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## 8:30 AM Order of Service December 16, 2018

	Strings: Ellie Parker (violin), Owen Cleary (violin), Alyson Rake (viola), Carson Yahvah (cello)	
<b>Prelude</b>		Fay Bunes & Kim Peachy, <i>piano</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Patti Agnew & Maren Marchesini
<b>Troait</b>	<i>In that Great, Gettin' Up Morning</i> arr. Harris	Chancel Choir, Bob Fitzgerald
<b>Sharing the Sign of Peace</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	#211 (v. 1, 2, 6, 7) Maren Haynes Marchesini
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Unison Prayer (See back page or screen)</b>		
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Response</b>	<i>People, Look East</i>	#202 (v. 2) Patti Agnew Chancel Choir
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Ubi Caritas</i> by Ola Gjeilo	#95
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## GROW YOUR FAITH

• **LAURIE'S BOOK CLUB** No meeting in December. **January 28th** we will be meeting and discussing the book *Yellow Raft on Blue Water* by Michael Dorris. Off site location with more details to come. (SW)

### • WINTER SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Come have a lively discussion about racism, the sin of white supremacy and religious diversity in America. *Anxious To Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism* by Carolyn B. Helsel will be one of three books reviewed in this winter's Sunday morning class. This six week class will begin **January 13** and will meet between services in the Fireside Room at SWP from **9:45 AM-10:45 AM**. Books are available from the office for \$18 or you can get them online or as E-Books. The class will be facilitated by Joan Higgins-Smith. (ID)

### • WINTER WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS

*Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* is a memoir by Dr. Kate Bowler, following her life before and after being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at the age of 35. Join us for this 8-week study of Dr. Bowler's book and deep conversation about dying and ways of living **January 16th -March 6th** from **6:30-7:30 PM** in the Fireside Room at SWP. Books are available for purchase from the office for \$15. The book can be found on Audible, eBook, or Amazon for order as well. To reserve your space, e-mail [spack-toner@stpaulshelena.org](mailto:spack-toner@stpaulshelena.org), sign up on the Presence Form at worship, or call the office. (ID)

#### CLASS KEY

(ID) - IN DEPTH

(DB) - DROP BY

(MW) - MULTI-DAY WORKSHOP

(SW) - SINGLE DAY WORKSHOP

## YOUTH GROUP

• **DONUTS & DEVOTIONS** We are taking a



two week break, and will be back to the regularly scheduled discussions and deliciousness on **December 30th!**

**19th: Sing for your Supper!** - A progressive dinner, with each course at a different house! Meet at the church at 6 PM.

**26th: Boxing Day** - um... take a nap?

• **FRIDAY GAME NIGHT** Schools is out and it's **Friday, December 28th** so we're going to have a late one! Games and snacks from **6 PM to 10 PM!**

## COMING SOON

• **FLATHEAD LAKE NEW YEAR'S EVE** We have warm cabins and a great retreat center to gather in for meals and games. We'll have board games, puzzles, and indoor ping pong. New Year's Eve will include a Watchnight Service. It's a good time to look back and forward with eyes of faith in company with one another and with God. Register online at [FlatheadCamp.org](http://FlatheadCamp.org). **December 29, 2018 3:30 PM - January 1, 2019 2:00 PM** **\$150** for Adults, **\$125** for youth. (UNDER 6 FREE) (Meals included)

• **GENERAL ENDOWMENT** St. Paul's UMC 2018 General Endowment Fund requests to be distributed in the calendar year 2019 are due no later than **December 21 at noon**. Forms can be found both online on our website and in the office, and need to be returned to Hailey Cole, Finance Coordinator at 512 Logan Street, Helena, MT 59601.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL'S

• **SUNDAY NURSERY.** 8:30-9:30 AM and 10:45 AM-noon in room 106 of Susanna's Place. Phyllis Michelson and volunteers offer play and nurture for your young children.

• **NO PROMISELAND CLASSES DECEMBER 23RD AND 30TH**

• **KIDSWORD BAGS.** Ask a greeter for an activity bag for your child during worship.

• **GODLY PLAY.** Godly Play is directly after Children's Time at the 11 AM service for children in pre-K - 5th grade. Adults will accompany your children to Susanna's Place, room 201 and 203 for interactive Bible stories and activities! Please pick your children up right after church at that location.

• **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is on **December 23rd** at the **11 AM** service. The pageant is a fun-filled event that your children will want to be a part of! Children dress up as angels, shepherds, animals, magi and even a star to recreate the manger scene. NO rehearsals! All children are welcome! On **December 23**, we will costume in the Fellowship Hall at **10:30 AM**, or you may come costumed to the Fellowship Hall by **10:45 AM**. Volunteers remain with your children until they make their grand entrance.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT COVENANT

• **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Kindergarten - 5th grade can join Sunday School following Children's Time during the service. We meet in Classroom 1 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Join us today.

