

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## St. Paul's Advent Resources

Advent is a very busy season of the year for everyone, but there are ways for us to make it a *meaningful* time together, at church and especially at home. This year we have some special resources available to help us enter into this season, from *Illustrated Children's Ministry*:

**1) At Home:** We have some wonderful Advent Family Packages available free of charge. These packages include some great ways to help us explore Advent together with our families.

We will be introducing these great packages at our St. Paul's Advent Adventure (Dec 3), but if you aren't able to make it to this event, we can also make them available upon request via email. We hope these resources will be a blessing to you, however you are able to use them.

**2) At Church:** Over the past few months we have been preparing some space in the Parish Hall for our kids to use during coffee hour: room to build puzzles, colour, etc. But the goal is not just to have a "kids table", it is to help us all feel that we belong, no matter what age. After all, adults enjoy colouring and puzzles too! During Advent, there will be some space set up for our children & adults to do some Advent colouring together. Be sure to check it out, and maybe grab a crayon too.

### Advent Pageant & Christmas Eve Sheep Service

Our Sunday School Advent Pageant is coming up very soon (**Next Sunday, Dec 10**), and our Christmas Eve "Sheep" Service is not too far behind it (**Dec 24 at 4:30 pm**). If your youngsters would like to participate in either service, there is still time. Please connect with Rob at your earliest convenience.



### Young People Belong at St. Paul's

Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our **Sunday School** for children 3 and up during our 10 am services.

Kids younger than 3 are also welcome to explore *Sunday School* with an adult, either joining the class, or playing in our **Nursery Room**.

**Activity Bags** are available at the entrances for any young people staying upstairs during the service.

Our **Friday Night Youth Group**, for young people around 12 and up, meets every week from 7-9pm.



## Hope is a Star

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.*

## PARISH NOTES

### A Thank You from the Christmas Bazaar Committee

The ACW held their annual Bazaar on November 25 and report that about \$3800 was realized. Nearly all of these funds will find their way out of the Parish to a long list of deserving organizations and ministries supported by our ACW. The ACW would like to thank everyone who assisted with the sale. - to all those who donated crafts, baking, and new to you items, to the dedicated volunteers who sorted and priced items for the sale and set up and decorated the hall and to those who worked in the madness of sale day. Last but not least, thank you to everyone who came out to shop at the bazaar. It's always a fun and rewarding event made possible by your continued support. It was certainly a parish effort.

### Invitation to Sing in the Choir for the Lessons and Carols Service

The choir is always grateful to anyone wishing to share their Christmas spirit with us, by participating in our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. This year, the service will take place on **Dec 17**. Our rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. on **Thu, Dec 7 and Dec 14**. Please let Charles know if you are interested in joining us by contacting him or the office.

### December 10 – White Gift Sunday

Next Sunday we will be receiving toys to pass along to the KV Fire Fighters, who deliver Christmas baskets to deserving families in our community. Thank you for bringing a toy, or a game. There is no need to wrap the gifts. If you would prefer to make a financial donation, please mark your envelope *White Gift*.

### Chiming Cherubim

The chimers will be performing in Concorde Hall, Shannex on **Thurs. Dec 7 at 10:30 am**.

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### Christmas Memorial Flowers

Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in the church in memory of a loved one is asked to please call the church office at 847-1812.

### Echo - Advent Edition

The Advent edition of the Echo is available in the lobby today. Thank you to our editor, Heather White-Brittain, our publisher, Greg Fleet, the staff in the office, and Marge Seely and her faithful team of folders and stuffers. The Echo is filed by neighbourhood, so if someone in your neighborhood is not here today, please consider picking up their copy and dropping it off on your way home.

### 2018 Offering Envelopes

Also on the lobby table today are the 2018 offering envelopes. If you use envelopes, please pick yours up today. If you would like to switch to our E-offering system, just give the office a call and Katherine or June will provide you with information and forms. About 70 households contribute to the parish through e-offering

### Gifts from Mission Church

"Mission Church (The Anglican Parish of Millidgeville) has vacated their church building and have moved into a smaller facility on Waterloo Street. They have gifted us with a few things from their church. As you may be aware, Mission Church gave us the stained glass panels that were at St. Paul's in the Valley Church originally. Also, we have received fourteen blue kneelers that were made by the members of St. Paul's in the Valley Needlework Society in 1982. The needlepoint on the cushions are depiction of thirteen flowers mentioned in the Bible.

There are more gifts from the Mission Church, two pairs of processional candles, a pair of small candelabras, a pair of brass vases, candles and some linen. We are very grateful to Archdeacon Stuart Allan and the congregation of the Mission Church for all these gifts and a thank you note from all of us has been sent."

### Christmas Tea at Shannex

We will be hosting a Christmas Tea for members (and friends) of St. Paul's who live in the Shannex Senior's Complex, on **Thursday, December 7 at 3 p.m.** Charles Willet will lead us in a carol sing and there will be a delicious assortment of sweets. Please join us, bring a friend and reconnect with some old friends. A big thank you to all who contribute their time (and sweets) to this event.

### ACW Monthly Meeting

The ACW will hold its December meeting **Thu, Dec 7** at 1:30 p.m. in the Crosby Room. Please remember gifts for the Faraline Home. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

## Sundays in December

### December 10 Advent 2

White Gift Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Pageant

### December 17 Advent 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols

### December 24 Advent 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
4:30 p.m. Children's Service with Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist

Please note: there will be no 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Eve Day

### December 25 Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with carols and homily  
*This is the only service on Sunday, Dec. 25*

### December 31 First Sunday of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist



### ST. PAUL'S ADVENT ADVENTURE -Today DEC 3 at 4PM

Join us in the Parish Hall for an inter-generational (all ages) *Advent Adventure*. Crafts (Christmas Ornaments), Colouring, Games, Singing, Story-time & Supper are all on the agenda as we get ready together for the coming of Christ. To register, volunteer, or for more information, please contact Rob Montgomery.

## BEYOND THE PARISH

### Special Service For Those Dealing with Grief or other Hardship

**Sun, Dec 10** at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Luke's Gondola Point**. A special service titled *When Christmas Hurts*. This is a service for those who find the Christmas season hard for reasons of grief, loneliness or for other reasons. All are welcome to take part in this service.

### Town of Rothesay Age- Friendly Survey

Please fill out an anonymous survey for the town in an attempt to make our community more age friendly. The survey can be filled out online by accessing Rothesay's website at [www.rothesay.ca](http://www.rothesay.ca). Paper copies of the survey are available on the hall table.

Thank you for making Rothesay more Age Friendly.