



# Pathways December 2024



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## What's Happening

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Worship  
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional  
Worship in Sanctuary

 *Pairs & Spares*

## La Piñata

**Saturday, December 14th  
5:30pm**

**3731 Stone Creek 45251**

**Join us for dinner, laughter and  
good food! Let's hit the pause  
button on the holiday chaos and  
enjoy some quality time together!**

**RSVP**

**Robin Lighthall 513-325-9961**

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please visit our website:  
www.journeyccl.com

## Pastor Words of Wisdom

We are fully in the midst of the holiday season.

Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year's. We have things to plan, events to attend, gifts to buy, and people to see. It is a nonstop month of sometimes overwhelming busyness.

It can be difficult for us to slow down and appreciate all that is around us - things, people, and places that we should be grateful for.

Because gratitude is something we should experience more often, especially during this time of year. There is a lot to be thankful for!

But gratitude is not something that will just magically happen. It is something that we would do well to practice, because we can absolutely become better at being grateful.

Studies have shown that the more we outwardly express gratitude - telling people that we are thankful for them, vocally appreciating what they do for us, returning the favor of kindness - the more we will actually *feel* grateful.

And when we do this, not only does it increase our positive feelings, it will also uplift the person we are actively grateful for. It's a win-win scenario.

The reason we take four weeks for Advent leading up to Christmas (rather than just jumping straight into the main event) is because it gives us time to slow down, to prepare, and to notice all that is good in our lives.

We have to take advantage of this time to make sure that once we get to Christmas we aren't burnt out and unprepared. We can take these next few weeks to practice gratitude and to increase the spirit of joy we experience and share with the world.

So take a deep breath, look around, and be thankful for what you have.

I promise it's more than you realize.



**Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs**

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant  
Hand Soap  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Non-Perishable Foods

Shampoo  
Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste  
Laundry Detergent

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Toothbrushes



12/2 Jess Hauer  
12/4 Vicki Luke  
12/5 Clare Brumfield  
12/6 Melissa Holmes  
Debbie Nungester  
12/11 Steve Rogers  
12/13 Bill Ferry

12/15 Lynn Hoffman  
12/16 Jonathan Davis  
12/23 Terry DuPriest  
12/25 Joy Packer  
12/26 Jesse McIlhaney  
12/28 Ellie Davis

12/29 Lois Bates  
Louise Pitcher  
12/30 Debbie Hauer  
Bev Lewis  
12/31 Rachel England



1/1 Haile Iverson  
1/3 Jeanne Gourley  
Karen Street  
Sharon Wagner

1/7 Jim Mueller  
1/11 Nola Apro  
1/14 Ben Sauer

1/18 Roy Push  
1/18 Paul Smith  
1/25 Rick Davis  
1/26 Jim Hutchison

*Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:*

*Home Bound Members*

*Wm & Eileen Church   Alice Graber   Ruth Hoeweler  
Lynn Hoffman   Emmett Izer   Nancy Lanza   Donald Lerch  
Melitta Marx   Bob Runk   Marlene Sheward   Elaine Sloan  
Anne Timme   Sharon Wagner   Del Yung*

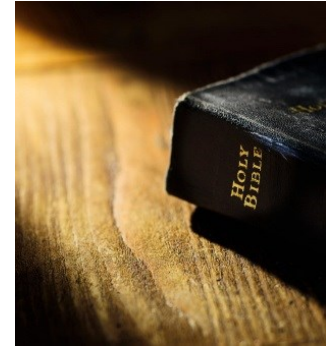
*Special Prayer Request  
Our Service Men and Women  
The Country of Ukraine  
Civil War in the Sudan  
Victims of Children Trafficking*

*Erma Amrein   Nola Apro   Aunt Lee   Jason Baird  
LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister)   Lois Barland   Victoria Baumstead  
Barb Brewer   Sue Brown   Mike Burriss   Calvin's Grandpa   Bill Carter   Joe Clear  
Michael Collins   Joyce Compton   Danielle Coulton   Shelley Dauderman  
Carrie Devine   Mercedes Dreier   William DuPriest   Dorothy Dumford  
Doris Foster   Paul Fuhr   Sue Geary   Theo Gruber   Ken Handley   Michelle Henn  
Santos Hernandez   Becky Horning   Danielle Jester   John Jester   Trudy Jester   Kamaria  
Jessica Kerns   John Koehler   Rhonda Lahmann   Rob Langdon   Linda LeValley  
Dan Mc Donald   Harper Manning   Kathy Noble   Debbie Nungester   Roger Purcell  
Ruth Purcell   Ricky Renier   Steve Rogers   Cherie Lynn Sauer   Emma Sauer  
Jacob Sauer   Tom Schumm   Dave Shannon   Kari Shell   Gary Smallwood  
Rhonda Stacey   Melissa friend of Trudy   Paul Tensing   Denise Tingle   Amy Wadl  
AJ Walker   Leslie Washington   Chad Wilcocks   Karen Wilson   Kamaria's Mom & Baby  
Ann Winkler   Paula Zellner   Rick Zellner  
Family of Jan Apro   Family of Diane Griswold   Family of Pam Farlow*

