St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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December 2026 Newsletter

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Advent: More Than a Countdown to Christmas



Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year, it seems that Christmas arrives a little earlier. Before Thanksgiving has even passed, the stores are filled with Christmas decorations, radio stations are playing Christmas music, and our calendars begin filling up with parties, concerts, shopping, and family gatherings. Before we know it, Christmas is here!

In the middle of all this activity, it is easy to lose sight of the season we are actually in. Advent can quickly become little more than a countdown to Christmas, with each passing Sunday bringing us one week closer to December 25. But Advent is meant to be more than that. It is an invitation to slow down, to pay attention, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

The word *Advent* comes from a Latin word meaning "coming" or "arrival." During these four weeks, we remember Christ's coming into the world in Bethlehem, we celebrate Christ's presence among us today, and we look forward to the promise that Christ will come again. Advent

reminds us that God's story is bigger than one night in Bethlehem. It is a story that continues to unfold in our lives and in the world around us.

So how do we keep Advent from becoming simply a countdown to Christmas?

Perhaps we begin by making room for a little quiet in the middle of our busy lives. Instead of filling every moment with activity, we might take a few minutes each day to read Scripture, offer a prayer, or simply sit in silence. Lighting an Advent candle at home can become a small but meaningful reminder that we are waiting for something more than the arrival of Christmas morning.

We can also keep Advent by looking beyond ourselves. The prophets remind us that God's coming kingdom is one of justice, peace, and hope. We see Christ in the people who are hungry, lonely, struggling, or in need of a helping hand. An act of kindness, a visit with someone who is alone, or a gift to someone in need can become an expression of the very hope we celebrate during this season.

And finally, we can remember that Advent is a season of hope, especially for those who may find the holidays difficult. Not everyone approaches Christmas with excitement. Some are grieving the loss of loved ones, some are facing difficult circumstances, and others are simply longing for a little peace in their lives. The message of Advent is that Christ comes into the world not because everything is perfect, but precisely because the world needs God's love, grace, and hope.

Perhaps the greatest gift Advent offers us is the opportunity to remember that we don't have to rush toward Christmas to find God. God is already at work among us. In the quiet moments, in the kindness we share, in the people we serve, and in the hope we hold onto, Christ is already present.

This December, I invite you to do more than count down the days until Christmas. Take time to experience the season of Advent. Make room for prayer, extend a little extra kindness, and look for the ways Christ is already entering your life.

May this season be more than a preparation for a holiday. May it be a time of renewed faith, deeper hope, and a greater awareness of God's presence among us.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

Upcoming Events

The church calendar is always available on every page of the church website on the right side, along with the church address, phone number, email address, and Youtube link for the online services. The online calendar contains the most up-to-date listing of events.

Click to see Church Calendar

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Dec. 2nd @ 6 PM

Advent Service-Pastor Ash: Dec. 2nd @ 7 PM, Faith Lutheran

Christmas Food Baskets: Dec. 6th

Massillon Community Candlelight Walk: Dec. 6th from 5-7:30 PM

(ends with candle lighting at St. Mary's)

Advent Service-Pastor Mark: Dec. 9th @ 7 PM, Holy Trinity

Angel Tree **Unwrapped Gifts** Due: Dec. 10th

Christmas Caroling to our Homebound: Dec. 12th @ 2 PM

Advent Service-Pastor Tina: Dec. 16th @ 7 PM, Christ Lutheran

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24th

7 PM - Family Service & Special Solo Music

10 PM - Brass Music

10:30 PM - Worship Service with Special Music by the Choir

The Many Colors of the Clarinet - Richard Evert: Jan 17th @ 3 PM

Weekly events

Sunday: Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Adult Bible Study: 11:30

Sunday: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM

Wednesday: Snip-N-Stitch, 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday: Steel Drum Classes, 6 PM

Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10 AM

Thursday: Chair Yoga, 11:00 AM

Monthly events

Worship and Music Committee (1st Tuesday of month)

Church Council (2nd Tuesday of month)

Community Meal and Clothes Closet (2nd Friday of month)

Finance Committee (3rd Tuesday of month)

Adult Choir





Join us on Sundays at 8:30 AM in the choir room to make a joyful noise. All are welcome!

Jackie's Office Hours



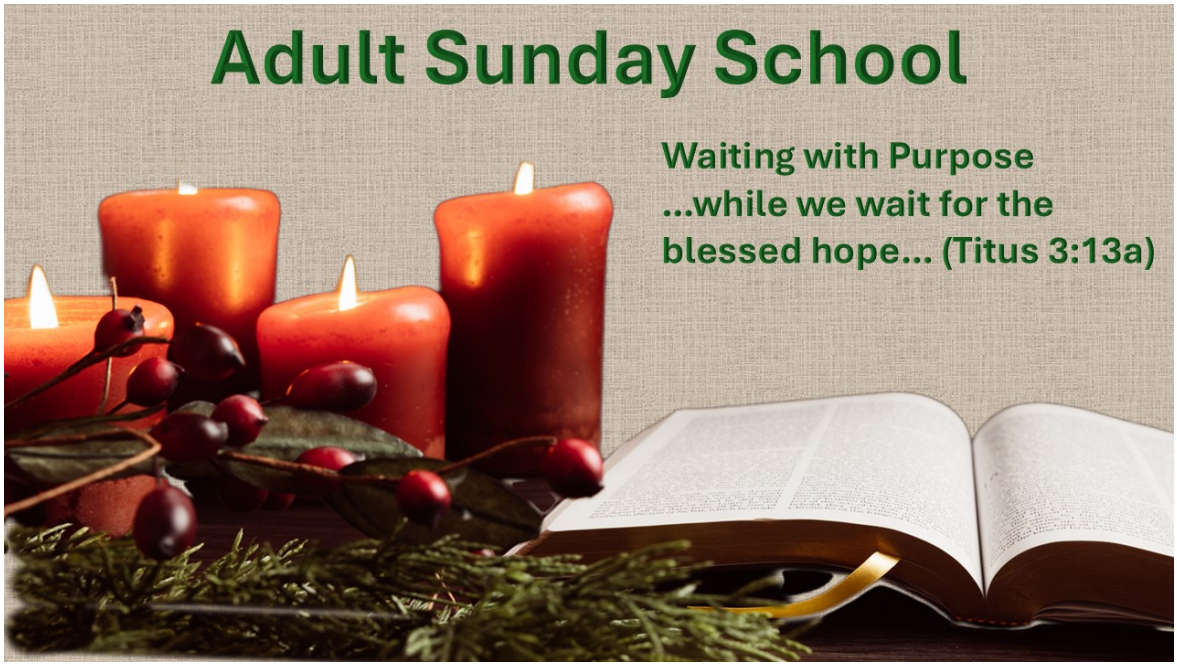
I’m frequently asked when I’m in the office.

