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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

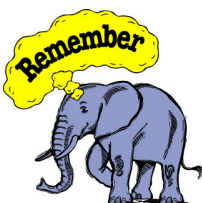
Sunday, December 3– Saturday, December 9, 2017

Hospitalized: *If you or someone you know is hospitalized or ill, please call the church office at 610-944-0406. If you do not want the name listed in the bulletin, please notify the church office as well. Thank you for your help.*

On-going Prayer Needs: Ross McKently, Fern Shankweiler, Steven Sutherland, Elizabeth Ressler, Jane Folk, Bruce Schutt, Roger and Lilli Simon, Dennis Raudenbush, Brian Arndt, Mike Berg, June Wanner, Karen Shollenberger, Eric Speece, Brooke Mowry



Elaine George... Please sign the "Thinking of You" card in the Narthex. It will be mailed tomorrow.



Dec 5	Christmas Tea	7pm
	Advent Bible Study	7pm
Dec. 6	Advent Bible Study	10am



There are a few angels remaining on our Christmas tree in the narthex. If you wish to sponsor an angel, please choose one today. **All angel gifts are to be returned to the church by next Sunday December 10, 2017.** Thank you to all of you who have brought gifts to make Christmas brighter for the children in our Berks County area.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Luminaries will surround the church property again on Christmas Eve. A donation of \$1 will sponsor a candle in Memory or Honor of a loved one, or for your own enjoyment. You will find envelopes in the pews to place this tear-off in, mark it luminaries and then place it in the offering basket. Names will be taken **until December 10th**. A list will be in the bulletin on **December 31st**.

\$1 donation per candle: # _____ \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

For your own enjoyment _____



Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

There are two ways to contribute to the Poinsettia display which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. You can give a \$1 donation to contribute toward plants which will be given to the elderly and shut-ins **or** you can give \$6.50 per plant, which allows you to keep the plant you buy. In either case, your donation can be in Memory of, in Honor of a loved one, or simply for your

own enjoyment. You will find envelopes in the pews to place this tear-off in, mark Poinsettias and then place it in the offering basket. Names will be taken until **December 10th**. A list containing sponsors will be available December 31st in the bulletin.

\$1 donation: # _____ \$6.50 Purchase _____ Red _____ White _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

For your own enjoyment _____



The Guild Christmas Tea

Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7 p.m. Church Social
Hall

Entertainment by several groups from Fleetwood
High School led by Charles Ebersole.
And
The Paul Moll Trio

Please sign-up on the poster in the narthex, starting early November. Specify how many will be in your group. Every effort will be made to keep those people together at a table. Otherwise, there will be a place at a table for everyone. We appreciate a dozen Christmas cookies per attendee (regular, sugar-free, or gluten free, the later two labeled as such). Please give them to any committee member upon your arrival. Cookies will be assorted onto serving plates for each table. If life is hectic, come without cookies. Your presence is more important than your cookies. We are about fellowship, music, laughter, and hearing the familiar Christmas Story that we love so much. Leftovers will be distributed to local facilities same as prior year. Please make every effort to attend this year. We will be remembering the lives of fine women not among us this year.



Youth Group

7677, klevan@comcast.net or John Folk for more information or to place an order. This will be an ongoing fundraiser.

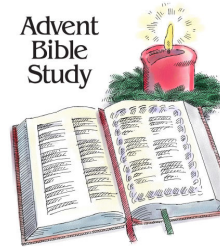
Support St. Paul's Youth Ministry and get all of your Christmas Shopping done EARLY!

