

St. Paul's Newsletter

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Guided by God's love, our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through the Nurture, Outreach and Witness ministries, and to obey the commands of God.

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please let us know at info@stpaulscambridge.com

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 2 pm
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Thursday – Other times by appointment

Scriptures (December 22): Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25 (Dot Bradshaw, Reader)
(December 29): Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23 (Fred Redmer, Reader)

9:00 Sunday School
Gleaners
CANCELLED

Richardson's Men
Devotions & Teacher:
Shawn Peters (Dec. 22)
(Dec. 29)

Prayer List



Phyllis Flowers	Tommy Lomax	David Thomas, Sr.	Our Service Workers
Millie Morales	Robert Baur	Verla Bowser	Our Schools
Family of Annette Atkinson	Don Kinnamon	Nancy Kreek	Those needy
Family of Sidney Anderson	Rebecca Tall	Marilyn Carr	Our pastors
	Herbert Moore	Families	Our church
	Beth Hurley	Unsaved loved ones	

If anyone would like a visit from Pastor Shively, please contact the church office.

Pastor's Pause: Rev. Bonnie Shively

Resource: www.adiligentheart.com

“The Twelve Days of Christmas”

What are the Twelve Days of Christmas? Many people believe that the Twelve Days of Christmas is nothing more than a song about the days leading up to Christmas Day. But in truth, the real timing of The Twelve Days of Christmas takes place after Christmas. The Twelve Days of Christmas begin on Christmas day December 25th, and end on eve of The Epiphany, or Three Kings Day (or Day of the Magi) on January 5th. In many cultures Three Kings Day (January 6th) is celebrated much like Christmas Day. Today the traditions of the Twelve Days of Christmas have been forgotten due to traditions such as Santa Clause, the popularity of New Year's Eve, and the commercial calendar.

Meaning behind each day: The beginning of each verse starts with “my true love gave to me”. “My true love” is a reference to God and the “me” in that verse is in reference to anyone who was baptized.

December 25th Day 1: The partridge in a pear tree represents Jesus

December 26th Day 2: The two turtledoves represent the Old Testament and the New Testament

December 27th Day 3: The three French hens symbolize faith, hope, and love

December 28th Day 4: The four calling birds represent the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

December 29th Day 5: The five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, also known as the Hebrew Torah or the Pentateuch. (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy)

December 30th Day 6: The six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation

December 31st Day 7: The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, generosity, leading, mercy/compassion. Romans 12:6-8)

January 1st Day 8: The eight maids a-milking represent the eight Beatitudes (Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Matthew 5:3-10)

January 2nd Day 9: The ladies dancing represent the nine fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23)

January 3rd Day 10: The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments

January 4th Day 11: The eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles (Simon whom He named Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. Luke 6:14-16)

January 5th Day 12: The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of the Apostles Creed

**Upcoming
Events**

Sunday, December 22

10 am – Combined Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24

Church Office Closed

5 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29

10 am – Combined Worship Service



**Holiday Celebration
Snacks & Chat with Pastor**

December 29, 2019

1:00 – 3:00PM

604 Edlon Park Drive, Cambridge

410-228-4757

Tuesday, December 31

Church Office Closed

Monday, January 6

5 pm – Communications Team Meeting

6 pm – Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

5 pm – Worship Team Meeting

Saturday, January 11

7-10 am – Basement Shops Open

9-11 am – Food Pantry

Tuesday, January 14

6 pm – Flower Fair/Church Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Ministry Opportunities

What does God want for His church? For *your* church?
“Letters to the Church” encourages you to get excited about doing whatever it takes to be the Church God desires.



Give us your thoughts about St. Paul’s newsletter:

What do you like best? Least?
Are there other things you would like to see in the newsletter?
What should we name our newsletter?

Please send your responses to the church office.

Mitten Tree

We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children.
A tree will be set up in the fellowship hall to put these items on.



Board of Child Care Red Stockings

If you’d like to send a gift to the boys and girls of the Board of Child Care, please consider filling a stocking with quarters. These Red Stockings can be found at the information station at the back of the Richardson Room in the Sanctuary.