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am – 1pm.

Office Email: officeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org

Office phone: 330.832.7409

Jackie Pritchett, Office Volunteer



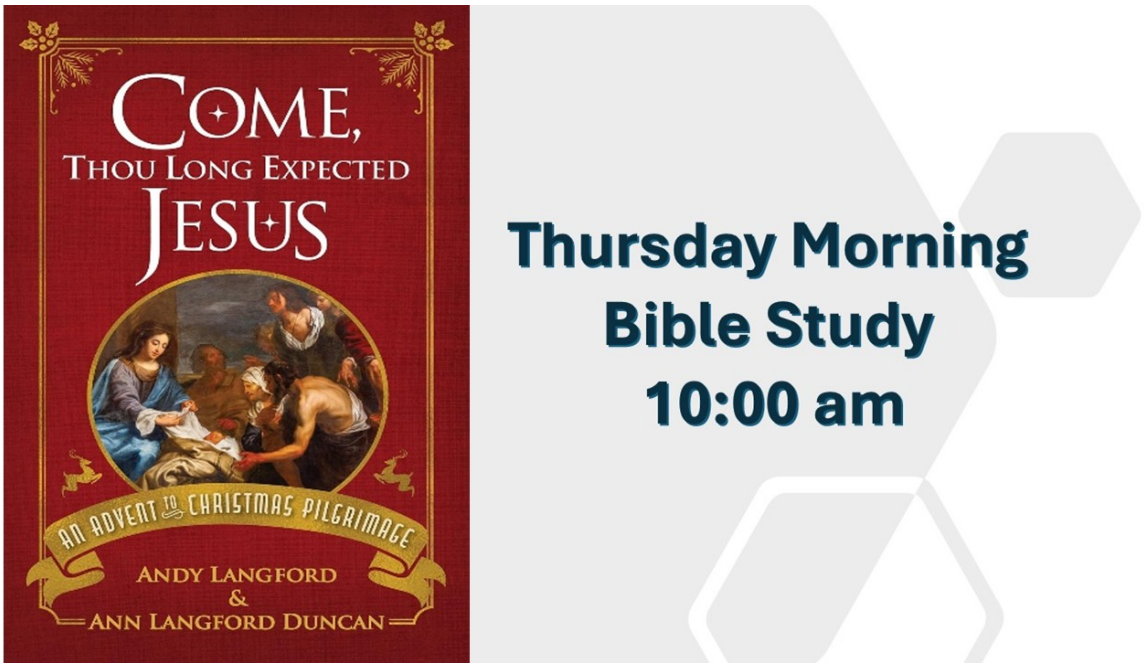
Advent

The Season of Advent is all about waiting. But how should we wait? Does more clearly understanding what we are waiting for affect how we wait? We will complete our study of Jeremiah and let God’s message through the prophet help us answer these questions.

The class gathers for Bible study and fellowship at 11:30, top floor Parish Hall, following Sunday morning worship. An elevator is available for easy

access. Come and meaningfully wait with us!

Thursday Morning Bible Study



Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

by Andy Langford

Open your heart to the good news of Christmas

The Christian year is fundamentally a roadmap for pilgrims, as biblical witnesses lead spiritually hungry people on a journey to receive the full riches of God's grace. During Advent, we take the first steps.

In *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, Andy Langford and Ann Langford Duncan invite you on an Advent-to-Christmas pilgrimage to draw closer to Jesus and invite others to join you on this journey. Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship reveal anew the treasures of God's grace for all people. Let this book guide you to open your heart to the priceless gifts of the good news. Start your pilgrimage today and experience the full riches of God's love.

Recognizing Our Veterans





Veterans Day

The purpose of celebrating Veterans Day on November 11 is to honor and thank all men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both in wartime and peacetime. It recognizes the dedication, courage, and sacrifices made by veterans and their families to protect the nation.

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day to mark the temporary end of fighting in World War I on November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m.

In 1954, Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all American conflicts.

St. Paul's gave recognition to our veterans during the November 15th, 2026 Worship Service.

Christmas Food Baskets



Welfare and Social Committee will collect nonperishable food and miscellaneous items for our Community Meal families for Christmas. The items will be distributed at our Community Meal on Friday, December 11th.

Collection began in October and will end December 6th. Please place your donations in the box located at the side entrance of the church.