Purchase gift cards for family, friends, teachers and business associates from over 375 retailers such as American Eagle, iTunes, Game Stop, Toys R Us, Starbucks, Panera, Red Lobster, Staples, Lowes, Home Depot, Amazon, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble and Shutterfly. Cards from Weis, Giant, Walmart and Target cards can help with your Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and entertaining. The complete list of retailers can be found in the social room or at www.shopwithscrips.com. Each card has a rebate of 2% to 16% that comes back to the Youth Group. Cards can be ordered at any time and there will be some on hand. Contact Kim Levan 610-823-



Christmas Shut-In Cards

It's again time (Christmas) to remember our shut-ins with a Christmas card. A bag for each shut-in will be placed in the Narthex. We are asking our membership to sign their name on a Christmas card for each person (or as many as you wish) and drop them in the bags. There will be about 35 shut-ins. **The bags will be in Narthex from Sunday, November 19th to Sunday, December 3th.** Lets help to show our shut-ins that they are not forgotten and help to put a smile on their faces. Watch your church bulletin for the exact number of shut-ins. This is a Women's Guild project.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY So many times when we consider the Christmas story Joseph gets lost among the shepherds, the manger, and the angels. Adam Hamilton has a new Advent Bible study recently released entitled *Joseph; The Journey to Forgiveness*. The study will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The study will conclude Wednesday, December 13. The Bible Study Group meets in the Lounge.



Bibles make great Christmas gifts!

Check out the age appropriate children's bibles for sale (at cost) in the Narthex.

Office Sub... I will be on vacation from Dec. 5th to Dec. 8th. Lynda Shenk will be working in the office on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. I need a sub for Wednesday, December 6th. If you could do this, please call me on Monday, December 4th. Thanks so much, Linda.



Join us on Sundays in December for Family Fundays in the Social Room! Bring your friends, bring your family, bring a snack to share. We will begin at 4pm with crafts and activities for all ages to prepare for Christmas.

Dec 3 - Make and share ornaments. *A variety of handcrafted ornament stations will be available. Make a few to keep and a few to share with visitors and friends to St. Paul's this Christmas season. Donations of crafting supplies will be appreciated.*

Dec 10 - Cookie baking *Bring the ingredients for a batch or two of your favorite cookie recipe. We'll mix and bake together in the new ovens. We'll take some home and share*

some with the students at the KU Campus Food Bank.

Dec 17 - Crafts and caroling. *Keep the fun going with some decorative crafts followed by caroling around town with our youth.*

The fun starts at 4. Come and go as you need to. Kids bring your parents. Parents bring your kids. Join us as we share the Christmas spirit!

College Re-Connect



Calling all college kids... join your old youth crew on Tuesday, December 19 at 8:30 PM in the church kitchen for coffee, conversation and re-connection. You made it

through finals and the trek home, we've set aside an evening just for you! Remember and revisit some of your best moments of St. Paul's Youth and share your latest adventures. This night is what you make it, so spread the word and join us at church (we'll help you transition from dorm life to home time!) Email Jenn at twjenn15@gmail.com with questions - and any requests for old retreat favorites!

Who Am I? I am a non-Hispanic white male. I am between the ages of 45-64. I am heterosexual. I am one of over 400 people in my group. Who am I? I am the average person living with HIV in Berks County. There are over 800 patients in Berks County and over 220 are seen each month by doctors at the Center for Public Health. 61% are male, 38% are female and 1% are transgender. Today as we recognize World AIDS Day Sunday let us continue to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic, mourn those who have died from this disease, minister to those affected by and those living with HIV/AIDS all while "Increasing Impact through Transparency, Accountability, and Partnerships". This year professionals are seeking to raise public awareness to a higher level by reminding each person to ask for a HIV test while completing your annual physical. Know your status. For more information visit www.knowyourstatus.org , www.worldaidsday.org and/or www.hiv.org



December 3rd

First Sunday of Advent
Communion at both services 8:55 and 10:25

December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent
Cantata at both services 8:55 and 10:25

December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday School Christmas Service **8:45am**
Late Service 10:25am
Longest Night Service 7 p.m.

December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship Services at 8:55 and 10:25 a.m.



Christmas Eve Services

Family Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.
Candlelight Service at 10:30 p.m.