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*Come join us throughout Advent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child!*

**Sunday, December 11**

**Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols**

9:00 and 11:00 AM Worship Services, in the Sanctuary  
(No 8:30 AM service)

**Wednesday, December 21**

**Longest Night Service**

7:00 PM Worship Service, in the Gym  
See page 7 for more information.

**Saturday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion**

5:30 and 11:00 PM Worship Services, in the Sanctuary  
Preludes with music by the Chancel Choir and  
String ensemble begin at 5:00 and 10:30 PM

**Sunday, December 25**

**Christmas Day Service**

11:00 AM Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
(One Service and No Sunday School)

**Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 10**

**9:00-11:00 AM, Family Life Center**

Santa Claus is looking forward to his annual St. Paul Breakfast. Young and old alike will enjoy donuts, muffins, milk, juice, and coffee. The children will enjoy visits with Santa (**don't forget your camera!**), Christmas crafts, story time, and an opportunity to shop for family members in Santa's Dollar Shop.

There is no cost or registration for this event.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!



# From the Staff

## **Katrina Paxson, Associate Pastor for Discipleship**

### **Loving your enemies... or at least praying for them!**

We have all heard the Bible verse, "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High;" (Luke 6:35a). We strive towards this, but it is a difficult verse to follow perfectly.

But who do we consider "enemies"? The first group of people that comes to mind are people at war. Another image that comes to mind are two people in a courtroom, obviously on opposite sides disagreement or dispute. One that we may not think about are the people we encounter in our daily lives who frustrate us or with whom we have conflicts.

How do we begin to work toward loving our "enemies"? In his book, *Life Together*, Bonhoeffer suggests that we pray for these people. He writes that an enemy, whose face "may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a [sibling] for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner" (86). Bonhoeffer is suggesting that by praying, we begin to realize that our "enemies" are children of God, and we should treat them as such.

What should our prayers for our enemies look like? If we are attempting to begin thinking of our enemies as children of God, we should pray for them as we pray for other children of God. We should be lifting them up in their struggles, and asking for peace and guidance as they go throughout each day. We should also ask for our own understanding and patience. The discernment and ability to 'walk a mile in their shoes' is a bountiful gift.

This week, try to pray for your "enemies" and see how God transforms your view of them and how you can begin loving them.

## **New Books in the St. Paul Library**

*Surprised by the Power of the Spirit: A Former Dallas Seminary Professor Discovers That God Speaks and Heals Today*, by Jack Dees

*There's a Spiritual Solution to Every Problem*, by Wayne W. Dyer

*Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul*, by Jack Canfield, et. al.

*Burnt Mountain*, by Anne Rivers Siddons

*One Summer*, by David Baldacci

*The Measure of All Things: The Seven-Year Odyssey and Hidden Error That Transformed the World*, by Ken Alder

*The Serenity Prayer: Faith and Politics in Times of Peace and War*, by Elizabeth Sifton

*Genesis: A New Translation of the Classic Biblical Stories*, by Stephen Mitchell

*The Upside of Down: Finding Hope When it Hurts*, by Joseph M. Stowell

*Sacred Dows Make Gourmet Burgers: Ministry Anytime, Anywhere, by Anybody*, by William M. Easum

*A Lot of Love to Give (caring for Alzheimer's through love)*, by Clydeau Cooper

*Fatherless: How Sons of All Ages Come to Terms With the Loss of Their Dads*, by Neil Chethik

# Community Life

## Discovering the Heart of St. Paul From Gary Gibson

The next few months are going to be exciting here at St. Paul. There will be wonderful events that celebrate Christmas with lots of great music and worship. In addition to what is always a tremendous time of year here, we are also going to be discovering the heart of St. Paul.

Most of you have heard me talk about a process we are calling *Discovering the Heart of St. Paul*. This will be a time for us to listen for God's call for us as a congregation. It will be a time of conversation and sharing with each other as we also discover our passions and values. At the end of the process we will have clearer understanding of what God is calling us to do and to be in our community and world. Understanding God's call will help us have a sharper focus as we plan and implement ministries. In early spring we hope to have an action plan based on God's call and our passions and values.