Oct. 18th – Tea and coffee

Oct. 28th – Peanut butter and jelly

Nov. 1st – Canned soups and pork & beans

Nov. 8th – Cereal and mixes (cake, brownies, muffins)

Nov. 15th – Canned fruits & vegetables

Nov. 22nd – Spaghetti sauce, pasta, instant potatoes

Nov. 29th – Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper)

Dec. 6th – Bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush

Thank you for your generosity!

Barb Palmer

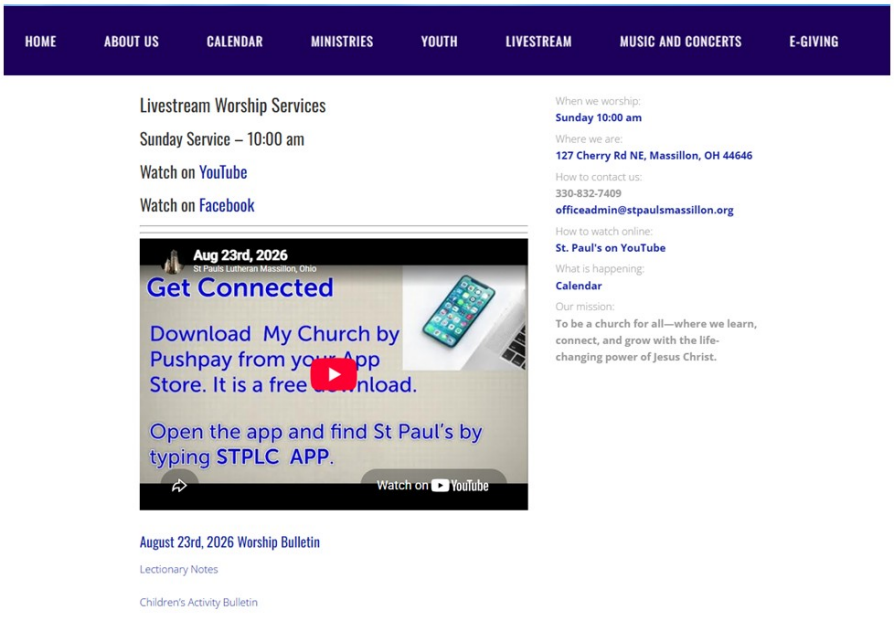
Baptism



Charlotte Barrick was baptized on November 8th, 2026.

Charlotte is the daughter of Frances and Josh Barrett and is a 7th grader at Ohio virtual academy. She enjoys crafts and art projects, video games and nature walks.

Livestream Link



Have you ever wanted a little more information regarding the readings during Sunday Worship?

The Lectionary Notes provide additional and/or background information to the readings of the day.

Lectionary Notes can be found on:

1. Livestream Link of the website

Livestream Link

2. The electronic calendar

Electronic Calendar

3. In the App under "Connect Tab," then "Sundays"

Wednesday Advent Services



Please join the Massillon Area Lutheran Churches during Advent.

All services will be held on **Wednesdays at 7 pm** at a different Massillon Lutheran Church.

Pastor Ash December 2nd Faith Lutheran

Why did God choose such an ordinary and vulnerable way to enter the world?

Primary Scripture readings

Luke 2:1–20 – The birth of Jesus in a manger, announced first to shepherds. God enters the world without earthly privilege, power, or recognition.

Philippians 2:5–11 – Christ empties himself, taking the form of a servant. This passage offers a theological explanation of God's humility in Jesus.

Isaiah 9:2–7 – The promise of a child who will bring light, justice, and peace.

Pastor Mark December 9th Holy Trinity

What does it mean to celebrate Christmas when someone is experiencing grief, loneliness, or hardship?

Primary Scripture readings:

Isaiah 9:2–7 – The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. Christmas is a promise of hope even when life feels dark.

John 1:1–14 – The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. God enters our human experience rather than remaining distant from it.

Luke 2:25–38 – Simeon and Anna have waited through long seasons of life before encountering the Christ child. Their stories speak to waiting, hope, and faithfulness.

Pastor Tina December 16th Christ Lutheran

Why did Herod feel so threatened by the birth of Jesus?

Primary Scripture readings:

Matthew 2:1–18 – The visit of the Magi, Herod's fear, the slaughter of the innocent children, and the flight into Egypt.

1 Samuel 18:6–16 – King Saul becomes jealous and fearful of David's growing popularity and sees him as a threat.

John 18:33–37 – Jesus speaks with Pilate about his kingdom and the nature of his kingship.

Advent Wreath



Advent Wreath

In Lutheran tradition, Advent candles represent the growing light of Christ coming into the world during the four weeks of preparation before Christmas. Lit one by one each Sunday, they focus on anticipating Jesus's past arrival in humility, his present work in believers' hearts, and his future return in glory.

Themes of the Candles

First candle: Hope (or Prophecy, focusing on Old Testament promises of the Messiah).

Second candle: Peace or Faith (or Bethlehem, focusing on preparation for Jesus's birth).

Third candle: Joy (associated with *Gaudete* / "Rejoice" Sunday, or the Shepherds).

Fourth candle: Love or Peace (or the Angels, looking ahead to fulfillment and Christ's return).

Center "Christ candle" (optional fifth candle): White, lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize Jesus as the light of the world.

Christmas Caroling



Make plans to join us for Christmas caroling on **Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.**

This is a great chance to feel and share the true spirit of Christmas with our homebound members. We will break into groups and go off in different directions to sing and bring Christmas cheer to these special members of our congregation. When the singing is done, plan to return to church to share a meal together.**Please help us plan for dinner by signing up. Signup sheets will be in the lounge and the portico.**

Angel Tree Gift Tags



Angel Tree gift tags are available in the Portico

The tags will have suggested gift ideas for children and families in need this Christmas Season.

