

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Good News!

Sunday Services

November

- 6 **All Saints Day**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 13 **Pentecost 23**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 20 **Christ the King Sunday**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am
- 22 Ecumenical Thanksgiving**
Service at St. Paul's 7:00 pm
- 27 **Advent 1**
Worship and Communion
10:00 am

December

- 4 **Advent 2**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 11 **Advent 3**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 18 **Advent 4**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 24 **Christmas Eve Service**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am
- 25 **Christmas Day Service**
Worship & Communion
10:00 am

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A Word from Pastor Cady



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

The fall is off to a great start with several teams, committees, and activities up and running or well into the planning stages.

There are a few gaps that I really want to address. I hope some of you will be willing to join me to strengthen our ministry.

The first is Evangelism. I'm not going to ask you to knock on doors, but I want to meet with a team to plan and staff a table or tent at the Farmers' Market this coming summer. To do this right, we need a rotation of teams, maybe 4 sets of 2, or four families, who will sit at a table each Saturday from about 10-12 or so. Each team or family would only do this once every 4 weeks for the summer. We'll have material to hand out, some freebies, and some coffee to sell. This is a simple, but I think possible very effective way to invite our neighbors to our church.

Likewise, we need to begin planning our summer concert series this winter. We want to get a full calendar set up with at least 4, maybe 6, concerts. This team will plan the events, and help set up and clean up for each. Again, if we had two teams or two families who would host one concert, and another two to do the next one, each team or family would only have duty 2 or 3 times in the summer. We could plan better advertising as well as more material to share with concert attendees about St. Paul's.

I need a group of adults to come together to brainstorm ways to re-start our Youth Group. This can certainly include those who have done this before, but some new folks might also bring some fresh ideas and energy. I'd like to begin this before this calendar year is out, so we can offer some activities and events to our younger members. Maybe we could join with another congregation to increase the numbers.

Finally - and this is a completely new idea - I'm looking for a single person or family to expand our connection to the wider church. Specifically, I am looking for someone who will watch the websites of the New England Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Lutheran World Federation. As news, events, programs, or issues arise on those sites that you find interesting, challenging, or uplifting, you would summarize them for a monthly newsletter article.

I hope some of these initiatives finds willing souls to jump on board. Please contact me directly if you would like to volunteer, or even just to discuss the idea.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Scott Cady



FALL FAIR

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Saturday, November 5th
9:00am – 3:00pm

Handmade Crafts, Bake Sale, Vendors with
handmade crafts, Soup & Sandwich Lunch,
Theme Baskets, More!

For info: 860-482-3555



Meet Me In The Garden

By Betty Hilton



If you want your garden to grow, you need to water it on a regular basis.

Jesus speaks about the vine and the branches. “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardner. “ ...Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.”



A branch that is detached from the vine quickly withers and dies. If it remains on the vine it continues to be fed, nourished, thrive, and bears fruit. John 15:1-8

We don't have to go to church to be saved, but staying away from church is dangerous. Staying away from church is like going to the beach, leaving your blanket in the sand, and going out into the water. As you swim and play you drift further than you think and suddenly you no longer can see where you left your blanket. That's what happens when we stop going to church. We drift unknowingly away.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) says, “we should not be giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another....”

Sunday morning offers us many choices. It offers the “sleep in” option, it offers a “brunch” option, it offers the “read the Sunday paper” option, and it offers us all kinds of choices having to do with recreation. How tragic to see people zealously provide for their bodies but not their souls. We need to ask ourselves, what is forming and shaping me? According to Scripture your soul needs nourishment. We are reminded that “man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4)

We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. There is nothing more powerful than to worship God and take communion with the community of other believers. To gather together in prayer, praising our Father with beautiful music and hymns and listening to God's word strengthens and renews us if we worship in spirit (from the heart). It's like the burning coals in the fireplace. If you remove a burning coal from the fire, it will grow cold. When you place it back in the fireplace, it once again will burn brightly.

For a church body to function properly, all of its “body parts” (members) need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14-20). Our spiritual gifts and talents should be used for the common good. A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his/her gifts, and we all need the assurance and encouragement of other believers.

