



The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ

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"For a good time..."

Progressive Dinner, Friday, November 13

St. Paul's Progressive Dinner is on the horizon! Mark your calendars and then sign-up to attend one of the best parties of the year on Friday, November 13 at 6:15 p.m. with sign-ups due by Sunday, November 8.

If you are new (or old) to St. Paul's, the Progressive Dinner is a great way to meet new friends. Each guest is assigned one home to attend for an appetizer/salad course and then another home with different guests for the dinner course. You will sign-up to provide food or drink for one of these courses, or if you'd like, you may host a course.

THEN... the whole party is invited for a most festive celebration and dessert

at Howard and Sally Wall's incredibly beautiful home on Broad Street. Many times the Walls have most generously hosted our celebration and year after year a good time is had by all!!!

Childcare is provided in the nursery; please make sure to sign-up for this in advance. Please sign-up in the parish hall or if you'd prefer to send an e-mail, contact event chairs Collier Andress Smith, scolliera@aol.com or Allison Tuset, amalone98@yahoo.com If you send an e-mail, please provide your name(s), contact phone number and e-mail for your hosts to contact you, whether you will host a course (how many you can host), or if you will provide a dish assigned by your host.



Thanksgiving Service & Dinner

Thanksgiving, a time to come together to give praise, thanks and share. St. Paul's will be holding a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26, 2009. Be sure to mark your calendars now for this service where we give our thanks to God for all he has blessed us with in our lives.

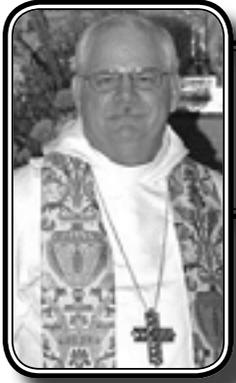
Immediately following the service there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner in the Parish Hall with turkey and all the trimmings. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Parish Hall starting Sunday, November 1st to bring a dish, help with set-up and clean-up, or both!

Everyone Is Invited

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From Polk+

Buzzards, Bats, Bumblebees & the Church

Did you know that if you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner? The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

Did you know that the ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place? If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself in the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

And did you know that a bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out? It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exist, until it completely destroys itself.

So what does all this have to do with our Church community? I venture to say that most of us, when left to our own devices, are like buzzards, bound by our immaturity and the smallness of our self-centered vision. Our Church community gives us the space we need for a runway so we can fly. And we were like bats, with all sorts of potential, but stuck on a level place. Our Church community provides us the building blocks necessary to elevate us to the point where we could throw ourselves, with a great deal of confidence, into the air. And we are like bumblebees, often stuck in the bottom of a glass tumbler, frantically trying to find a way out and expending a great deal of energy fruitlessly. Our Church community helps remove our blinders so that we can see that the path to spiritual and personal growth and freedom is right there above us. We do all of this together, as a community.

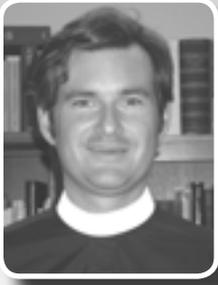
As a sometime buzzard, bat and bumblebee, I thank God that I am part of this Church community.

Polk+

St. Paul's Quarterly Food Drive Coming Soon!

Sunday, November 15th will be our last scheduled quarterly Food Drive for 2009. We are very thankful that our St. Paul's family has so generously donated food for the previous three collections this year, and we look forward to once again offering our help to the Murfreesboro

community through the Food Bank. Brown bags with suggested food lists will be available after all services on Sunday, November 1st and Sunday, November 8th. Questions can be directed to Tina Whitfield at 896-7186 or Jane Smith at 355-0666.



There are Two Types of People in This World

The other day I heard a convicting quote - "There are two types of people in this world: those who walk into a room and turn the T.V. on, and those who walk into a room and turn the T.V. off." How often I am the one to turn the T.V. on!

One of the assumptions of spirituality is that God is always doing something before we know it. So our task is not to get God to do something we think needs to be done, but to become aware of what God is doing so that we can respond to it and participate and take delight in it.

