



Transition Time (Continued)



We certainly hit the ground running this fall! Steven Lefebvre, our youth minister, is hard at work with our youth and young adults. The Christian education program is thriving. Pilgrimage has another strong class. The Alpha Marriage Course is well attended. Our worship is vibrant. The Gospel is being preached and we are working on many different levels to "... bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ." And we are having fun

doing all of this! If you were unable to attend the Jo Wintker Film Festival, you missed a real treat.

At the same time, your vestry and staff are responding to your desires and our obvious needs as expressed through the Long Range Planning Committee. We are looking at several possible ways to reconfigure our current space to better meet the parish's needs until we are in a position to move forward with a new parish hall and Christian education building. We believe that this reconfiguration can be accomplished at a very modest cost and with very little disruption, but with great benefits to the parish. These plans are currently in their infancy. We will keep you informed as they mature and progress.

Lastly, it is my pleasure to announce that Nathan Erdman, a postulant from the Diocese of Maryland and a middler (second year student) at the School of Theology at Sewanee, will join us for the next two semesters as a field education student. Nathan will

be learning how a large parish functions. He will serve as a Eucharistic minister, preach several times, and attend a wide variety of parish meetings and functions. Nathan is married to Rachael, a master of theology student at Sewanee. They have two daughters, Rebecca, age 4, and Natalie, age 2. I know you will join me in welcoming the Erdmans into our parish family.

On November 20, we will have a celebration of a new ministry for our new youth minister, Steven Lefebvre, at the 8:45 a.m. service and for Nathan at the 11 a.m. service.

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**Daylight Savings Time is Nov. 6
Remember to set your clocks back!**

Progressive Dinner

The annual St. Paul's Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, Nov. 6. Please sign up in the parish hall if you would like to attend. We also need hosts for each course. Childcare will be available through the church. For more information contact Mary Armour O'Reilly or DeAnna Bartsch.

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You Are Youth Ministry

By Steven Lefebvre

Youth ministry is the church and you are apart of it. I believe our youth ministry is not only the future of our church but also the present of our church. From our Sunday night gathering to our retreats and mission trips and even game nights, everything we do is about learning the way of Jesus.

Our gatherings are not about having the most fun or even keeping kids out of trouble (although they are often are and do), but rather practicing a different story. Every time we gather we are like runners training for a race. With every gathering we are exercising ourselves into a better, more whole people.

All of this to say, you matter to the youth ministry! Your relationship to this community is vital to the growth of this church. Every second of your support and presence in our community ultimately grows this community into one that will make a difference in our culture. It is only with your support that our youth community will flourish into something that really matters. And our relationship to you may be just as, if not more, vital to your spiritual formation.

Are you looking for something that calls you to spiritual accountability? Are you looking for a spiritual discipline? Are you interested in doing something much larger than yourself? Are you looking for a deeper and more meaningful faith? I guarantee that a commitment to working with our youth will change your life.

If you are interested in working with St. Paul's Youth in any way, please talk to me. If the only reason you won't join our ministry is because you don't believe you have the gift for it, let's talk. Chances are you are probably wrong.

Diocesan Youth Sabbath Retreat

The Diocese of Tennessee's Youth Steering Committee is hosting a Sabbath Retreat November 11-13 at Otey Parish in Sewanee. This retreat will be in place of Happening, which was postponed this fall. It is being planned by members of the Diocese's Youth Steering Committee including our very own Steven Lefebvre.

Several of St. Paul's Youth will be attending this event.

The focus of the retreat will be on the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy!" What does it mean to rest well? How can resting help us hear the voice of God? Why is it so hard to rest?

Please pray for our youth and the youth of the diocese as they are on this retreat. Pray that God's Word and love will speak to them in powerful ways. Pray that this outing promotes a greater depth and spirit in the community of St. Paul's Youth. Pray for open hearts and minds!