The process will be accomplished through small group gatherings. In those gatherings we will pray together, learn together, explore our current ministries, and discuss our hopes and dreams for St. Paul. We will do three pilots groups before January to help improve the gatherings. Beginning in January, everyone will be invited to participate in a small group gathering. We want everyone's voice to be heard.

The most important thing you can do now is to pray. Invest time praying, seeking to hear and understand God's call for St. Paul. We look forward to everyone's participation.

## Business @ St. Paul

The Business @ St. Paul group is celebrating the end of our fourth year of coming together to support and grow our businesses! Please join in the celebration on Tuesday, December 20 from 8:00 to 9:30am for breakfast at the Café, 712 Brent St., Louisville. Please RSVP to Gretchen Mahaffey at 451-0600 or [gmahaffey@kfg.com](mailto:gmahaffey@kfg.com) by Monday, December 19 if you plan to attend.

## Mountain Mission Pick-up December 12

The Mountain Mission Truck will be in Louisville December 12-14, 2011. Please have the items you wish to donate at church by December 11; please place items under the stairs of the Family Life Center lobby. Their urgent needs: children's winter and summer clothes and shoes, women's shoes, men's clothing and shoes. To be used at the warehouse: paper towels, safety pins, bleach. "And of course, all of the other wonderful usable and good items you donate to the Mission! Thank you for all that you do for the Mission and for the people of eastern Kentucky." -Karen Bunn, MMM

## Upward League Schedule

Weekly practices for basketball and cheerleading begin the week of December 5, 2011. Saturdays are Game day! The first game is Saturday, January 14, 2012. The season runs through March 3 with the last game and Awards Celebration on Saturday, March 3, 2011. For more information or to get involved with this important and exciting ministry, contact Brian Wright, [bwright@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:bwright@stpaulchurch.net).

The last Wesley Night of 2011 is  
December 14.

Wesley Night resumes  
January 11 with a Preview Night.



# Around the Church

## Congratulations on the Birth of...

Aaron Thomas Barmore, son of Andrew and Amanda Barmore, born on October 25, 2011.

Aiden Charles Knieriem, son of Charlie and Emilie, grandson of Allan and Nancy Morris, born on November 16, 2011.

## Our Sympathy to...

Ken Smith and family on the death of his wife, Doris Smith, who died on November 7, 2011.

Mary Witten and family on the death of her husband, Gene Witten, who died on November 10, 2011.

George Hauck and family on the death of his wife, Jean Hauck, who died on November 18, 2011.

Helen Nolan and family on the death of her husband, Dr. Edwin Nolan, who died on November 14, 2011.

Dennis Phillips and family on the death of his wife, Judy Phillips, who died on November 18.

Gloria Costanzo and family on the death of her husband, Paul Costanzo, who died on November 23, 2011.

Sharon Stefater and family on the death of her mother, Margaret Emeline King Gardner, who died on November 27, 2011.

## Memorial Gifts

*In Memory of Ben Cooper*  
Marguerite Keeling

*In Memory of Don James*  
Gene and Joyce Roos

*In Memory of Alberta James*  
Marguerite Keeling

*In Memory of Edwin Nolan*  
Ruth and Les Black  
Robert and Beverly Massey  
Sanford Weiler

*In Memory of Gene Witten*  
Ruth and Les Black  
Lamar and Diane Burton  
L.W. Amos and Lynette Beach  
John and Claire Huneke  
Edward and Brenda McAfee

# Discipleship Formation

## ***Christmas Is Not Your Birthday***

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season—Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. This Christmas, St. Paul would like to help you cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year and experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us.