Television is not a bad thing. Trisha and I have a number of favorite shows we enjoy watching together. But we have learned to be wary of the television. In fact we have learned to be wary of any activity that distracts us from discerning God's presence and work among us. One of the characteristics of our age is that it is such a busy and hurried world. There is so much noise everywhere. And if we aren't careful we can easily forget about the task before us: to become aware of what God is doing so that we can respond to it and participate and take delight in it.

One way to do this is to be deliberate about having times of silence - times of solitude - times when we just sit before God. God may speak to us in these times, but often He

does not. Rather, these times help to strip away all the noise and clamor that has accumulated in our lives. The hope being that as we go forth from solitude, we will be able to see God's presence in the world, and in our lives, a little more clearly. For God's grace is everywhere, if only we could see it.

Setting aside deliberate times of solitude can be very intimidating. One piece of advice is to start small. Commit yourself to five minutes a day of silence each day before God (It is amazing how long five minutes feels when you start!) But just take five minutes - we all have five minutes. When you start, you may find that during these five minutes you will be restless. You will discover that the noise that you thought you left behind is racing through your mind. But that's okay. Over time, as you remain longer in silence, the noise will soften and once in awhile true silence will touch you. And when you emerge you may find that you are a little more aware of what God is doing in and around you - so that you can respond to it and participate and take delight in it.

Colin+

Fr. Colin Ambrose Wins AABS Award for Exegetical Paper

Desiring to be Justified: An Examination of the Parable of the Good Samaritan" has been selected as the best exegesis paper in the 2009 Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Student Paper Competition. The prize-winning paper was first drafted last fall by the Rev. Colin Ambrose, '09, for a reading course in the Parables of Luke taught by Dr. Garwood Anderson, Nashotah House's Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek.

An attempt to recover the soteriological meaning of a parable which has been almost universally interpreted to have only an ethical meaning, the paper "brings

fresh insights to very well-traveled ground," says Dr. Anderson. "And Colin engaged in theological exegesis rather than a mere exercise in descriptive historical criticism. This is an 'old-fashioned' approach to biblical exegesis which, happily, is once again on the vanguard of biblical studies. It shows that scholarly exegesis and serious theology belong together. And it's an approach to the Bible as Scripture, which I hope is increasingly the hallmark of what we do at Nashotah House."

Congratulations, Fr. Colin. Your new St. Paul's family is privileged to share our faith journey with you and your family.

SENIOR WARDEN

Can the year really have flown by this fast? Here we are approaching Advent and all of the myriad activities associated with this joyful season. I can only look back in wonder at how fast the year has gone and how much has changed!

Seems like just yesterday we were welcoming both the Van Zandt and Ambrose families, and now it's as though they have been here for years! We will be holding our Annual Meeting and election for new vestry members on Sunday, December 6, so make plans to attend between the 8:45 and 11:00 services that morning (note that there will be just the two services so that everyone can attend the annual meeting more conveniently). That also means that four of us will be rotating off the Vestry – myself, Barry Huber, Jeff James and Robin Newell. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve with these great folks these last three years during a challenging but rewarding season for St. Paul's. My job as Senior Warden has been made a great deal easier by each of them and the rest of the Vestry as they have attended to the needs and concerns of their liaison areas, and in turn reported back to the Vestry.

By now our new Cursillistas have come back from their "mountaintop experience": Laney and Stan Golden, Gail Henry, Ralph Jackson, Janna and Charlie McClain, Tennille and Walter McVetty, Tami Waggoner, and Tom Waggoner. This has been a spiritually affirming and life-changing experience for literally hundreds of parishioners, and we are so glad to add more to the group. In the weeks to come, may you each continue to grow and be blessed by your Cursillo experience, and find ways to enhance

your ministry here at St. Paul's – opportunities abound, and St. Paul's is the richer for your having attended a Cursillo weekend!

