

- Diane Coffman, Ed Downy, Christopher Graf, Marilyn Green, Jim Hamilton, Jim Heimann (brother of Debbie Peck), Don Lamoreaux, Jim Myers, Luella (Deby Lasko's mother), Mirren Staudt, Ann Marie Wester, Amy Ziehm

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
1/6 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study & Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM Youth Group 12:15 PM 1/7 Elders Meeting 7 PM 1/8 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM NA 7 PM 1/9 H3 7 PM 1/10 Hand Bells 6:15 PM Choir 7:30 PM	1/13 Worship 8:30 AM Bible Study & Sunday School 9:45 AM Holy Communion 8:30 AM 1/15 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM NA 7 PM 1/16 H3 1/17 Hand Bells 6:15 PM Choir 7:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Organist/Pianist** Dave Minillo
- Elders** John Kirschner, Chuck Draga (E)
Darren Conley, Dave Bender, Bob Steindl (L)
Molly McGlothlin (E) Beth Albrecht (L)
Jacob Schneider (E) Ruari Dever (L)
John & Brenda Cartmell (E) Ted & Sally Krause (L)
Virginia Warnock (E) Cheryl Street (L)
- Sound Room** Donna Kemmerle, Diane Coffman, Linda Hargreaves
- Altar Guild** Dan Koch
- Head Usher** Dan Streza, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Dean Koch, Dave Timbs (L)
- Ushers**

Church/Office: 440-988-4157 Fax: 440-988-5436

E-Mail: churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com Church Website: stpaulamherst.com

Rev. Paul G. Werner, Pastor - Office: (440)988-4157 Cell: (586)201-3302

Kendis Bender, Dir. Of Christian Education - Cell: (440)967-1792

Rick Fortney, Director of Music Ministries Cell: (440)724-7189

Beth Naro, Preschool Director - Preschool Phone: (440)988-5427



St. Paul

Lutheran Church & Preschool
 115 Central Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001
www.stpaulamherst.com (440) 988-4157

Sunday, January 6, 2019

In Today's Worship Even as we take down our Christmas lights for another year, the great joy of Jesus' coming still shines! Today is the observance of the Epiphany, which remembers the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. The word, "Epiphany" means light shining forth. The light of Christ shone on these non-Jewish, Gentile, Wise Men. Like the Wise Men, we have been led by the light of God's love in Christ Jesus to faith in Him. Now, the light of Christ shines forth to the world through us. **"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden...let your light shine..."** Matthew 5:14-16

Prayer Before Worship

Eternal God, You sent the Prophet calling, **"Arise, shine for your light has come!"** We see that light in Jesus, God-with-us. As I come to worship fill me with the light in Christ, and so through me may You illumine the world. So I come today bringing the joys and hardships of life, and I celebrate that Christ's light is already with me and within me. Amen.

Altar Flowers given to God's glory by Laura Kregger in celebration of her son, Brandon Grusell's 30th birthday & daughter, Juliet Belden's 21st birthday.

CREATION MYTHBUSTERS

SERIES OF 5 SERMONS TO HELP YOU DEFEND YOUR FAITH
SUN., JAN. 13 -- SUN., FEB. 10, 2019

- Does science disprove the Bible?
- Where did we come from?
- How old is the earth?
- By chance or by a Designer?
- Why does it matter?
- Am I naïve and out-of-date for believing?
- Are there good answers I can offer in a discussion?

St. Paul has a new Website! Since people look for information on the internet, our website is important. Check out our new website at stpaulamherst.com. You can find up to date information, a prayer wall, and much more.

WE INVITE ALL SINGERS to give choir a try. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:45 PM.

Hand Bells Rehearsal Hand Bells rehearse at 6:15 PM on Thursday evenings. You are invited to come and try out this very easy way to play an instrument to glorify God in worship.

STARTING TODAY! **NEW BIBLE STUDY!** **Loved and Sent** As Christians we often stutter when someone asks, "Who are you? What do you believe? Why does it matter to you?" We get a unique chance to share our heart, and we say too much, or nothing at all. Discover in this 5 week Bible study who you are and why you matter. Once you know that, then you'll have something of great value to share with someone, and be able to do it naturally, easily, without pressure, within a relationship with family or a friend. **Loved and Sent** will be taught by Pastor Paul on Sunday mornings from 9:45– 10:45 AM, beginning Sunday, January 6th, and each lesson is repeated at *Seasoned Saints* on Tuesday mornings from 10- 11AM, beginning Tuesday January 8th.

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN: New Nursery for Infants & Toddlers

St. Paul's nursery has moved to its new permanent home. The nursery is now located in the room at the back of the worship sanctuary with the large window to see the worship service. This is the room which was built to be the nursery and was used for this purpose for many years. There are rocking chairs, diaper changing supplies, a crib, toys, etc. You may get to the nursery by the hallway in the upper level education wing.

LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU LIVE WITH GOD EACH DAY. Spend time with God every day of 2019 in His Word. *Portals of Prayer* devotion guides can help you. Each day's reading has a Scripture verse, an application to life, and a prayer. There are prayers for special occasions in the back. *Portals of Prayer* for January thru March are available now in the lobby. They are free. Pick one up today.



SINCERE THANK YOU to all who participated in our "Gift fit for the King" Christmas Offering. Sixteen thousand six hundred fifty eight dollars were given sacrificially to God above and beyond regular offerings! These gifts will strengthen the ministry as it is applied against debt incurred in 2018. Praise God!

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Ron Klein surgery to remove skin cancer.
- Layla Camera, great-granddaughter of Lil & Jim Hamilton. She is in Cleveland Clinic with a serious blood disorder. Pray for doctors to be able to find the cure.
- Gene Rak (Wade & Marilyn Hubbard's brother-in-law) under hospice care.
- Beth Blackburn (Barb Becker's daughter) under hospice care.
- Barb Becker, Joan Curran, Jack Green, Wade Hubbard, Martha Jamie, Helen Lau, Lois Manes, continued prayers.
- Dorothy & Richard Mitiska, Ruth Pasta, Jeff Phan, Roberta Ruhl, Andrea Schwartz (friend of the Dever family), Yvonne Squires, continued recovery.