



# The Grapevine

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*St. Paul's is a caring, Christ-centered congregation reaching out to the world by sharing the Good News through our Worship, Missions, Christian Education, and Fellowship.*

November 26, 2017

**Children's Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School Classes today at 11:00 a.m.**

**"Genesis to Revelation"**—We are currently studying the minor prophets.  
Led by David McIlvaine, Coke Room

**The Case for Christ** by Lee Strobel—Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? This 6-week DVD series is about a journalist's personal investigation of the evidence for Jesus.  
Led by Bob Hastings, Embury Room

**The Reformation's 500 Year Anniversary**—Why it's important today.  
Led by Scott Simpson, Heck Room

## Annual UMW Cookie Walk

The annual St. Paul's UMW cookie walk will be held at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, December 2** in Fellowship Hall. There will be a wide variety of cookies from which to choose, including gluten free. Cookies will be \$10 per box. Bakers are needed! Bakers may begin dropping cookies off in the church kitchen on Friday, December 1. The cookie walk will end when the cookies run out. All proceeds will benefit UMW missions.

## Decorating Party Planned

The holidays are quickly approaching and we want to give everyone an opportunity to help decorate our church for the Christmas Season. A decorating party will be held **Friday, December 1** from 10:00 a.m. until we are finished. Come for an hour or plan to stay all day! No skill necessary, just a willingness to help and have fun! We will have refreshments, lunch, music, and plenty of fellowship! Let's prepare God's home for the wonderful Christmas season. Call Teresa Powell at 302-478-6572 with any questions.

## Alternative Christmas Cards

Give the gift of giving. Donate to one of five charities and you will get a card to give to a friend that tells them about the gift given in their name. Choose from Meals on Wheels, Neighborhood House, Friendship House, Habitat for Humanity, or Sojourners Place. Christmas cards are available in the narthex through Dec. 17.

## Stewardship: Commitment Sunday Update

Praise the Lord! To date, we have received 95 pledges for funding our ministries at Saint Paul's in 2018. For those of you who haven't, but still wish to make a pledge, there are pledge cards available in the sanctuary (see an usher), and in the church office. We hope to surpass last year's total pledges of 104, showing St. Paul's renewed commitment to making disciples of Christ.

## Poinsettia Christmas Display

Donations of poinsettias are again priced at \$10.00 for 6" pots and \$15.00 for 7 1/2" pots. All orders need to be in by Thursday, December 7. If paying by check, please specify **"Poinsettias"** in the memo line of the check along with the order form. Thank you.

### Poinsettia Order Form

Attach a piece of paper for additional dedications. Remember to put **"POINSETTIAS"** on the memo line of your check or attach this form to your check or cash donation.

Donor names (to be printed in bulletin)

Paid by( if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **WHITE** 6" pot @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 1/2" pot @\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **RED** 6" pot @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 1/2" pot @\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of order \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/check payment \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## Today

9:30 am Sunday Worship  
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall  
10:45 am Children's Sunday School

11:00 am Adult Sunday School  
12:00 pm Wesley Choir  
5:00 pm Youth Choir

## This Week

### MONDAY (27)

5:00 pm Wilmington Handbells  
6:00 pm Stockings for Soldiers, Branmar Plaza  
7:00 pm SPRC, Lounge

### TUESDAY (28)

6:00 pm JuBellation  
8:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

### WEDNESDAY (29)

9:00 am Ugly Quilts, Garrettson Room  
12:00 pm Grief Group, Timothy Lounge  
12:00 pm Daybreak Counseling, Library  
7:00 pm Al-Anon, Heck Room  
7:00 pm Volleyball Scrimmage, Fellowship Hall  
8:15 pm Men's Bible Study, Lounge

### THURSDAY (30)

8:00 am TMWC  
10:00 am Bible Study, Embury Room  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm Scouts Troop 527, Asbury Room  
7:00 pm Sisters in Christ, Timothy Lounge

### FRIDAY (December 1)

12:00 pm Pacem in Terris, Asbury Room  
4:00 pm UMW Set-up, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Lydia Circle, Kitchen  
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

### SATURDAY (2)

8:00 am UMW Cookie Walk, Fellowship Hall  
8:30 am Pacem in Terris, Asbury Room

## Angel Tree Present Wrapping Party

It's time to return your unwrapped Angel Tree gifts. Please join us on **December 7** at 6:30 p.m. at the church to enjoy Christmas music and refreshments while we wrap all these wonderful gifts. Thank you for your continued support of the Angel Tree Prison Ministry.

## Marriage Encounter Returning with a New "Experience"!

Marriage Encounter is offering The Restore, Rekindle, Renew (3RE) Marriage Enrichment experience. This a 7 week, DVD-supported format, led by an experienced Facilitator Couple. St. Paul's will be hosting this on Sunday afternoons, 2-5:30 p.m., beginning January 14. The cost is \$100/couple. Due to space considerations, we are limited to 12 couples. Contact Brent & Carole Burdge, at either [BC Tandem@aol.com](mailto:BC Tandem@aol.com) or (302)529-9261. Online registration at [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org).

## St. Paul's Contribution Envelopes

Contribution/Pledge Envelopes for 2018 have been prepared and are available for pick up. Please stop by the table in the Brandywine High School hallway for your envelopes. If you need of envelopes and don't see you name on a box, please contact Sarah McIlvaine 529-1927 and envelopes will be prepared for you.

## Confirmation Class Orientation Meeting December 3

Confirmation is a rite of passage in the United Methodist Church. Through this process, young people are given the opportunity to publicly affirm for themselves the faith into which they were baptized as infants. For those youth who have not been baptized, through the profession of faith and baptism, they are received into the membership of the church.

There will be a orientation meeting on December 3 at 12 noon in the church chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave at the church office.

## WHE Concert at St. Paul's

*Wilmington Handbell Ensemble* is an exciting performing group that was founded right here at St. Paul's by Michael Helman. WHE is performing a concert for us on **Sunday, December 3**, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will finish just before the Christmas Dinner! A collection will be taken for UMCOR in support of the recent hurricane victims.



December 3 Christmas Pot-luck Dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
December 17 Christmas Caroling, 7:00 p.m.