Last month I spoke about the Clergy Discretionary Fund; this month, given the season, I'd like to put in a plug for the Flower Guild. As a member myself and former Flower Guild Chairman, I can attest to the ongoing labor of love that is given to the church through the ministry of these dedicated ladies (and a couple of men!). Thanks especially to our talented chairman, Juanita Williams, who has hung in there through thick and thin (including major surgery!) to keep us on the straight and narrow. It is a hard job, and one that has no vacation benefits... This is the season where we can give donations to the Flower Guild for the Christmas poinsettias - in honor or memory of someone near and dear to us, or simply in thanksgiving. You will soon see a folder with envelopes for this purpose on the Flower Guild bulletin board. I encourage you to participate and help fund this undertaking – the spectacular Christmas display memorializes the astonishing gift of our Savior Jesus Christ given to us by a loving Father.

Remember to sign up for all the fall activities, including the always-enjoyable Progressive Dinner on November 13th, ably chaired this year by Collier Smith, and ending with scrumptious desserts at Howard & Sally Wall's beautiful home.

God's peace to you all,
Marcie

Birthday Luncheon

Adams Place has offered to host St. Paul's quarterly Birthday Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 11:30 am.

Flute Donation

The Karen at All Saints' would like to begin a flute choir. If anyone has an extra beginner's flute that you would like to donate to All Saints' for the Karen Mission please contact Aimee Spurlock.

"I have so much to do (today) that I should spend the first three hours in prayer." —Martin Luther

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day." —Robert Caspar Lintner

"When I give, I give myself." —Walt Whitman

Columbarium

If you are interested in purchasing a niche in the Columbarium please contact Jerry Redditt for details at jerryredditt@bellsouth.net or call her at 364-8700. The price of a niche is increasing on January 1st.

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church &
The Family Resource Center*

Angel Tree

*We need your participation in this
years Angel Tree project.*

We are working with the Murfreesboro Family Resource Center to provide 120 under privileged preschool aged children Christmas gifts. These children will not be on any other angel tree in the county, so please open your hearts, wallets, and HELP.

The suggested spending guideline is \$40 per child. You may combine your gift with a friend's in order to provide a child a gift. The Angel Tree is in the Narthex and Angel tags should be chosen ONLY on Sundays, due to the necessary tracking, so that no child slips between the cracks.

There will be a committee member at the tree at each service to assist you and there is no limit on the number of angels a person may take.

If for some reason you can't participate in the shopping, checks will be accepted in lieu of purchased gifts.

We prefer that the gifts are wrapped with price tags and store identification removed. Due date to return the wrapped gifts to St. Paul's is November 29.

All gifts should be left in the Narthex by the tree on Sundays, and in the church office any other time.



Young Adult Summit

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the Young Adult Summit weekend at Camp Mikel in Toccoa, Georgia! Young adults from a diverse demography gathered together for worship, fellowship and workshops to bring new ideas and spiritual connection to Christ through our ministries. The theme of the weekend was "Make Like a Tree and Bear Fruit". I have come to learn that God has given me gifts and I need to give back to others. In fact, we all have special gifts, and a combination of an entire community of special gifts and talents will surely bear the fruit it needs to thrive in any ministry. I was overjoyed to share the level of commitment and enthusiasm for our ministries with other young adults from the southeast.

During the first workshop I attended, Parish Young Adult Ministries, each individual in our small group shared his/her experience with developing a group of young adults. Several of us were in the early stages of our ministry, and we discussed ideas for growth and organization of activities, dilemmas some were faced with, and suggestions to improve the focus/objective of Young Adult Ministry.

The second two workshops I attended focused on Campus Ministries and Communications. We discussed ideas for effective communications and how others are spreading the

word to students on their home campus. We also discussed ways to accomplish goals as a group and find the support and resources we desperately need to continue supporting our students. Episcopalian Campus Ministry is very important in order to open the doors for students as they journey into adulthood. As I recall, the first years out on your own are the most challenging in every aspect. With the help of our parish mentors, we can provide an environment for our students to learn to be part of a community and grow in their faith.