Please return your ***unwrapped*** gift to the church by **December 10th**, you may also drop them at the Salvation Army.

Parents and children will then get to pick a gift for their loved one and wrap it themselves.

**If you have a specific gift for a child, please see Barb.*

God's Kitchen Angels

Christmas cookie season is serious business.

God's Kitchen Angels have been very busy kicking off their Christmas cookie season. Getting all the ingredients can be quite a chore, but also a lot of fun. Becky Johnson shared the "prerequisite" cookie information.

Ingredients include:

50 lbs. white sugar 35 lbs. butter

20 doz. Eggs 2 cups baking soda

1 ½ cups cream of tartar 120 lbs. flour

40 lbs. powdered sugar 9 bottles vanilla

1 gal. milk

The project begins with 5 people traveling to Rebecca's in Walnut Creek for a delicious lunch. This is a must to provide strength to unload all the ingredients. We were then off to The Ashery where Conrad Yoder always gives our Kitchen Angels a discount. We shared lots of laughs and fellowship as we unload a truck full of ingredients.

The next phase of the project is making the dough, cutting out the cookies, baking, icing, then bagging the orders. 302 dozen or 3,655 cookies were baked and bagged! For quality control purposes, all broken cookies were "tested."

The profit will be about $2,830.
12 dozen cookies will be donated to the community meal and 5 dozen to our home bound members.

Thank you to all my angels and the congregation for their support!

Merry Christmas!

Sue Ambrosic







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Massillon Community Candlelight Walk





December 6th, 2026 - 5 - 7:30 pm

Massillon's Community Candlelight Walk is a self-guided stroll through downtown Massillon among luminarias and Christmas lights to visit nine historic churches and six community attractions. Stops include live music, storytelling, free refreshments, and entertainment. Free maps will be available at any venue where walkers begin their routes. The free public event will culminate in a musical program and Massillon's traditional candlelighting ceremony at St. Mary's Church.

There will be continuous music from St. Paul's adult choir, bell choir, and vocal and instrumental soloists. Rehearsals are in full swing in preparation for this night!

Enjoy this chance also to visit our neighborhood churches.

Click here for more information

Candlelight Walk Map



Christmas Eve Services



Come celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Choose one or both of our Christmas Eve Services

7 PM - Family Service & Special Solo Music

10 PM - Brass Music

10:30 PM - Worship Service with Special Music by the Choir

Church Council Highlights

Report from November, 2026

Pastor Mark gave a brief report on those in our church family who are sick or homebound. He will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, November 15 until November 21.

Dan Farrar attended a synod Zoom meeting about church insurance and the possibility of lowered costs by combining with other Lutheran churches. 22 churches attended the meeting, so there is interest in this. No conclusions or follow-ups were scheduled.

Jim Johnson reported that Coon Restoration has completed the repairs to the stonework and that Buxton is doing some needed roof repairs. There is always much to be done to maintain a 100 year old building. The leak testing in the Education Building was completed, but the company was unable to definitively find the source. We may need to use portable heaters in some rooms over the winter to try to prevent broken pipes.

I reported that the total for the garage sale is $2265 so far with items still online for sale.

The Stewardship/Capital Campaign Committee has met and will continue to do so as we undertake the many repairs needed. Brady Rupp will do a temple talk on the 15th of this month.

The Candlelight Walk, Christmas Caroling, Christmas Eve services, food bags, and decorating were all discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Myers, Congregational President

Financial Note



For St Paul's supporters age 70½ or older with an IRA

If you are 70½ and have an Individual Retirement Arrangement, you may want to consider making donations through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD allows you to make donations to qualified charities like St Paul's and the distribution won't be included as taxable income. If you are required to take minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA a QCD counts towards your required distribution but won't be included as taxable income. QCD's must come from the IRA directly to the qualified charity. See Dan Farrar if you have any questions.

Income Expense Summary

Income and Expense Summary
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Month Ending October, 2026

October		YTD	
Donations	$ 17,364	Donations	$ 77,634
Endowment Withdrawal	$ 2,083	Endowment Withdrawal	$ 18,232
Expenses	$ 26,617	Expenses	$109,253
Surplus or (Deficit)	$ (7,170)	Surplus or (Deficit)	$ (13,387)

Organ Repair Donations



If you wish to make donations specifically for organ repair, please mark your envelopes as such. If you give electronically, see Dan Farrar for details.

Cemetery Lots for Sale



Church council authorized the sale of our cemetery lots at **Rose Hill Memorial Gardens** and **Sunset Hills Memory Garden.**

Rose Hill is charging $1,250, plus a $125 title change fee for their lots.

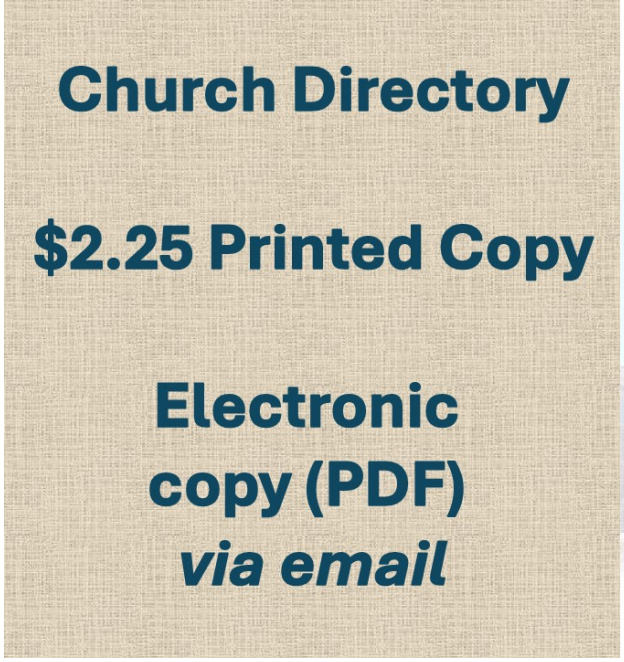
St Paul's is offering them for $1,000 plus a $125 title change fee.

