**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**December 1, 2019**

**1st Sunday in Advent**

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; For he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people” Luke 1:68

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PRELUDE:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATIONAL PRAYER**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (Red #203)

**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** 9:00AM: Mary Scutro

10:45: Carol Kampf and Janet Post

**CHERUB CHOIR** “Little Baby In A Manager” “Away In A Manger”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Red #196) (**PRAYER CARDS***may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)*

**MISSIONS COMMISSIONING PRAYER**

**MORNING PRAYER**

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY: SPECIAL MUSIC** Samantha Oliveira

**DOXOLOGY**  (Red #95)

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:67-79 (pg 1590)

**MESSAGE** “Humbug to Hallelujah

**COMMUNION** (Communion is by Intinction)

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Red #211)

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*Electric Piano Cathy Applegate

**GREETERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICES ARE:**

**9:00am Bill and Adriane Shaffer**

**10:45am: Bob and Linda Smith**

# **ACOLYTES:** **Leah Teller and Emily Chadwick**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Rebeccah Circle**

**THE SIGN UP CHART FOR THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IS IN THE NARTHEX.**

We invite you to celebrate an event or remember loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement to them. We all enjoy fresh flowers  at our services each Sunday, and you are welcome to take them home after the second service. The flowers cost $25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment when you sign up. Payment must be received to order flowers.

Thank you.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

**HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!**

**If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.**

**Methodist Men**

**Christmas Tree Sales**

From 5pm to 9pm Monday thru Friday

From 9am to 8pm Saturday

From Noon to 5pm Sunday

**Sign up chart to help sell trees will be up in the Narthex or in Eleanor Norcross Hall**

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week’s message “Thankful for God’s Word”

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

SUNDAY 12/01 9:00AM TradITIONAL WORSHIP Service – SANCTUARY

9:00 CHILDCARE- RM 2

9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10 FELLOWSHIP – NORCROSS HALL

10:45 ContEMPORARY WORSHIP Service

10:45 ADULT BIBLE STUDY – YOUTH ROOM

6:00pm YOUTH GROUP – yOUTH ROOM

6:00 PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

8:00 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

**MUSTARD sEED PRE-SCHOOL: MONDAY, TUESDAY, wEDNESDAY, Friday 8:45AM- 11:45AM**

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

MONDAY 12/02 6:00PM STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS

6:30 BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE

7:00 TRUSTEES - LIBRARY

TUESDAY 12/03 **NOON BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE**

7:00PM alanon group – yoUTH ROOM

7:00 Men’s Prayer Group – LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 12/04 6:00am Men’S Breakfast

10:00 The Quilters - Youth Room

10:30 LADIES SHARE – LIBRARY

1:00PM STAFF MEETING - LIBRARY

4:30 CHERUB CHOIR – 4 yr to 1st grade

6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM

6:00 VOLLEYBALL – NORCORSS HALL

7:00 mid-week WORSHIP – ROOM 8

7:30 CONCERT BAND PRACTICE

THURSDAY 12/05 6:00PM STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS

7:00 TRUELIFE YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM

7:00 BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL

7:00 BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY

7:00 CAROL CHOIR – 2nd GRADE TO 5TH GRADE

7:00 CELEBRATION CHOIR – 6TH GRADE TO 12TH GRADE

8:00 CHANCEL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM – 10TH GR.- ADULT

FRIDAY 12/06 8:30AM BULLETIN TEAM – LIBRARY

7:00PM BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY

7:30 PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE – SANCTUARY

SATURDAY 12/07 7:00AM MEN’S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM

SUNDAY 12/08 9:00AM TradITIONAL WORSHIP Service – SANCTUARY

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🎄👼🎄"CALLING ALL ANGELS"

**Yes you are not seeing things. It’s not Christmas yet but we are starting early this year so that there is one thing less that we ask you for at Christmas**

Each Christmas, through all of your generous contributions, the Warming Hearts Mission is able to distribute 150 mission bags to the residents, filled with their very basic needs. The following is a list of items that are needed to fill the mission bags. We would appreciate it if you could put the following items in a one gallon sealable plastic bag. Items should be **regular size only** (no trial or large size) and similar items.

