseph Kimararungu

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

12/30 Lutheran Church in Great Britain; 12/31 Lutheran Church of Australia; 1/1/2019 Lutheran Costarican Church; 1/2 Mexican Lutheran Church; 1/3 Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope; 1/4 Salvadoran Lutheran Synod; 1/5 United Evangelical Lutheran Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Saint Andrew's, Lewisburg and St. Mark's, Lewistown and their congregations; Saint Paul Missionary Baptist 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

12/23/18

12/24/17

St. John Herr Estate
9:00 a.m.

**THIS INFORMATION WILL BE
INCLUDED IN A SUBSEQUENT
BULLETIN**

Pledge and Plate:

Please remember to return your Declaration of Faith card for 2019

Weekly Impact: w/e 12/23/18: **THIS INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN A
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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



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

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

January 6, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Lectors:	Mary Lynn/Jessica
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bill K./Vickie
Crucifer:	Bill K.
Server:	Georgie
Gospel Bearer:	Georgie
Prayers of the People:	Bea
Ushers:	George/Ralph
Greeters:	Evelyn/Ralph
Verger (Open):	Tracy
Verger (Close):	Bev



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

**-THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019-**

Sun: 9:00 AM – Eucharist – Church
10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Mon:

Tues: -

Wed:

Thu:

Fri:

Sat: 7:30 AM – Free Community Breakfast in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
sponsored by Columbia Christian Fellowship
5:30 PM – Eucharist at St. John Herr Estate

Sun: 9:00 AM – Eucharist – Church – Birthday Sunday
10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
10:45 AM – Finance Committee Meeting in the Library

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 January 13, 20, 27.

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

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of 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.

For January

It was not the best of years, the one that steps now into memory, but we can leave that in the care of the ancestors, to sort out and put right, while we walk on to see what tomorrow brings, a new chance to use what we have learned. May you find what you seek. May your healing be complete. May you discover your place to be. Time is only a line drawn in sand. Life is a spirit flying in starlight. When you cross from one to the other, do not look back, but fix your heart on the light you see, rising to meet you on a familiar horizon.

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 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

January 14

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE**

We will gather for worship in remembrance of a man who brought painful growth to our nation, in advance of the holiday that honors his birth.

Mt. Zion A.M.E
227 S. 5th Street, Columbia
7:00 PM

January 21

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE BISHOP

This session will be a study of a passage from Scripture and will include conversation with the bishop.

Bishop James Dunlop,
Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

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.

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. Deadline is Sunday, January 13, 2019.

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

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

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.