

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

December 2021



Advent and Christmas Spirit

We are in Advent Season (11/28-12/24). Do you feel the Christmas Spirit? I hope and pray that you and yours are filled with the Spirit of Christmas, which is God's Spirit. In other words, God's heart. What is God's heart? John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world..." Can you feel it? Can you feel God's love in this Advent season, during the pandemic? Advent season is a time to prepare to receive Jesus, the fruit of God's love for ALL people.

We are excited about shopping, sharing, gatherings, decorating at this end of the year season. They are good things in our lives, but we are not naïve, right? We know why we are excited for this season, not because of the end of the year but because of the greatest gift from God. Let's be honest and admit that we have been distracted by the stuff around us, lost our focus many times. However, it's been several years that we Christians said, "We need to bring Jesus back in Christmas" Some churches have 'Christmas caroling' in a public place. Some people say, "Merry Christmas!" rather than "Happy Holiday." I appreciate people's efforts to bring Jesus Christ back into Christmas.

But let's go one more step closer to the truth of the Christmas spirit, God's spirit... God's heart. God didn't just say that I love

you. God did something new for us. God sent God's son to us to save us. It was the most exceptional event throughout history. So I want to tell you that this is a season of action....the action of love, the action of forgiveness, the action of sacrifice, and the action of humility. When we go through Advent season this year, let's think about it more, meditate more, and try to listen to God's heart more. We need to bring back the Christmas Spirit that is all about humility, sacrifice, sharing, and most of all....love. Taking the Christmas Spirit back goes with our good deeds. Jesus says, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)" How to live our lives as Christians is a matter of how we show God's exceptional love in the world. We are Christians which means Christ-like people. We don't do things for our own but God's Kingdom. We have a signpost that is Jesus Christ. So let's continue to journey into God's love and share it with the needy as well.

I hope and pray that this Christmas spirit leads our lives deeper into God's saving grace this year so that people around us can see and experience God's loving heart through our lives. Let's carry it to the world!

In Christ,

Rev. Myungha Beak



On November 7, we continued in our "To Save A Life" meeting series with an exploration of "Who Do We Reach To?" We combined scenes from our movie with what we deemed "a perfect reach," a deep dive into Jesus reaching to and saving the woman caught in adultery ("saving" her in both body and soul!). From there we explored more "perfect reach-outs" by Jesus, recorded in Mark's gospel, and concentrated on some of the "categories" of people to whom Jesus made His reaches. Some of those included the "outcasts," the "disliked or unpopular," the "annoying and/or embarrassing," the "weak," and the "discounted." We also noted that while Jesus's love was transforming for each of these people, Jesus treated each of them with compassion due to a child of God and NEVER treated them as "a project." We considered how it should be the same with us and were given the "homework" of considering who are those around us who need "a reach out" carrying God's love to them.

On November 14, The Uprising! traveled to Patuxent High School to support our fellow St. Paul Uprising! Uth and their peers in the PHS Harlequin's Fall production of "Treasure Island!" We watched and cheered great performances backed by a stunning set on which they all had worked for months. We praise God for the gifting so obvious in our actor friends and the for the joy of seeing them do their thing! We look forward to continuing our tradition of supporting our Harlequin peers in the spring when they'll perform "Mama Mia!"

As Thanksgiving approaches and we consider all the things God has done, still does, and will always do for which we should be thankful, we'll continue our "To Save A Life" series, focusing on making sure "nobody feels like a nobody" because of how awesomely God created them (and us all!) and how intensely God loves them (and us all!)! St. Paul Uprising! Uth and our Adult Advisor Team wish and pray a most joy-filled and Christ-centered Thanksgiving holiday!



2022 Confirmation Class Invitation

If you're in grades 7 thru 12 and you've never been confirmed into membership in the community of faith that is St. Paul United Methodist Church, we hope you'll consider it this coming year. Please read below and begin to consider, in consultation with your family, if you plan to attend.

