



# The Good News



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

December 2021

## Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday

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The Mission of our Parish is to be an active community reflecting God's presence in Chittenango and other communities we represent.

### Our Services

Sundays at 9 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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Happy Birthday to the Church!! Advent is the beginning of the Church Year!! The color in the Church is now Blue. I love our blue hangings, the color is so rich, but not cold. So what is Advent, besides the beginning? To some, it heralds the beginning of the frantic shopping season, starting with Black Friday – but not for us. For us, it heralds the time of waiting, for the birth of Jesus.

I found this following prayer online and thought I would share it with you to use when lighting your first candle on your Advent Wreath:

### First Sunday of Advent

Leader: "Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE." (The candle is lit.)

Scripture: "Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Prayer said by all: "Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen."

### Second Sunday of Advent

Leader: "Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.

The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE." (The candles are lit.)

Scripture: "Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

Prayer said by all: "Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen."

### Third Sunday of Advent

Leader: "Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY." (The candles are lit.)

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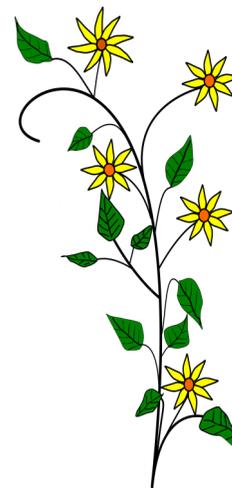
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Newsletter Editor

## Prayer List

April Boyle, John Brennan, Joan Grover,  
Sue Huebler, Tania Mousaw, Gaven  
Sherman, Joan Tedford, and Ted Tedford

New Prayer List for December 2021/January 2022  
has been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com / 315-382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com / 315 655-4321.



If anyone would like a written copy of the weekly lessons/Gospel, Psalm, and Fr. Leon's sermon, either mailed to you or emailed to you - please contact the Church, by phone or by email and let Becky know. She will drop them in the mail to you weekly.

Please email  
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## About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorporated. At that time Chittenango was little more than a gathering of frame and log houses. From 1816-1832 rectors from St. Stephen's held missionary services in Chittenango.

Around 1849 a few gentlemen who greatly admired and revered the beautiful services of the Church, agreed to make an effort to have services occasionally held. By the spring of 1855 services began to be held regularly once a month in the Bethel. St. Paul's was officially organized as a parish on June 18, 1855. St. Paul's church was built in 1865 as a Gothic Revival-style structure. The lot, building, furniture and windows cost \$5000. The building was completed in less than six months. The first service was held in the church on Easter Day, April 1, 1866.

On May 12, 1866 the church was consecrated by Bishop Coxe. It was added to the U.S. National Historic Register of National Places in 1996.

# December

## Birthdays

04 Cory Huebler	14 Gary Pratt
06 Alexandria Kraus	16 Colleen Benjamin
06 Brandon Reals	17 Shaun Stanton
06 Fayann Hall	21 Tania Mousaw
07 Brennen Buyea	21 Lauren McGork
09 Ahsinnhare Tarbell	25 Meredith Furtado
13 Emma Titus	26 Molly Huttar
14 Emily Judd	27 Lisa McGork

## Ministry Team Schedule

### December 05, 2021

#### Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
 Lessons: Claudia Jensen  
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Judy Olmsted  
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

### December 12, 2021

#### Morning Prayer

Judy Olmsted

Lessons: Fran Abriola  
 Prayers: Fran Abriola  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Tania Mousaw  
 Coffee Hour: Judy Olmsted

### December 19, 2021

#### Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
 Lessons: Tania Mousaw  
 Prayers: Tania Mousaw  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Judy Olmsted  
 Coffee Hour: Tania Mousaw

### December 24, 2021

7 PM

#### Christmas Eve

#### Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
 Lessons: Sue Gerling  
 Prayers: Sue Gerling  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Judy Olmsted  
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

### December 26, 2021

#### Holy Eucharist

Fr. Charles Grover

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
 Lessons: Robin Weisbrod  
 Prayers: Robin Weisbrod  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Judy Olmsted  
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

### Altar Guild for December:

Judy Olmsted  
 Robin Weisbrod

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Scripture: "Isaiah 55:12 – You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

Prayer said by all: "Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen."

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Leader: "Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE." (The candles are lit.)

Scripture: "John 13:34 – Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Prayer said by all: "Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen."

#### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Season (optional)**

Leader: "Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle." (The candles are lit.)

Scripture: "Isaiah 9:6 – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Prayer said by all: "O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen." (Credit given to The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski)

May the peace and joy of the blessed season, follow you all through the days and night. May you find time to contemplate the meaning of Christmas, even as you deal with the hustle and bustle of the commercial part of the season. We need to remind ourselves, our children and our grandchildren, Jesus IS the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!!  
Robin  
Sr. Warden

Prayerfully consider

Would you like to join  
us on Vestry?

If so, reach out to Robin  
or Judy and let us know.