Sunset Hills is charging $3,495, plus $300 title change fee for their lots.

St. Paul's is offering $2,700, plus the $300 title change fee.

See Kathryn Myers or Dan Farrar if interested.

Church Directory





The Church Directory is now available on request.

A printed copy will cost $2.25

An electronic copy (PDF) will be free of charge

You can request either or both formats by contacting the church office

330.832.7409 or officeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org

No copies will be issued to non-members.

Send Bridge News to Church Office



Please send all contributions for the Newsletter to:

officeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org.

The deadline is the 21st of each month.



Friendship Circle

Report by Kim Oberlin

Our November Friendship Circle started with our Thanksgiving meal prepared by JuDee Reed and me. We had a turkey casserole, corn and cranberry sauce. La Shell led our Bible Study discussing Mother Mary, which was a perfect introduction to the season of advent.

Friendship Circle meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6 PM.

All are welcome to join us, share a light meal, Bible study and fellowship.

November Community Meal Report

Report by Kim Oberlin

Our November Thanksgiving meal was a great success! We served 88 this past month with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cranberry sauce and rolls. Of course, what would Thanksgiving be without pumpkin pie and whipped cream. As always, thank you to our volunteers who make this rewarding event possible every month. Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Our Community Meal takes place on the **second Friday of the month from 4:30-6:00** for any who wish to help with this worthwhile cause. Please

label any monetary donations, “Community Meals,” to ensure the funds are in the right place.

November Clothing Closet Report



Report by Carol Stoner

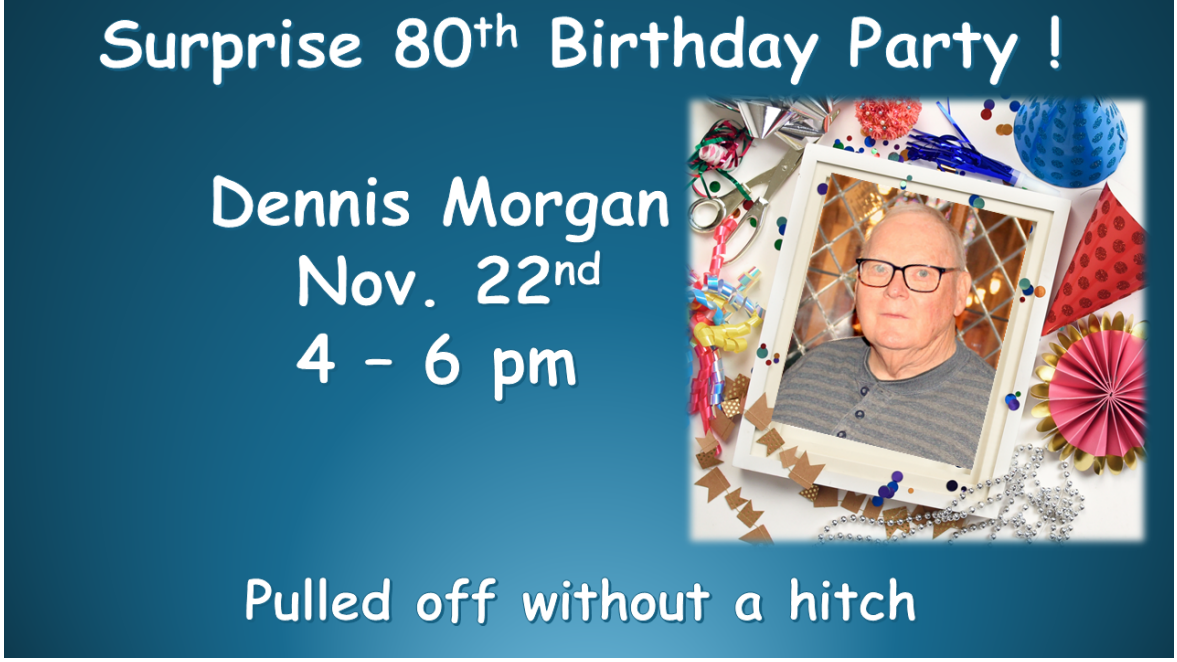
We had a busy month with approximately 75 shoppers. As everyone prepares for the cold weather ahead, coats, hats, boots, gloves, blankets are in demand for all age groups.

We are collecting Christmas items to give out at the December meal, and are preparing gift bags with lotion, Chapstick, hand warmers, tissues etc. These are always very well received.

Feel free to join us Friday, December 11th at 4PM.

For additional information please contact Tracie Schmolt or Carol Stoner.

A Celebration



On November 22nd, a surprise 80th birthday party was held for Dennis Morgan. Many friends and family attended to celebrate Dennis. The food, desserts, family, friendships, and memories were plentiful.









The St. Paul's Steelband Classes



St. Paul's Steelband continues with weekly classes at **6pm**. The focus is on learning. If you've never walked near a steel drum, and want to learn, we have something for you!

**December 2nd, we will meet at 5pm due to bell choir rehearsal.*

Please join us!