We'll gather a final count in January 2020 with plans to begin Confirmation 2022 in early February. (Classes will run every Sunday morning, ending just before Pentecost Sunday, June 5.)

For Parents/Guardians of youth grades 7 thru 12,

here is information to help you and your child/youth decide if they'll be part of the 2022 Confirmation class:

The classes are VERY interactive...in a fun, inviting way...and we have 2 foci: Basic understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and how United Methodists live out that faith through participation in worship and ministry through and with your church family. This is the place for your BIG questions...and we welcome them! Please speak among your family and begin to decide if you will attend. If you, either as a parent/guardian or as a potential student, are unsure about attending, talk with someone who has attended and been confirmed. We've had students from grade 7 to junior year attend (you must be in at least 7th grade to attend Confirmation class). If you decide you'd like to attend 2022 Confirmation class or wish further information, contact Youth Pastor Dave at dave4godsteens.stpaul@comcast.net or at 443-624-1349.



December, where did the year go? I am completing my first year as the chairman of the church council. We have had a GREAT year considering ... COVID! We've moved from worshipping in the Activity Center to having both services in the Sanctuary, that is right both, two services. We are still offering the parking lot as a place to worship, and we are live streaming as well as downloading our service to our Facebook page and YouTube. Sunday School is available to ALL ages. Where are the young children? We have a "live" choir for our 9:00 a.m. service and recordings of the Praise Band for both. Thank you to Sherry Mervine for coming inside and playing accompaniment for our singing. The Heartfelt program is in full swing. Backpacks are filled with food for the weekend for less fortunate children. We just blessed Samaritan Purse shoeboxes to be distributed globally. Great video Pastor Baek, it was good seeing Franklin Graham's son (Billy Graham's grandson) still carrying the torch for Samaritan Purse. There are "in person" Bible studies available Sunday morning and Monday and Tuesday evenings. Pastor Baek along with Jack Greene, Karen Hill and Hunter Lohr, have gotten us into the 21st century, with new video and sound systems. "Uprising" (MYF) is back and going strong. The Trustees have gotten a new roof on the Parsonage and the Sanctuary (do you believe the "old" one lasted about 85 years! blue looks nice), new windows in the Fellowship Hall, new patio door for the Parsonage, new AC/heating for the ATC, retirement of the boiler system in the original Sunday School wing of the CLC, and the installation of several "split" AC/heating units, the reduction of utilities will be greatly appreciated. There has been a Church Conference, and an Annual Conference, both held virtual, we are still in a pandemic and with cold weather and staying inside the cases are starting to increase. Oh, we have an advisory board to keep on top of that.

- ◆ Advent is coming! Would you like to light the candles and read the Scripture? Contact the office.
- ◆ The Angel Tree is coming, please check out the CLC.
- ◆ I understand the monitors in the Sanctuary are going to be lowered for easier viewing.
- ◆ Rumors have it there might be a "set" of praise music coming in January for the 11am service!
- ◆ The former Solomon's UMC is now a Mission Center, go visit Tuesday-Thursday 10-1. Maybe you could be of help.
- ◆ Thanks to Missy Lauber and Barb Miller for a successful "Trunk or Trick".

We have come a long way, however there is much more to do! I have heard several inquiries about what does this committee do, who is the chairperson, who do I talk to about...? Very valid questions. I have tasked the chairpersons of the various committees to write a short biography about themselves, what their committees are about and who are members of their committee. Expect to be reading these in the "Messenger" early next year.

Now for how each of you can participate. I would like to know your 2022 vision for our church. What kind of goals would you like to see SPUMC conquer? The leaders of SPUMC are here to serve God and you. We cannot do this unless you let us know what it is that you expect. None of those things are not going to happen overnight. Pastor Baek is constantly reminding me we are in a marathon, not a sprint. You have ideas? Questions? Thoughts? Please contact me. My e-mail address is mogroverretired@gmail.com. You can usually catch up with me after the 9:00a.m. worship service as I usually stop by the CLC then. Church Council meetings are also open to the congregation. They are held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Zoom is also available, but you would have to contact the church office for the invite. I hope to hear from you. Where will God take us in the year 2022!