Make regular church attendance a priority and let it be a good habit that becomes a part of who you are. There will always be a competition for your time and other things you could do on a Sunday.

When you go to church, you are setting a good example, especially for your children. What is forming and shaping them? Whose image are they growing into? If you do not introduce them to Christ, the world will introduce them to its values.

See you in God's house this week.

October 13, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over Labor Day weekend the A/C unit outside the Fellowship Hall iced up and the resulting water leak caused damage to the floor tiles in the hallway. Testing of the materials in the area revealed that the tile, the first layer of plywood, cove baseboard, and wallboard up to the 2ft level must be removed. Due to presence of asbestos, the hallway and classrooms on the upper level will have to be remediated in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations governing the safe removal and disposal of asbestos materials.

We have notified our insurance company, Utica, and as a result, SEVPRO will begin remediation and removal of all that area noted above on **11/07/22**. It is anticipated that the remediation will take 10 days to complete.

The upper level and lower level of the Fellowship Hall, from the fire doors to the ramp, will be closed off until we have received a clean air test result that ensure that all the asbestos has been properly remediated.

During this timeframe, the rest of the church WILL BE OPEN. Services will not be cancelled. The office will operate on regular schedule. Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Bible study and Committees meetings will also be held. Arrangements have been made to move the classes/meetings to other areas of the church that are unaffected by the work. Outside organizations that use our building will also be able to meet in the church during this timeframe.

The preschool will be relocated to KidsPlay, located on Main Street Torrington for approximately 10 days. A parents meeting will be held on October 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm to explain the details to them.

From time to time during the installation of the new flooring there will be temporary closure of the affected area.

If you have any question please contact Mark Rose at markwrose@icloud.com or at 860-978-5857.

We ask for your patience and cooperation during this timeframe as we get the situation corrected.

Mark Rose

Council President



Soup Kitchen Ministry



To anyone interested in serving on the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen ministry our teams serve the second Sunday of every month from 10:30 to 1:30 at the Torrington Community Soup Kitchen which is located in the basement of Trinity Church. Entrance is on Maiden Lane. We have two teams that serve, each member only serves 6 times a year. **The only requirement is the commitment to serve on your team's specified date.** A list of substitutes will be provided for you to find a sub if you cannot make the Sunday you are assigned. It is important that we have 4 - 5 people serving each time. It is a great ministry to be a part of, I promise when your shift is over you will walk away thankful for your blessings and knowing you helped your neighbors in need.

To join St. Paul's Soup Kitchen team or to be a substitute to please contact Jeanette Richard at jeanetterichard@hotmail.com or 860-489-7140.



**Annual Meeting of the
Congregation
Part 1**

**Sunday December 18th
After the service**

**The budget will be voted on.
We urge all people who are
interested in the economic
well being of their church to
attend.**



**Thank you to all that supported
the Fall Fellowship Dinner!**

**We had a great turnout and a
dedicated group of volunteers
who pulled it off! We will see
you after the holidays for our
next dinner!**



Tai Chi Wednesday Mornings
11:00

Drop in whenever the mood
strikes. Free to all!
For more information
karen.trippodi@gmail.com



**Puppettude gift card
season is here!**

Puppettude is again selling gift
cards.

An order form can be found on the
next page of this newsletter.

Please fill it out, include your
check payable to 'Puppettude' and
either place it in the Sunday
offering plate, or mail it to the
church at 837 Charles St.,
Torrington, CT 06790. You will be
contacted when your order is
ready, and arrangements will be
made to pick up your cards. It's
never too early to start your
holiday shopping.



St. Paul's Puppetude

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Ludwig at 860-307-3411. Thank you for your order.

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Clothing & Accessories			
Product	%	QTY	Total
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
T.J. Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$100.00	7%		\$
T.J. Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$25.00	7%		\$
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Department Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
99 Restaurants \$25.00	13%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Discount Store & Outlets			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$

Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Entertainment			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Fast Food			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$
Gas & Auto			
Product	%	QTY	Total
BP \$100.00	1.5%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$
Gulf Oil \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
ShopRite \$100.00	4%		\$
ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$
Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$100.00	4%		\$
Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$25.00	4%		\$
Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$50.00	4%		\$

Health & Beauty			
Product	%	QTY	Total
CVS Pharmacy \$10.00	6%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
Home Improvement			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Online Shopping			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Amazon \$10.00	1.7%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.7%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$
Specialty Retailer			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Sporting Goods & Outdoors			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Travel			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Universal Prepaid Cards			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: **PUPPETUDE**

Total Due All Columns: **\$**

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Hilltop is moving along steadily; our enrollment is not at capacity, but we are working to improve that in the next couple of months.