Handbell Choir





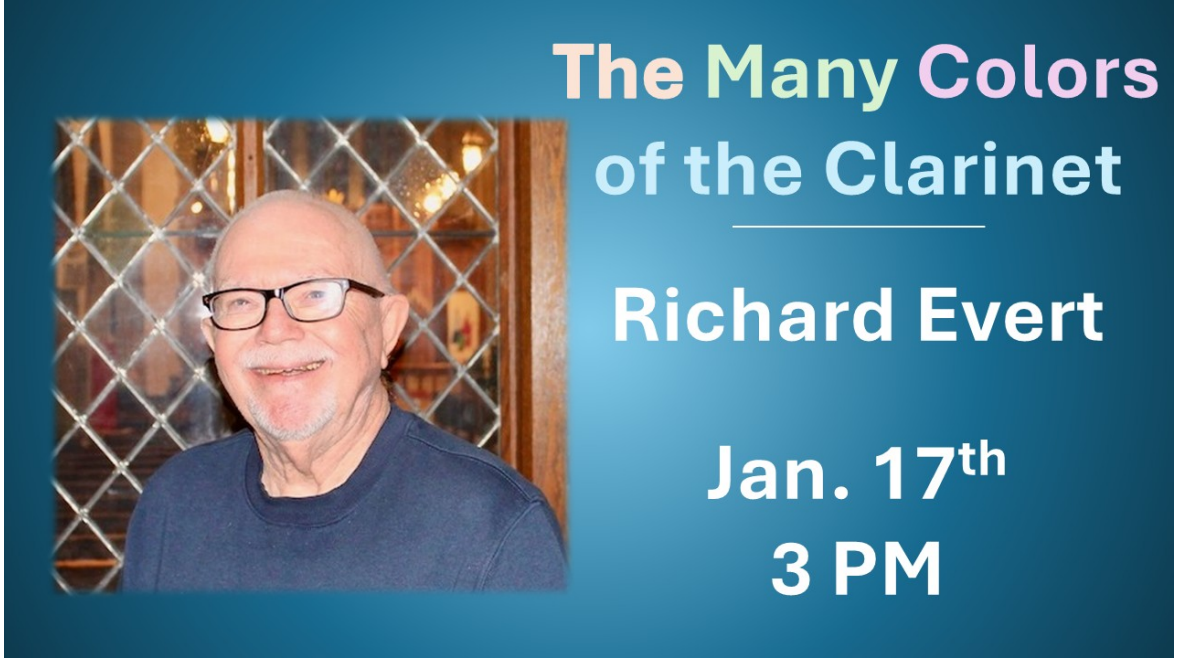
Handbell Choir

The Handbell choir will rehearse on **12/2** in preparation to ring on **December 6 in worship** AND for the **Candlelight Walk.**

We meet at **6 pm**. All are welcome, but please, please let Abby know if you plan to ring so she can prepare music for you!

Musical Notes





The Many Colors of the Clarinet – Richard Evert

Join us on **January 17th, 2027 at 3 PM** as we celebrate Richard's 76 years of playing the clarinet. Included will be music by Rael, Joplin, Mangani, MacNaughton, and others.

Richard will be assisted by:

Abby Haake, piano

Heather Evert, violin

Eleanor Manes, Drum

Music Events Elsewhere

The Walsh University Chorale and Handbell Choir Present

Lessons & Carols

Divine Mercy Parish

Saint Barbara Church-Massillon, Ohio

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 7:00pm

Enjoy an evening of Lessons & Carols with the Walsh University Chorale and Handbell Choir, under the direction of Dr. Britt Cooper

The Walsh University Choral Program is a musical organization dedicated to the principal of demonstrating, enhancing and creating true beauty through the gift of collective singing!

The concert is free and all are welcome.





Divine Mercy Parish
Saint Barbara Church
2813 Lincoln Way NW
Massillon, Ohio 44647

For more information, contact:

Kevin Kutz, Co-Director of Music

330-833-6898



Free Concert - Donation Appreciated

Dec. 6, 2026 * 3PM

St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church
4600 Fulton Dr NW, Canton, OH 44718

Dec. 19, 2026 * 3PM

Faith UMC
300 9th St NW, North Canton,
OH 44720

Presented by

Harmony Ringers

Christine Allison - Founder/Director



On Sunday, December 13th, at 3:00 pm, ***THE TRUE LIGHT,*** an original celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons will be presented at St. Jacob Lutheran Church on their two manual 14 rank Schantz pipe organ.

this will include a collection of appropriate scriptures with hymns and carols that we love to sing. A few lesser- known ones will be included to keep us attentive. Guest musicians, including a violinist and choral ensemble, will also be participating.

You are invited to attend and worship the birth of a very special baby - God's own son - in a relaxed environment intended to focus us on the "Reason for the Season". Phyllis Staver will be leading this musical opportunity for various congregations, AGO members, and guests.

A cookies and punch reception will follow this event. This is free to all.

