The Grapevine

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St. Paul's is a caring, Christ-centered congregation reaching out to the world by sharing the Good News through our Worship, Missions, Christian Education, and Fellowship.

November 15, 2026

Adult Sunday School Class today at 11:00 a.m.

Coke Room: Old and New: We are a journey through Numbers and Luke, alternating chapters of the old and new testament. We will be discussing the teaching of Jesus from the scripture he read.
Led by David McIlvaine

Heck Room: ***Better Ways to Read the Bible: Transforming a Weapon of Harm into a Tool of Healing (Four New Lenses for Making Sense of Scripture)*** by Zach W. Lambert.
Facilitated by Scott Simpson

Advent Devotionals Booklets

Booklets are now available. You can pick one up in the narthex after worship, or reach out to Barb Barto in the church office. If you have $2 to help offset the costs, this is greatly appreciated. You can place the money in the little envelope provided and drop it into the offering basket in the back of the sanctuary. We hope this is a blessing to your spiritual journey this Advent as you wait for the coming of Jesus yet again.

Advent Groups Beginning

Sunday, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. We will offer Advent groups on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If we get enough participants, we will offer both in-person and online groups on Wednesdays. If in-person attendance is light, we will organize a hybrid experience. Can't make either group? Pick up a copy of the book and read along. Let Pastor Carm know if you want to participate, or if you need a copy of the book, *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* by Mike Slaughter.

Movie Discussion

On **Wednesday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m.** we will discuss *Wicked* on Zoom. Themes include: the nature of good and evil, power, propaganda, and scapegoating, prejudice and marginalization, complicity vs resistance, and identity, agency, and friendship. Wicked can be viewed on YouTube or Amazon Prime for $3.99. Pastor Carm will share a link next week in her Ministry Musings message. This is a film that young people really relate to. Invite friends to join the conversation.

Bring Your Voice. Share Some Joy!

Everyone is welcome to join us at **Foulk Living** on **Today, from 11:20 a.m. to Noon** for a hymn sing and time visiting with the residents! You don't have to be a great singer. You don't even have to sing. Come, pull up a chair, and listen as others sing with great joy. It will lift your spirits!
Come see what your presence means to these amazing people. it will be worth your time. Questions: Contact Jeff Nicely at jeff@jeffnicely.com

St. Paul's UMW Giving Tree

Christmas Program for
Wilmington's Neighborhood House
November 8 – December 6

UMW will again be sponsoring 20 children through Neighborhood House's Annual Christmas Gift Card Drive. They have requested gift cards from stores such as Target, Walmart, and Amazon. Our goal is to provide from $75-$100 in gift cards for each child. We invite you to visit us at our "Giving Tree" on Sunday, November 8 after the church service in the "quilt hallway" next to the kitchen to pick up your donation envelope. We ask that gift cards be in increments of $25. Another option is to donate cash or checks in any amount. Checks (written to St. Paul's UMW) and cash will be used to purchase additional gift cards. Donations can be returned in the "Giving Tree" boxes in the narthex or by the Giving Tree. A UMW member will be by the tree each Sunday through December 6.
Questions may be directed to any member of the Deb II Circle or to Ginger Morley (302-750-0211.) Thank you for sharing the Christmas spirit with these families!

Today

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9:30 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School, Adult SS wing
11:20 am Singing & Visiting, Foulk Living

This Week

MONDAY (16)
5:30 pm Wilmington Handbells, Choir Room
6:30 pm Church Council, Heck Room

TUESDAY (17)
8:00 am Emmanuel Dining Room Cooking, Kitchen
9:00 am Beginner Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

WEDNESDAY (18)
9:00 am Ugly Quilts, Asbury Room
9:00 am Int'l Women's Club, FH & Adult SS Rooms
12:00 pm Grief Group, Coke Room
1:00 pm Devotional Discussion, Heck Room
7:00 pm Al-Anon, Coke Room
7:00 pm Alateen, Garrettson Room

THURSDAY (19)
8:00 am TMWC, Church-wide
9:00 am Int'l Women's Club, FH & Adult SS Rooms
1:00 pm Mahjong Fellowship, Lounge
3:00 pm IWC Holiday Fair, Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Chancel Ringers, Music Room
6:00 pm Mindful Movement Yoga, Heck Room
7:00 pm Al-Anon, Coke Room

FRIDAY (20)
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

SATURDAY (21)
9:00 am Music Together, Heck Room
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

St. Paul's Advent Breakfast

Sunday December 6 at 10:30 am



Please join us for the Advent Breakfast on Sunday, December 6 following the Worship service. We will be serving French toast, scrambled eggs, potatoes and sausage. All are welcome!

St. Paul's Directories Available

If anyone has not received a recent St. Paul's Directory or would like another one, they are available in the church office. Feel free to pick one up.

New Prayer for Stewardship Season

Please pray with us at 1:14 p.m. or whatever time works best for you. Let us pray:

Generous God, open our hearts to recognize your blessing and ground us in gratitude for all you have given us. Open our hands to share generously. Strengthen our faith as you guide us to share our time, gifts, and resources with joy. Expand our generosity and our lives to reflect the magnitude of your love. May our generosity grow as we serve one another, our community, and nurture your love in the world. Guide us as we move toward making our commitments, trusting that you will use our gifts to bless others and grow your kingdom here on earth. May the promises we will make be grounded in gratitude and sealed in faith. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



IWC Holiday Fair

Thursday, November 19 ♦ 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

IWC will collect food and supplies for SOAR at the fair (SOAR-Survivors of abuse in recovery, Inc.). For more information about IWC, please visit their website at https://iwcdelaware.org

Sunday Morning Offering

Please remember to place your envelopes and offerings in the basket at the back of the center aisle. Visitor cards may also be placed in the basket before or after the service. Thank you for support of the life and ministry we share together here at St. Paul's.