



The St. Paul's Spirit

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

December 2018

From Our President

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which translated means, GOD WITH US".



As we enter the Advent season it can sometimes be overwhelming with all there is to do -- decorating the house, navigating the malls and stores, enduring the holiday traffic, planning for family and friends visiting. It's easy to forget from time to time what the true message of the season is with all the hustle and bustle. I encourage you to try and find some downtime along the way, to reflect on what it really means. GOD WITH US. May we all be inspired by His gift to us, and led to spread that love and goodwill. I pray that He will fill all of us to overflowing with His grace, so that it can't be contained, and random acts of kindness abound from us.

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" *Matthew 5:16*.

Wishing you and all of your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, may it be healthy, safe and prosperous. From our family to yours. God bless.

Peace,

Vince Kehrer,
Consistory President

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.
Social Hour – beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School For All – 10:15 a.m.

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ
was founded in 1884 by members
from Zion's Reformed Church in
Pottstown. Our first church building
was located at Penn and Walnut
Streets.

In 1957, we relocated to our current
site. Our Christian Education wing
was built in 1962 to meet the needs
of our expanding congregation. In
1978, our present sanctuary was
began; it was dedicated in 1980.

2018 is our 134th year of ministry.
St. Paul's continues to grow in faith
and service with an expanding
ministry to its members, to our
community, and to the world. We
invite you to join us and to make St.
Paul's your church home.

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Breakfast with Santa!



**Saturday, December 8
from 8 – 11 a.m.**

*Join Santa for a delicious breakfast
of pancakes, sausage links, and juice*

*Be sure to bring your camera for
photo opportunities*

*Breakfast is by donation with all
proceeds to the Church*

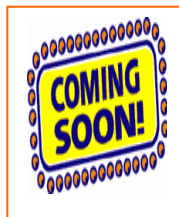
**CHANGE TO BULK MAILING IN
2019**

This will be the last edition of *The Spirit* newsletter that will be mailed to your home. The newsletters will be e-mailed to members who wish to receive them in this manner. If we do not have your current e-mail address, please notify the church office. Newsletters are also posted on the church's website (www.StPaulsPottstown.org). Several hard copies will also be available on the Welcome Table in the narthex for those who do not have access to internet service. We will continue to mail copies to those members on our shut-in list.

All other mailings will be made available in hard copies on a Sunday morning.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped to make our Holiday Bazaar a success! A total of \$1,823.50 was deposited in the General Fund.



Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events. You don't want to miss out on the fun!!

- January 2019 – Bakeless Cake Sale
- February 2 – “Souper” Bowl Sale
- March 2 – Basket Social
- April – Dinner
- May 4 – Flea Market

More information to follow. Anyone willing to help is welcome. All proceeds from fundraisers go to the General Fund.

**FOR YOUR
REFLECTION**

The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

- December 2** – Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36
- December 9** – Malachi 3: 1-4; Luke 1: 68-79; Philippians 1: 68-79; Luke 3: 1-6
- December 16** – Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Isaiah 12: 206; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18
- December 23** – Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1: 46b-55 or Psalm 80: 1-7; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)
- December 30** – 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52
- January 6** – Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

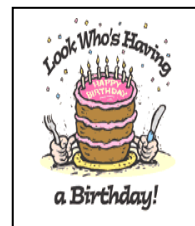
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Financial Snapshot

Total General Fund Income as of 11/30/18	962.00
Total General Fund Expenses as of 11/30/18	<u>325.00</u>
Year to Date Shortage	(\$ 363.00)



Celebrate with these members and friends of St. Paul's family having birthdays in December. If we missed your birthday, notify the office.



- 4 Lynda Zeleznick
- 5 Cerrissa Graham
- 11 Sean Turnbach
- 14 Barb Hurter, Janet Millard
- 17 Mike LaBelle
- 19 Kim Davis
- 24 Rebecca Arms, Stanley Sands
- 27 Barb Stouch
- 29 Ariana Arms, Jacob Arms V

FUEL OIL INCREASE

We have received our payment coupons for the upcoming 2018-2019 heating season. Due to increased costs of fuel and increased usage last year (which used up our surplus from the year before), our payments will be increased from \$550 per month to \$887 per month.