*Please keep the office informed when  
Names can be removed or need to be added  
Bold typed names were just recently added*

## Worship Leaders in December

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Trudy Jester       | 12/1/2024  |
| Ben Sauer          | 12/8/2024  |
| Margaret Maybury   | 12/15/2024 |
| Jim Hutchison      | 12/22/2024 |
| Judith Lewis-Combs | 12/24/2024 |
| Missy Sauer        | 12/29/2024 |



## Communion Servers in December

|                    |                 |            |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Trudy Jester       | Robin Lighthall | 12/1/2024  |
| Ben Sauer          | Louise Pitcher  | 12/8/2024  |
| Margaret Maybury   | Dee Iverson     | 12/15/2024 |
| Steve Lighthall    | Lois Bates      | 12/22/2024 |
| Judith Lewis-Combs | Terry DuPriest  | 12/24/2024 |
| Missy Sauer        | Vicki Celenza   | 12/29/2024 |

## Greeters in December



|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Robin Lighthall    | 12/1/2024  |
| Judith Lewis-Combs | 12/8/2024  |
| Steve Lighthall    | 12/15/2024 |
| Trudy Jester       | 12/22/2024 |
| Lois Bates         | 12/24/2024 |
| Vicki Celenza      | 12/29/2024 |

**JANUARY  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the JANUARY edition is Wednesday, December 18th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Our weekly community dinners will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**ONLINE GIVING**

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the CR code below. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,  
Finance Team



If you have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can select our church for receiving rewards.

The name has officially, in Kroger's records, been changed to Journey Community Church, but it still may say St. Paul United Church of Christ on the website. They associate more by account number than name of business.

**PARISH NURSES**

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, December 22, 2024 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

*In Loving Memory*



**In Memory of Jan Apro**

Erma Amrein

Carol & Mike Chalfin

Dot Kahle

Linda Woods

Anne & Skip Zimmer

**In Memory of Grace Lienhart**

Carol & Mike Chalfin

**St. Paul Early Learning Center**

Last month, we celebrated Donuts with Dudes! Each child invited their favorite Dude to school for breakfast and some classroom fun! It touched my heart as I watched the children interact with their special guests!

A huge thanks to everyone who purchased cookie dough! We earned \$1140.00. This money will go directly to our Scholarship Fund. With your help, we are able to make sure that children and families in need, get a bit of help with tuition costs! That is truly the work of Jesus!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in our classrooms! While Santa, elves, and Rudolph are definitely visible, our main focus will be on Baby Jesus and giving! The children will learn the story of Jesus' birth! What an incredible story it is!

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul Early Learning Center!

Judy Staudigel

Director





Thank You

As we approach Thanksgiving,  
I want ---- besides thanking  
God for all His Blessings,  
I also want to thank the "crew"  
for all you do for the Community,  
esp. Tuesday dinner.



Mary





*Wishing everyone a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!*

# December 2024

| Sunday                       | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Worship<br>Jazz Trio       | 2 Head Start - No School<br>Men's Bible 4 PM<br>Highrain Brewery | 3 Bible Study - 1-3 PM<br>Community Dinner<br>5:00 - 6:30 PM                               | 4   | 5  | 6 Head Start - 1/2 Day<br>PM<br>AA - 8 PM                            | 7 Breakfast with Santa<br>10 AM - 12 PM<br>AA - 8 PM                     |
| 8 Worship<br>George Theders  | 9 Head Start -No School  | 10 Bible Study - 1-3 PM  | 11  | 12   | 13<br>AA - 8 PM  | 14 Private Event -<br>Music Recital - 3 PM<br>Sanctuary/FH<br>AA - 8 PM  |
| 15 Worship<br>Jazz Trio      | 16 Head Start - No School  | 17 Community Dinner<br>5:00 - 6:30 PM  | 18 Newsletter Articles<br>Due<br>ELC - Christmas<br>3's | 19 ELC - Christmas<br>4's & Pre-K  | 20 Head Start - No School<br>ELC - Christmas<br>2.5's<br>AA - 8 PM   | 21 Private Event<br>12 - 3 PM FH<br>AA - 8 PM                            |
| 22 Worship<br>George Theders | 23 ELC/ Head Start<br>No School                                  | 24 Christmas Eve<br>Office Closed<br>Music - 4:45 PM<br>Christmas Eve<br>Service - 5:00 PM | 25 Christmas Day<br>Office Closed                       | 26 Office Closed   | 27 Office Closed<br>AA - 8 PM  | 28<br>AA - 8 PM  |
| 29 Worship<br>Jazz Trio      | 30 ELC/ Head Start<br>No School                                  | 31 New Years Eve<br>Office Closes - 12 PM  |   | Standing Dates:<br>Tuesday:<br>Dinner FH<br>5:00 PM 1st & 3rd<br>Tuesday | Building Team<br>meets after<br>Worship on<br>Sunday's as<br>needed. | FH = Fellowship Hall<br>ELC = Early<br>Learning Center<br>HS= Head Start |