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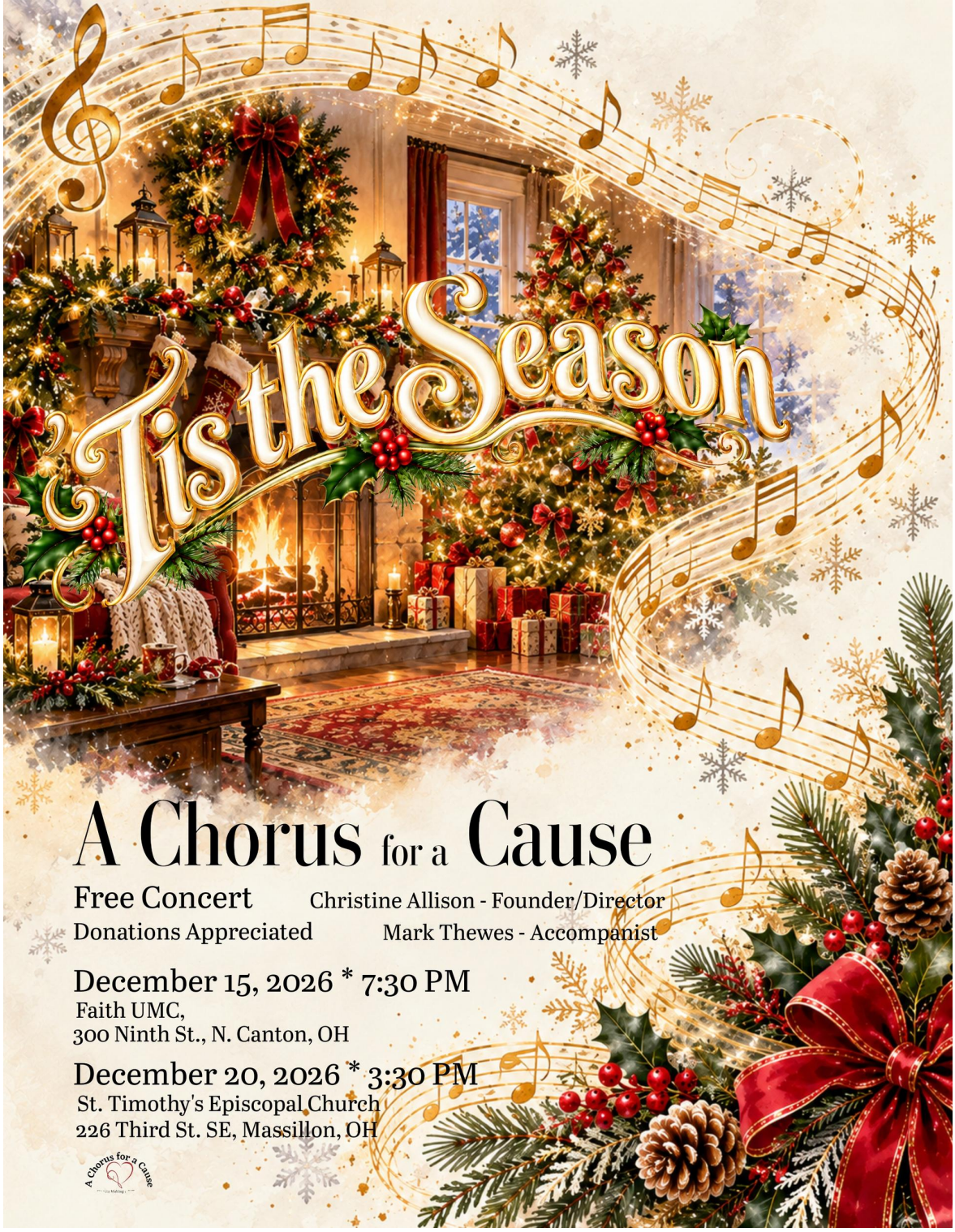

2026-2027 Cathedral Concert Series

Cathedral Concerts
AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 3:00 PM
9/11 Commemorative
Community Choir





Sunday, October 18, 2026, 4:00 PM
The Canton Symphony Orchestra
Woodwind Quintet

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 3:00 PM
Andrew Sords
"The Romance of the Violin"
With Daniel Overly, piano





Saturday, February 6, 2027, 7:00 PM
Ralph Holzhauser,
Organist

Sunday, March 7, 2027, 4:00 PM
Cleveland Chamber Choir
Camerata Series In Four Voices:
Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes and More*





Sunday, May 16, 2027, 4:00 PM
The Canton Symphony
Orchestra Chorus

CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. YOUR FREEWILL OFFERING IS GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED.



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Ohio Arts Council

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Prayer List Update



The Fox Family, Ken Mifflin, Mary Ellen Gresser, Cindy Lash, Gary Maurer, Richard Green, Linda Wentling, Rick Theiss, Judy Hall, Sandra Jelen, Jimmy Southard, Mark Gergley, Chad Byington.

December Birthdays



Dec 3--Thomas Wright
Dec 5--Karen Lunkwitz
Dec 5--Charles Stuck
Dec 6--Ralph Burns
Dec 6--Amy Burkett
Dec 9--Judy Lemasters
Dec 10--Carol Marlow
Dec 11--Jason Deuble
Dec 17--Laurel Borkowski
Dec 20--Debra Hannum
Dec 21--Christine Bates
Dec 21--Jennifer Maurer
Dec 23--Evelyn Eclem
Dec 25--Patricia Myers
Dec 27--Lisa Skelly
Dec 29--Eleanor Johnson
Dec 30--Judy Hall
Dec 31--Kayla Hepler

Has your birthday or anniversary been missing from the published lists? If so, please contact the office so we can add it to our database. Thank you!

December Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations!

Dec 7--James & Becky Johnson

Dec 11--Norman & Heidi Hall

Dec 14--James & Patricia Myers

Dec 19--Jack & Marsha Fortune

Dec 28--Thomas & Deb Schmolt

Dec 28--Robert & Julia Englehart



The Engleharts are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary on December 28. They were married in Sarasota, Florida. "We are still happy!" Julia and Robert are pleased to say.

Flowers for the Altar for 2026



Sunday Altar and Throne Flowers

PLEASE call or text Carol Stoner at 330.413.3705 if you wish to order flowers. We have plenty of Sundays available.

If you would consider being an "anytime needed" provider, please let Carol know. We have several members who are willing to fill a vacancy.

