

# This Week at St Paul's

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b>Sun.</b> 12/10 <b>Advent 2</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM	Holy Communion, in person and online: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live">www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live</a> Sunday School Fellowship Hour "Let There Be Christmas" @ St John's UCC, Richlandtown
<b>Mon.</b> 12/11	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 7:30 PM	Bible Study via Zoom/FCC* Social Ministry Team and potluck Finance Team vis Zoom
<b>Wed.</b> 12/13	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Advent Workshop (with light dinner) @ St. John's, Richlandtown Activity Center Confirmation Class @ Trinity, Qtown [Yerger] Cub Scouts Pack 007
<b>Thurs.</b> 12/14	7:00 PM	Scouts BSA Troop 007
<b>Fri.</b> 12/15	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Al-Anon AA
<b>Sun.</b> 12/17 <b>Advent 3</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Communion, in person and online: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live">www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live</a> with Christmas Pageant Fellowship Hour and Heavenly Homemade Sale "Caleb's Cocoa Café" @ Alicia Byelich's house [207 N. Ambler St., Quakertown) until 4:30 PM

\* If you'd like to participate in these **activities taking place over Pr Dave's Zoom platform**, go to [zoom.us](http://zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 3700147169, if it asks for a password, use 119805. If you're using a phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, type 3700147169#, then 119805#. You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.

**Today's bulletins** are sponsored by Kelly Shaak, in honor of Bruce Krogslund's birthday TODAY!!!

**Thank you** to our AA Treat Volunteer for Friday, December 15th: Marie Shaw

St. Paul's Philanthropy: The Congregation approved setting aside 10% of our proceeds from the sale of the Parish House to give to non profit organizations. The Congregation is invited to participate in identifying and selecting which organizations will receive donations. Forms are located in the Fellowship Hall. You may write your suggestion on the poster hanging on the bulletin board. Return your completed form through the offering plate, mail or email to the church. Questions? See Stefanie Bauman or Sara George.

St Paul's *new address* is **849 Old Bethlehem Road**, Quakertown, PA 18951. Please make the proper adjustments when mailing items to the church.

**Stewardship Note:** Our congregation's expenses for 2023 have already exceeded our income by almost \$24,000. Please prayerfully consider how you might support our ministry together. If you'd like to give electronically and would like some information on how to do that, please contact the church office.

Our **Monthly Special** recipient for December is **Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks (AHUB)**. Our **Upper Bucks Code Blue** sheltering ministry requires volunteers sharing their time, organizational skills, relational skills, and of course, food and supplies to make this shelter available for folks in need. If you're interested in helping with the ministry of Upper Bucks Code Blue, please contact Les Rice ([leslinrice@aol.com](mailto:leslinrice@aol.com)) for a Volunteer Application. And please give as you're able!

Our **Sunday School** is back into action, with Sunday School for kids age 4 through fifth grade (with older kids as helpers/leaders) meeting from 10:30-11:30 AM on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. **Sunday School is ON today— come join us!**

Come join us each week for our **Monday Morning Bible Study** from **10:00 AM-12:00 NN** via Zoom or Free Conference Call. We're digging into the Scripture readings for the upcoming week to discover the treasures that await us come Sunday.

And by the way, this frees up Thursday mornings for you to check out our synod's online weekly discussion series "**Ministry in the 'Now' Normal**", hosted by Pr Bob Fisher **Thursdays at 11:00 AM**. Folks from across our synod reflect together on our changing ministry contexts and challenges. To get on board, go to [bit.ly/sepacomms](http://bit.ly/sepacomms).

**Lutheran Disaster Response** continues to provide disaster victims with immediate support and supplies as well as long-term pastoral support and reconstruction efforts. To give or for more information, go to [www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Ways-to-Give](http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Ways-to-Give). Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by these disasters.

Our Social Ministry Team is now helping to **pack food bags at the Quakertown Food Pantry** the first Thursday of every month from 1:00-3:00 PM. Contact Sara George ([primrose40@aol.com](mailto:primrose40@aol.com) or 215.538.3786) or Food Pantry coordinator Donna Sorok (215.313.4644 cell) if you're interested in helping.

Our Social Ministry Team is sponsoring a "**Heavenly Homemade Sale**" **Dec. 17** in the fellowship hall following worship. You're invited to contribute (and buy) cookies, cakes, breads, soups, jewelry, knitted items, and other items for sale. Proceeds benefit our outreach to our community.

Our annual **Christmas Card Box** has been placed out in the narthex to receive your cards for folks in our congregation. Save your stamps! We'll collect the cards through Dec. 17 and have them available for pickup Dec. 24. The Christmas Card Box is sponsored by our Social Ministry Team.

