KOINONIA
AT ST. PAUL

koinonia {koy-nohn-ee'-ah}
(n): community, communion, fellowship
(v): to share, to contribute, to be one

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 | 9:00am SERVICE

Scripture Lessons	Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon	Prepare Rev. Darren Brandon

Today's Songs
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
He Who Is Mighty
Gather 'Round Ye Children Come
Mary Did You Know
Prepare Him Room

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 Paper Bag Christmas | Family Friendly service in which all participate in the nativity story. Includes Communion | Gym

5:00 Candlelight Service | Candlelight Christmas Eve services with traditional music by the adult choir and string quartet, ending in the singing of Silent Night by candlelight. | Sanctuary

10:30 Candlelight Service | Candlelight Christmas Eve services with traditional music by youth and adult choirs and string quartet, ending in the singing of Silent Night by candlelight. | Sanctuary

WESLEY NIGHT | Caterer: Taco Bar

Dinner | 6:00-7:00pm | McAdams Hall
Children's Choirs | 3rd Floor | Age 3-Kindergarten: 6:00pm | 1st-3rd Grade; 4th-6th Grade: 7:00pm
Youth | 7:00-8:00pm | Common Cup
Youth Band | 7:00-8:00pm | Youth Center
From Strangers into Neighbors | 7:00-8:00pm | McAdams Hall
Experiential Spiritual Practices | 7:00-8:00pm | room 113
Bells of St Paul | 8:00-9:00pm | room 303

TODAY

8:30am Worship - Traditional (Chapel)
8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Reception for Amy Bishop (McAdams)
11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
1:30pm Girl Scouts - Daisies (CC)
3:30pm Basketball (Gym)
5:00pm Disciple Bible Study (319)
5:00pm Youth Choir (302)
6:30pm Family Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

WESLEY NIGHTS

EXPERIENTIAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICES | This week's practice will be the labyrinth walk in the gym.

FROM STRANGERS INTO NEIGHBORS | This week's speaker is Ron Whitlatch

WESLEY NIGHT SURVEY | We invite your ideas for topics to include for Wesley Night programming. Please pick up paper copies of the survey at the entrance to the sanctuary and at the Information Center or click on the link to the survey in Darren's weekly email.

BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG FESTIVAL | This year is the 40th Anniversary of our annual Louisville Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival! There are so many ways to get involved in the excitement. Help is needed in these areas: join the cast, serve dinner, usher for festivals, and more! Volunteer sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Festival dates and times:

Sun., Dec. 29: Dinner 6:30 pm, Festivals 5:00 and 8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 30: Dinner 6:30 pm, Festivals 5:00 and 8:00pm
Tues., Dec. 31: Dinner 5:00pm, Festival 6:30pm

The ticket office will be open Monday through Friday, 10:30am-2:30pm beginning Thursday, Dec. 5. Festival tickets are free – invite your friends and family! Dinner tickets are $25.00. Tickets are also available on Sunday mornings at the information center beginning December 8.

COMMUNION STEWARD TEAM | Would you like to be a part of the team that prepares the elements for the traditional services? If you are interested in learning more please come for a training session on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10:00am or contact Cullen Hornaday cullen@stpaulchurchky.org.

SERVE

HCM GIVING TREE | Stop by the bulletin board near McAdams Hall to select a gift to purchase, then bring it to the Family Christmas Concert on December 8 or drop it off at the office by December 11.

THE RESOURCE CENTER | Thank you for your generosity; we have restocked our food supply. Each week we host 25-30 homeless brothers and sisters who come through our doors to eat, shower and get clothes. During this season we try to do a little extra. $5 McDonald's Gift Cards and Kroger Cards are appreciated. Please continue to support our mission together by also donating canned goods, toiletries, and snacks. The Resource Team thanks you and so do our guests. If you would like to serve on Wednesday mornings (10-12) please contact Bob Helvey at Bob@stpaulchurchky.org.

RECEPTION FOR AMY BISHOP | We will celebrate Amy Bishop's ministry among us today at 10:00 am in McAdams Hall. We will say thank you and bless her with cards and monetary gifts as she moves on to her next ministry position at Middletown United Methodist Church.

CHARGE CONFERENCE | On December 10, 2019, at 7pm, our District Superintendent, Rev. John Hatton, will be at St. Paul to lead us in our annual Charge Conference. The meeting will be in the Sanctuary.

DECEMBER EVENTS

WELCOME ADVENT WITH US! FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT TONIGHT | at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Join our church family as we usher in the Advent season together with choral music, readings, congregational carols and presentation of our HCM giving tree gifts. Music is provided by our three children's choirs and our Youth Choir.

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK | | December 11 the Labyrinth will be available from 5-8pm with a special focus during the Wesley Night program at 7:00pm. Enjoy your Advent journey with a peaceful prayer walk, accompanied by candlelight and seasonal music. You will also have the opportunity to make a finger labyrinth to take home.

LESSONS AND CAROLS | Join us on Sunday, December 15th for our Annual Advent Lessons & Carols Services. **We will have two identical services in the Sanctuary at 9:00 & 11:00 am.** The services will incorporate the reading of the nine scripture lessons which prepare us for the birth of our Savior, intertwined with Carols and Songs which amplify the joy of our anticipation. The Chancel Choir will be joined by the Bells of St. Paul Handbell Ensemble, two flutes, and percussion in some of the season's most beautiful carols and songs.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR | December 15, 9:30-11:30am, McAdams Hall. Need a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Honor them with a gift of support for those in need. You can choose to support the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home, Heifer International, Esther House, or the St. Paul Resource Center. Fair trade coffee and chocolates will also be for sale with proceeds benefiting the St. Paul Good Samaritan Fund.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE | December 18, 7:00pm in the Youth Center. This lay-led candlelight service will include prayers of consolation, Scripture readings, poetry, meditative harp music, and Holy Communion. It will provide a time to gather with others who find the holidays to be difficult and recognize that God's presence can bring light in our darkness. Come for yourself or to support others who are experiencing life's struggles.

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