

Good people are so fixated on the election and not enough on the state of our country and the challenge of governing and leading our nation for whomever our next President will be. I don't care who you vote for...I will love you nonetheless...but you should vote AND you should pray and be prepared for our life together after this election craziness is over to live as people of faith in these troubled times.
-Pastor Bill

On Tuesday, November 8th, from 6 AM to 6 PM, the Chapel at St. Paul's UCC will be open for personal prayer, reflection, meditation - whatever you feel the need for. Please make the time to pray for our country before or after casting your vote.

"THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM"



Sunday, November 27th begins our Advent & Christmas season here at St. Paul's. The theme for this year is "THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM" and will include a special theme song. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES EVERY WEEK AT BOTH SERVICES.** If interested let Pastor Bill know ASAP.

ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 5 to 7 pm

THE WEEK AHEAD...

TODAY - 11/6 - Memorial Sunday

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Praise Singers
- 10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School, Blood Pressures (library)
- 11:00 am Discovery Worship
- 12:00 pm- Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot (parlor)
- 4:00 pm

MONDAY - 11/7

- 8:00 am Headstart PS
- TUESDAY - 11/8 Election Day**
- 6:00 am Chapel open for Prayer
- 8:00 am Headstart PS
- 8:00 am Weight Watchers
- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study
- 9:30 am 4C Play & Learn
- 5:30 pm Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY - 11/9

- 8:00 am Headstart PS
- 5:00 pm Sausage Supper
- THURSDAY - 11/10**
- 8:00 am Headstart PS
- 9:30 am Discovery Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Gym Reserved

FRIDAY - 11/11

- 8:00 am Headstart PS
- 8:00 am Gym Reserved

SATURDAY - 11/12

- 8:00 am Gym Reserved
- 1:30 pm 208 Reserved

Confirmation trip to *Uspiritus*

SUNDAY - 11/13 - Stewardship Sunday

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Praise Singers
- 10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Discovery Worship with Baptism
- 12:00 pm IMPACT (6th-8th)
- 1:30 pm Sanctuary & Dining Room Reserved



The annual pledge drive letter and Pledge card for 2017 were included in the November *Messenger* newsletter. Copies are available at the Hospitality Center and on the table in the entryway.

Please take the time to prayerfully consider your pledge of support of St. Paul's, then complete and turn in your pledge card by either dropping it in the offering plate, mailing it in or handing it to the office.

For new (potential) and seasoned OPEN GYM volunteers: On Thursday, November 10, 3-4 pm, we will offer an OPEN GYM Volunteer training in Room 208! We are looking for new volunteers to help with OPEN GYM. St. Paul's is home to 40-60 neighborhood children every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3-5 pm. In recent years, this program has been the introduction to regular church and Sunday school attendance for many youth. We have already confirmed 4 dedicated neighborhood youth and currently have 9 neighborhood youth in confirmation class. OPEN GYM not only gives youth a safe place to be, but we also attract youth who want to be a part of our church family. I sincerely thank all who are already involved in this important ministry. For those who are on the fence, please prayerfully consider any type of contribution you can make towards this important ministry. We hope to see you on the 10th!

TRUNK OR TREAT
THANK YOU!!!!

As most of you know, we held our annual Trunk or Treat on the afternoon of October 30th and we feel it was a "HUGE" success with well over 200 in attendance. Our trunks were all lined up and ready to go and we had so many children that most everyone ran out of candy!!! In the courtyard area, we had a time of pumpkin and bag decorating. A wonderful chili and hot dog meal was served while everyone sat out on bales of straw and enjoying the beautiful evening. This year, we were able to put on a really scary "Haunted House". We would like to say "A BIG THANK YOU" to all of our volunteers who loaned and delivered the straw bales, passed out lots of candy, prepared and served the meal, worked in the craft area and to everyone who helped to not only decorate all of the rooms used for the haunted house but to also participate in making the rooms come alive!!!! And last but not least, to those who helped with all of the cleanup duties. It takes lots and lots of work to be able to hold this event and we couldn't do it without all of your help!!!!