

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Hymn 65

Call to Worship

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

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

Amen.

Preside: The time has come to submit:

All: To be tempered and scoured.

Presider: The time has come to pay attention:

All: To a call we would rather ignore.

Presider: The time has come to submerge:

All: Our false pride, our self-righteous opinions, our escalating angers.

Presider: The time has come to prepare.

Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

Canticle 16

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

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

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, page 355

Insert
pages 7 & 8 of bulletin

Insert
Hymn 76

Insert
Rev. J. Patrick Peters
Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Let us prepare our hearts for his arrival in prayer.

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make 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, pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Silence for a few seconds)** Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who lead our nation, 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, that they may not dwell in darkness and the shadow of death but that they may guide us into the way of peace. **(Silence for a few seconds)** Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank for you all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives. **(Silence for a few seconds)** Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness as we remember all in need...

(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)

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender 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)

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ along with those we remember now...

(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) Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Prayer Leader: For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us, the subtle changes in the sky, the delicate coating of soil from which breaks forth our food and flowers and in which animals make their home. Help us to protect and nurture your creation around us and ever proclaim its wonders.

(Silence for a few seconds) Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Prayer leader: For this Parish Family of Saint Paul in our joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us, those who have sacrificed for us. Help us to look for what is below the obvious, and from this depth reach out to others. Help us to know the joy that is mingled even with grief. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal that we are given.

(Silence for a few seconds) Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Prayer Leader: For those at greatest risk among us: let us pray for those who are lonely, rejected, or oppressed, for those who struggle just to get through the day, for those among us with the longest memories that link us to the past, and for our young people, that all may know the Lord as their personal Lord and Savior. **(Silence for a few seconds)** Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

All: Come, great Redeemer, come.

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: Patient God,

We confess, that we are delighted to retell the story
of John the Baptizer doing his work and to tell how the
people of Jerusalem responded faithfully.

We confess that we love to admire Paul and the people of
Philippi for their dedication.

We confess that we are content to remember and to
admire forever, happily waiting for someone else to do
our work for us.

Patient God, scour away our contentment,
burn away our inertia,
purify our admiration,
until we stop appreciating a vicarious past or waiting
for a vicarious future and become the citizens of
your present kingdom. Amen.

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

Presentation Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Offertory
Eucharistic Prayer
Sursum Corda
Sanctus
Memorial Acclamation

Hymn 657

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
Our Father
The Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Humble Access
Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Blessing

Prayer Book, page 364
Prayer Book, page 364
Prayer Book, page 337

Prayer Book, page 366

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 "Savior of the Nations, Come!"

Hymn 54

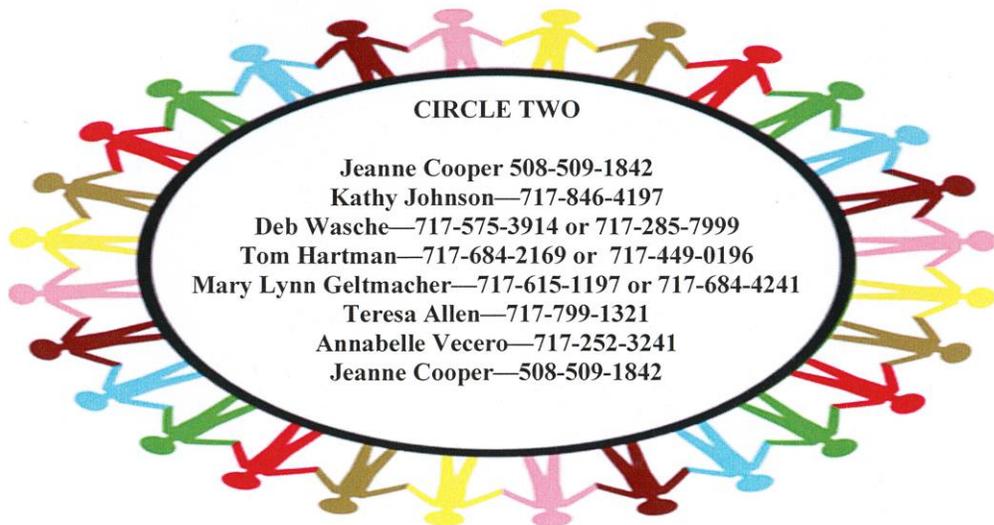
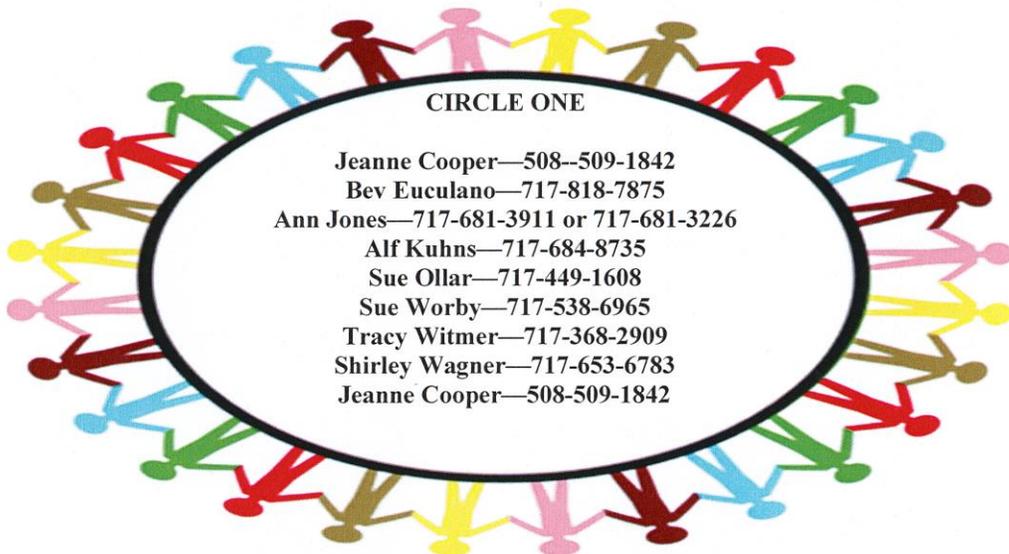
Dismissal

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.





