



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

December 15th, 2017

Last Week Attendance:

523

FROM THE PASTORS PEN

Celebrating a Compressed Advent

The four Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve are traditionally known as the Season of Advent. In 2017, this is a bit tricky because the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th, when we also celebrate Christmas Eve! In the case you haven't put it on your calendar, St. Paul's is planning to observe the 4th Sunday of Advent with one service at 10:00 am. This morning service will not be a "Christmas Eve" service. Rather, we will have 3 Christmas Eve services at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm.

I would invite and encourage you to attend the 10 am Sunday service and then return for at least one of the evening Christmas Eve services. Here are a couple notes about each service on December 24th.

10:00 am - The service will serve as the conclusion of our Advent theme: "Celebrating a Life-Giving Christmas." The service will include traditional songs of Advent, and will help us finalize our preparations to tell the story of Jesus' birth at our evening services.

5:00 pm – This service will include Lessons, Carols, Candlelight, and a Living Nativity. Singing some of our favorite carols, this service will also include all the elements of a traditional nativity scene: The Holy Family, Shepherds, and Wise Men. Recognizing that younger children will likely be present at this service, we will distribute only "Safe Flame" candles. We will have candlelight provided by candelabras and candles at the ends of several pews. In addition to carol singing, we will have some special musical offerings. (Nursery care infant to 3 years.)

7:00 pm – This service will be almost identical to the 5:00 pm service -- including the traditional nativity scene -- but our Sanctuary Choir will be presenting musical offerings during this service. As families with older children and youth are more likely to attend at this service, we will distribute candles to light at the end of the service as we join in singing "Silent Night." We will also provide "Safe Flame" candles to any younger children. (Nursery care infant to 3 years.)

FROM THE PASTORS PEN (CONT'D)

9:00 pm – This service will include Carols, Candlelight, and Holy Communion. A quartet of choir members will help lead singing throughout the service and you may be among the many people find it extremely meaningful to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. Again, we will distribute regular candles and close the service singing “Silent Night.” (No nursery care.)

I pray that the light of Christ will dawn in a very special way throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas!

To God Alone, Glory!

Pastor Robb

BTW: We will worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am on December 31st (which will be the 53rd Sunday of 2017!

Group and Ministry Notes



St. Paul's presents an



Afternoon of Caroling

All ages are invited!

Meet at St. Paul's United Methodist Church

2pm

Sunday, December 17

drivers appreciated, as we visit housebound members!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Note: 4th Sunday of Advent Worship on December 24th at 10:00 am

With December 24th falling on a Sunday, St. Paul's will have a single worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. This is not a Christmas Eve service, but rather an observance of the final Sunday in Advent. (Advent includes 4 Sundays of preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus.)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

St. Paul's Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Lessons and Carols will be at 5:00 & 7:00 pm, and at 9:00 pm will be a Carols and Communion Service. Childcare is available for infants to 3 years old at the 5:00 and 7:00 pm Services.

Group and Ministry Notes

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN DECEMBER



There will be no Sunday School for our elementary aged- children on December 10, 24, or 31. Parents are welcome to pick up quiet activities in the Sexton Room (in the back of the Sanctuary). Also, due to a generous donation, there are Advent calendars for every child and teen at St. Paul's. Please pick up yours in the Sexton Room also!

MISSIONS CRAFTERS YEAR IN REVIEW

Thank you to all who have purchased items from our store front this past year. We are on track to be able to support more children through Children of the Nations than last year's eleven. We will give you the total in January as we cut the check just before the end of the year.

Change is coming for Mission Crafters in 2018. In the past we have been under the Missions Committee. This next year we will go back to being under UMW's umbrella. All proceeds from sales will go to the missions supported by UMW. We will also have only 4 seasonal fairs in 2018. There is projected need for the store front space as our church continues to grow. In light of this, we will be working with church staff to vacate this space when they have need of it.

We will continue to craft on Tuesday mornings from 10-noon and invite any crafters to join us for the love of crafting and fellowship. In His Service: Nancy Mowry, Gloria Whalen, Vera Rogers, Sue Crowder, Jenni Nesbitt and Lucia Ladd.

Group and Ministry Notes

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

Sunday Morning Youth Offerings

9:00am: Youth Worship - meet Liz on the front lawn before the first service for donuts and an interactive youth worksheet.

10:30am: Youth Bible Study - head to the Youth Den during the second service for fellowship and small group studies.

All youth programming is taking a break during the two-week Christmas school vacation. We wish you and your families a blessed time together!

Jr. High & High School Youth Groups

We'll be back Wednesday, January 3rd... see you there!

(Jr. High: 5:30pm-7:00pm) (High School: 7:30pm-8:30pm)

GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

- Do you like to smile?
- Do you have a warm and welcoming demeanor?
- Do you like to attend Sunday church services?

If so you are a great candidate to be an usher during Sunday services. We currently need a few to help for both first and second service during various weeks of the month. If interested, please email Marcie and let her know stpauls.coronadoumc@gmail.com

USHER AND LITURGIST TRAINING

Ushers and liturgists! Please save the date: **USHER TRAINING** Saturday, January 27 from 9-11 and **LITURGIST TRAINING** Sunday, February 25 from 12-2. (Brunch and lunch, respectively, provided as a thank you for your service.) Attendance at these trainings is not mandatory, but is encouraged, as priority for sign-ups will be given to those who attend the training. Please contact Jen Hoggan at jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com to register, or for more information.

PARENTS PRAYER GROUP MEETS MONDAYS

Parents' Prayer Group meets 8:30-9:30 on Monday mornings. Note: new meeting room! Join us in the library, Room 203. All parents welcome.

Other Notes and Happenings

ST. PAUL'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

*****New St. Paul's EMAIL ADDRESS*****

We are changing our church email address. Please send all e mails to:

stpauls.coronadoumc@gmail.com

***PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Konrad Kerr, Cindy Usalis, Brian Nelson, Ali Davidson Cleveland, Sue McNary, Jo Scott, Lauris Boyer, Denny Grimaud, Rory Hutchison, Lois Rosania, Vicki Fisk, Jerry Swisher, Dave and Leone Wood, Mary Pack, Peggy Spence, Jim Black, Emily Grullon, Jim Smith, Marianne Turnipseed, Logan Sandoval, Ann Rutherford, Melissa Bennett, Henrich Family, Norm Ludington, Bruce Linder, Rosa Mezquite, Dotty Turner, Norm Berman, Fred Snider, Susan Schuerer, Sadie Hall, Pastor Jim Roamer*

The St. Paul's e mail Newsletter will be sent out on Friday each week. We rely on groups/ministries to provide content for the newsletter. If you want to have something included, please e mail the announcement/article/pictures to the communications address below by Wednesday. Also include instructions about how many weeks that you want it to run
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