Overall, my experience at Camp Mikel has inspired me to more actively participate in our Parish Young Adult and Campus Ministries. A special thanks to all the members of our congregation that want to see our young adults flourish! All of us have the ability to "make like a tree and bear fruit"! For me, the best way to bear fruit is to offer a place for young adults to come and grow in their communities, to learn how to bear their own fruit for our future generations. I attended this weekend to inspire and encourage other young adults in our congregation, and it was an honor to represent St. Paul's Murfreesboro in the presence of some awesome leaders!

Katy Prescher

Ascending the Summit

For three days in October, young adults (that's 18-30ish) from all over the Southeastern Province of the Episcopal Church gathered for a time of worship, reflection, and fellowship at Camp Mikell in Toccoa, Georgia. It was spectacular to meet new people from around the southeast and connect with a few friends I had made last year at the Brand New Way Conference in Houston, especially Lauren Woody—the Diocesan Young Adults Coordinator for the Diocese of Atlanta. She and the other members of the planning committee put together a fantastic weekend and I am so thankful that I was able to attend!

Bishop Neil Alexander of the Diocese of Atlanta was present for part of the weekend and gave a couple of talks about discipleship and church history. We had a lovely Compline service Friday night, followed by games and fellowship into the wee hours. The next morning, after a spectacular breakfast in the dining hall, we separated for our workshops. I attended the "Spirituality and the Environment" group, discussing the unique problems we have here in the southeast and how we as a Church and as young adults come together on those issues. In the afternoon I went to the "Discernment and Vocation" workshop, learning about the general process in the Episcopal Church and what resources are available to prospective young adult seminarians, as well as how lay and ordained ministers work together within the Church.

Later that evening I participated in a panel discussion about Young Adult Ministry and College Ministry. We fielded questions

about what our role is in the Church—in our parishes, in our dioceses, and in the national church—and the failures and successes we have experienced. We talked about stewardship and how much it means to have the support of our parishes and dioceses at this particular transient stage of our lives. As we transition and take on more responsibilities it can often be very difficult and confusing, but knowing that we have a place to go and explore our faith is very meaningful.

After the forum we headed into the chapel for a Taize service—if you have not gone to one of these I implore you to find one in your area! The Young Adults group at St. Paul's had attended the monthly service in the Cathedral just a week prior to this retreat, and it was very moving and beautiful. Connecting with God and one another through this contemplative service is unforgettable and life-changing.

Sunday morning we had our last workshop, and I attended the one for "Spiritual Direction." This is a great ministry for spiritual growth and acknowledging where God is in our lives. We celebrated Eucharist again and then went off our separate ways. It was a long drive back to Murfreesboro, with a lot of time to think and reflect on the amazing weekend! I am so, so grateful that I was able to attend this incredible weekend and look forward to putting what I learned into practice at St. Paul's.

Kathleen Jaco



FLOWER GUILD



Advent will begin on November 29th. This is a season of solemn preparation for remembering Christ's incarnation at Christmas and the anticipation of the fulfillment of his promise to return in power and glory. During this time we have no flowers on the altar, but lovely evergreens throughout the church.

The Flower Guild will meet on November 28th to prepare evergreen arrangements for Advent. If you have magnolia, ivy, holly, pine, nandina or any of the other greenery that you can cut and donate for use in the arrangements, please bring it to the church during Thanksgiving week or call Juanita Williams at 849-8612 to have someone come and get it. We hope to be able to collect most of the greenery locally instead of having to purchase it. We use a lot during the weeks of Advent to keep the arrangements fresh and it gets very expensive if we must buy from the wholesale houses.

Beginning Christmas Eve, the church will be adorned with lovely Poinsettias, in the joy of the commemoration of our Savior's birth. We have already placed the order for these. Please consider dedicating one or more of these in Honor, Memory, Celebration, or Thanksgiving for loved ones, friends, or special events. The suggested donation is \$18.00. Your dedication will be printed in the Christmas Bulletin. Envelopes for Poinsettia donations will be in Parish Hall on the Flower Guild Bulletin Board or on the Visitor's and Event's Tables in the Narthex beginning the first Sunday in November. Please fill in your dedication and phone number on the envelope and place it with your donation in the offering plate or in the Flower Guild Box in Parish Hall. The last date for to submit Poinsettia dedication in order to be printed in

the bulletin is Monday, December 14th. This allows the office to get the list together to print in the bulletin without having a late deadline and rushing them to get it in during Christmas week.