Shampoo Deodorant (stick or roll-on)

Toothpaste Toothbrush (single pack)

1 Bar Soap (no liquid) Lip Balm (i.e., Chapstick)

We are also looking for these additional items to distribute:

Socks(male and female, white and colors)

Warm hats and gloves

Travel size tissues

Tin cans of butter cookies (large cans)

Christmas candy(Candy canes,

Hershey kisses,etc.-

**NO NUTS or PEANUT BUTTER** , please)

We are also asking for gift cards of $5 or $10 from Walmart, Wa-Wa, Dollar Tree, Rite-Aid and Target.

Please place your contributions in the large container marked \*Lexington House\* in the Narthex. “Thank You Angels, for your generosity in supporting the Lexington House Mission .”

**The Warming Hearts Mission**

**Any questions, call Mary Buckley 732-267-0852** 👼

**CYPRESS MISSIONS**

**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

**December 13th and 14th**

**Harbor House in Toms River:** [**www.oceansharborhouse.org**](http://www.oceansharborhouse.org)

**Friday start at 12:30 to 5 Dinner after for those who would like to join us**

**Saturday start at 9. End day by 3:30 Lunch provided**

**Small demo projects**

**Much Needed renovation on bathroom**

**Painting main boys’ area**

**Coming alongside teens in crisis**

**Repair some deck boards**

**Looking Ahead**

**End of February Dates to be Announced**

**Back to GTC Bahamas teaming up with**

**Heart 911, a nonprofit to continue the rebuilding efforts.**

**Information will be forth coming**

**Potential cost of trip will be Airfare (Approx. $400) plus $250**

**April 14th to the 18th**

**Family mission trip**

**Place to be announced**

**Projected cost: $350.00 per family**

**This will be camp setting with work projects**

**Visit a nursing home**

**Community service**

**And nightly devotionals**

**Great way to bring families together from other churches**

**To serve**

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# Pizza & Caroling

**Tuesday December 10th- 6 PM**

**For All Church Family**

Set aside Tuesday, December 10th, for an evening to bring special love to our nursing homes residents. We will meet at church at 6:00 PM for pizza. We will then go Christmas Caroling to several nursing homes and meet back at church for hot chocolate and donuts. All ages are invited and encouraged to join us for this special evening. It is a time to forget about the pressures of the holidays and bring the real meaning of Christmas to others. A sign-up chart is outside Norcross hall and in the Narthex. Please sign up even if you don’t want pizza

**. Attendance for November 24, 2019**

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday 189**

**Sunday School 55**

**MORTGAGE UPDATE:**

The mortgage balance as of December 1, 2019 is $808,253

**Administrative Information**

Communications

**E-Mail Announcements and Prayer Requests**

**If you would like to be on the church e-mail list to receive announcements, reminders of upcoming events and prayer requests, e-mail your information to** [**penrodt@Comcast.net**](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net)**.**

**All Circuit Rider articles should be e-mailed to Nancy Penrod at** [**penrodt@Comcast.net**](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net)**. If you do not have access to a computer you can drop it off in the office or call Nancy at 732- 458-7641. All articles should be sent to Nancy by the 10th of the month prior to publication.**

**Bulletin Notices-**All information to be included in the Bulletin is due to the church office by **Tuesday at Noon.** If you have access to e-mail, please send your Bulletin announcement via e-mail to [**Office@stpaulsbrick.org**](mailto:Office@stpaulsbrick.org)**.**

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Judy Propert, Janet Post Choir Directors

Cathy Applegate, Pam Snyder Choral Accompanists

Peggy Blomquist, Judy and Bill Propert Congregational Care

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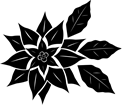
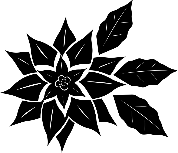
Step of Faith stepoffaithministries.org Haiti

C.R.U (The Kays) [matthew.kay@cru.org](mailto:matthew.kay@cru.org) N.Y.C.