Christ IS Alive!

Melvin Grover
Council Chair



This will be my last newsletter input as I am rolling off the Trustees at the end of the year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the church and to serve with my fellow trustees who have put so much of themselves into our facility. This year we are welcoming several new Trustees to strengthen the team. Your 2022 Trustee Team:

Current Class:	New Class:
Jack Green	Jim House
Carl Holmberg II (Vice President)	Jim Snyder
Jeri Mead	Dave Sams
James Pouncey (Secretary/Treasurer)	
Chris Rogers	

Your Trustee team are the legal signatories for our church, they are responsible for management and oversight of the mortgage, any investments, and all church contracts. Additionally, they:

- ◆ Establish building use policies to ensure safety and proper care of the facility.
- ◆ Manage facility maintenance and upkeep
- ◆ Manage Parsonage maintenance and upkeep

Your trustees have worked hard to keep the facility safe and adequately maintained. Many major upgrades have been completed in recent years, made possible by the sale of the second parsonage property. Even so, the maintenance backlog continues to grow due to the age of our facility. Hard for me to internalize that our CLC is heading into its 30th year. The challenge has been to balance priorities and available funds to ensure the right items are repaired first. Your Trustees prioritize the work backlog based on safety first, then environmental stewardship second (better energy efficiency, etc.), then facility usage impacts. If you see something that needs fixed, please email the trustees or church office (don't just tell someone) and if this is a safety concern, please take the extra time to label the defective item to alert others and include the safety concern statement in to communication to the trustees/office. This will help us properly prioritize the repair and keep others safe in the mean time.

In the Last few weeks, the Trustees have:

- ◇ Started our Winter Readiness activities. If slippery conditions are present and salt/sand is not on walking surfaces please put out if you are able.
- ◇ We have retired the window AC units in the Old Education wing and the new Mini Split Heat Pumps are working marvelously. Your Trustees did this work themselves, which saved the church ~\$30K in installation fees between the Fellowship Hall and the Old wing. Looking for substantial energy efficiency improvements and resultant utility savings with these units.
- ◇ New windows are now in the Fellowship Hall and Undercroft. We expect to see energy saving from this improvement.

~~ *Your Trustees*



St. Paul UMC Finances as of 31 October 2021

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 341,818.08	\$344,695.80	\$ 416,976.61	82.0%
Expenses	\$ 291,812.72	\$347,056.43	\$ 416,976.61	70.0%

The St. Paul UMC congregation has graciously made an additional \$43,332.39 in benevolent (Restricted) giving to benefit St. Paul UMC Ministries, Missions, and those in need thus far in 2021.



SAVE THE DATE: SAFE NIGHTS January 30 – February 6, 2022

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Safe Nights is an ecumenical ministry that provides a safe, warm place in the winter to spend the night for the qualifying homeless in Calvert County. Safe Nights is taking place at St. Paul UMC during the week of January 30 through February 6, 7pm to 7am each day. As a part of this ministry our guests are provided with two hot meals and a bagged lunch. During our week of service, we will need volunteers to set-up, prepare meals, stay overnight, clean, etc. We will also need help setting up the rooms on Sunday January 30th and breaking down the rooms early in the morning on Sunday February 6th. The volunteer sign-up will be hosted virtually with more information coming out in early January.

A training opportunity specific to St Paul's Safe Nights volunteers will be provided early in January to get additional information. If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to be added to the volunteer email list, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Holmberg at jholmberg114@gmail.com.