• **CHILDREN** are welcome in worship. Nursery is provided every Sunday from **9:45 – 11:15 AM** for children 5 and under. All are invited to join us for Fellowship directly following the service.

• **FUMBLY, BUMBLY ANGELS** A huge thank you to the parents, grandparents and Sunday school teachers; especially, JoAnn Hanson, Jan Fishburn, Kathy Chase, Jacquie Haney and Kris Allen who helped make our Children's Sunday Service a triumph.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

• **COOKBOOKS** The UMW will be selling their cookbooks in the St. Paul's Foyer in between services. *A Taste of Heaven*, Yellowstone UMW Legacy Cookbook - \$10.00

• **CAMP SCHOLARSHIP** Grandparents, please consider a gift of a camp scholarship for your grandchild this year. It is one they will appreciate for more than just this year. See the Flathead United Methodist Camp website for details.

**Covenant Fellowship Reminder:** Please check the bulletin board and sign up in empty Sunday spaces and take your turn.

Join our weekly e-mail blast by clicking on the banner on [stpaulshelena.org](http://stpaulshelena.org) and filling out the form. This e-mail blast includes St. Paul's, Covenant, and Community happenings that week.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

St. Paul's has a longstanding tradition of a poet whom submits poems at significant times in the year. This week we received an Advent Poem. Reflect and enjoy!

### Advent

A time for healing and for grace.

A time to remember to slow down our pace.

A time for good will and thought of those around.

To feed the hungry and give to the poor

and let our love abound.

We come to God with a heart, open and sincere

awaiting the Christ Child for us to appear.

Prepare the way to receive the hope, joy and love,

Anticipation, preparation for the blessing from above.

Light and candles all around, as they signify

That the darkness has been dispelled

As Christ we glorify!

In this Advent season as watching and waiting increase,

May your heart be filled with God's warmth and peace.

- Anonymous Poet II



**Note:** This year St. Paul's will collect a special Christmas offering which will be divided in half. Half of the offering will be shared among God's Love, Good Samaritan, The Salvation Army, and Helena Food Share. We refer people asking for help to these organizations year round and want to support them. Each does amazing work meeting needs in our community. The second half of the offering will go toward upgrading our technology here at St. Paul's. If you would like to contribute, please designate "Christmas Offering" on your check or put your donation in the designated envelopes, which are available in the foyer, pews, and church office.

## This Week at a Glance

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

SWP= Susanna Wesley Place, 512 Logan  
C= Church Building, 80 E. Lawrence

#### Sunday, December 16th

8:30 & 11 AM Worship: (C) Sanctuary

9:30 AM Fellowship: (C) Fellowship Hall

9:45 AM Promiseland Classes: (SWP)

11 AM Godly Play: (SWP) 201 & 203

#### Monday, December 17th

5:30 PM St. Paul's Finance Team: (SWP) Rm 104

#### Tuesday, December 18th

**No trustees' meeting in December**

#### Wednesday, December 19th

NOON God Hunger: (C) Library

6 PM Youth Sing for your Supper: Off Site

#### Thursday, December 20th

12:15 PM Jung Reading Group: (SWP) Fireside Room

6 PM Susanna's Circle: (SWP) Fireside Room

#### Friday, December 21st

10 AM Bulletin Folders: (SWP) Rm 104

7 PM Winter Solstice Service: (C) Sanctuary

### COVENANT'S CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 16th

9 AM Choir Practice: Sanctuary

10 AM Worship: Sanctuary

11 AM Fellowship: Fellowship Hall

11 AM Blood Pressure Clinic

#### Tuesday, December 18th

11:30 AM Red Hats Lunch: Off Site

5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice: Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, December 19th

11 AM Cranium Cafe: Fellowship Hall

### Support Groups at St. Paul's

- AA: Tues. & Thurs. 8 PM: C101; Sun. 8 PM: C102
- AA/Women's: Mon. 10:45 AM: C101/Library
- Al-Anon: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. Noon: SWP101; Thurs. 10 AM: C101; Sun. 3:30 PM: SWP101
- Eating Disorder Support Group: Mon. 7 PM: SWP200
- Nar-Anon: Mon., Thurs. 5:30 PM: SWP200
- OA: Mon. & Thurs. 7 PM: SWP204; Thurs. Noon: Sat. SWP204; 9 AM: SWP104

Join us at St. Paul's for the All Church Council meeting on January 10th at 5:30 PM to approve our 2019 budget

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS**  
Dinners are on a winter break until **January 16, 2019**.
- **GREETERS NEEDED AT ST. PAUL'S** We need greeters for the **4th and 5th Sunday at 8:30 AM**. Please sign up on the Presence Form.
- **BROADCAST SPONSOR OF ST. PAUL'S 11 AM WORSHIP** A Sunday sponsorship costs \$50 to help pay for production, equipment and advertising on Livestream and podcast. *If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on St. Paul's Presence Form or contact the office.*