Please carefully consider this increase when you are planning your giving. You can use the designated monthly envelopes in your envelope pack, or use one of the Special Offering envelopes on the welcome table.

ADOPT A BILL

If you would like to adopt any of the church's regular monthly bills, please mark your check appropriately, and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Andi in the church office.



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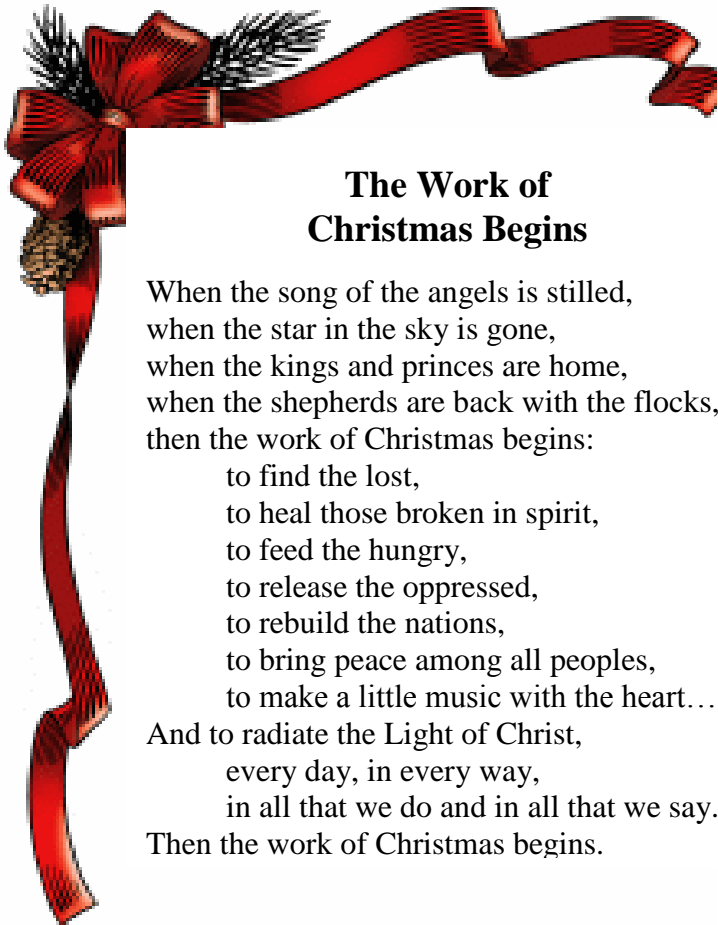
Ginny Bernhart – 12 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown,
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The Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way,
in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.



Greeters

December 2 – Peggy Davis
December 9 – Donna Risko
December 16 –
December 23 –
December 24 --
December 30 –
January 6 --

Ushers

December 2 - Kim & Andy Astheimer,
Andi Shollenberger
December 9 – Barb Stouch, Carol Eckroth,
Tina Ludy
December 16 – Stan & Lynne Sands
December 23 – Laurie & Jasmine Lucas,
Cheryl Albright-Repko, Scott Moyer
December 24 --
December 30 – Mike Faison, Fred Faison,
Jackie Turnbach, Betty Turnbach
January 6 --

Soundboard

December 2 – Frank Chesney
December 9 – Mike Faison
December 16 – Nash Ohlinger
December 23 –
December 24 --
December 30 – Frank Chesney
January 6 --

Serving Communion

December 2 – Kim Astheimer, Barb Hurter,
Dave & Dottie Yocom
December 24 --
January 6 --



DECEMBER 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 COMMUNION Consistory Meeting Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	3 Andi Vacation	4 Andi Vacation	5 Andi Vacation Choir 6:30 p.m. NA 8:00 p.m.	6 Andi Vacation FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	7 Andi Vacation	8  8 – 11 a.m.
9 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	10	11	12 Choir 6:30 p.m. NA 8:00 p.m.	13 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.	17	18	19 Choir 6:30 p.m. NA 8:00 p.m.	20 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	21	22
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*May the wonder and joy of Christmas
live in your heart all year long.*

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*