This year you will see some changes as requested by Polk. One change will be that we plan to have fresh greenery wreathes on the front doors of the church instead of the artificial that we have been using. We will start out this year with only the four, three on the main front doors and one on the door of St. Andrews. If you would like to have a dedication of one of these or give one as a gift to the church from your family, please turn in your dedication before Thanksgiving week. These will be printed in the bulletin on the first Sunday of Advent and again in the Christmas Bulletin. To donate a wreath, please fill out an envelope that you will find on the Flower Guild bulletin board or the Visitor's or Events Tables in the Narthex.

The 2010 Flower Calendar will be on the Bulletin Board in Parish Hall beginning the middle of November for dedications of flowers. If you have a special Sunday that you would like to reserve next year please put your name on that date. We are asking that you put a first and last name on the calendar, as there is confusion as to which family has signed up when the names are some commonly used.

Once more, thank you for the continued support received from the Parishioners of St. Paul's, allowing us to continue this ministry.

**Juanita Williams, Flower Guild Chair,
& Members of St. Paul's Flower Guild**

St. Paul's Ministry Fair

The St. Paul's Ministry Fair will be Saturday November 6th in the Parish Hall beginning at 6 PM. We hope each of you will attend and learn more about outreach ministry opportunities in our community from the different organizations represented at the fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out as Christians to others in need, in ways both large and small.

This year there is a new twist on the fair. As a way of saying "Thank You" for attending and supporting the fair, we will be serving a few special wines. The featured wines will be the award winning (and aptly named by the vintners who are former Catholic school boys) Seven Deadly Zins and Seven Heavenly Chards from Lodi vineyards in California (<http://lodivineyards.com/>) so arrive early! I hope you enjoy reading the descriptions of these wines as much as I did.

Seven Deadly Zins

"A sinful blend indeed! Our flagship Zinfandel was devised by the two Phillips brothers in their search for a blended Zin so captivating that no one could refuse. With consistency in mind, the brothers decided to blend the fruit of Lodi's finest growers

to fill the bottles of Michael~David's new-fangled wine. In the end, Seven vineyards were chosen for their superiority. Now, how do you label a wine so unique in style? Looking to their past, the two Phillips brothers quickly related the Seven Sins from their Catholic school upbringing to the seven Old Vine Zinfandels blended in their wine."

Seven heavenly Chards

"With so many sins committed, Michael and David's consciences were starting to wear thin. There must be a way to repent all of our sins! With redemption in mind, the two brothers thought long and hard for a way to clean the slate for their forsaken past. At first thought, confession seemed just. On second thought, a Chardonnay seemed to be the fix- a Heavenly Chard at that. Seven Heavenly Chards serves as a sister bottling to the Seven Deadly Zins, offering a Chardonnay aged in Seven different French barrels for Seven months. Needless to say, Mike and Dave have been redeemed!"

I look forward to seeing you there!

Gail Henry

ST. PAUL'S STUDENT MINISTRIES

holiday season schedule

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...the following Sunday nights from 5:00 to 7:00...

11/1 and 12/6

D-groups

...the following Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00...

**11/4, 11/11, 11/18,
12/2, 12/9, 12/16**



DESTINATION: UNKNOWN

...the following Sunday nights from 5:00 to 7:00...

11/15 & 12/13*

*Christmas Party

Christian Education

...the following Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:55...

**11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22,
12/6, 12/13, 12/20**

Upcoming Events

Fall Retreat — November 6th—8th

Ski Trip — February 5th—7th

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Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.