Join in a book study group of *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday*, by Michael Slaughter:

- Mondays, 2:00pm, starting Nov 21, led by David (room 319)
- Wednesdays, 7:30am, at Panera on Bardstown, starting Nov 23, led by Gary
- Wesley Night, starting Nov 30, led by Katrina. (3 week class, room 319)

## **Advent Devotion**

Luke 1:28: *Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.* (NRSV)

Like every young woman engaged to be married, Mary must have had many dreams and plans. But suddenly everything changed in her life with one special visit – a visit from the angel Gabriel. The angel was the messenger of the biggest news Mary had ever received, the news that she would be the mother of the world's savior, Jesus Christ. Though she questioned how this could be, Mary did not protest the great event that would affect her life from that moment on. Instead, she placed herself in front of God and said, "I am the Lord's servant." We probably will not have angelic visitors, and we will not face news as momentous



as Mary did, but we will face changes – sometimes very big changes – in our lives. We make plans, we dream, we carry out some of our dreams, but suddenly something happens and everything is different. Sometimes it is difficult to accept these changes. I want to face them as Mary did, trusting that God is at work when I am puzzled and even disturbed. Though God's ways are not our ways and God's thoughts are not our thoughts, (see Isaiah 55:8) we can trust God's love and unfailing presence with us.

Elina da Silva Dornelas, *The Upper Room: November – December 2011*

## **Daily Advent Studies**

As we approach the season of advent, the Discipleship team would like to suggest some daily devotion books that focus on this special time of the Christian calendar. Whether you use one of these, the *Upper Room*, or find something else during these weeks, our hope is that you will find a way to connect with God and think intentionally about what Christmas truly means to us as Christians.

- *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen: Daily Scripture and Prayers together with Nouwen's Own Words*
- *Advent and Christmas with Thomas Merton*
- *Waiting in Joyful Hope: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas*
- *Preparing for Christmas with Richard Rohr: Daily Reflections for Advent*
- *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*
- *The Journey A Season of Reflections: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton
- *Sparks of Advent Light*, Joan Chittister
- *Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent*, Pamela C. Hawkins

If you need help getting one of these books, please contact Katrina at 459-1595 or [kpaxson@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:kpaxson@stpaulchurch.net).

# Spiritual Formation

## Knowing God

Advent—Excerpts from the essay, "Waiting for God," by Henri Nouwen

*"Waiting is not a very popular attitude...Perhaps this is because the culture in which we live is saying, "Get going! Do something! Show you are able to make a difference!"...It impresses me, therefore, that all the figures who appear on the first pages of Luke's Gospel are waiting....Waiting, as we see it in these people, is waiting, first of all, with a sense of promise. "Zechariah, your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son." "Mary, listen! You are to conceive and bear a son" (Luke 1:13, 31). People who wait have received a promise that allow them to wait. They have received something that is a work in them, like a seed that has started to grow.*

*Second, those who are waiting are waiting very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the ground on which they are standing...The secret of waiting is the faith that the seed has been planted, that something has begun. Active waiting means to be present fully to the moment, in the conviction that something is happening where you are and that you want to be present to it. A waiting person is someone who is present to the moment, who believes that this moment is **the** moment...Waiting, then, is not passive. It involves nurturing the moment, as a mother nurtures the child that is growing in her. Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary were very present to the moment. That is why they could hear the angel. They were alert, attentive to the voice that spoke to them and said, "Don't be afraid. Something is happening to you. Pay attention."*

*Third, waiting is open-ended. Much of our waiting is filled with wishes...For this reason it is not open-ended. Instead, we want the future to go in a very specific direction and if this does not happen we are disappointed....But Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary were not filled with wishes. They were filled with hope. Hope is trusting that something will be fulfilled, but fulfilled according to the promises and not just according to our wishes....To wait open-endedly is an enormously radical attitude toward life. So is to trust that something will happen to us that is far beyond our own imaginings. The spiritual life is a life in which we wait, actively present to the moment, trusting that new things will happen to us...That indeed, is a very radical stance toward life in a world preoccupied with control.*

*The whole meaning of the Christian community lies in offering a space in which we wait for that which we have already seen....Waiting together, nurturing what has already begun, expecting its fulfillment---that is the meaning of...the Christian life.*

May we use this Advent time to practice active, hopeful, open-ended waiting as we nurture the new life to be born in each of us.

## Introductions to Prayer Practices

Once a month we will meet together to explore a different approach to prayer and to experience it as a group. Join us for all or some of these prayer practices followed by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in the gym or attend another Wesley night class. This offering will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00-6:30pm in the Parlor (room 219).

