



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

December 23rd, 2016

FROM THE PASTORS PEN

Christmas Day Worship of the New Born King!

Because Christmas Eve falls on Saturday, we have an opportunity we don't usually enjoy – to come together and worship on Christmas Day. We will have one service at 10:00 am so please plan to bring your family and holiday guests.

I would like to offer a "Top 10 List" of reasons to be in worship on Christmas Day:

1. *The Children's Time 'Toy Moment'* – Kristie invites children to bring their favorite toy or gift for 'Time with the Children.'
2. *Holy Communion* – We will share communion in a different way than usual; by intinction. This is thought to be the most traditional way Christians have shared communion
3. *Carol Singing* – We will be singing many favorite carols: 'There's a Song in the Air,' 'O Little Town of Bethlehem,' 'Sing We Now of Christmas,' 'We Three Kings,' 'Angels from the Realms of Glory,' 'The First Noel,' and 'Go Tell It on a Mountain.'
4. *Special Music* – Charlie Higgans will be singing the classic folk carol, 'I Wonder as I Wander'.
5. *Stories* – The service will include the stories 'behind' almost all the carols we will sing in worship.
6. *Scripture* – On Christmas Eve we will hear Luke's version of the Christmas story. On Christmas Day we will hear Matthew's version of what happens after the birth of Jesus. (Children and youth may be fascinated to hear a part of the story they may not be familiar with.)
7. *One Church Family* – With one service, we will be able to join together as one inter-generational family, gathering around the manger to adore the Christ child. (Children will remain in worship with their families for singing the carols and hearing the stories.)
8. *Break 2011's attendance record* – The last time Christmas Day was on a Sunday was 2011. 142 people were in worship on that Sunday. (Can we get 200 this year?)
9. *To emulate the wise men* – Most people believe that the journey of the wise men was not easy; that it required them to be 'on the road' for a long time. Making the effort to come and worship on the 25th reminds us of the efforts of the wise men who overcame every obstacle to worship the Christ child.
10. *On Behalf of Those Who Cannot Worship* – All over the world there are many people who do not enjoy the freedom to worship God openly and freely, even on Christmas. Consider your ability to worship as a gift of your presence on their behalf.

To God Alone, Glory!

Pastor Robb

Group and Ministry Notes

WORSHIP SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:00 AM

We will have one worship service at St. Paul's UMC at 10:00 am on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Christmas Day Service will be a "Service of Carols and Stories." We will sing a number of our favorite Christmas carols and hear the stories behind the songs.

Our New Year's Worship, along with more favorite Christmas carols, will include the opportunity to begin the year by rededicating ourselves to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

MEN'S BREAKFAST JANUARY 7, 2017:

Jennifer Hoggan will speak to the men about her own testimony at our first men's breakfast of 2017 on January 7. Tres Conrique promises to conjure up another delicious cuisine.

Please email john@theklinkers.com to have your name added to the sign-up list.

YEAR END GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S MUCH APPRECIATED

December is a month when people often make year-end gifts that help St. Paul's end the year 'in the black.' Having ended November with a \$29,000 difference between expenses to giving and other income in our Mission and Ministry program, year-end gifts will be especially appreciated!

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

Merry Christmas Break!

There will be no High School Pizza Lunch or Wednesday Night Youth Groups during our school's break.

Both will resume the first week in January!

Any Youth Questions? Contact Liz Flage.... lizflage.sp youth@gmail.com

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

PHOTOS CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

St. Paul's Children attended a Birthday Party for Jesus on December 14th

Many thanks for all those who helped on this wonderful event



Other Notes and Happenings

NEW 'HEARING LOOP' INSTALLED

Thanks to the generosity of several St. Paul's members, the 'Hearing Loop' system has been installed. This Assistive Listening system works with hearing aids and cochlear implants that have a 't-coil' setting. We also have 6 transmitters with headphones for people who have some hearing loss*, but who do not have hearing aids. The headphones can be used by people who have hearing aids without a t-coil.

The system will work in the Narthex, the choir loft, and on both sides of the sanctuary. The hearing loop will not work in the balcony. (*People who have their own 'ear buds' may use them with the transmitters by unplugging the current headphones and using the earphone jack.) If you have questions, please talk with Charlie Higgins or Pastor Robb. We will be happy to help you understand how to use the 'hearing loop.'

ST. PAUL'S CONFIRMATION IS COMING JANUARY 2017!

Next year we will begin our 22-week youth confirmation program where we will dive into the fundamentals of our Christian faith to inspire growth and commitment in your youth's faith journey.

When: January 9th - June 4th (Monday nights, 6:30pm-7:30pm) with a retreat over President's weekend.

Cost: \$40 for curriculum + minor additional retreat cost tbd.

Who: Designed specifically for youth in 8th - 9th grade.

(Older youth who wish to participate may do so. Please contact Liz.)

Register: Liz Flage, Director of Youth Ministry.... lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Dick DeCapito, Emily Gruillon, Frank Conlon, Brian Clark, Connie Carrol, Leslie Perlis, Taryn Clement, Carmella Palo, Bob Howard, Bette Decker, Gerry Sawyer, Ann Rutherford, Katie McKnight, Ingrid Payne, Ivey Warren, Lynn Morgan, The Henrich Family, Kel Kraft Casey, Sue McNary, Don Caine, Delma Dickson, Zhao Fu, Linda Nixon, Leslie Nathan, David Buckovetz, Diane Heaten, Mike and Dolores Miller, Teresa, Neil, & Mark Cooper, Al & Maryls Isacson, George Pether*

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