

# CENTREPOINT

December 2018

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



## **Handel's Messiah Comes to St. Paul's Church**

*Sat. December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am (Dress Rehearsal)*

*Sun. December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm*

Benjamin Greene conducts the 75 member Concord Community Chorus, professional orchestra and soloists in Concord's 86<sup>th</sup> annual performance of this traditional offering. The public is welcome to attend Saturday's dress rehearsal. Seating for the Sunday performance is first-come, first-served basis. Sponsored by the Walker Lecture Series.

## **Game Night**

*Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm*

Join us for a light supper and your favorite board and card games!

## **First Sunday of the Month Happenings**

*Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Celebrating the First Sunday of Advent

*8:00 am:* Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I

*9:00 am:* Advent Discussion Series

*9:00 am – Noon:* Chapter Two Thrift Shop Open

*9:00 am:* Youth Group and Confirmation Class

*10:00 am:* Ageless Worship Service

*11:30 am:* Children's Gift Sale & Photos w/Santa

## **Advent Series**

*Sundays 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 & 12/23 at 9:00 am*

Grab your coffee and a donut and join us in the Chapel as we journey through the first two chapters of Luke over the four Sundays of Advent.

**Advent 1:** The Annunciation: "Saying 'Yes' to the Journey

**Advent 2:** Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends

**Advent 3:** The Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community

**Advent 4:** The Birth of Jesus: Journeying with the World

**CANCELLED: Mandatory Meeting for All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

## **Children's Gift Sale and Photos with Santa**

*December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am*

Children are invited to Ordway Hall for our annual Children's Gift Sale to purchase bargain-priced (\$.25 to \$3.00) gifts for their loved ones. Santa will also be available for photos!



## **Men's Just Supper**

*Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm*

Just men, just supper! Held in Ordway Hall.

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

*Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm*

Meets in the Conference Room.

## **Family Promise Meeting**

*Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm*

All current Family Promise team members and anyone who might be interested in helping out (providing meals, taking an overnight shift, or helping with setup/breakdown) are requested to join us for a special meeting/training. Dinner will be provided. Contact the parish office to let us know if you can attend. We hope to see you there!  
*Note: St. Paul's will once again transform our downstairs space to provide meals and shelter to local homeless families from 12/9-12/16.*

## **A History of Christianity: A Six-Part Video Series Continues**

*Wednesday 12/5 & 12/12 5:30 pm – 7:15 pm*

This enlightening BBC Video Series based on Diarmaid MacCulloch's bestseller "A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years" continues. You are welcome to join us for a light potluck dinner.

### **Ministry Directors Meeting**

*Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am*

All ministry directors are asked to attend this quarterly meeting. A light lunch will be provided. We will meet in the Library.

### **Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**

*Sundays, 12/9, 12/16 & 12/23 at 11:15 am*

All children and youth are welcome! We have parts for all ages. Pageant itself is on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm.

### **Ministry of Presence Meeting**

*Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm*

Meets in the Conference Room.

### **Altar Guild prepares for Christmas - there's work to be done and fun to be had!**

*Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm*

*Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am*

There are preparations (dusting, polishing, organizing) to be made before we welcome the community to St. Paul's Christmas celebrations. Please join us! Pizza/breakfast nibbles provided.



### **Vestry Meeting**

*Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm*

Meets in the Library.

### **Friendly Kitchen**

*Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm*

St. Paul's serves at the Friendly Kitchen.

### **NEEDED for our Friendly Kitchen Ministry:**

- 1) Homemade Christmas cookies for Friendly Kitchen clients. Cookies should be delivered to the parish office sometime between December 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. No nuts of any kind please.
- 2) Helpers to meet at St. Paul's on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to package cookies into individual serving bags. Please let the office know if you can help out on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



## *Christmas at St. Paul's*

*Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*5:00 pm: Christmas Pageant and Service of Holy Eucharist*

*7:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist*

*9:30 pm: Musical Prelude*

*10:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist*

*Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*10:00 am: Christmas Day Service of Holy Eucharist*

Note: The office and Outreach Center will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> and January 1.

*Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm*

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols as Poetry

*Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am & 10:00 am*

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols

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### *Come Visit Us*

#### **Weekly Services**

*Sundays at 8:00 am*

A quiet and reflective Service of Holy Eucharist

*Sundays at 10:00 am*

A Service of Holy Eucharist with Music & Hymns

*Mondays & Thursdays at 8:30 am*

Morning Prayer & Meditations in the Chapel

*Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:10 pm*

A Lunchtime Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

*Saturdays at 4:30 pm*

A Simple Saturday Service of Holy Eucharist

#### **Parish Office Hours**

*Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm*

*Friday, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm*

#### **Food Pantry Hours**

*Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

#### **Chapter Two Thrift Shop Hours**

*Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

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