- Anthony Bennett - breathing problems
- Ashlyn Barrett - heart issues
- Ava Brame - health issues
- Benjamin Kindsvater - Crohn's disease
- Bill Clothier - lung issues
- Charlie Rivers - heart disease
- Crystal Seibel - fighting MS
- Debi Jagodzinski - health issues
- Dorothy Gaylord - health issues
- Edith Thomas - heart attack
- Elizabeth Baltimore - stroke
- Ernie Amos
- Heather Dolan - lime & liver disease
- Jake Campbell
- Janet Cave
- Jeanne Harris
- Jeff White
- Jessica Pohlman
- Jim Bainham - health issues
- Jim Sypult - pulmonary fibrosis
- Joanna Polanski - Alzheimer's
- Joyce Matthew
- Judy Fewell
- Kirk Taylor - health issues
- Lyn Aurand's Family on her passing
- Marie Barrett
- Martha Bliss
- Martha Jefferson & family
- Rick Matthews - breathing issues
- Roger Ward - health issues
- Rose Barrett
- Sam Williams
- Sue Mackey - fighting MS
- Teresa Gibson - health issues
- Tim Allor - lime disease

- Billy Bobb
- Bob Klink - lung
- Bob Wilson
- Bruce Dickonson - throat
- Cheryl Belles - ovarian
- Denise Herrington - breast
- Darlene Fromhart
- Emily Shooks
- Flora Scarcia
- George Richards
- Henry Reiss
- James Newman
- Jenne Rothwell - breast
- Jerry Curtis - bone, lung, brain
- Joe Dodson
- Jovanni Licalzi - LCH
- Keith Kretchman - lymphoma
- Kelly Smith
- Luanne Barnas - breast
- Marjorie Hall - behind the eye
- Maxwel Guidoitz - liver
- Rebecca Cecil
- Rosalinda Smith - breast
- Sandy Webb
- Sara Strange - stage 4
- Suzanne - Multiple Myeloma



Call the Prayer Chain when you need prayer for yourself or others. Activate it by calling anyone on the list, anytime, day or night. When called, they will pray for your concern and pass the concern on to the other

prayer chain members. Do not hesitate to use the power our gracious Lord has given us. Call on Him for help and guidance.

- John & Sessaly Boyd 410 326-4390
- Cal & Carolyn Colvin 301 862-3273
- Ben & Vonnie Dansberger 410 326-2994
- Ruth Dixon 410 326-3821
- Ruth Humphreys 410 326-4687
- John & Robin Read 443 404-8559
- Andy & Beth Rogers 410 326-6346
- Dave & Debby Showalter 410 326-2150
- Susan Leins Baker 410 326-6234



Pledge Card

The St. Paul UMC Finance Committee is in the middle of preparing the 2022 Annual Budget. The committee uses confidential Pledge Cards as a way of estimating contributions to St. Paul. It helps us plan our annual budget by letting us know how much you hope to give over a 12-month period from January through December 2022.

In my case, it has been an opportunity to prayerfully consider my family’s annual giving to the Church. The Pledge Card is not a contract. We do not track if contributions match pledges. However, if your circumstances change over the year, you can adjust your pledge by calling the church office at 410-326-4475 or by emailing the Treasurer at therren.stpaul@comcast.net. Again, your information is always kept confidential.

If you cannot make an annual pledge, you may give through our weekly offerings during worship services or donate online anytime. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Check with Teri Herren in the church office if you need assistance with this.

The “Electronic” Pledge Cards are available to you via attachment to this E-Messenger and printed versions will also be handed out at the next couple of drive-ins and in-person services. The printed versions, once completed, can be dropped in the offering plate/basket or can be put in the “lock-box” outside the CLC doors over the next couple of weeks. Completed electronic Pledge Cards can either be emailed to our Treasurer, Teri Herren at therren.stpaul@comcast.net, or printed and physically dropped in the offering plate/basket at worship services or can be put in the “lock-box” outside the CLC doors over the next couple of weeks.

The St. Paul UMC Finance Committee recognizes that the St. Paul UMC congregation is a very, very generous group serving Christ. We thank each and every one of you for all you do to support our missions and ministries.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

MY FIRST FRUITS...FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

In response to God’s love and as an expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and his family, I plan to continue in my giving to the ministries of St. Paul UMC.

