

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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Pilgrimage 2010

Our faith exploration program for adults, called Pilgrimage, will begin Monday evening, January 25, 2010. It will continue for a total of ten consecutive Monday evenings. Each session will start at 6:30 and end at 8:00; child care is provided as needed.

Pilgrimage offers an environment of trust and shared ideas in small group settings. We will provide to each Pilgrim and Sponsor the book "Velvet Elvis" by Rob Bell as the basis for some of our discussions.

Among our topics will be the Christian/Anglican culture, Christian Symbolism, the Old and New Testaments, Grace and Sacramentalism, approaching God with our personality and with our prayers, and how we might respond to God through stewardship and ministry.

Preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church was the original intent of Pilgrimage. But many have participated, through the years, just for the experience and the opportunity to explore their faith.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on the table in the Narthex. If interested, please fill one out and place it in the Pilgrimage mail box in the Parish Hall, or you may give it to a Greeter at the Welcome Table.

If you participated in the first session this past Fall, we encourage you to continue with this upcoming series. If you did not attend the first session, it's just fine to begin in January. The two sessions are independent of each other, and can be done in either order.

Remember, too, we need a sponsor for each Pilgrim. If you have been through Pilgrimage, please consider this ministry. Sponsors should also fill out a registration form (green paper).

With questions, please contact Joyce Adkins, 631-2869, or joyce1010@bellsouth.net

God Willing,

*The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt
will ordain*

*The Rev. Michael Walker Hurst
to the*

Sacred Order of Priests

Saturday, January 9, 2010

*ten o'clock in the morning
at Church of the Advent,*

5501 Franklin Pike, Nashville

Your prayers and presence are requested

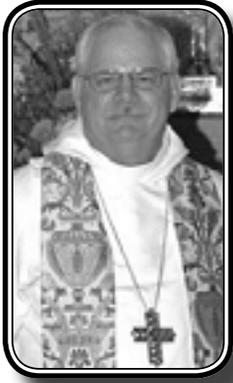
A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The Epiphany of our Lord is observed on January 6th. It is the oldest of the Christmas festivals and originally the most important. It is still the climax of the Christmas season in churches of the Eastern Orthodox tradition. Epiphany is also a season that lasts until the beginning of Lent and encompasses four to nine Sundays (six this year), depending on the date of Easter.

WHAT DOES THE WORD "EPIPHANY" MEAN?

The word epiphany comes from the Greek noun *epiphaneia*, which means "shining forth," "manifestation," or "revelation." In the ancient Greco-Roman world, an epiphany referred to the appearance of one of the gods to mortals. Since Hellenistic kings and Roman emperors were considered by many to be gods, the word epiphany was also used as a term for divine majesty. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates the many ways through signs, miracles, and preaching that Jesus revealed Himself to the world as Christ, God Incarnate, and King of kings.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH COMMEMORATE DURING EPIPHANY?

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord originally commemorated three incidents that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12) the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11) and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). Nowadays, most liturgical churches emphasize the visit of the Magi on January 6th and celebrate Christ's baptism on the first Sunday after the 6th. At St. Paul's we celebrate Epiphany with an Epiphany Party. This year the Epiphany Party will be at the

Van Zandt home on January 8th beginning at 6 pm. Everyone is invited!

WHO WERE THE MAGI?

The Magi were members of the religious hierarchy of ancient Persia and Media (the region corresponding to modern Iran). They were scholars and practitioners of astrology, divination, and the interpretation of dreams. Their expertise in these arcane subjects is the reason they were often referred to as "wise men." The Magi of Babylonia undoubtedly came into contact with exiled Jewish priests living among them. Through these acquaintances the Magi learned of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of Christ, including the cryptic "messianic star" passage of Numbers 24:17. This explains why the astral phenomenon described in Matthew 2:1-12 so fascinated the wise men of the gospel narrative.

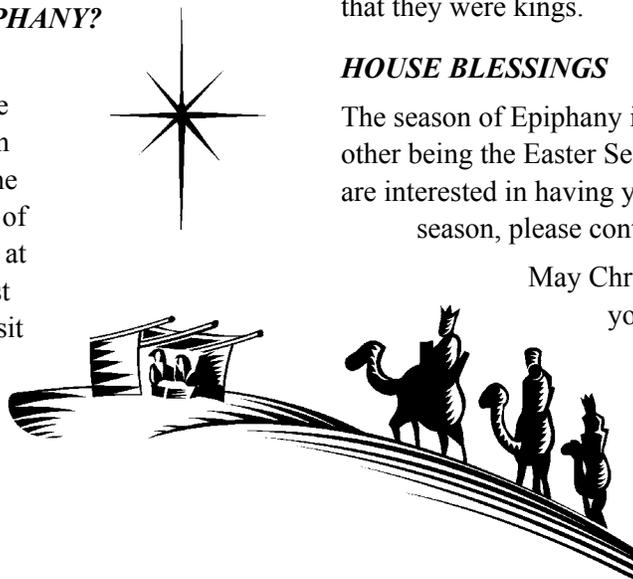
Many pious legends about the wise men have arisen over the centuries. In the western Christian churches, these include the traditions that there were three Magi who visited Jesus, that their names were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and that they were kings.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

The season of Epiphany is also one of the two seasons (the other being the Easter Season) when we bless homes. If you are interested in having your home blessed this Epiphany season, please contact me, Colin or the parish office.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you this season of Epiphany, that you may be a light to the world!