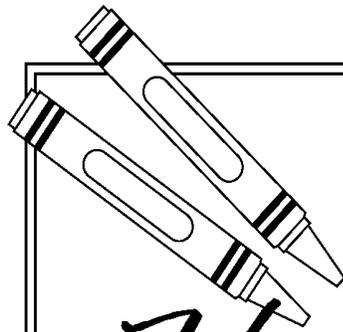


What you need:

- Paper (8½" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.



Just for **KIDS**

He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

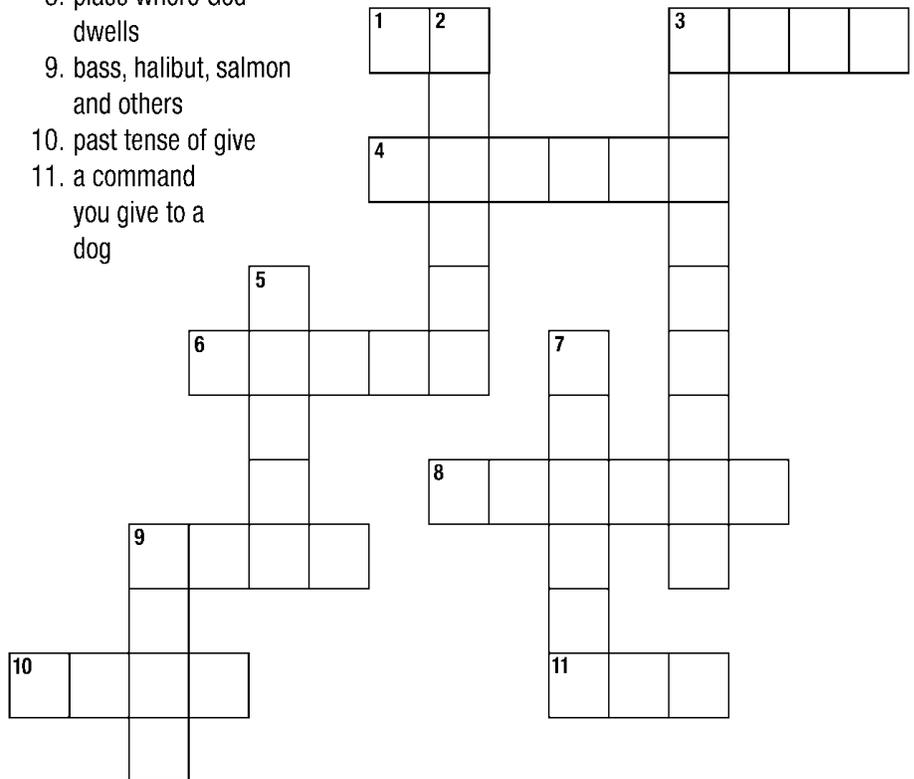
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

Down

2. another name for humans
3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
5. what a lawnmower cuts
7. _____ giving
9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

NOVEMBER 2009

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<p>1 All Saints Day Food Drive Time Change Heifer International 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Catechesis 4 pm Chorister Rehearsal 4 pm Blessing of the Animals 5 pm Xperience 5 pm Dream Group 7pm</p>	<p>2 Annual Reports Due 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm EfM 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 7 pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>3 9:30 a.m Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p>	<p>4 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 5:30 pm HE 6 pm Reunion Group 6 pm Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth 7 pm Canterbury Club 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA</p>	<p>5 11:30 am Quarterly Birthday Luncheon/Adams Place 3 pm Knitting Group 6 pm Men's Club 6 pm Ladies Night Out 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>6 Fall Youth Retreat 6th, 7th and 8th 7 pm AA</p>
<p>8 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Catechesis 3 pm Craft & Bake Sale Prep. 4 pm Chorister Rehearsal NO Xperience 5 pm Dream Group 6 pm Young Adult Min. 7 pm</p>	<p>9 6 pm Parish Live-Vestry 6:30 pm EfM 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>10 9:30 a.m Fresh Start 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6 pm Budget Review 6:30 pm Scouts/Wolf Den 6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>11 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 5:30 pm HE 6 pm Reunion Group 6 pm Angel Tree Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth 7 pm Canterbury Club 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>12 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Scout Committee Meeting 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>13 Diocesan Women's Retreat 6 pm Progressive Dinner 6 pm AA Potluck/Meeting</p> 
<p>15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Education 9:55 am Coffee With the Clergy 2 pm Space Derby/Scouts 4 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Xperience 7 pm AA</p>	<p>16 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 EfM 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 Scouts/Tiger Den 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>17 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm VESTRY MEETING 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>18 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 5:30 pm HE 6 pm Reunion Group 6 pm Outreach Meeting 6 pm Angel Tree Committee Meeting 6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA</p>	<p>19 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 6:30 pm Stephen Min. Peer Group 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>20 6 pm Parent's Night Out 7 pm AA</p> 
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REMINDERS