- December: The Jesus Prayer or Prayer of the Heart
- January: Holy Listening with guided meditation on the Psalms
- February: Breath Prayers

# Worship and Music

## Longest Night Service

**December 21, 7:00pm, gym**

For many people Christmas and the holiday season elicit feelings of unbounded joy, hearty nostalgia, and boundless merriness. We look forward to decorating, singing carols, exchanging gifts, and reminiscing with friends and relatives. If we believe the marketing gurus at Hallmark and Target, this is exactly what Christmas is all about. We are told to "be of good cheer" and if we don't oblige, well, something must be wrong with us.

And yet, for some the Christmas season lacks such serenity, such pleasantness, such cheer. The Christmas season is instead a cold, month-long schlep to the rhythm of a dirge, not a carol. Christmas recalls memories of loved ones lost and peaceful times past. Others among us are anticipating the pain that will come this Christmas 2011. This will be the first Christmas without a spouse. Or this is the first Christmas that the family will join around the table without the parent who prepared the meal the previous two decades. For some, this year will be spent away from family due to the high costs of traveling.

Christmas is, we might say, not always a good and joyful thing for all people.

In recognition of the varying emotions and memories attached to the Christmas season, we will have a Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00p in the Family Life Center. The Longest Night service will create the worshipful space for all emotions, especially those of sadness and grief to be expressed amidst the culturally-expected tenor of Christmas joy. The service will include brief teaching moments, a mix of classical Christmas carols sung by several St. Paul choral ensembles, and Holy Communion. Through worship we will name our grief or anxieties, and begin to move towards a realized hope in God's coming to us in the manger.

Why the Longest Night? Why December 21? December 21 represents the longest night of the year, the day with the least amount of light and most hours of darkness. Into that night, that darkness, we bring to God our laments,

our painful memories, and our deepest needs knowing that God will bring light into our darkness.

So we invite all persons to experience the Longest Night. Perhaps you are someone who knows intimately the chill of pain at Christmas. If you're not in a dark place this Christmas, come worship in solidarity with others for a hurting world, a world wounded by war, famine, greed, and darkness. In fact, come in support and love for the person with whom you share a pew on Sunday mornings. Perhaps it is he or she who needs to be reminded and encounter God's love and concern during this merry yet difficult Christmas season.

— David Garvin

## Replacing Hymnals

We are accepting requests for hymnal purchases to honor or memorialize a person of your choice. About 60 of our hymnals need to be replaced as they are well worn from over 20 years of use.

The United Methodist Hymnals (1989) are \$25.00 per copy. Please include the name of the person you are honoring and the check for the number of copies you mail box in the church office.

## Boar's Head Festival

**To get involved with the festival contact:**

- Karla Temple, [ktemple@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:ktemple@stpaulchurch.net) for tickets
- Will Simpson, [wsimpson@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:wsimpson@stpaulchurch.net) for general info
- To help with dinners: sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by information desk

## Louisville Vocal Project

Louisville Vocal Project (LVP) will be presenting a concert of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm in our sanctuary. LVP is an *a capella* chamber choir of 15 voices, specializing in 6 and 8 part music. Selections will range from early Renaissance to Contemporary. Tickets are \$10 regular/\$5 student and are available at the door, or by contacting Mary Redden at 797-1462.

# Children and Families Ministries

## Sunday School

What is advent? What does it mean? Why do we light candles and why are they different colors? During this time of Advent the kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School classes are focusing on the answers to these questions. Each Sunday School class has assembled an advent wreath this year and began the tradition of lighting the candles on the first Sunday of advent. We are learning that each candle has a particular meaning and by exploring specific scripture we are discovering what those meanings are and how we can show that in our daily lives at school and at home. Ask your child about advent. You may be surprised how much they know! The following scriptures will be used each week: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of advent, Hope, James 5:7-8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Peace, - 1 Thessalonians 5:19-23, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Love, - 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Joy, - Isaiah 35:1-2a, 10.

## MOPS

### Mothers of Preschoolers

If you are a mother of a preschool-age child, please join MOPS on December 12 at 9:30 am for their Christmas Party! We will be celebrating the holidays in the Coffee Shop of the Family Life Center.