We studied about trees and pumpkins last month. We visited March Farm in Bethlehem to pick pumpkins and enjoy our lunch in their playground. We traveled by bus; we were excited that parents were able to join us as helpers on the trip.

Thank you for your support with our Fall spice sale fundraiser. The proceeds from this sale will help offset the loss of tuition due to low enrollment. We pray that more families find us soon.

Thank you for supporting us with your prayers as we make the move to KidsPlay in November while the church is being renovated. We wish to thank the KidsPlay administration for allowing us this opportunity to stay open and serve our families. They have been more than accommodating with all the requests that were put forth to make this move happen. We pray, believing that God will get us through this time. We can look back at this adventure and know we did the best for our students, staff, and families.

In His Service,
Barbara Mazzei
Director & Head Teacher





WELCA and more



St. Paul's Women of the ELCA November 21st

St. Paul's Women will meet on Monday, November 21st for their monthly meeting at 7:00pm. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. A brief business meeting will take place and then we will make an angel craft, led by Karen Marciano. It will be a fun evening creating! Hostesses for the November include: Cynthia Rose, Jeanette Richard, and Leah Seleman. All women attending are encouraged to bring fresh and/or non-perishable baskets for families in need within our congregation. We will be preparing six baskets. Please be as generous as you can so others can enjoy a festive meal!

Also, on the agenda will be plans for the Chrismon Tree decorating, Christmas/Advent party, and Yankee Swap set for December 5th, beginning at 6:30pm. Hostesses for the party are Mary Grening, Liz Falls, and Paula Rosenbeck. Please come and bring a friend! Friday, December 9th – Fruit Basket Assembly & Delivery more details to follow.

Angel Project

This will be St. Paul's 36th year of the Angel Project, my 35th in working closely with the annual affair! For those new to St. Paul's, or for those who need of a refresher ..., the Angel Project helps families in need within our congregation as well as our nursing home patients and families who have lost a member of their immediate family in the past year.

At this point in time, I need to hear from families who believe they could use some help this Christmas season. We pared down the project last year due to Covid 19 and I believe we will probably do much the same this year; only young children will get actual gifts. Others will receive gift cards for children over age 8 or so.



Please see Paula Rosenbeck or Pastor Cady as soon as possible. Names are kept in confidence. Again this year, we will work in conjunction with the Puppettude Scrip program, whereby members can purchase gift cards to major retailers through Puppettude, thereby supporting our puppet ministry and also have easy access to shopping. Gift selections will be out before Thanksgiving and are due back to St. Paul's by Sunday, December 11.



If you have gently used winter coats, clean and in good repair, hang it on the coat rack in the Narthex. FISH will be collecting the coats from St. Paul's again this year. The cut off date for collecting coats is Monday, November 14, 2022, no exceptions!

Unfortunately the OWTS Thanksgiving Meal delivery is cancelled again this year. With Covid-19 not willing to give up, they decided it would better to keep the students and volunteers safe again this year by not having the popular dinner. We will not need drivers or pies this year but here is hoping it comes back next year!



Around the Church



QUILTING GROUP

The group continues to meet on Wednesdays 1-4 pm. We recently welcomed Joyce Almsted to our group. On October 24, Two Hearts Pregnancy Center presented an overview of their program at the WELCA meeting; the quilting group presented them with 21 baby quilts. We have enlisted the assistance of the Eucharistic Ministers to deliver quilts to the shut-ins when visiting. Due to the construction project, the group will not be meeting in the month of November. We hope to resume December 7th.



With the beginning of construction, coffee hour will be put on hold. A new sign up sheet will be in the Narthex for the coming year. St. Paul's has had a few faithful volunteers, however, we could use more! Please consider assisting with this appreciated fellowship. If you have any questions, you can speak with Cynthia Rose.