Our weekly events are updated frequently to keep you posted on the happenings of the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrick/>



**Poinsettias For Christmas**

**United Methodist Men are now taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return with your payment. The form and money can be placed in the collection plate, sent or given directly to the Church office.**

**The cost of each plant is $9.00**

**Checks payable to St. Paul’s U.M.M.**

**PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 8, 2019**

ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please take your plant home**

**MC900030721[1]CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS**

**CANTATA**

**&**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND**

**St. Paul’s Chancel Choir and Christmas Concert Band will present their Christmas cantata and concert on December 21 and 22, Saturday and Sunday nights, at 7:30 PM. (Snow date December 23).**

The **Chancel Choir** will present **“Born Is the King—It’s Christmas”.** This is a new and exciting musical which takes us through the story of Christ’s birth –from the centuries of people awaiting Jesus’ arrival, Mary and Joseph taking a cattle stall as a birthing place, the shepherds and angels heralding the Messiah’s birth and finally to the journey of the Magi. Though the story occurred over 2000 years ago, it remains as riveting, compelling, and relevant to us today!

**Our Chancel Choir will be joined at times by narrators, Children’s Choirs, and pageantry as well as a beautiful DVD. It is a wonderful celebration of Christ’s birth!**

Our **Christmas Concert Band** will present **“Songs of the Season”** with great Christmas music. Many different styles will be presented including traditional Christmas songs in various settings, “The Polar Express”, and even a “swingin’” Christmas number. Our Concert Band is made up of woodwinds, brass, and percussion players from St. Paul’s and the high schools, colleges, and communities around us. It is a unique ensemble and we are excited to involve our church and community in this instrumental outreach.

**Why not take time out from the hustle and bustle of holiday planning to experience what the season is really all about. Please mark these dates on your calendar today and invite family and friends to join us. It is sure to be a great part of your Christmas celebration**.

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**Advent Readers**

We are looking for readers during the services for the Advent candle lightings. The first reading is on Sunday December 1st. It can be families, couples, or individuals.

I will need someone for each service for the four Sundays of Advent and for the three services on Christmas Eve. I will give you the sections to read ahead of time. If you are interested, please fill out your name and phone number, email, and which service or services you are available to read below, then place in the offering plate. Please include an email as this is how I will be able to send you the reading in advance. Thank you!

**--------------------------------------------------------If you see a check mark √that Sunday service has been scheduled\***

**Advent candle Lighting and readers:**

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Sunday, Dec. 1st 9 am \_\_√\_\_ 10:45am\_\_\_\_√\_\_

Second Sunday, Dec. 8th 9 am\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am\_\_\_√\_\_\_

Third Sunday, Dec. 15th 9 am\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fourth Sunday, December 22nd 9 am\_\_√\_\_\_ 10:45 am\_\_\_\_