MOVING TOWARD TITHING
I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

TITHING
I will give 1/10 of my income to God’s work.

CONTINUING BEYOND TITHING
My desire is to do more than God’s minimum.

MY COMMITMENT IS \$ _____ per Week.
 Every Two Weeks.
 Month.

MY ENVELOPE # IS _____.

This represents an increase over last year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

This commitment may be revised and/or cancelled at any time at my request.

Sunday school children are invited to the children's choir to participate in the Christmas Cantata on Dec. 19th at the 9:00 AM service. All children are invited practice the music for 15 minutes before Sunday school. A member from the Sunday school team will meet the children at the 9:00 service at 9:45 to bring them to rehearsal and children who attend the 11:00 service are asked to arrive at 9:45 for a few weeks so the children can learn the music and be part of this special worship opportunity. Please invite any children you know in elementary or Middle school to join us for Sunday school (10:00am) and Children's choir at 9:45am.



**WHERE IS MY GIVING ON THIS CHART?
WHERE CAN I GROW IN GIVING?**

Annual Income	Weekly Income	4%	6%	8%	Weekly Tithing 10%	YEAR-END TOTAL
\$13,000	\$250	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$1,300
\$26,000	\$500	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$2,600
\$36,400	\$700	\$28	\$42	\$56	\$70	\$3,640
\$41,600	\$800	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$4,160
\$52,000	\$1000	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$5,200
\$62,400	\$1,200	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$6,240
\$78,000	\$1,500	\$60	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$7,800
\$85,000	\$1,635	\$65	\$98	\$131	\$164	\$8,500
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$77	\$115	\$154	\$192	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$115	\$173	\$230	\$289	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$3,846	\$154	\$230	\$308	\$384	\$20,000



CORNETT, Calli	12/03
CORNETT, Kenzi	12/03
HALSTEAD, Nathan	12/04
DUNN, Claire	12/06
WEITZEL, Ryan	12/06
POLS, Wyatt	12/08
SMITH, Donna	12/08
MULVEY, Michael	12/10
SAMPSON, Jesse	12/10
PROWINSKI, Jaden	12/13
FOUSE, Stephen	12/15
PURCAREY, Jade	12/15
CARVER, Susan	12/19
RITTER, Hoyt	12/19
POUNCEY, Allison	12/20
ALLOR, Kevin	12/21
MULDOON, Gordon	12/21
GUTIERREZ, Ryan	12/24
MILLER, Rick	12/29
WILLIS, Haleigh	12/29
DANSBERGER Sr., Ben	12/30
BOYD, John	12/31