For more information contact Steven Lefebvre slefebvre@stpaulsmboro.org

St. Paul's 70+ Birthday Luncheon Is Nov. 15

The fourth quarter luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 11:30 a.m in St. Paul's Parish Hall. Luncheons are held once-per-quarter to celebrate the birthdays of St. Paul's family members over 70 and older, and their significant other or guest. You do NOT have to have a birthday during this quarter to attend. There is no obligation on your part except to RSVP! A committee of friends and helpers who wish to share their talents in this special ministry prepares the meal. Please call Jennifer McGuire at 713-5059 to RSVP.

Annual Craft & Bake Sale

This year, our Annual Craft and Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, Nov. 20, after all three services. If you need assistance gathering materials for your projects, contact Alice Gibson at (615) 972-4890.

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St. Paul's Quarterly Food Drive

The Outreach Committee will be collecting food on Sunday, November 13 for the Rutherford County Food Bank in our last quarterly drive for 2011. Our goal is to collect 2,000 items of food during this drive.

At this time of the year, our hearts and minds are especially moved in thanksgiving for our many blessings. So many people in our community continue to be out of work, and the food bank has expressed deep gratitude for our generosity in helping to feed our Rutherford County brothers and sisters.

Brown bags with suggested food lists will be available after all services on October 30 and November. Questions can be directed to Tina Whitfield at 896-7186.

If you prefer to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check out to the Rutherford County Food Bank and give it to Tina Whitfield or one of the ushers on November 13. Thank you so much!

Reminder to Donate Blood

St. Paul's does not have the Blood Mobile scheduled in conjunction with the upcoming food drive. Remember to stop by the Red Cross soon if you are willing to donate a pint of blood.

Thanksgiving Service and Lunch

St. Paul's Annual Thanksgiving Day Service and Luncheon will be held November 24 beginning with our service at 10:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow.

Please indicate on the sign-up sheets in the parish hall what you would like to contribute to the luncheon. There are several categories of food and beverages. We also are in need of people who can help in set-up and/or clean-up.

All are welcome to join our St. Paul's family for this special time to give thanks for our many blessings. Childcare will not be provided because this is a family meal and all children are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Janelee Wise at 849-9869.

Wreath Dedications

Dedications for live evergreen wreaths to be placed on the outside doors of the church will be accepted until November 18.

These dedications will appear in the bulletin on the first Sunday of Advent and in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The envelopes for these wreath dedications are only located on the welcome table in the Narthex and are labeled in green as "wreaths." Please complete the information on the envelope and place it in the box on the table.

There are four large wreaths that will be used in the front doors for a suggested donation of \$35 each and two smaller wreaths for the back door to the Narthex and the Academy Street entrance for a suggested donation of \$25 each.

These dedications are limited and when the envelopes are gone there will be no more available for dedication.

Thank you - The Flower Guild

Poinsettia Dedications

Christmas poinsettia dedications will be accepted through Friday, December 16. Envelopes for the dedications will be available on the welcome table in the narthex and on the Flower Guild bulletin board in the parish hall. They are labeled in red "Poinsettia."

These dedications will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please fill out an envelope either in honor, memory, or celebration and place in the appropriate box on the welcome table or in the Flower Guild mail slot in the parish hall adjacent to Children's Church. The suggested donation for a poinsettia is \$18.

Advent Greenery Needed to Decorate the Church

If you are planning to prune your evergreens and can wait until the week of Thanksgiving, the Flower Guild would very much appreciate having those cuttings to adorn the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

Donations of evergreens can be brought to the Academy Street entrance the week of Thanksgiving. Especially useful would be magnolia, spruce, Leyland cypress, cedar, juniper, ivy, nandina berries, and any variety of holly. We will be preparing the evergreen arrangements on Saturday, Nov. 26 so you can bring donations right up until then.

Please call Sudi Luboniecki at 397-9042 if you need to drop off donations early in the week so we can get them in water.

Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out will be Friday November 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Children through age 10 may be dropped off at the nursery any time after 5:45 p.m.

The sign-up deadline is Monday November 14 at 4:00 p.m. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the nursery.

You may email nursery@stpaulsmboro.org or call the office at 893-3780 with the child's name, age, your name, and contact number.

