

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**INVOCATION**  
**\*SONGS** *The King of Glory Comes* 2091  
*Like a Child* 2092

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**  
Chuck and Ruth Lingenfelter  
**CHORAL RESPONSE: (#2085)** He came down that we may worship. He came down that we may worship. He came down that we may worship. Hallelujah forevermore.

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**SMALL TALK** Children are invited to come to the Communion Rail (Children's worship packets available; no Sunday School today)

**\*SONG** *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* 2089

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**  
**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER** 895  
**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
**OFFERING** *Coventry Carol* (Trad.) Epworth Choir  
**SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**MESSAGE:  
"CONNECTING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"  
REV. REGAN**

**\*SONG** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE**

\*(Please stand as you are able)

**PRAYING YOUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM**

**Weekdays during Advent beginning November 30  
7:30 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; Rickard Chapel**

Learn how an ancient prayer format might be relevant for you during the busy days leading up to Christmas. Drop in for daily prayers led by Rev. Jack Amick. Come when you can and as you are.

**FAMILY SUNDAYS**

**November 29, December 27 & January 3**

There will be no Sunday school during worship or at the 10:00 a.m. hour for children, youth and adults on these Sundays. Worship bags for children will be available in the Narthex and balcony on those Sundays. Childcare will be available for children ages birth through 4 years during the worship services.

**ST. PAUL'S MEN!!!**

Our next monthly gathering is THIS Saturday, December 5 in Hickey Hall. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. followed by this year's book study, *Ninety Minutes in Heaven*, by Don Piper. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting. To join us, all you need do is show up in Hickey Hall hungry for food, fellowship and learning.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Sunday, December 13; 7:00 p.m.; Sanctuary**

The Troy chapter of Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for parents coping with the death of a child, will participate in a worldwide candle lighting to remember loved ones. Newcomers are welcome to attend.

# The St. Paul's Evangel

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**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**

(Please call 248-651-9361 three weeks in advance to schedule your event on our calendar)

**MONDAY, November 30th:**

10:00 a.m. Patience Circle Planning – Library  
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir – Choir Room  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 123 – Rooms 120 – 123  
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – Hickey Hall  
7:00 p.m. Epworth Choir – Choir Room

**TUESDAY, December 1st:**

9:00 a.m. Full Staff – Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Prayerful Yoga & Christian Meditation – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Walking in Faith – meet outside Hickey Hall  
1:30 p.m. Anchoring Your Well Being – Room 131  
1:30 p.m. Book Group Luncheon – Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Prayerful Yoga & Christian Meditation – Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Hickey Hall

**WEDNESDAY, December 2nd: [DECK THE HALLS]**

9:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group – Call (248) 652-3937  
9:30 a.m. H.U.G.S. – Rooms 128, 129  
5:00 p.m. LOGOS ("Deck the Halls") / 360° – Hickey Hall, the Lounge  
6:00 p.m. "Deck the Halls" – Hickey Hall  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation – Rooms 122, 123  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

**THURSDAY, December 3rd: [CHRISTMAS & CANDLELIGHT]**

9:00 a.m. DISCIPLI I Bible Study – Room 131  
9:00 a.m. DISCIPLI II Bible Study – Room 132  
10:00 a.m. Study of Luke – Rooms 128, 129  
5:30 p.m. New Hope Circle – Dinner at "Shields Pizza"  
6:30 p.m. Canterbury Ringers – Bell Room  
7:00 p.m. UMW Meeting – Rickard Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Christmas & Candlelight – Hickey Hall  
7:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers – Bell Room

**FRIDAY, December 4th: ["BROWN BAG" & SING-ALONG MESSIAH]**

9:00 a.m. Career Networking Group – Room 132  
12:00 p.m. Advent "Brown Bag" Concert Series – Sanctuary, Parlor  
12:30 p.m. AI-Anon – Room 123  
2:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123  
8:00 p.m. Sing-Along Messiah – Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, December 5th: [JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY]**

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast & Study – Hickey Hall  
10:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Room 123  
1:00 p.m. Jesus' Birthday Party – Hickey Hall

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If you wish to order a Poinsettia for Christmas Sunday, December 20, fill out this form and send it with your check for \$9.50 each to St. Paul's UMC, P.O. Box 80307, Rochester, MI 48308, Attn: Poinsettias. The deadline is December 7. Sleeved flowers may be:

(please CHECK ONE) \_\_\_\_\_ picked up after the 11 a.m. December 20; Sunday Morning Service  
\_\_\_\_\_ or may be given to a person who is homebound

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ will pick up my plant.