St. Paul family....If you love to make the advent season bright with the sounds of Christmas hymns, we need you for our original Christmas Cantata "Christmas Through the Angels Eyes" . This song celebration of Jesus' birth uses familiar hymns and requires minimal rehearsal for participants. We will meet for 5 Wednesdays @ 7PM, hold 1 Wednesday Dress Rehearsal @ 6:30PM and 1 performance on December 19 @ 9AM. We are in need of readers as well. Please consider giving of your talents and time this holiday season to bring the gift of song to our St. Paul family this year. All ages welcome!

~~~ Sherry Mervine

### "SMILE" Food Pantry Donations

Non-Perishable grocery items are collected the 1st Sunday of each month in St. Paul's parking lot!



Submissions for the January newsletter is December, 15, 2021  
Thank you.

### Office Contacts & Information

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Myungha Baek  
Church E-Mail: [PastorBaek.stpaul@comcast.net](mailto:PastorBaek.stpaul@comcast.net)

**Youth Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Dave Showalter  
Church E-Mail: [dave4godsteens.stpaul@comcast.net](mailto:dave4godsteens.stpaul@comcast.net)

**Office Administrator:** Teri Herren  
Church E-Mail: [therren.stpaul@comcast.net](mailto:therren.stpaul@comcast.net)

**OFFICE PHONE: 410.326.4475**

### OFFICE HOURS:

At this time, there will physically be a person in the office as follows:

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Monday:          | 10am to 1pm |
| Tuesday—Thursday | 10am to 3pm |
| Fridays          | 9am to 12pm |

However, the phone lines are covered during regular business hours which are:

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| Monday - Thursday | 9am to 4:30pm |
| Fridays           | 9am to 12pm   |

**PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CALL TO SET-UP AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU HAVE A NEED OUTSIDE OF THOSE HOURS.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

|                      |                 |    |
|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| Praise Band Practice | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| Choir Practice       | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | S  |
| AA Group             | 7:30pm - 9:00pm | FH |

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**

|                     |                 |                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| OLSS Basketball     | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | AC                 |
| Trustees Meeting    | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | L                  |
| Cub Scout Troop 451 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | FH/6/8/10/11/13/16 |

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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| OLSS Basketball | 4:00pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| AA Group        | 8:00pm - 9:30pm | FH |

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

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| UMYF | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | ZONE |
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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6**

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| Women's Bible Study | 6:45pm - 8:15pm | S |
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

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| Heartfelt Backpack Packing  | 9:00am - 10:00am | FH |
| Melvin Grover's Bible Study | 6:00pm - 8:00pm  | L  |
| Boy Scout Troop 451         | 7:00pm - 8:30pm  | FH |

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| Praise Band Practice | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| Lay Pastor Meeting   | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | L  |
| AA Group             | 7:30pm - 9:00pm | FH |

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

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| OLSS Basketball                 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | AC                 |
| Church Council Meeting          | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | S                  |
| Cub Scout Troop 451 Den Meeting | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | FH/6/8/10/11/13/16 |