### Kids In Christ's Service

#### **Mission Possible Kids**

At our last meeting of KICS-*MPKids*, the special agents assembled over 200 Christmas messages which included a candy cane and information regarding our Christmas services here at St. Paul. The *MPKids* will deliver these messages on their next mission. Join us during KICS on December 18 as we go door to door in our Highlands neighborhood singing a few carols and spreading Christmas cheer. Invite your friends to become a Mission Possible Kid! KICS is for kindergarten-fourth graders.

# Youth Ministry

## Youth Progressive Dinner

The annual Youth Progressive Dinner will be Sunday, December 18. Plan to meet in back parking lot at 6:00pm. If you are interested in providing food for an appetizer or dessert to the host homes, please contact Tina Kilcourse at 742-4117 or [tkilcourse@msn.com](mailto:tkilcourse@msn.com).

## 2012 International Mission Trip, June 23-29, 2011

### Prince of Peace Home for Girls, Guatemala

**Who:** High School youth (rising 9<sup>th</sup> – graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders); youth who graduated last year (2010)

**Cost:** \$600 – \$750 (Transportation, lodging, meals)  
Other Costs: Passport, vaccines, spending money

#### Upcoming Important Dates:

**December 11:** \$100 deposit (refundable\*)

**January 22:** Trip Meeting (\$150 non-refundable deposit)

**February 26:** Trip Meeting (\$100 deposit)

**\*Deposits:** The initial deposit of \$100 (due on December 11) is refundable until the next deposit is due (January 22). After January 22, all money received/deposits are non-refundable. Airline tickets will be ordered the last week of January.

# Beyond the Walls

## Operation Christmas Child Report and Thanks

St. Paul filled 719 shoeboxes this year! What a blessing to be a part of a church that has such a heart for children around the world. I want to offer a huge **Thank You** to all the volunteers who put in hours helping at our first St. Paul Relay Center for OCC. Many people took part in making this God-sized project a success. We processed 1,905 Boxes during National Collection week! We certainly filled a need for our community! I am grateful that so many felt led to help-out during this time—grateful that you answered God's call and allowed yourself to be His instrument in this ministry. Shoebox donors came from not only our own church family, but Highland Area Churches, schools, groups, and families. We rarely sat down, and enjoyed a busy and festive week of hard work and fellowship with new and old friends. Thank you to all the people who spent long hours

processing boxes, loading cartons, providing and cooking food, and all the children who came out to pack more boxes. It was certainly an exciting project to witness, as 1,905 boxes were loaded into Cartons and graciously transported by Robert Burns out to the Collection Center.

Hurting children all over the world will receive these packages very soon, and one by one, they will feel hope, and love, and hopefully come to know Christ. Their lives will be transformed because of a very simple gift...a shoebox filled joyfully and happily, as our hearts prepared for Christmas with a precious child in mind. Thank you all so very much for supporting this incredible project.

The Louisville Collection Network had 11 Relay Centers: They filled 2, 275 Cartons with **31,962** Shoeboxes. That is 4,746 MORE shoeboxes than last year! An increase of 17.4%. They filled 4 SEMI TRUCKS!!!

## Update from Brian Ebel on Revolution

We hope this Advent Season has been one of great joy and peace to the St. Paul community as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the great start that you have given us and share the good things happening at Revolution Church. Please take a moment to hear a short story about one of our newest people to join the Revolution.

A few weeks back, we had a guest during Sunday morning worship who had not been in church for some time. One of the struggles for this person was a previous experience of church that left them with many questions about God, what being part of the church was all about, and consequently, this left them with many questions about life in general. In a twist of divine providence, our teaching that morning was exactly what was needed to overcome this person's questions. Our community helped this person feel loved and accepted. Now, you couldn't pull them away from their newfound experience of God and the Church.

We also wanted to share that after just over a year, we moved to a larger facility in August (10100 Bluegrass Parkway). It better suits our needs and offers more space for our ministry. We also wrapped up our Vacation Bible School that was held every Sunday morning during the month of October. The Revolution Kids enjoyed the "Hometown Nazareth" program, and experienced what life was like when Jesus was a kid. This brought new guests to our campus and we are excited about the work God is doing in their lives and in the life of the community here at Revolution.