Hat & Mitten Tree

We are looking for the annual donation for the Hat and Mitten Tree for donations of store bought or handmade new hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, slippers, and socks. The tree will be placed in memory of Gladys Gasser and Ludwig Mueller. Gladys oversaw the project for many years and Louie placed the tree each year. Since his death, his family places the tree. I have heard from some of you that you've been busy making mittens, hats, etc. so hopefully we'll be able to keep many heads and hands warm this winter with your generosity. The tree will be in place for the month of November.



If you have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed, feel free to contact Mark Rose, council president. He can be reached at 860-978-5857 or emailed at markwrose@icloud.com





Chris Ed Save the dates!



- Monday, November 7 – 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (due to W/ELCA on 11/21)
- Tuesday, November 22 – 7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship – 7:00pm
- Sunday, November 27 Outside Christmas Tree lighting after church and before SS
Cookie Day for elderly and shut-in (Details to follow)
- Sunday, December 4th – 11:00am Second Sunday in Advent Family Craft & Fun (during SS)
- Friday, December 16 - 6:00 – 8:00pm Youth Pageant Rehearsal
- Saturday, December 17 – 5:00 – 7:00pm Youth Pageant Rehearsal (Snow Date)
- Sunday, December 18 – 10:00am Youth Pageant during worship
- Sunday, December 25 or January 1 No Sunday School
- Sunday, January 8 – 11:00am Sunday School resumes

Garden of memories

**"And these memories and associations that our flowers give us are independent of seasons or of age. They come to us as well in autumn and winter, in spring and summer; and as to age, the older we get the more, from the very nature of things, do these memories increase and multiply."
- Canon Ellacombe, *In a Gloucestershire Garden*, 1895**

If you would like more information on the Garden of Memories, whether it about interment or to volunteer to help with maintenance, please contact Lisa Bodnar @ 860-491-6342 or bodnar983@gmail.com





Classifieds



Free Items

Mini Fridge approximately 2 cu.ft.
Pick up in Cornwall
Contact: Pastor Cady 860-672-0143

Shop Vac
Pick up at the church
Contact Pastor Cady 860-672-0143

CLASSIFIEDS PAGE IN THE NEWSLETTER!

Classified ads are due by the 20th of each month and will run for 1 newsletter. If you would like to relist your ad, the form must be submitted again. Please no weapons, alcohol, or inappropriate items. St. Paul's has the right to deny a listing.

Return info to secretary@stpaulstorrington.com

We will only be accepting forms, **no phone calls please**. Forms are done on a typeable Word form. We will take legible hand-written forms. Forms will be accessible on the website under the Newsletter tab, in the Narthex or by contacting the office.

If you have a classified to place, please have the form to the office by November 20th. Thank you!

The first person to
decorate a Christmas tree
was reportedly the
Protestant reformer Martin
Luther (1483-1546).

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According to legend, he was
so moved by the beauty of
the stars shining between the
branches of a fir tree, he
brought home an evergreen
tree and decorated it with
candles to share the image
with his children.