Our Social Ministry Team will also have **the Mitten Tree** up in the fellowship hall from Dec. 3-17. Take a mitten and add whatever amount you'd like to donate, along with your envelope number. Then give the mitten to Sascha Baringer or Jean Noblit.

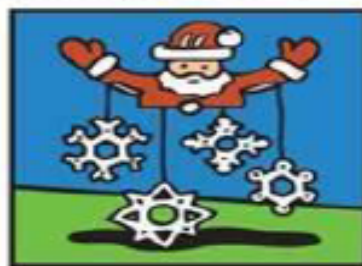
**December 17** is technically the Third Sunday of Advent—the Sunday the ancients called *Gaudete*, “Rejoice!”— but our worship service that day will feature a special **Christmas presentation by our young people** as we become ever “itchier” to celebrate Christ’s birth. Come join us!

Our Quakertown Ministerium will also be holding a **“Longest Night” Christmas Service on Dec. 21 @ 7:00 PM** at First UCC in Quakertown for those who are grieving in these tumultuous days. Look for more information on our church’s Facebook page [[www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown)] as we get closer.

**Come join us for our St Paul’s/St John’s**



# ADVENT WORKSHOP



**Wednesday, Dec. 13**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

**St John’s Lutheran Church  
Activity Center, Richlandtown**

**Light Dinner, Crafts, Music, Fellowship, and Fun!**

For more information, contact Rosie Wimmer  
at 610.217.0166 or [rrwimmer811@gmail.com](mailto:rrwimmer811@gmail.com).

## Serving in Worship Today:

	Today 12/10/2023	Next Sunday 12/17/2023
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte/Cru	Aaron Shimalla	Stefanie Bauman
Counters	Patty Schumacher	Karen Roehner
Alter Guild	Marie Shaw & Wendy Gullett	Marie Shaw & Wendy Gullett
Communion	Linda Hertzog	Bill Baringer
Bulletin	Kelly Shaak	Aundie Hamlin
Reader	Tina Young	Gordon Bryan

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

- The Armed Forces, President Biden and his cabinet, Crossroads Pregnancy Care, David & Mary Johnson Sr., Morgan, Ally, Dontay, & Emily Hassler, Andrew Edmonds, Don & Karen Ludovici, Derek & Matt Ludovici, Barbara Graser, Charyl Westervelt, Connie Slotter, Norm Diehl Sr., Amy Miller, Karen Capella, Chrissy Cousins, Bob Shimalla, Robert & Cheryl Ball, Melissa Manhart, Tammy Zepiora, Aaron Hamlin, Gary Hertzog, David & Carol Marks, Katie, Cassidy Owens, Kelly & Jim, Kelsey Shaak, John Apple, Dr Jenn Phelps, Karen K., Keith, Joe, Kelly, Kareem, Bret & Layann, Dr Stephen Motsay, Brenda Oelschlager, Brody, former Pres. Jimmy Carter, Roy Weidner, Bill Schumacher Jr., Cindy Cunnane, Tom, Karen, & Michael Ludovici, Pr John Hansen, Pr Robert Lescalette, Pr Erika Wesch, Sable Wilcox, Laura Ulrich, Liam McGarvey, Jim McKelvey, Nancy Ziegenfuss, Dave & Karen Hammerschmidt, Pr Andrew Carlsson, Jennifer Carlsson, Barry & Judy, Ron, & Fred Diehl, Tina Young, Bob Knapp, Dr. Ken & Family, Bella; victims of natural disasters and gun violence.
- The war-torn people of Ukraine, Yemen, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, the DRC, Sudan, Mali, Central America, Niger, Gabon
- Families and friends of Pr John Stevens Kerr, Patti Jo Zackowski, Ray Constable, Pr John Keating, Griffith Miller III, Bob Cope Sr., Connie Sheetz, Bob Westervelt Sr., Dr. Bob Hughes, Dr. Lyman Lundeen, Karen Blicht, Brittany Kane, Paul Ahlum Jr., Jim McKelvey, Shelly Doremus.

### **Varsity Singers Performances**

We were unable to get the Quakertown Highschool Varsity Singers to perform here at St Paul's this holiday season. Here is a list of the times and places where they will be performing in case you would like to see them as they spread the Christmas spirit through songs and dance.

Sunday 12/10: Calvary Baptist Church, 1380 S Valley Forge Rd, Lonsdale @ 6pm

Thursday 12/14: QCHS Choir Winter Performance, First United Church of Christ, 4th Street Quakertown @7pm

Sunday 12/17: East Swamp Church, 25405 E Swamp rd, Quakertown. @ 2pm

Sunday 12/17: First Church of the Brethren, 53 Trumbauersville Rd Quakertown. @ 7pm

Please arrive prior to the start time to find seating. I hope you all enjoy this holiday season!