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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| OLSS Basketball | 4:00pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| AA Group        | 8:00pm - 9:30pm | FH |

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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| UMYF | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | ZONE |
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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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| Women's Bible Study | 6:45pm - 8:15pm | S |
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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| Heartfelt Backpack Packing  | 9:00am - 10:00am  | FH    |
| Women's Morning Bible Study | 10:30am - 11:30am | L     |
| Melvin Grover's Bible Study | 6:00pm - 8:00pm   | L     |
| Boy Scout Troop 451         | 7:00pm - 8:30pm   | FH/10 |

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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| NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE - PLEASE BE PROMPT DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY |                 |    |
| Praise Band Practice                                               | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| Choir Practice                                                     | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | S  |
| AA Group                                                           | 7:30pm - 9:00pm | FH |

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

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|---------------------------|-----------------|------|
| OLSS Basketball           | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | AC   |
| Cub Scout Christmas Party | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | S/FH |
| SPRC Meeting              | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | L    |

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

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| AA Group | 8:00pm - 9:30pm | FH |
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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| UMYF | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | ZONE |
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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

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| OLSS Basketball     | 4:00pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| Women's Bible Study | 6:45pm - 8:15pm | S  |

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|----|
| Melvin Grover's Bible Study | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | L  |
| Praise Band Practice        | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| Boy Scout Troop 451         | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | FH |

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

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|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| Praise Band Practice | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| AA Group             | 7:30pm - 9:00pm | FH |

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23**

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| OFFICE CLOSED | All Day | N/A |
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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

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| OFFICE CLOSED | All Day         | N/A |
| AA Group      | 8:00pm - 9:30pm | FH  |

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

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| UMYF | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | ZONE |
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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**

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| Women's Bible Study | 6:45pm - 8:15pm | S |
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

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|-----------------------------|------------------|----|
| Heartfelt Backpack Packing  | 9:30am - 10:30am | FH |
| Melvin Grover's Bible Study | 6:00pm - 8:00pm  | L  |