Please know how continually grateful we are to all of you for the sacrifice you made to enable our community of faith to plant. Please know that your evangelistic spirit and giving hearts have enabled new people to come to faith in Jesus, and has also enabled those who have stayed away from church to be renewed by a new experience of church. As we progress throughout this Advent season into the new year, we give thanks for you, for Pastor Gary and the staff, and are praying for God's good work to be in abundance in this new year.



## 2010 Poinsettia Order Form

Each year our Sanctuary is adorned with beautiful poinsettias. They are placed in honor or in memory of loved ones. Anyone wishing to order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a person or persons, may do so by completing this form, or if you would like to make a donation to our Christmas decoration budget, it would also be very much appreciated.

Please turn in the completed form and/or donations to the Information Desk or mail to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglass Blvd., 40205, by December 20.

Poinsettias may be picked up from the sanctuary following the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Any Poinsettia not claimed will be used for the Boar's Head decorations and can be picked up after 9:00 p.m. on December 31.

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) x \$15.00 each    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For each poinsettia(s) please specify name(s) and print clearly:

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

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Paul UMC December 11-24, 2011**

<p><u>Sun Dec 11</u>  <b>No 8:30 AM Service</b>  <b>9:00 AM Lessons and Carols</b>  <b>Traditional Advent Service (Sanctuary)</b>            9:45 AM Aldersgate Class (319)            9:45 AM LOA Class (Chapel)            10:00 AM Pathways (WH)  <b>11:00 AM Lessons and Carols</b>  <b>Traditional Advent Service (Sanctuary)</b>            1:30 PM Motet (113)            4:00 PM Discipleship Tm Mtg (319)            4:00 PM Louisville Vocal Project (Sanctuary)            5:00 PM Youth Choir (302)            6:00 PM Financial Peace (110)            6:00 PM Metamorphosis Youth Group (120, YC)            8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)</p>	<p><u>Mon Dec 12</u>            Mountain Mission Pick-up            9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi Class (120)            9:30 AM MOPS (CS)            12:00 PM Noon Pump Exercise (YC)            2:00 PM Christmas Is not Your Birthday Book Study (319)            2:30 PM Open Gym            6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)            6:00 PM Families in Transition (100, 302, 303, 305, 308, 309)            6:30 PM Companions in Christ (219)</p>	<p><u>Tues Dec 13</u>            9:00 AM Yoga (YC)            9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)            10:00 AM UMW (113)            10:30 AM St. Paul UMC Staff Mtg (319)            2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality (219)            6:00 PM Families in Transition (100, 302, 303, 305, 308, 309)            6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)            7:00 PM BSA (WH, FLC 16, 18)            7:00 PM La Leche League (316)            7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)            8:00 PM Better Days AA Group (120)</p>	<p><u>Wed Dec 14</u>            7:30 AM <i>Christmas Is not Your Birthday</i> (Panera Bardstown Rd)            9:00 AM Yoga (YC)            9:00 AM Zumba (Gym)            10:00 AM Wed Morn Bible Study (113)            1:00 PM Walk the Labyrinth (Gym)            5:30 PM Wesley Night (120)            6:00 PM Preschool Music Class (309)            6:00 PM Prayer Practices (219)            6:00 PM Bible Blast (305, 312)            6:00 PM Caroler Choir (306)            6:30 PM <i>Christmas Is not Your Birthday</i> (113)            6:30 PM A World of Health (111)            6:30 PM United Methodism (100)            6:30 PM Beading to Beat Autism (120)            7:00 PM Bible Blast (305, 312)            7:00 PM Wesleyan Choir (302)</p>	<p><u>Thur Dec 15</u>            9:00 AM Yoga (YC)            12:00 PM Noon Pump Exercise (YC)            2:30 PM Open Gym            6:00 PM YES! YSAG Group (YC)            7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 40 (120)            7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)            7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (302)</p>	<p><u>Fri Dec 16</u>            5:30 PM LOA Sunday School Class Potluck (120)</p>	<p><u>Sat Dec 17</u>            7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (100)            8:30 AM Lou Inter Group AA Special Mtg (113)-need tables            10:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)            8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)</p>
<p><u>Sun Dec 18</u>            8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)            9:00 AM Worship (FLC Gym)            9:45 AM Aldersgate Class (319)            9:45 AM LOA Class (Chapel)            10:00 AM Pathways (WH)            11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)            1:30 PM Motet (113)            5:00 PM Youth Choir (302)            5:30 PM KICS (Kid's In Christ's Service) (100)            6:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner            8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)</p>	<p><u>Mon Dec 19</u>            9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)            10:00 AM Mops Steering Committee mtg. (308,305)            12:00 PM Noon Pump Exercise (YC)            12:00 PM HCM Line Dancing (Gym)            2:30 PM Open Gym            6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)            6:00 PM Families in Transition (100, 302, 303, 305, 308, 309)            6:30 PM Companions in Christ (219)</p>	<p><u>Tues Dec 20</u>            8:00 AM Business @ St. Paul Networking Meeting (CS)            9:00 AM Yoga (YC)            9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)            10:30 AM St. Paul UMC Staff Mtg (319)            2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality (219)            6:00 PM Brownie Meeting (312)            6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)            7:00 PM BSA (WH, FLC 16, 18)            7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)            8:00 PM Better Days AA Group (120)</p>	<p><u>Wed Dec 21</u>            9:00 AM Yoga (YC)            9:00 AM Zumba Gold (Gym)            7:00 PM Longest Night Worship Service (Gym)</p>	<p><u>Thur Dec 22</u>            9:00 AM Yoga (YC)            12:00 PM Noon Pump Exercise (YC)            2:30 PM Open Gym            7:30 PM Depression &amp; Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) (110, 113)            7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (302)</p>	<p><u>Fri Dec 23</u></p>	<p><u>Sat Dec 24</u>            10:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)            5:00 PM Prelude            5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)            8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)            10:30 PM Prelude            11:00 Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)</p>

Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day	11:00 AM Worship Service in Sanctuary
Sunday, January 1	New Year's Day	11:00 AM Worship Service in Gym
—One service on these Sundays and no Sunday School—		

## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym

**December 11, 2011**

*Traditional Advent Service of  
Lessons and Carols*

9:00am and 11:00am services with  
St. Paul Orchestra and Handbells and  
Chancel Choir

Both services are in the Sanctuary.  
No 8:30am service this day.

**December 18, 2011**

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55

Rev. David Garvin

Music:

8:30 service, Bill Williams, Tenor

9:00 service, Worship Team and  
Wesleyan Choir

11:00 service, Bill Williams, Tenor,  
Chancel and Wesleyan Choirs

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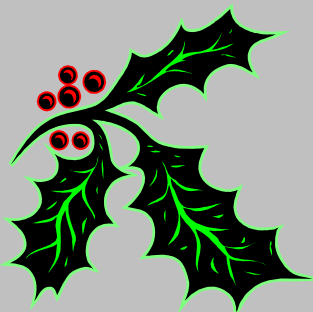
### Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
November 20	159	655
November 27	104	590

## 31st Annual

# Louisville Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

*St. Paul is known for this annual gift to the city. This festival, presented between Christmas and New Year's Day, portrays the spirit of Christmas in a medieval setting with elaborate costumes, festive music by choir, organ, and brass, and elegant candlelight dinners.*



### Thursday, December 29

Festivals at 5:00 and 8:00 PM  
Candlelit Dinner at 6:30 PM

### Friday, December 30

Festivals at 5:00 and 8:00 PM  
Candlelit Dinner at 6:30 PM

### Saturday, December 31

Candlelit Dinner at 5:00 PM  
Festival at 6:30 PM



Tickets for the Boar's Head Festival are available to our congregation on Sunday mornings, 9:30-11:00am at the information desk near the sanctuary entrance. The ticket office, located in the Library on the first floor, is open Monday through Friday 9:30am-4:30pm. As always, festival tickets are free, but required. Dinner tickets are \$19.75 per person.