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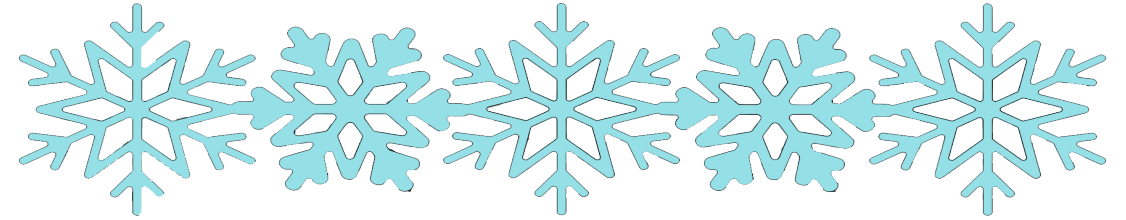
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GROW YOUR FAITH

- **LAURIE'S BOOK CLUB** January 28th is our next meeting and we will be discussing the book *Yellow Raft on Blue Water* by Michael Dorris. Off site location with more details to come.
- **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 eBooks. 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, sign up on the Presence Form at worship, or call the office. (MW)

CLASS KEY

(ID) - IN DEPTH

(DB) - DROP BY

(MW) - MULTI-DAY WORKSHOP

(SW) - SINGLE DAY WORKSHOP

YOUTH GROUP



- **DONUTS & DEVOTIONS** We will be back to the regularly scheduled discussions and deliciousness on **January 6th!**
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH** Every Wednesday evening, from 6:15-8:15 PM in the Youth Room (SWP 208) we'll meet for a study, games, and as much silliness as we can fit into one evening!
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** Starting **January 13th, 2019**, this class is for ages 13-16, and will take place on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Youth Room (SWP 208). If you have questions, contact Dominic or Pastor Sami. Snacks will be provided.

COMING SOON

- **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 the Presence Form.

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.
- **PROMISELAND** Parents and children please note there will be no Promiseland class on **December 30**. Classes resume **January 6, 2019**. Happy New Year!
- **KIDSWORD BAGS.** Ask a greeter for an activity bag for your child.
- **GODLY PLAY. No Godly Play Today.** 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.
- **IT WAS GOOD** The Children's Pageant was a joy filled event! Many thanks to those who made it special: The baby Jesus family: Sienna Knott, and her husband and child, Ethan and Cayde Kessel, along with, Bayard and Leah Leonard, Sami Pack-Toner, Dominic Tuttle, Kim Peachy, and a host of volunteers sitting in the pews with our children!
- **SUPER SUNDAE** is right around the corner. Plan on joining us **February 3rd** in the Fellowship Hall from **10:30 -11:00 AM**. There you will find a 30 foot gutter filled with 10 gallons of ice cream sprinkled with fun and festive toppings! Don't forget to mark your calendars!

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.
- **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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- **LITTLE LIBRARY** Boy Scout troop 218, who meet at Covenant, made a "Little Library" for us. They have completed the project and you will see it near the front doors of our church. We are ready to share books with those who love books. The library is dedicated to Anna Jones who loves our church and loves to read. Be sure to check it out!
- **JANUARY MEETING** Covenant UMW will meet at Hunter's Pointe at **noon, Thursday, January 17, 2019**. We will eat as a group at Hunter's Pointe and have our meeting there, as well.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Dinners are on a winter break until **January 16, 2019. We are in need of a dinner host for January 30, 2019. Contact Sharon and Darrell Vallance at 443-2827 or Lynn Van Nice at 442-5643.**

• **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.*

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.

• **HOLIDAY MISSIONS** Thank you Covenant members and friends for helping our neighbors in need with your donations to our holiday mission projects. Our Thanksgiving Food Drive delivered 198 pounds to Food Share and the Blackfeet Reservation received 22 shoe boxes filled with gifts for their children. In addition Covenant UMW contributed \$100 to purchase items for these boxes. And our Head Start family received 21 delightfully wrapped gifts to help provide them a Merry Christmas.

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.

• **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 UMC 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*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

• **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.

This Week at a Glance

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, December 30th

8:30 & 11 AM Worship: (C) Sanctuary
9:30 AM Fellowship: (C) Fellowship Hall
11 AM Godly Play: (SWP) 201 & 203

Tuesday, January 1st (OFFICE CLOSED)

1 PM Staff Meeting (SWP) Rm 104

Wednesday, January 2nd

9:30 AM Bible Study: (C) Library
NOON God Hunger: (C) Library
6:15 PM Youth Group: (SWP) Youth Room Rm 208

Thursday, January 3rd

9:30 AM Bible Study: (SWP) Fireside Room
12:15 PM Jung Reading Group: (SWP) Fireside Room

Friday, January 4th

10 AM Bulletin Folders: (SWP) Rm 104

COVENANT'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 30th

9 AM Choir Practice: Sanctuary
10 AM Worship: Sanctuary
11 AM Fellowship: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 1st

5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 2nd

6:30 PM CUMC Trustees: Classroom

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

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

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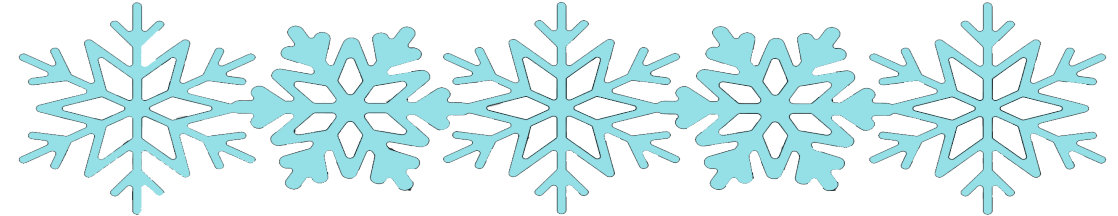
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