## *Christmas Eve Service*

*7 PM*

# SPREAD JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!!

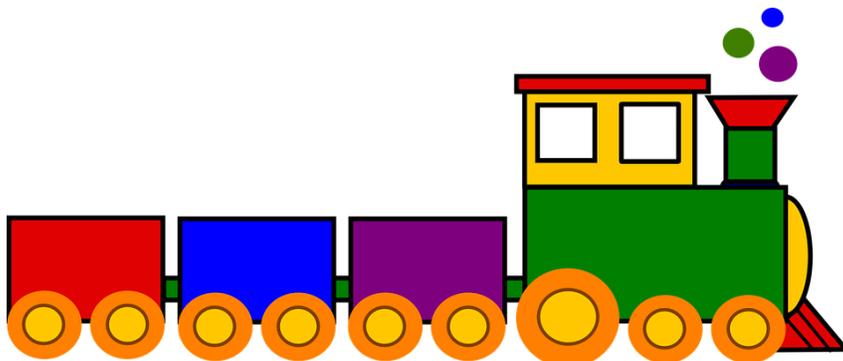
Toys and other items are being collected for children ages birth to 18 years for both boys and girls.

- Infant toys
  - Toddler toys
  - Preschool toys and games
  - Toys and games for school-aged children
  - Books for all ages
  - Board games
  - Personal hygiene items (lotions, grooming supplies, hair care stuff)
  - Inexpensive jewelry
  - Art supplies and crafts
  - Scrap book making supplies
  - Gift cards for Wal\*Mart or other stores
  - Hats, mittens and scarves for all ages
  - Slippers for all ages
  - Socks and underwear for all ages
- No toy guns please.



This is just a list of ideas, as always, any gifts will be accepted. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Madison County Department of Social Services



# To an Old Christmas Tree

Marie Hunter Dawson

Come out of the past, old Christmas Tree,  
Stand in the corner and let me see  
Your snow-white popcorn strung on thread,  
Your chains of cranberries shining red,  
The bright little candles, twisted and thin,  
Clamped to your branches with holders of tin,  
Lemon and peppermint sticks and canes,  
Homemade presents with all our names,  
Clear-colored candy in animal shapes,  
Cookies like clowns and jackanapes,  
Rattles for babies and tiny dolls,  
Pocket-combs, mittens, and popcorn balls.

On the floor are dolls freshly dressed,  
The sled newly painted in Grandpa's best,  
Crocheted doilies and pillow-shams,  
Scarves and kerchiefs with monograms,  
Slippers, perfume, and bright quill pens,  
Jabots edged in Valenciennes.  
Carol singing and conversation,  
Special tidbits in celebration,  
Old folks happily reminiscing,  
Young folks buzzing, dancing, and kissing.

Come out of the past, old Christmas Tree!  
Stand in the corner and let me see  
All that you hold in memory.



So now, God bless you, one and all,  
With hearts and hearthstones warm;  
And may He prosper great and small,  
And keep us out of harm,  
And teach us still  
His sweet good will  
This merry Christmas morn.

Old Rhyme



Submitted by April Boyle

Do you know of a family in need? Someone with a disability or a Senior?  
They do NOT have to without during the upcoming Holiday Season.

The Sullivan Food Cupboard Annual Christmas Basket Distribution is coming up. Applications are available in the Church – there is a Family Application and a separate one for Disabled/Seniors.



The applications need to be returned to the Sullivan Food Cupboard by Friday, December 10, 2021.

If you are unable to make it into the Church to pick up a form, let Becky know and she will get one out to you in the mail.

## Notes from Robin



Vestry members -- please remember to turn in your Commission Reports to Becky before the end of the month.

The Vestry would like everyone to know that work will be done in the Parish Hall. We are having the lights in the kitchen, including the one over the sink, replaced. Thanks to Judy making sure that this was going to be taken care of.

Speaking of lights - please remember to double, triple check that the lights are off, when leaving the building. They have been found on numerous times. Thank you.

Annual Meeting is coming UP!! We will have a hybrid meeting, so be on the lookout for a special ZOOM link.

## New Years Day Trivia

- ◆ The tradition of the dropping of the ball in Times Square started in 1907. The ball used to weigh 700 pounds. Now, it weighs nearly 12,000 pounds.
- ◆ Ancient civilizations would celebrate the New Year based on agricultural or astronomical events. The Egyptians would celebrate with the annual flooding of the Nile. The Chinese New Year occurred with the second new moon after the winter Solstice.
- ◆ Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar in 46 B.C. and named January 1st as the first day of the year.
- ◆ The tradition of making resolutions goes back to the ancient Babylonians who would make promises to earn the favor of the gods and in hopes to start the year off right.
- ◆ The song Auld Lang Syne, a traditional New Years Day song, originates from Scotland in 1788.
- ◆ The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings. It is said that Janus has two faces, one to look back into the past, and one to look forward into the future.

Source: History.com

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