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

|                      |                 |    |
|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| Praise Band Practice | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | AC |
| Lay Pastor Meeting   | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | L  |
| AA Group             | 7:30pm - 9:00pm | FH |

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

|          |                 |    |
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| AA Group | 8:00pm - 9:30pm | FH |
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**ROOM KEY:**

AC ~ Activity Center      FH ~ Fellowship Hall      L ~ Library      S ~ Sanctuary

# ONLY ~ Room Number      FP ~ Fire Pit

UPL ~ Upper Parking Lot      LPL ~ Lower Parking Lot



T O T D T A F Y S D G G B S T K C L Q C  
 A Q C X U G I G L N X K J X B O H I N E  
 R M C J R Z N C B I F L A E O N R G Z Q  
 U X E W O I H Z E D M E K K Y C I H L Y  
 P J Q J S Z D G I A A A I V L A S T L U  
 J A I S E L D A R C T E F G V G T S A D  
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 S L H T G G W A F V Y E A I O I A Z W S  
 B K F O E L B R I G H T K S S N S K O W  
 C I M Z A X E X A H Z C L T R H O H N J  
 G A U Q X A X G T P O Z L J J I C L S N  
 B K N K Y O T N G T P E X H C Y J U F O  
 X H U D I G S F S Y T I G T T W J R S W  
 D F P F L E A S L O R S N P W I Y E Z E  
 F E R B Z E E L E N Z H L G W Z U X J S  
 H K J D C D F L J E S U S L V J P G D P  
 I U D A I T T E S N I O P J Y T I L V S  
 H J H N K L P B J L A D X M M P X U H U  
 C L G R L T M J B U P I O I C A I F T D  
 B Q Z C K K T Y O W O R S H I P U U O H

BELLS                      BLESSINGS                      BRIGHT  
 CANDLE                      CHRISTMAS                      COOKIES  
 CRADLE                      FAMILY                      FEAST  
 GIFTS                      JESUS                      JINGLE  
 LIGHTS                      MISTLETOE                      POINSETTIA  
 SANTA                      SNOWBALL                      STOCKING  
 WORSHIP                      WRAPPING



# Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the path that leads to baby Jesus.

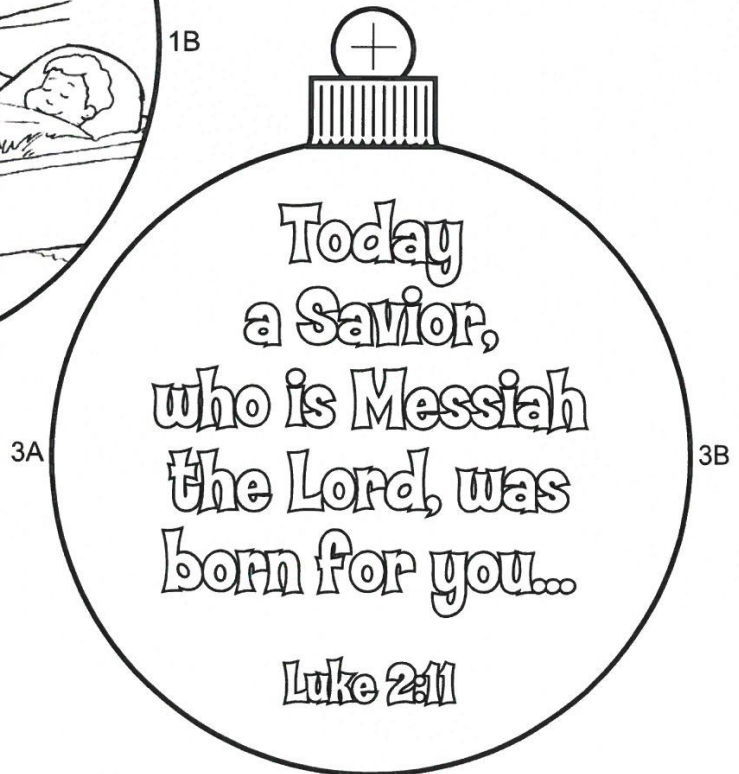
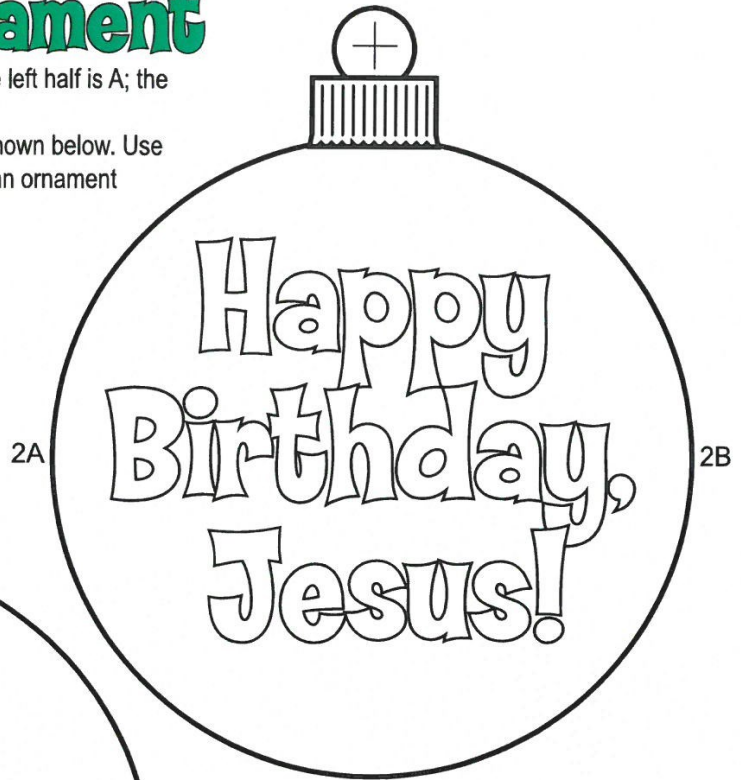
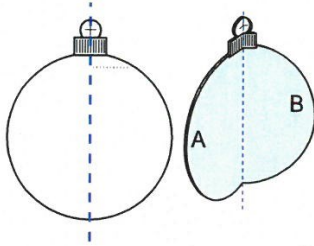
Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G    N C A K N R I E N F S E    R Y H M R

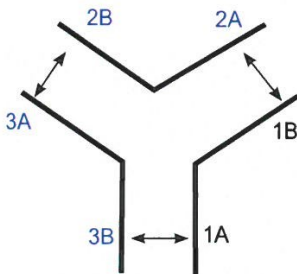
Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh

# Christmas Ornament

1. Cut out the three pieces and fold each in half. The left half is A; the right half is B.
2. Glue the backs of the folded halves together as shown below. Use a hole punch to make a hole in the top ring. Use an ornament hanger or string to hang the ornament.



1. Glue the back of "1B" to the back of "2A."
2. Glue the back of "2B" to the back of "3A."
3. Glue the back of "3B" to the back of "1A."





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### December 2021 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in December are:

- Second Sunday of Advent — December 5, 2021
- Third Sunday of Advent — December 12, 2021
- Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 19, 2021
- First day of Winter — December 21, 2021
- Christmas Eve — December 24, 2021
- Christmas Day — December 25, 2021
- New Year's Eve — December 31, 2021



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING  
READERS NEEDED ~ We are reaching out for advent candle lighting readers for the 9:00am and 11:00am services as well as Christmas Eve. Would you, a family member, or a friend be able? If so, please let the Church office know by calling (410.3.26.4475) or emailing [stpaulumcinfo@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulumcinfo@gmail.com).



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**EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00am**  
**"LIVESTREAM"**  
**INDOOR/DRIVE-IN Worship Ser-**  
**vice in the Sanctuary/Sanctuary**  
**Parking Lot**

**EVERY SUNDAY: 11:00am -**  
**"LIVESTREAM" INDOOR Worship**  
**Service in the Sanctuary**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

4:00 PM ~ Family Service ~ Activity Center  
7:00 PM ~ Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 PM ~ Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary

