

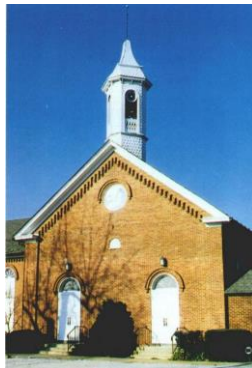
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December 2015 & January 2016



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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

December 2015/January 2016

SAD?

By the time you read this it will be Thanksgiving, and we will all be plunging headlong toward all the hoopla that surrounds Christmas. Essentially everyone I know looks forward to Christmas. Most of us will get revved up enough by the combination of family tradition, cultural craziness and retail spin that it will feel like happiness. But there is a minority among us for whom that combination of amped up happiness fails and Christmas becomes a downer... That happens when we ask ourselves “why is everyone so happy?”

For all of us the short message is that we must find the real light of Christmas in the birth of the Savior and the promise of his coming.

However we come out of Christmas, with the days getting shorter and darkness continuing to fill the better part of our days, a real problem called “SAD,” or Seasonal Affective Disorder, begins to weigh on us.

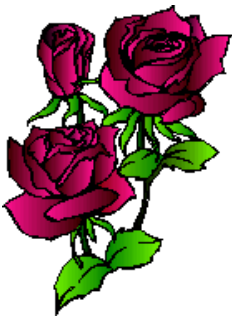
As a community, we will talk a bunch about “light” beginning with the Epiphany star. I will wonder with you how to make that light shine a little brighter in our lives.

I am not a big fan of the messages that churches fill their signboards with hopes of using humor or something a whole lot meaner to get their message across. However, every once in a while they get it right... This happened a week or so ago at a church near where I live... Their message: “Where there is darkness, reflect light”.

Whether you are happy or SAD... whether you need a way to keep the joy moving or a fix for genuine hurt, I can't think of a better message, “Where there is darkness, reflect light.”

Merry Christmas! Have a blessed and light-filled holiday season.

Carl Myers - Interim Pastor



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR:

MEMBERS: Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Bob Bare, Ruth Bare, Maidie Brown, Vivian Chenoweth, Rosalie Croft, Colton DuBois, Bud Eichelberger, Carolyn Eichler, Bob Graff, Ginny Harris, Carol Hilgartner, Glenys Hunt, Matthew Jones, Suzi Lyons, Carrie Moore, Sherry Moore, Rachel Murphy, Edith Nuse, George Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Leslie Vink-Hood, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia and Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phil Cieri, Bob & Ann Durham, Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Christine Palmimor, Bruce Hilgartner, Marsha Humbert, Gerri Geist, Beverly Chenoweth, Frank Ulrich, Michael Bowers, David Schweigman, Chris Kramer, Mark Kinnear, Joy Pillsbury, Joan & Rundle Kesslerling, Landon Brigner, Archer Senft, Jerry Herfurth, Carol Weber, Brian & Brandy, Dayna Holt, Marguerite Anastasi, Joseph Lord, Sharon Beamer, Joyce Van Sant, Joanne Stallings, Ruth Horner, RJ, Andrea, Helen Thomas, Ruth Baumgartner, Wayne Kelly, Chris White, Janis King, Barb Kehne, Josephine Minor, Diane Winning, Michelle, Bonnie, Nina Eyler, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: Roland Hale,
May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them comfort and peace.

THE PRAYER: Merciful God, we pray for the lonely, the disheartened, those who suffer from debilitating illness, those who cannot speak for themselves, and those in any need, especially (names). In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Faith does not come from striving; it comes from surrender.” Bill Johnson

“No prayer too big. No prayer too small. Otherwise, we might not pray at all.” Karen Strand

“Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.” Rachel Remen

“I pray that you all put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you gotta get on your knees in the morning to find them. And while you're down there thank God for grace and mercy and understanding.” Denzel Washington

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Where was Jesus when an angel came and strengthened him?
2. How many angels will be at the gates of the New Jerusalem?
3. What ungodly ruler in New Testament times was struck down by an angel?
4. According to Jesus, what causes the angels to rejoice?

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

- ✝ to those who helped or contributed in any way to our basket bingo. We especially thank Kelly Mountcastle and Mary Neuheisal for chairing the event.
- ✝ to Pastor Dave Bare who is our regular supply pastor.
- ✝ To Rachel Murphy, Carol Hilgartner and Shirley Stratton for putting together a beautiful holiday craft fair.
- ✝ to everyone who participated in the Trunk and Treat for Halloween to make it fun for our youth.
- ✝ To everyone who sent flowers, food and cards to Ginny Harris during her recovery.

Submissions to the newsletter are due as follows:

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| December/January | due November 15 |
| February/March | due January 15 |
| April/May | due March 15 |
| June/July | due May 15 |
| August/September | due July 15 |
| October/November | due September 15 |

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

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NEWS

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Once again we will have a special service of Lessons and Carols on the Sunday after Christmas, December 28, during worship. Many of our favorite carols will be sung.

FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP

Each year a workshop is held to select dates for our fund raising efforts. All those who are involved with any fund raising activities should attend. The workshop will be held January 9, 2015 at 9:30. Decisions will be made as to how the funds will be applied to the church treasury. Then the council will finalize and approve the decisions for the year.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Workshop follows Fundraising Workshop January 9, 2015.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Family Christmas Eve Service will be held at 4:30. This service is centered around the children who will help build the manger scene

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

During worship on December 13, our youth will present a special program to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Do come and enjoy this wonderful program.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or even in a case of emergency, to reach Pastor Carl Myers, please call [410-241-0814](tel:410-241-0814).

BULLETINS AND FLOWERS

Please sign up for bulletin and flower sponsorship. There are 2 weeks open for flowers in January (1/24 & 1/31). Contact Meg to sign up for flowers [410-790-3396](tel:410-790-3396).

Make sure your check is noted for bulletin or flower sponsorship so it can be posted to correct account. We can take credit cards for payment too!

OUTREACH

The Fall blood drive went well and we collected 34 units of blood. Special thanks to Maidie Brown who covered Suzi Lyons' normal position and to Gerri Martin for organizing some homemade goodies for our donors.

Christmas wishes are on our tree for 3 adopted families and Sarah's Hope. Gifts need to be brought back to church by December 6th.

Thanks to all who participate.

NEWSLETTER

The pages of this newsletter will become sparse in the news department without your help. If you aren't in the birthday/anniversary list, please email me the info. Unless you tell me what's happening, who is involved, etc. it's likely I won't remember. Email works best. If you verbally tell me some news, make sure you see me write it down please. Thanks for your help! - Carol

December

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| Nov. 29 After Service HANGING OF THE GREENS  | 30 | 1 7:00pm- Bible Study | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection | 7 | 8 7:00pm – Council | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 900am – Worship Children’s Christmas Program Fellowship after Worship | 14 | 15 7:00pm- Bible Study | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 900am – Worship Second Offering St. Dysmas 2:45pm – Christmas Caroling Potluck after | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 430pm  Family Christmas Eve Service 900pm | 25  Merry Christmas! | 26 |
| 27 900am – Worship – Lessons and Carols Service | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
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January

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| 3 900am – Worship Food Collection Sunday Youth Sunday Un-trim the Christmas Tree | 4 | 5 7;00pm- Bible Study | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 9:30am – Council and Fund Raising Workshop |
| 10 900am – Worship | 11 | 12 7:00pm - Council | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 900am – Worship Fellowship after worship Second offering: Carroll Lutheran Village | 18 | 19 7;00pm- Bible Study | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 900am – Worship | 25 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 900am – Worship | | | | | | |

Celebrations for December & January

December Birthdays

7 Ginny Harris
9 Brianna Murphy
11 Charles Baber
 Luke Meadowcroft
18 Sophia Panagakos
23 John Kelly, Jr.
24 Nadine McGee
 Shirley Stratton
28 Sue Benson
 Becky Harris Miller

December Anniversaries

10 Calvin & Mary Armacost
12 Shannon & Rachel Murphy
29 Steve & Selena Howard



January Birthdays

5 Christian Neuheisel
7 Ashley Mountcastle
8 Laura Grabowski
21 Felicity Meadowcroft
28 Katrina Ross
30 Mary Graff

January Anniversaries

9 Rick & Meg Jones

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

Joyful Noiseletter Nov. – Dec. Issue

A pastor asked a child, “Do you say your prayers every night, Johnny?”
“No”, the boy replied, “Some nights I don’t want anything.”

A Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

Little Jimmy raised his hand and said, “My mother looked back once when she was driving and turned into a telephone pole.”

It was the day of the big football game, and in church the time for the collection of tithes and offerings was approaching.

The pastor, a sports enthusiast, reached into his pocket, took out a quarter, flipped it into the air, watched it land, and like a referee joyfully announced, “The ushers have elected to receive.”

Happy Halloween

