**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**December 8, 2019**

**2nd Sunday in Advent**

“And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour” Luke 1:66 & 47

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PRELUDE:** “The First Noel”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATIONAL PRAYER**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Come, All Ye Faithful ” (Blue #249)

**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** 9:00AM: The Scott Family

10:45: The Straehle Family

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “How Great Our Joy” (Blue #269) (**PRAYER CARDS***may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)*

**MORNING PRAYER**

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY: CHANCEL-** “Come” from the cantata Born Is the King

**DOXOLOGY**  (Red #95)

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:46-55 (pg 1589)

**MESSAGE** “Rekindling Our Joy”

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE “Joy to the World” (Blue #270)

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!”

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week’s message “Humbug to Hallelujah

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

**9:00am Trupti Ashar**

**10:45am: Trupti Ashar**

# **ACOLYTES:** **Fiona Predham and Ryan Hager**

**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**

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

SUNDAY 12/08 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

1:00PM HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS – NORCROSS HALL

6:00 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 12/09 6:00PM STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS

6:30 BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE

7:00 FINANCE - LIBRARY

TUESDAY 12/10 **NOON BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE**

7:00PM alanon group – yoUTH ROOM

7:00 Men’s Prayer Group – LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 12/11 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 12/12 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 12/13 8:30AM BULLETIN TEAM – LIBRARY

 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY

 7:30 PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE – SANCTUARY

SATURDAY 12/14 7:00AM MEN’S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM

 8:00 TRUSTEE WORK DAY

SUNDAY 12/15 9:00AM TradITIONAL WORSHIP Service – SANCTUARY

9:00 CHILDCARE- RM 2

9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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**

**. Attendance for December 8, 2019**

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday 179**

**Sunday School 53**

**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****.**

**All Circuit Rider articles should be e-mailed to Nancy Penrod at** **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****.**

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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**.



Our Food Pantry donations increased so much this year, we were able to serve almost twice as many people!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Although we may know of a few donors, we would be remiss to partially publicize some of the people to thank. Moreover, we know this congregation does not seek recognition with its generosity. Every day, within this church, so many “behind the scenes” things are being done for His glory and our pantry volunteers are grateful to be a part of such a compassionate congregation.



“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:2-4

Intercessory Prayer

December 1, 2019

**“Let us be brave, then, where there is grace. There will we receive mercy and find grace to help us when we need it." Hebrews 4:16**

**HEALING –** prayers of healing for Carol and Cathy; Nick, Jane, Dan, Bill L., Bill F., Robert, Lorraine B., Lorraine H., June P., June H., Nancy, Terry, Sherry, Lloyd, Bill M., Diane P., prayers for Mom H’s shoulder surgery this week; for Joey, a young boy with castleman’s disease; friend’s daughter with depression; Suzanne, Doris, Kathie Lorraine, Janet N., Len, Shirley, Milt, Steve; healing for my pappy’s knee; continued healing for Keith; healing for Andrew, Aedin, Max; Lori’s heart surgery on Monday; 5 year old Kennedy having brain surgery; Ken dealing with myositis diagnosis; healing for Barbara, Billy, Carolyn, Lorraine, Maureen, Mary George, Chip, Cathy, Bill L, and Sharon, Milt, Ray, Jan, Diane, Dottie, Gwen, Steve and Cindy; healing for Alan, Joan, Gary B, Dede and Family, Annette undergoing back surgery; answers for Ellen’s health issues; healing for friends and family with health issues; total healing for me, spirit, body, and soul.

**"Do not be afraid or discouraged. The battle is not yours, but God's. Stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. The Lord will be with you." 2 Chronicles 20: 15, 17**

**CANCER SUFFERERS** – prayers for friends and family with cancer: Uncle Ronnie, Patty, Peg, William, Amanda, Ken & Lisa, Erich, Nilda; Dear God, Maryanne needs your strength to keep fighting the battle as she recovers from chemo. Please do not allow her to give up; friend recovering from chemo; friend’s husband with another round of chemo; Robin, Kira on chemo.

**"Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days."**

**SALVATION** – prayers to lift Parker’s burden; salvation for my father; for people with drinking and anger problems; I pray for strength, wisdom and guidance to be a better husband and father.

**"Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows.” James 10: 12-13**

**PRAISE** – for the season of Advent; praise for Jamie – thank you; praise for answered prayers for family traveling over the holiday.

**"People make plans in their minds, but only the Lord can make them come true. Depend on the Lord in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:1, 3**

**GUIDANCE –** prayers for Bentley and Stanoise family; protection for those in the military; prayers of strength and guidance for Paul; guidance for my 6 grandkids. Keep them safe and on the right path in life; guidance for St. Paul’s church and leaders, our country, county and local leaders; for healing hearts after the loss of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather; for our granddaughter, guidance for Damien, strength for Maria who lost her husband, prayers for Maria to find a new job; guidance for my children to always feel you near – let them know they are never alone; guidance and blessings on my grandsons.

“**I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled.”**

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**Advent Readers**

We are looking for readers during the services for the Advent candle lightings.

**We have 1 Sunday Left for the taking!**

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!

**-----------------------------------------------------------Advent candle Lighting and readers:**

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

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

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Third Sunday, Dec. 15th 9 am\_\_\_\_\_



UMW Circle Meetings for December 2019

All ladies are welcome! If you’ve ever wondered what goes on at our monthly UMW circle get-togethers, just ask us! Better yet, try one. You might just get hooked! We study God’s word. We share. We laugh. We learn about each other. We love the Lord together. And we do all this by meeting up just once a month.

Our hope is that one of these meeting dates will fit into your busy schedule. Why not give it a try? What have you got to lose? More importantly, what have you got to gain? Well, we think you’ll gain a lot trying one of these:

Martha Circle 10:45 am, Sunday, December 8th. Call Diane Collis for more information at (732) 785-2750 or email Diane at dcollis19@gmail.com

Rebeccah Circle noon, Tuesday, December 10th. Call Ruth Baker for more information at (732) 458-2712 or email Ruth at mbaker@comcast.net

Sarah Circle noon, Tuesday December 10th. Call Carol Kampf for more information at (732) 458-8232 or email Carol at CarolKampf@yahoo.com

Miriam Circle, 7pm, Tuesday, December 10th. Call Cathy Porzio for more information at (732) 458-8232 or email Cathy at cporzio@verizon.net

Lydia Circle, 7pm, Wednesday, December 11th. Call Margie Moss for more information at (732) 458-4857 or email Margie at mmoss77@comcast.net

Save the date and join your Church family on

Tuesday, December 10th

for a rewarding, fun evening of

Pizza & Caroling

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We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for some yummy pizza before heading out to bring special love to our nursing homes residents. After caroling, delicious hot chocolate and donuts will be served back at the church. All ages are encouraged to join us for this special evening as we bring the real meaning of Christmas to others.

 Sign-up charts are located in the narthex and outside Norcross Hall. We ask that you sign up for the evening even if you won’t be having pizza. The entire evening is FREE!

Help spread the real “reason for the season”

Merry Christmas!