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

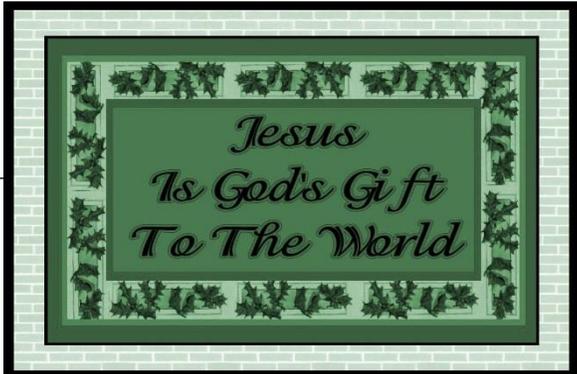
10:00 a.m. – Church – Christmas Eucharist

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*

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

Birthday

12/11 Alverta Hossler; 12/13 Owen Euculano

Anniversary

Departed

Howard and Jane Fritz; Janice Allen; Joanne Berntheizel; Frannie Ansalvish; Bonnie Baxter Wertz

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 Robert Brubaker; Jean Dosch; Scott and Abby Peters and children Hailey, Hunter, and Riley

World Cycle of Prayer

12/9 Cambodia; 12/10 Cameroon; 12/11 Canada; 12/12 Cape Verde; 12/13 Central African Republic; 12/14 Chad; 12/15 Chile

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

12/9 Pray for Falkland Islands – Falkland Islands, The Rt. Rev'd Timothy Thornton; 12/10 Kirinyaga, The Rt. Rev'd Joseph Kibuchua; 12/11 Kisangani, The Rt. Rev'd Lambert Botolome; Nord Kivu, The Rt. Rev'd Muhindo Isesomo; Assistant Bishop of Nord Kivu, The Rt. Rev'd Enoch Kayeeye; 12/12 Kita Kanto, The Rt. Rev'd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota; 12/13 Kitale, The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Kewasis; 12/14 Kitgum, Vacant; 12/15 Kitui, The Rt. Rev'd Josephat Mule

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

12/9 Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil; 12/10 Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway; 12/11 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; 12/12 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; 12/13 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile; 12/14 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana; 12/15 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Saint James, Lancaster and their congregation; Ironville United Methodist, Ironville 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

Revs. Gordon and Angie Misal and the people of Impact Christian Center, Columbia

Rev. Charles Deutsch 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

	12/02/18	12/03/17
St. John Herr Estate	11	24
9:00 a.m.	<u>28</u>	<u>31</u>
	39	55
Pledge and Plate:	\$1,317.00	\$951.00

Please remember to return your Declaration of Faith card for 2019

Weekly Impact: w/e 12/02/18: 225

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 15, 2018
St. John Herr Estate
5:30 p.m.

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

December 16, 2018
9:00 a.m.

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



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
10:45 AM – Vestry Meeting in the Library
4:00 PM – Girl Scouts meet in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Mon: 7:00 PM – Adult Forum – St. John Herr Estate **Chapel – Christmas Carol Sing-Along**

Tue:

Wed: 9:30 AM – Morning Prayer and Healing Service in the Rector's Office
3:45 PM – Valerie Henry – Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

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

Fri:

Sat: 10:00 AM – Hanging of the Greens in the church, followed by lunch
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
1:00 PM – Christmas Pot-Luck Luncheon in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

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 FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Jane and Howard Fritz by Michael Fritz and Family.

The Altar Flowers are available for the weeks of December 16, 23, 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of December 16, 23, 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of December 16, 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.

Hanging of the Greens: Please note that the date for the Hanging of the Greens is Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and **not** Sunday, December 16, 2018 as indicated in the latest newsletter. Father Patrick will be treating to lunch.

-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 10

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

Singing Christmas songs is one of the joys of the season! Pastor and Mrs. Wegehof's accompaniment will make it even more so. Bring your enthusiasm and your voice—on key or not!—as we join to celebrate the season with both sacred and secular songs.

NOTE: This session will meet in the chapel, so we have access to piano and organ.

Accompanists: Rev. Bob Wegehof, Mrs. Irene Wegehof

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)



Merry Christmas!

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: Included in last week's bulletin was an envelope for Christmas Flowers. Please return your envelope by next 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.

Vestry Meeting: The Vestry will meet today, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. in the Library.

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

Friendly's Family Fun Night: Our next "Fun Night" will be held this Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Friendly's on Centerville Road. Come out and have dinner and enjoy some time with your parish family! St. Paul receives a percentage of all sales between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Homemade Turkey Wild Rice Soup for sale (\$5.00 a quart). Thank you Suzanne Ollar!

Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Lock Luncheon and Christmas Party: The Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Luck Party will be held next 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.