Name on tag: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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**St. Paul's is a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

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**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* (Smith)  
Betty Curtiss and Marianne Harris, Pianos

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211

**UNISON PRAYER:** (People seated) Lord of All Faithfulness, we give You thanks for the promises You made to our ancestors and the ones You make to us. We long to see justice and righteousness in the world. We long for the days when Your peace will prevail. Help us listen to the prophets of the past. Help us live in faithfulness today, in anticipation of Your tomorrow. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (Leader); **THE LORD'S PRAYER** 895

**RESPONSE: (#487)** This is our prayer. This is our prayer, O God

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE** Bill and Lorraine Towers

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**MUSIC** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* (Haydn) Mrs. Curtiss & Mrs. Harris  
(Children's worship packets available; no Sunday School today)

**\*PSALTER** Psalm 25:1-10 Response 1 756-757

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 881

**\*GLORIA PATRI** 71

**\*HYMN** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 216

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RESPONSE: (#898)** 3-fold Amen

**OFFERTORY** *Coventry Carol* (Trad.) Chancel Choir, Mark Tarabusi, Flute

**\*DOXOLOGY (#94)** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**RESPONSE: Leader:** This is the word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON: "CONNECTING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE" – REV. REGAN**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 213

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE: (#671, vs.1)** Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

**\*CHIMES**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Near to the Heart of God* (Young) Mrs. Curtiss & Mrs. Harris

\*(Please stand as you are able)

## SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH

### 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Regan; Dr. Randall, Director of Music; Wayne Hodges, Head Usher 9:00a.m.; Daniel Clifford, Head Usher 11:00 a.m.; Keith Loeb, Greeter Coordinator.

INFANT NURSERY: Room 115

TODDLERS AND TWO-YEAR-OLDS: Rooms 116-117

THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLDS: Room 127

GOD'S SPECIAL GIFTS (*For All Ages*): Room 207

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** [Children's Worship Packets available]

**10:00 a.m. COFFEE HOUR:** United Methodist Women, Host.

**12:00 p.m. COFFEE HOUR:** Self Serve



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Staff Sgt. Melinda Marth, sister of Missy Derge and aunt of Max and Andrea. The Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Curtiss by his wife, Betty.

## BALDWIN AVENUE CENTER



UMW is once again purchasing gloves and hats and your contributions can help! Please mark your envelope or check as "UMW Gloves." Contact: Jeanne Pichel 248-651-8956.

## COOKIES FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Every year, our ministers deliver a plate of cookies to homebound members. You're invited to help by dropping off home-baked Christmas cookies to the church kitchen on or before 11:00 a.m. on December 13. The cookies will be re-packaged, so no need to use a fancy plate. Please mark, "Cookies for the Homebound."



## ADVENT "BROWN BAG" CONCERT SERIES

Fridays, December 4, 11 & 18; Noon; Sanctuary

Join us for this series featuring half-hour concerts followed by brown bag lunch in the Parlor. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

## SING-ALONG MESSIAH ~ Friday, December 4; 8:00 p.m.; Sanctuary

Bring your own score and sing along. (There will be seating for those who just want to listen!) Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$50 for a family of four. Scores are \$10 each. Tickets and scores are available at the door or by calling 248-218-2149 or music@rc.edu.



## HARMONY IN THE HILLS

Christmas with the Motor City Brass Band

Sunday, December 6; 4:30 p.m.; Sanctuary

Come hear the Motor City Brass Band, Michigan's first competitive British-style brass band. Motor City Brass Band is ranked among the Top 10 competition bands in North America.

## ROCHESTER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 6; 7:30 p.m.; St. Andrew Catholic Church

Celebrate the joy of the season in the annual Christmas concert featuring area church and community choirs, including St. Paul's. Donations go towards Tuesday Musicale's scholarship fund.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Monday, December 14 through Saturday, December 19

On Saturday, December 19, St. Paul's will deliver food baskets to over 100 families in the Greater Rochester Area. We accept non-perishable "family type" food items, checks, or you can help to assemble or deliver baskets. Watch for more details. Contact: Carolyn Phelps (248) 651-0765.



## ALL-MUSIC SUNDAY: Vivaldi's Magnificat

Sunday, December 20; 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.; Sanctuary

Don't miss this glorious celebration of Christmas through the music of our vocal, bell and handchime choirs as well as members of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

# Faith First

Save your spot and reserve any materials needed for these classes by calling the church office, (248) 651-9361, at least one week prior to the start of class.

**December: Christ in Celebration**  
Centering Ourselves on the Christ in Christmas

## ALL CHURCH ADULT STUDY

The Advent Conspiracy: Christmas Was Meant To Change The World

Sunday mornings, December 6, 13, & 20; 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study: All ages, drop in; Room 131**

**Time Out: Parents of Young Children; Rooms 128, 129**

**Faith & Family: Parents of Teens and Beyond; Room 132**

**Family Life: Empty Nesters; Parlor**

Advent Conspiracy invites you to restore the heart of the holiday. Learn how to substitute compassion for consumption through four simple principles: *Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All.*

## OPENING YOUR HEART TO CHRIST

Wednesdays, December 9 & 16; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Parlor

This experiential mini-retreat will give you the opportunity to breathe, relax and refocus your heart on the coming of Christ in the midst of your busy holiday schedule. Journey with Susan Amick back to the expectation of Mary, Joseph, and all ancient Jews! During this two-part retreat, you will begin exploring how you prepare your heart for Christ during Advent, and all year-round \*\* See childcare note.