December 24th Christmas Eve 5 pm \_\_√\_\_

7:30 pm\_\_\_\_\_ 11 pm\_\_\_\_\_

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

November 24, 2019

**“With Gods power working in us, he can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen” Ephesians 3:20-21**

**HEALING** – Milt; Michele & Danny, continued comfort Joanne; co-worker who suddenly passed away & his family; Nick continued strength & guidance, Cindy for continued healing; friends daughter relapse with depression, friends husband – another round of chemo, friend recovering from new chemo treatments, Milt, Bill Miller & Steve; Suzanne, Doris, Kathie, Lena, Shirley, Lorraine, Robin, Karen; Tim; Patty D, Melissa, Dawn, Buddy Franklin with brain tumor inoperable – 57yo in ICU with radiation & chemo, bless his wife Cheryl & daughters Rebecca & Jessica; Alma now in assisted living recovered from pneumonia, strengthen her to get well; Denise – cancer, Victoria with fibromyalgia strengthen her; caregivers; continued healing for John – Elaine; Corey on life support due to an infection, also a swollen brain from seizures; Mark G & Keith B; friends family with cancer, Peg, Patty, Uncle Ronnie, Ken, Lisa, Amanda, Bill; Bentley for upcoming brain biopsy at CHOP & family, Mom H’s shoulder surgery; Ellen with health concerns; Irene heart & hip surgery, Charity with kidney failure; John comfort & healing from prostate cancer, Ann for knee surgery; Nora as she heals from surgery; daughters Carol & Cathy – Mom; family & friends with cancer & heart problems; Ginny who is sick with heart problems; Max, Matlilda, Mary, Diane, Aiden; total healing from me; Bill Miller feels better in the hospital – Michael; Barbara with melanoma, brother -in-law Billy on hospice, Chip, Stanley, Milt, Nancy, Terry, Jane, Betty, Diane, Anita, Jaya, Bill, Lorraine B.

**PRAISE –** Answered prayers; for my family; for healing; all the wonderful things you have given me to enjoy, a wonderful family -bless and care for all the them; for family; many blessings in our lives – Reeds; Danny’s healing praise God; God for my continued recovery and thanks to members of the choir for their support & prayers – Cathy; God from my family & all the blessings in my life; good family & friends; total healing for my husband; my lighthouse; healing of my blood pressure; acceptance in college & continued guidance.

**PROTECTION** – Men & women in the military, guide their lives; my great grandson, bless and lead him to a wonderful life; our missionaries around the world; Peace; those in the military; over Tyler during his hockey games.

**“You are the light that shines for the world to see. You are the city built on a hill that cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14**

**GUIDANCE** – St Paul’s UMC & leaders, country & county leaders; for doctors as they try to figure out what the infection is & treatment; test results on MRI & nerve testing; Tracy for guidance; Makana for a healthy pregnancy; give me patience & wisdom to inspire my family to turn to you; my 6 grandkids keep them safe and on the right path in life; Peaceful family time during the holiday season; allow us as Christians to shine our holy spirit during the holidays; be giving.

**TRAVEL MERCIES** – Over the holiday weekend.

**SALVATION –** Cousin Dean & family that they know Jesus; Nick; my family members; children & grandchildren.



St. Paul’s Food Pantry is happy to announce

that it is now…

Open to the Public!

Our food pantry will be open

from 3:30pm until 5:30pm

on the first Wednesday

and the first Thursday

of every month.

Please let others know that we are here to help. We want to help everyone – no matter the circumstance, no matter the frequency, no matter the size of the household. Many times, we are just having a tough time between checks. Be it a temporary or long term difficulty; let us help ease your grocery burden. For more info, call the church office at 732-458-2080

**You’re Invited !!!!!**



**3rd Annual Home for the Holidays**

Make you own gingerbread house (requires pre-registration)

**$15. For the first 2 houses per family, $ 10 for each additional house**

**Pre-assembly available for $5. Per house**

All supplies are provided for you ----- you supply the creativity

Old Fashioned Cookie Swap (requires pre-registration)

When: Sunday, December 8th, 2019

Registration Deadline:

Sunday, December 1, 2019

From: 1:00 – 3:00 PM. At: St. Paul’s UMC, Norcross Hall

**Come spend the afternoon Welcoming in the Christmas Season with your family and friends.**

Enjoy-----

**DJ** Entertainment, Enjoy your favorite Christmas music

**Dance presentation** by Samantha Olivera

A visit from **Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus**

**Complimentary Dessert Table** with Coffee and Apple Juice

**UWM Christmas Shoppe** open for your shopping pleasure

**Christmas Green Stand** will be open—purchase your Christmas Wreath, Table Centerpiece for the Holidays

**Christmas Tree Stand** will be open—pick up your Christmas Tree

**Bring your family and friends out for an afternoon of Christmas festivities,**

**and leave filled with the Christmas Spirit.**

Any questions, contact the church office @ 732-458-2080, or Ivy Kirn @ 732-740-8784.

Registration forms are available in the church office, or Sunday morning between services outside of Norcross Hall.

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