## COVENANT HAPPENINGS

- **COVENANT CHOIR** We rehearse on **Sunday mornings at 9 AM**. Anyone is welcome to join and share the gift of music. *If you have any questions, contact Jerry Sept.*
- **THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM** focuses on supporting members of the congregation with prayers and response to needs. Please join us if you feel called to participate in this meaningful ministry. There are two ways in which to participate; please check and sign up on the Presence Form.
- **ANGEL TREE MISSION PROJECT** The gifts under the tree will be delivered tomorrow, **December 17**. If you forgot to bring your gift today, please deliver it to the Head Start Office in the Neighborhood Center, 200 South Cruse, tomorrow. Please notify staff that your gift is from Covenant UMC. Thank you for making a difference for a needy family in Helena this Christmas.
- **RED HATS** will meet on **Tuesday, December 18th at 11:30 AM** at Green Meadow Country Club. Contact is Fran Waddell (442-1038)

## HUMM HAPPENINGS

- **OFFICE HOURS**  
Our Office Hours are:  
Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM and  
Also Wednesdays: 4 PM - 5:30 PM  
**The office will be closed December 25-January 1**  
**Staff will be available by appointment.**
- **ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE** We need to receive gifts by today, **Sunday, December 16th**. If you have any questions, contact Joan Sheline at 439-2293.
- **STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL YOU** A Mother-Daughter Retreat! Our worship and preaching has focused on loving ourselves, and our first event toward practical steps in taking care of ourselves is a mother-daughter retreat. It will be a **Friday-Saturday event in April**. Mothers, grandmothers, and daughters age 7 and up are all invited (if younger, please email Pastor Sami). The cost is **\$25 a duo/trio** of wonderful women, plus the cost of your hotel room (if you choose). Please email Pastor Sami to reserve your spot!
- **JUSTICE LEAGUE** Our Justice League will be tasked with mobilizing the people of both St. Paul's and Covenant UMCs to work in areas of justice in Helena and beyond. We will work on issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, poverty, inclusivity, etc. This group will partner with existing organizations and coordinate our support whether it be donations, volunteering, or fundraising. *For more information, call or e-mail the office at 442-5643 or [office@stpaulshelena.org](mailto:office@stpaulshelena.org)*

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

- **CHRISTMAS EVE HELP** We are partnering with St. Peter's Hospital to carol to patients who find themselves in the hospital on Christmas Eve. We are looking for a few volunteers who are available at **5:30 PM** on Christmas Eve. All ages are welcome. If you are interested, sign up on the Presence Form.
- **GOD'S LOVE CLOTHING DRIVE** A big Thanks to all of you who brought clothing and other gifts for God's Love in this recent fall drive. We had a very good showing and variety of things given. If you still have things to donate, please drop them off at the God's Love Shelter.
- **FESTIVAL OF TREES** Thank you and congratulations to Emily Hankins and her wonderful volunteers for creating a beautiful Charles Russell themed Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees. The tree won the "Spirit of the West" award and raised an incredible \$18,000 to support Intermountain Children's Home!



## DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our theme in worship is "The Gift of the Nutcracker". Each week we will look at a character in the timeless fairy tale through eyes of faith.

**Dec. 23:** Covenant: Patti Agnew and **The Nutcracker**.  
St. Paul's: 8:30 Sami Pack-Toner and at 11:00 **Children's Pageant**

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**4:00 PM** at Covenant - Service of Light  
**5:30 PM** at St. Peter's Hospital - Caroling to patients (Contact Pastor Patti to get details)  
**7:00 PM** at St. Paul's - Traditional Christmas Eve Service  
**9:00 PM** at St. Paul's - Jazz Christmas Eve Service

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**Winter Solstice:** Join us in the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Sanctuary for our annual Winter Solstice Jazz service on **Friday, December 21, at 7:00 PM**. This interfaith service will move us from the darkness and into the light, reminding us of the hope we carry through this season. This year we are adding an element of dance by members of the Cohesion Dance Project. We hope you can join us for this uplifting service.

**Worship: At The Hill at Great Divide Ski Area:** Weekend Warrior Worship is beginning on **January 20th, at 9 AM!** Follow the seasons with us and come experience God in the great outdoors with like-minded and hearted people! We will gather, hear some scripture and pray. We will work on a small service project for our community, and then we will go and enjoy our day skiing or snowboarding! If you would like to be on this planning team, sign up on our Presence Form.

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<b>Children's Time</b>	#2233 <i>This, This is Where Children Belong</i>	Rusty Harper & Pat Callbeck
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