Nov. 6-8th Fall Youth Retreat

Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 26th & 27th: Thanksgiving Day Office Closed



Michael Dillon 11/01	Alicia Hollis 11/14
Donald Whitfield 11/02	Scott Hutchens 11/14
Bill Jones 11/02	Catherine Ann Young 11/15
Tracey Ring 11/02	Curtis Church 11/17
George Pimentel 11/02	Polk Van Zandt 11/17
Norma King 11/03	Faylene Timbs 11/18
Sally Palmer 11/03	Howard (Mason) Smith 11/18
Margaux Bray 11/03	Nancy Williams 11/19
Parker Allison 11/03	Jerry Redditt 11/19
Robert Huffman 11/04	Gail Fedak 11/20
Beverly George 11/04	Sally Michaelson 11/20
Frances Moudy 11/05	Kelsey Rogers 11/20
Karen Grimm 11/05	David Kellermann 11/21
Tina Whitfield 11/05	Patricia Washer 11/24
Anne Davis 11/06	Sarah (Sally) Smith 11/24
B.J. Huggins 11/07	Patricia Prosser 11/25
Juanita Williams 11/07	Russell Ovrevik 11/26
Rebecca Potts 11/07	Katherine (Kitty) Murfree 11/26
Dierdre (DeeDee) Tidwell 11/09	Dallas Caudle 11/26
Phillip Black 11/09	Elsa Vandervort 11/27
Marchella Richardson 11/10	Maggie Tidwell 11/27
Hannah Greathouse 11/10	Richard Tallent 11/28
Margaret (Peggy) Seneker 11/11	Beverly Calder 11/28
Vince Cantrell 11/11	Wade Sutton Jr 11/30
Tom Collins II 11/12	John Ellington 11/30
John Merchant 11/13	Denise Esker 11/30
Doug Gleaves 11/13	Vicki Burgess 11/30
Edgar Rogers 11/13	Lisa Asberry 11/30

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS UPDATE

If you have moved, changed your home or cell phone numbers, or have had a change in your e-mail address, please contact the church office to update your records.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday, 12:00 noon, each week.

Articles for the monthly Evangel newsletter are due in the church office by the 15th of each month.

The deadline for the December Evangel is Monday November 16, 2009. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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- Transportation • Visits
- Phone Calls • Help with Errands

We are eager to know of any parishioner who may have these needs OR if you are willing to provide some of these services.

– Call –

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Sign-ups in the Parish Hall are due by Monday, November 9.

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*“Of truth I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast in more than them all.”
--Luke 21:3*

The week MTSU defeated Maryland, Chuck (not his name) called. “Hank, I guess you can write about any thing you want to in the Evangel?”

“I think that’s more or less correct.”

“Well, you got to write about what me and a lot of other St. Paulistas do in Sunday services. The collection plate comes around and we shrink from it as if it were a swine flu carrier.”

“This bothers you?”

“Yeah. Look, Haines, we’re not in my church or your church. We’re in the house of the Lord. Jesus Christ’s church. Most of us pay through a periodic check, I know, but is it asking too much for folks to put a dollar in the pot? Maybe a quarter? A tip of the hat to the Boss—Jesus of Nazareth.”

Chuck wanted a column on this.

Happy to oblige