November 1st
 Anthony Boscarino
 Dominic Boscarino

November 2nd
 Jane Yurgalevicz
 Nancy Nurnberg

November 6th
 Elijah Shapiro

November 9th
 Richard Sawitzke
 Sal Barbieri

November 10th
 Ava Newkirk

November 12th
 Janice Capolupo

November 14th
 Marilyn Killingbeck

November 15th
 Leni Lee Nilsson

November 16th
 Heinz Roller

November 18th
 Gary Parker
 Bruce Magyar

November 20th
 Midge Rosenbeck

November 22nd
 Arielle Newkirk

November 24th
 Marjorie Raspiller
 Kristine Murdick

November 25th
 Liz Falls

November 26th
 Marlene Battistoni

November 30th
 Lindsay Ferrucci

Charles & Beth Brower 11-03-2001

Mark & Linda Gryniuk 11-06-1992

Michael & Abbey McDermott 11-06-1993

Martin & Michelle Thompson 11-06-1995

Walter & Christine Dickinson 11-17-1989

Jacquelyn and Tom Wassik 11-19-1994

Women's Breakfast

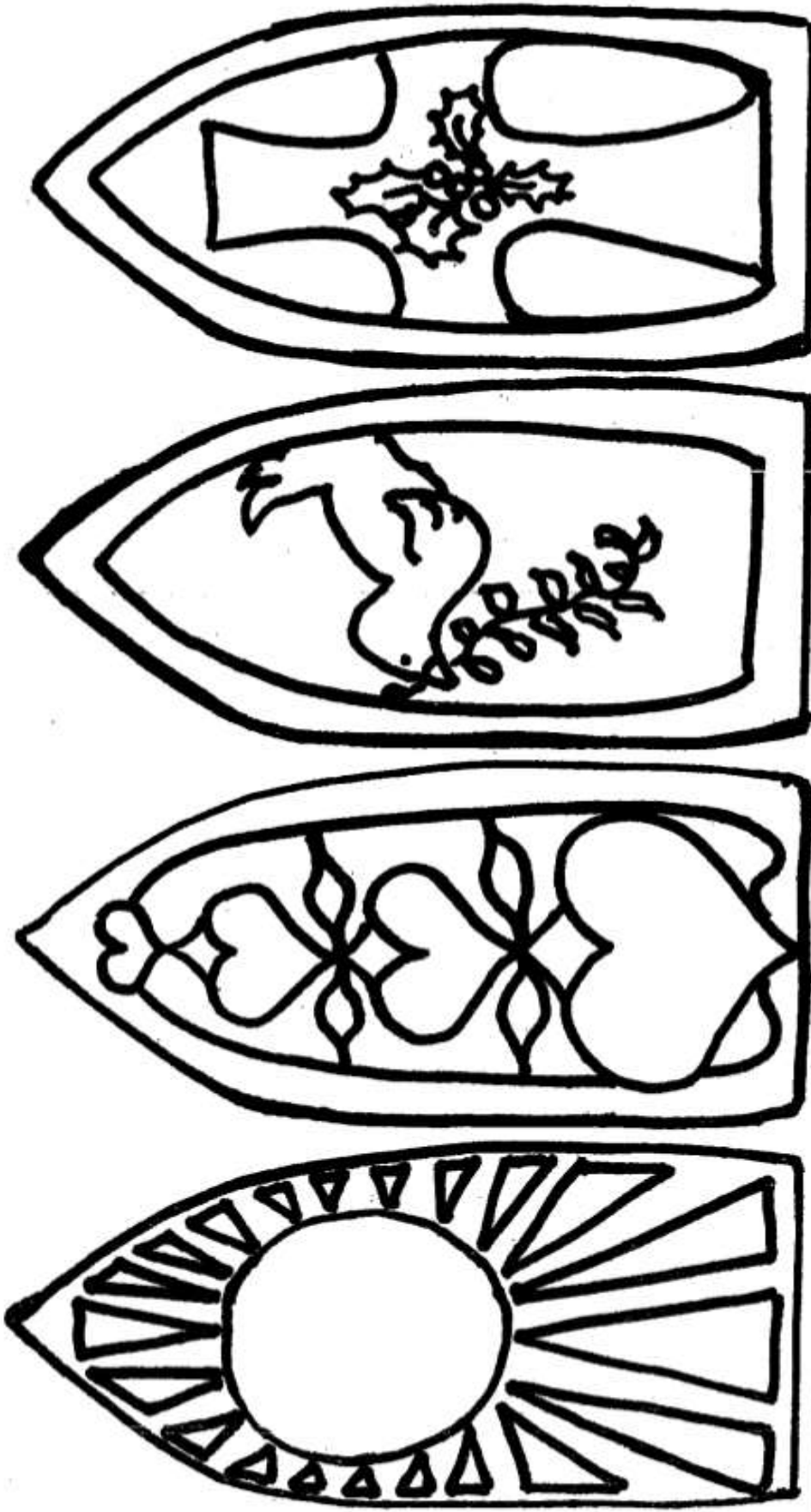
**Wednesday,
 16th of November and the
 21st of December**

**George's Restaurant
 East Main St. Torrington**



Jenny Johnson
 Bob Toth
 Louis Szabo
 Jennifer Savanella
 Mary Swienckowski

Kids Page!



Hope

Peace

Joy

Love



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06790

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