Health Ministry News

HEALTH TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Pace yourself. Prioritize the most important activities. Make a list and assign time frames, then cross off the list as it gets done. Be realistic in what is achievable in your time frame. Make time for yourself to experience the CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Pray about it.

Limit intake of alcohol and sugar. They compromise the immune system and make us vulnerable to infection. Plan healthy and meaningful ways to see in the New Year; e.g., family-oriented community activities (check the papers and check online), an evening at home watching the ball drop (if you can stay awake), a walk on the beach. Pray in the New Year.



News from the Worship Team

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the recent Worship Services survey. Your ideas and suggestions are very helpful. Here's what we can share with you -

- 1 - Any proposed changes will not be occurring January 1st, as we will need a time of transition
- 2 - As was stated in the beginning, this proposed change is not solely for financial reasons
- 3 - No final decision has been made in regard to specific worship and Sunday school start times as we continue conversation and working out certain logistics with various groups

Again, we want to thank you for your comments and ask for your continued prayers as seek God's vision for St. Paul's.

Holiday Office Hours

St. Paul's Church Office will be closed on
Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25,
Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, January 1.



Cambridge Churches Welcome You to Special Services of the Season

December 21

3:00 p.m. UMMS at Dorchester Hospital Chapel Longest Night Service,
Led by Rev. Dale Krotee

December 22

6:00 p.m. St Luke UMC 712 Bradley Avenue Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve

5:00-7:00 p.m. Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Meditation and Communion
with quiet music
5:00 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church 601 High Street Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. St. Paul's UMC 205 Maryland Avenue Candlelight Service & Communion
7:00 p.m. Grace UMC 501 Race Street Candlelight Service
8:00 p.m. Cambridge Wesleyan 803 Race Street Candlelight Service
11:00 p.m. Grace UMC 501 Race Street Candlelight Service
11:00 p.m. Zion UMC 612 Locust Street Candlelight Service with Lessons
and Carols

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Christ Episcopal Church 601 High Street Holy Eucharist

New Year's Eve

10 p.m. St. Luke UMC 712 Bradley Avenue Ecumenical Watch Night Service



Look for the leaflet describing Chrismon ornaments located in the sanctuary.



Nativity Word Search



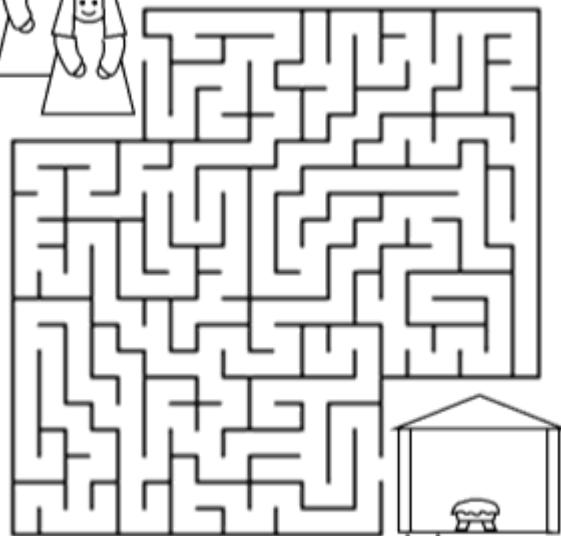
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| PEACE | SHEPHERDS | STABLE | STAR | MARY |



Help Mary and Joseph get to the stable.



For more creative learning ideas check out www.makingsomething.com



Upcoming Calendar

22 9am Men's Adult Sunday School 10am Combined Worship Service	23 9:30-12:30am Pastor Is In	24 Church Office Closed 5pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service w/Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas 	26 6:30pm Praise Band Practice	27	28
29 9am Men's Adult Sunday School 10am Combined Worship Service 1-3pm Parsonage Open House	30	31 Church office Closed	January 1 New Year's Day 	2 6:30pm Praise Band Practice	3	4
5 8:45am Contemporary Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:45am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion	6 5pm Communications Team Meeting 6pm Trustees Meeting	7	8 5pm Worship Team Meeting 7pm Choir Practice	9 6:30pm Praise Band Practice	10	11 Pen Del Youth Rally 7-10am Basement Shops Open 9-11am Food Pantry
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