

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 12– Saturday, November 18, 2017



# The Parable of the Talents

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

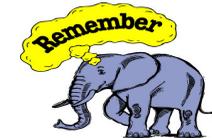
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Our Shut-In  
of the Week

**Roger and Lilli Simon...** Please sign the “Thinking of You” card in the Narthex. It will be mailed tomorrow. **Please sign the birthday card for Fern Shankweiler who will be 96 on November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Nov 13  
Nov 17Consistory  
Youth Midnight Bowling

7pm



### Shopping Cart in Narthex

It's that time of year, when we need to start preparing for the holiday dinner season. We need canned fruits and vegetables. Thank you for your continued donations for our families each month. **Please note!!! Food Pantry's**

**Thanksgiving distribution will be Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed from 3:30- 6pm. Thank you.**



Painting Party

**The Hospitality Committee** is having a **Painting Party on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** We will be painting Christmas trees and presents. The cost is \$15 per person. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!! Call Marie Richdale at 610-659-4740 for more information and to register.



Fleetwood High School will be holding a blood drive on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-6 p.m. in memory of Allyson Stern. There will be donation cards for you sign which will be given to the Stern family. Please call Bonnie Fansler at 610-944-7656 ext. 2 for an appointment time.



The Youth will be selling fresh wreaths for the Christmas holiday. They will be taking orders at the Bazaar and at both services on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be two delivery dates November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. Wreaths will be \$25 and swags will be \$15 with a choice of red or burgundy bows.

Operation Drumstick



Don't be alone on Thanksgiving. Join us for a FREE dinner on Thanksgiving Day, NOVEMBER 23. Dinner will be served at 12 noon in the social room. We will be serving turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Transportation and take out dinners are available. Please call 610-944-8994 with questions and reservations.



A TIME OF GRATITUDE

On Sunday, December 3 there will be a luncheon to honor the service of Linda Speece as our church secretary. Linda will be retiring at the end of the year. There will be a luncheon in her honor following the 10:25 service. We are collecting contributions for both the luncheon and a farewell gift to Linda. If you plan to attend the luncheon please contact Sandi Stern (email: [sls228@ptd.net](mailto:sls228@ptd.net) phone: 610-944-9143)

or Barb Hoffman (email [bobbilee53@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbilee53@yahoo.com) phone 484-955-2679). Please RSVP by November 19.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



Luminaria

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 10<sup>th</sup>. A list will be in the bulletin on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

\$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 10<sup>th</sup>. A list containing sponsors will be available December 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**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](http://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 610-823-7677, [klevan@comcast.net](mailto:klevan@comcast.net) or John Folk for more information or to place an order. This will be an ongoing fundraiser.



*Hallelujah!* The angels have arrived! Please stop by the tree in the narthex, select an angel, buy gifts for the child and return the gifts to St. Paul's by December 10th. No wrapping necessary. If you would like to sponsor an angel but do not wish to shop you may contribute money and our shoppers will do the legwork. Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for the children of our Berks County community.



Shoebbox Gifts

**Shoebbox Gifts:** As we see so many disasters unfold before us, we wonder how can we add a ray of sunshine, a glimmer of hope to the lives of so many who have been impacted in the US and around the world? We can add a bit of joy to the lives of many children who will face a bleak holiday by sending a shoebox filled with a few gifts to lift them up when they really don't understand what has happened to them. When their lives are filled with so many "what ifs."

"What if," as we have for several years, we collect shoebox gifts to send to children from ages 2 to 14? "What if," through these boxes, children can put a piece of their uprooted lives back together again?

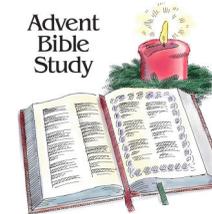
From October 22 to November 12, we will be sharing information and collecting shoeboxes. As we have in the past, we can assemble a shoebox for boys ages 10 to 14 which will include: a soccer ball, an air pump, a T-shirt and a toothbrush for \$15. Or, if you prefer, we will fill one for a girl or boy of a different age with appropriate gifts for \$15. Or you may wish to have your family shop and fill a box for a child. Questions? See Jim or Leona Wright. You may contact us at [leonaandjim@juno.com](mailto:leonaandjim@juno.com) or call us at 610.562.7492. We'd like to thank you for your past support and your support for this year.



Christmas Cards

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, December 3<sup>th</sup>. 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

**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 begin Wednesday, November 15 and conclude Wednesday, December 15. The Bible Study Group meet in the Lounge at 10:00 AM. Books may be picked up in the office next Sunday, November 12. (If you are interested in a Tuesday night Bible Study on the same topic, please see Pastor Pat.)