Safeguarding God's Children Workshop

The Safeguarding God's Children Workshop will be held Nov. 5, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the St. Paul's Parish Hall. If you work with children please sign up to attend this workshop. All vestry members, staff, and ministries that work with children are encouraged to attend. Please call the Diocese of Tennessee at 615-251-3322 to sign up.

Upcoming Schedule at St. Paul's

November 6. All Saints' Sunday with five baptisms.

November 13. No youth group program (morning and evening)

November 20. Annual Craft and Bake Sale after all three services.

Week of Nov. 20. No Morning Prayer

November 23-27. The office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and re-open Monday Nov. 28.

November 27. No youth group program (morning and evening)

November 28. Christmas Tea 4 p.m.

December 2. Annual lighting of the tree on the square and the St. Paul's choir will sing.

December 4. Annual Parish Meeting with the Children's Christmas Party, No Christian Education.

December 6. Nashville Chamber Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave

December 15. Office closed partial day for church staff Christmas party

December 18. Christmas Pageant at the 8:45 a.m. service

December 18. Service of Lessons and Carols at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave.

Week of Dec. 18. No Morning Prayer

December 23-27. The office will be closed for Christmas starting Friday, Dec. 23 and will re-open Dec. 28.

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December 24. Christmas Eve. Services at 4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. with childcare at 4:30 p.m. service ONLY. A program of carols and other music will begin at 10:30 p.m. before the 11 p.m. Service.

December 25. Christmas Day. 10:30 a.m. Children may bring one gift for the altar. ONE SERVICE ONLY. No childcare, No Christian education.

Week of Dec. 25. No Morning Prayer

December 28. No Wednesday services

December 30. Office closed half day

January 2. Office will be closed

January 3. Office will re-open

January 5. No Wednesday services

January 6. Epiphany Party

Births

August 25: Jackson Peek to Katie and Scott Peek

August 30: Jackson Wright to Autumn and Mike Wright

September 5: Eleanor Hoover to Aimee and Chip Hoover

September 12: Megan Paige Donegan to Derrick and Natalie Donegan

Birthdays

11/01 Michael Dillon
11/02 Don Whitfield
11/02 Bill Jones
11/02 Tracey Huddleston
11/02 George Pimentel
11/02 Laurel Callow
11/03 Norma King
11/03 Sally Palmer
11/03 Margaux Bray
11/04 Robert Huffman
11/04 Beverly George

11/04 Anderson LaRoche
11/05 Frances Moudy
11/05 Tina Whitfield
11/06 Anne Davis
11/07 B.J. Huggins
11/07 Juanita Williams
11/07 Rebecca Potts
11/09 DeeDee Tidwell
11/09 Phillip Black
11/11 Peggy Seneker
11/11 Shelley Stewart
11/11 Vinny Cantrell
11/12 Tom Collins II
11/13 John Merchant
11/13 Doug Gleaves
11/13 Ed Rogers
11/13 Autumn Wright
11/13 Andrew Davis
11/13 William Davis
11/14 Alicia Hollis
11/14 Scott Hutchens
11/15 Catherine Ann Young
11/17 Curtis Church
11/17 Polk Van Zandt
11/18 Ron Harris
11/18 Mason Smith
11/19 Nancy Williams
11/19 Jerry Redditt
11/19 Jim Carpenter
11/20 Gail Fedak
11/20 Kelsey Rogers
11/21 David Kellermann
11/24 Patricia Washer
11/24 Sally Smith
11/25 Patricia Merz
11/26 Kitty Murfree
11/26 Dallas Caudle
11/27 Elsa Vandervort
11/27 Maggie Tidwell
11/28 Richard Tallent
11/28 Beverly Calder
11/30 Wade Sutton Jr
11/30 Vicki Burgess
11/30 Lisa Asberry

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***Our Mission is to worship God and to bring all
into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ***

St. Paul's Staff

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To obtain a copy of Father Polk Van Zandt's sermons please contact the Parish Office at 893-3780.