## January: Money and Manna

Living Abundantly even in Scarcity

## GOOD SENSE BUDGET COURSE

Biblical Financial Principles for Transforming Your Finances and Life

Sunday, January 10; 4:00-7:30 p.m.; Parlor

and Wednesdays January 13, 20, 27, and February 3; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Parlor

Learn how you can experience grace, joy, and freedom through Biblical financial principles. This nationally renowned Christian budgeting program will be kicked off Sunday, January 10 by Rev. David Bell, V.P. of Stewardship, Methodist Foundation of Michigan. The introductory session will cover the first two units of the program and include a light supper. The next four sessions will be led by Mike Gable on the following Wednesday evenings. It is recommended that participants complete some preliminary sections of the book prior to the first session. The cost for a book and dinner January 10: \$12 for 1 person, \$14 for 2 people, and \$16 for a family. Please contact the church office at (248) 651-9361 to reserve your book and dinner. \*\* See childcare note.

\*\* Childcare is available for classes with this notation. Call the church office (248) 651-9361 ext. 114, to register by 3:00 p.m. at least two business days prior to the first class. Ability to provide childcare will be based on a minimum RSVPs received prior to the first class.

## H.U.G.S.

Humor, Understand, Growth and Support for moms of all ages!

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.; Rooms 128, 129

The HUGS Advent study will run through December 16 ... discussing 25 Days, 26 Ways to Make This Your Best Christmas Ever. To wet your appetites, discussions will range from "Shopping Off the List, to Escaping the Inner Scrooge, to Taking a New Look at Mistletoe" ... and lots of other things in between. Make time in your increasingly busy lives to enjoy the respite and JOY of HUGS together this Advent Season. Moms of ALL ages are always welcome. \*\* See childcare note.



## DECK THE HALLS

Wednesday, December 2; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; Hickey Hall  
You are invited to join LOGOS for dinner (\$5/person or \$10/family) and an evening of fellowship and decorating! Dinner will be from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Hickey Hall, followed by fun activities and decorating the church for the Advent season from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be something for every age, including a great craft project for families with young children. Childcare is available for birth through four years from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Reservations are needed for dinner and childcare before noon on November 30 by calling the church office at 248-651-9361.**

## CHRISTMAS AND CANDLELIGHT

Thursday, December 3; 7:00 p.m.; Hickey Hall

Join us for an evening of dessert and music. The special recognition of members chosen for outstanding service to the UMW will be given at a 7:00 p.m. ceremony preceding the concert. Members who have "gone to their reward" will be memorialized. Love and Faith Circles are in charge of the desserts and decorations for the evening.

## JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 5; 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.; Hickey Hall

Join us for a family friendly afternoon of Christmas joy. There will be Advent crafts, special performances by the Cherub Choir and Hand chime choir and an opportunity to experience what it was like in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. A guide will take you on a journey to hear the story of Jesus' birth as you meet a Roman Centurion, King Herod and the shepherds. Everyone is asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for United Methodist Children's Home or Rochester Area Neighborhood House. **Cupcakes Needed:** If you love to bake then we need your help! We are looking for people who can bake 24 cupcakes and drop them off in Hickey Hall by December 5 at 11:00 a.m. If you can help, contact Melanie Nally at 248-650-6978. Thank you in advance for your help!

## DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, December 7; 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Hickey Hall

"The need is constant. The gratification is instant." The American Red Cross is asking for our participation on behalf of the many patients whose lives depend on the availability of blood products in our community. During our June drive, 41 units were collected. These units gave as many as 118 hospital patients a chance to once again enjoy good health. Many thanks to our new and loyal donors. You are truly "life savers." Sign-up sheets for appointment times will be in the Narthex two Sundays before our drive. We hope you'll mark your calendars.

## KID'S NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 12; 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Kid's Night Out is your chance to have a night out on the town, get some Christmas shopping done or simply enjoy a quiet couple of hours. To support the summer worktrip, children ages birth-fifth grade will be cared for by youth and adults at the church that evening. Activities will include games, crafts, a Christmas movie, plus – we will feed your children! A donation of \$15 per child or \$25 per family is suggested! Registration is required for this event by Monday, December 7. To register: contact Stacie Buckler at stacie@stpaulsrochester.org or 248-651-9361 with your name, your email, your child's name and your child's age or grade.

## UMW COOKIE WALK

Sunday, December 13

The United Methodist Women are preparing for another Christmas Cookie Walk, and we are looking for all available helpers. The Cookie Walk will be on Sunday, December 13. If you are able to bake a double or triple batch of a favorite cookie recipe, or if you are able to help with the set-up or sale of the cookies, please sign up at a table in the Narthex on November 29, or call Sylvia Anderson (248-656-9645). If you have already signed up, please check at the table for "Cookie bakers' guidelines". Cookies will be \$15.00 a box, and customers will select whatever they want to go into their own box. Proceeds from the sale go to help fund local missions.