We take, at providers' consent, bouquets to our homebound and those who are ill . Your consideration is appreciated.

The cost of Altar flowers is $40 per Sunday; the Throne flowers are $28. Please contact Patty Carmola if you have any billing questions at 330-832-9405. You will be billed directly by *Carmola's Flowers* in Massillon.

Council Members

Kathryn Myers, president
Rob Pritchett, vice-president
Dan Farrar, treasurer
Jackie Pritchett, secretary
Shane Jackson
Jim Johnson
Lynda Klein
Scott Larson
Dennis Morgan
Barb Palmer
Sue Reid
Brady Rupp
David Stoner

Committee Members

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FINANCE

Dan Farrar, Chair
Shane Jackson

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Greg Klein, Chair

STAFF SUPPORT

Greg Klein, Chair

Sue Ambrosic
Amy Burkett
Gayle Jackson
Becky Johnson
Cindy Lash
Deidra Monastra
Rob Pritchett

Greg Klein
John Liebermann
Patty Long
Brady Rupp
Tracie Schmolt
John Stanko

Richard Evert
Abigail Haake
Karl Kalk
Greg Klein
Scott Larson
Patty Long
Kathryn Myers
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Serving During the Month of December

If you are interested in serving for a future month, click on the contact person's email link.

ASSISTING MINISTER

Contact Karl Kalk

12//6—Veronica Kreemer
12/13–Sue Reid
12/20–Kathryn Myers
12/24–7PM—Karl Kalk
12/24–10:30–Scott Larson
12/27–Dave Stoner

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Contact Kathryn Myers

12/6--Dennis Morgan & Kathryn Myers
12/13--Brady Rupp & Sue Reid
12/20--Scott Larson & Jim Johnson
12/27--Jackie Pritchett & Rob Pritchett

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12/13– Marilyn Norton
12/20–Greg & Lynda Klein
12/27– Russ & Mary Ann Poling

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New Assisted Hearing Devices Available



Four assisted listening devices are available at the sound system table in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Please see Jim Johnson or John Stanko if you need assistance with these devices.

You can also use your smartphone to access the system. Go to your app store and download the **WaveCAST** app. Then connect to the sanctuary Wi-Fi:
Network: sound media
Password: Sound127

Once connected to the Wi-Fi, open the WaveCAST app and tap on **St. Paul's** to access the worship service. If you need help, please see Jim or John.

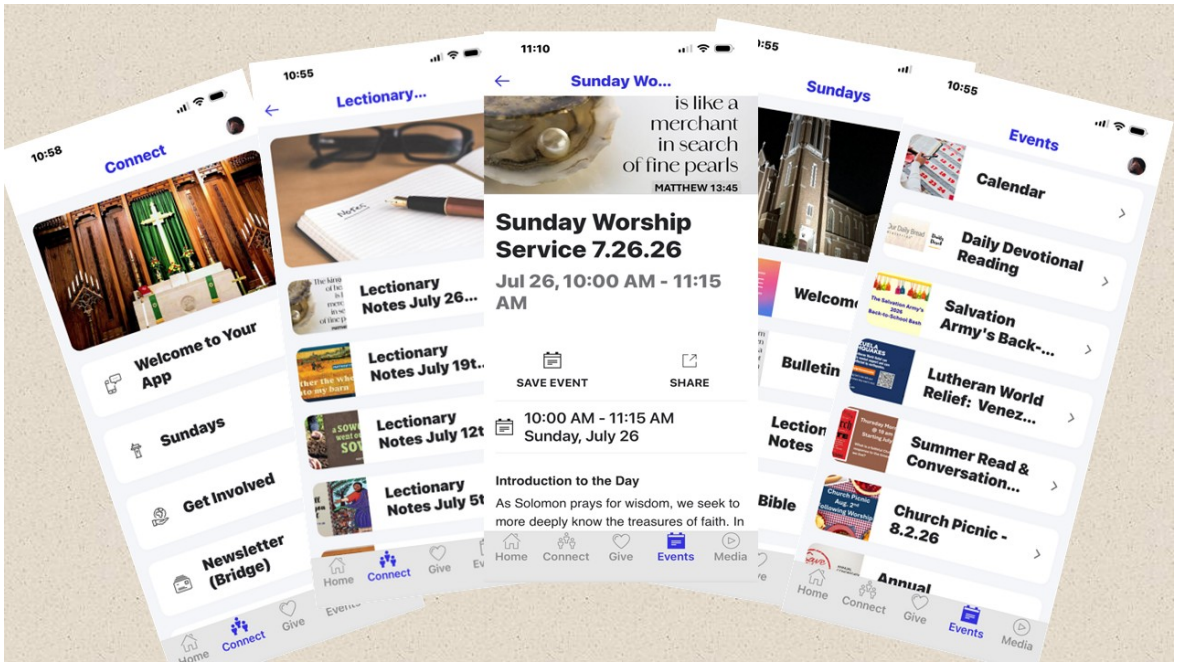
St. Paul's Phone App



Choose My Church by Pushpay from the App Store.

To take advantage of all the app's features, you must create an account.

Get notifications and reminders of upcoming events, access our live stream worship, worship bulletins, lectionary notes, The Bridge, send prayer requests, see the church calendar, give electronically, and much more.



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We are a community of believers called together to be the Body of Christ for the sake of our families, community and our world. We invite you to join us for worship on

Sunday mornings as we celebrate God's redeeming and freeing grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Reverend Mark Kreemer officiating.

Thank you to all who have submitted photos for this newsletter. To see more photos, follow the Facebook pages listed below.

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