

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 9, 2016



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT ♦ DECEMBER 18, 2016

Focus: *LOVE*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I John 4:7-12 (NLT)

BLUE CHRISTMAS* ♦ DECEMBER 18, 2016 (Service in the Chapel at 4:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS EVE ♦ DECEMBER 24, 2016

(4:00 p.m. Family & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight)

Focus: *LIGHT*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:1-5 (NLT)

4:00 p.m. **FAMILY SERVICE:** "Building a Nativity"

11:00 p.m. **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** "Testimonies in Scripture and Song"

CHRISTMAS DAY ♦ DECEMBER 25, 2016

(Combined Service at 10:00 a.m.)

"Caroling through Christmas"

NEW YEAR'S DAY ♦ JANUARY 1, 2017

Focus: *RESOLUTIONS*

SHUT-IN GIFT BAGS ARE READY FOR DELIVERY!!!!

To all our Shut-In Angels!!!! The Christmas gift bags are filled with lots of goodies and will be ready for delivery to all our church family members who cannot make it to church beginning on Monday, December 12th. They are in the church office and each bag has a name tag on it. If for some reason, you won't be able to deliver before Christmas, please contact Pam Schuck or Shannon Jackson. Thanks for all you do to make our shut-ins lives a little brighter!!!



**Mission
Needs**

If you are interested in assisting with reformulating the MISSION TEAM, please contact Pastor Bill. Our first meeting will take place after the first of the year.

"JAM KIDS" EVENT



Our next event will be on December 17th for our annual "Breakfast with Santa". Breakfast will be served at 9:30 am, followed by a craft time for the children. If all goes well, 'Jolly Ole Santa' will make his appearance around 10:30 am to spend time with the children singing carols and possible reading a favorite Christmas Story

Hospitality Sunday: Following the morning worship services on December 18th the Hospitality Team is hosting 'PICTURES WITH THE CHRISTMAS TREE' in the Parish Hall. Bring your smile!



St. Paul's UCC is offering a special **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on Sunday, December 18th at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

On December 18th, special offering envelopes will be available for this fund that provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering is received annually on the Sunday before Christmas.

YOUTH NEWS

MANDATORY MISSION TRIP MEETING - Just another reminder that we have an important mission trip meeting **THIS SUNDAY**, December 11th, at 12:15 in room 208. Parents should be there, please. It will be a short meeting. This summer's trip will be to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. July 17-22, 2017

ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on Sunday, December 18th directly following the Blue Christmas Service in our Chapel at 4:30 pm. You are welcome to attend the service. We will have a meal together and a White Elephant gift exchange (gifts under \$5.00).