Polk+





Youth Confirmation Class

One of the exciting things occurring at St. Paul's this spring is our youth confirmation class. We have a large number of youth who have not been confirmed and we look forward to preparing them for our bishop's visit on August 15th when he will be performing confirmations. Confirmation is available for those who are entering the 7th grade this fall, or older. The class will consist of seven sessions which will meet weekly beginning in mid-February. (Details concerning time and place will be announced in the near future). All youth who wish to be confirmed by Bishop Bauerschmidt in August will need to attend.

But what is confirmation, and why would one be confirmed?

Well first let me quickly explain how the sacrament of confirmation developed. Originally, when an individual was baptized, he or she was baptized by a bishop who then either anointed or laid their hands upon him or her. Difficulty arose when the number of candidates seeking admission to the Church meant that the bishop could no longer baptize them all in person. The solution, at least in the Western Church, was to have priests perform most of the baptisms, reserving the anointing, or laying on of hands, for the bishop. This anointing, or laying of hands, became known as the sacrament of confirmation and was performed when the bishop visited the local churches.

Now, let us look at the meaning of confirmation for us. The most common explanation of confirmation is that it serves as a public affirmation of one's faith when one is of age. This is of course the case because the majority of those baptized today

are infants. Concerning confirmation the Book of Common Prayer states:

"In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop (412)."

As one author states it, "So, although you had no part in the decision to be baptized, you are now given the opportunity to decide personally and personally accept the consequences of your baptism." Yet we can say more than this. For confirmation is a sacrament. And this sacrament is not only an opportunity for the confirmand to publicly affirm his or her faith; it is also a venue for God to do His work.

The Church believes that in the sacrament of confirmation the grace of the Holy Spirit is conveyed in a new or fuller way to those who have already received it in some degree at Baptism. Of course, the Church is not saying that the visible act of the bishop laying his hands on the confirmand is something which "causes" God to give grace. Rather she is stating that the sacrament of confirmation causes us to receive God's grace. For like all sacraments, the sacrament of confession awakens our hearts and our minds to receive God's actions; for while the sign is not necessary to God, it often is necessary for us. God is free to bestow His grace as He desires, but the sacrament of confirmation helps us to profit from His gift of grace and respond to it with the love of our hearts. Thus, the preparation for confirmation may be best understood as the preparation to enter more deeply into relationship with God, with the actual act of confirmation being a distinct milestone in our lifelong process of conversion and growth in that relationship.

Confirmation is an exciting time in the life of our youth and in the life of our church - and how blessed we are to have such a large number of youth planning on being confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of preparation and get ready for the big day in August!

TREASURER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

11/30/2009

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Budgeted Contributions YTD	\$699,174.....	\$667,451
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$707,714.....	\$713,471

SENIOR WARDEN

It seems so cliché to talk about the New Year and how quickly the last year has passed, but it does help me to reflect on the events of the last year and some hopes and ambitions for the new. When I think about St. Paul's, I think about Polk's comment that he is no longer our "new" rector, but simply now our rector. He is firmly centered in our community. I reflect on Colin settling into his position, as well. There has been a great amount of growth in our parish. One only has to glance through a copy of the 2009 Annual Report to quickly realize how remarkable our growing church family is. Or look at the number of events scheduled on the calendar. Even look how this Evangel has expanded with information of activities and events. We are nine-hundred strong and growing, as families tend to do..

I am a Labor and Delivery nurse at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. I have been there six of the seven years we've lived in Murfreesboro. It's a marvelous career with benefits beyond most imaginations. I have the privilege to experience and be an active part of the beginning of life entering our world. I am often the very first person to hold that new life, drying the baby off, assessing him or her take that first breath, feel a heartbeat, and witness the first glimpse of opened eyes. I wrap the baby in the first blankets and have the honor of passing that special one of a kind child over to a mother or father. I am present when a couple becomes a family; when a family grows one or two more in size. It is truly a miracle to behold.

We are in the midst of a growing family at St. Paul's, too. I bet when you look around you at whichever church service you attend that you often see faces that you don't recognize. I know I do. These are not just visitors, but new family members. I am present to witness another kind of family multiply. Each of us can make that statement. And as families grow, we need more room.

I was recently laughing with a friend over coffee that, as Senior Warden, I have adopted a personal theme song, I Have Confidence from the Sound of Music. The lyrics begin, "What will this day be like? I wonder. What will my future bring? I wonder? It could be so exciting...." What will 2010 bring for us? I have no idea, but I am excited to be a part of a growing number of members, an expanding number of ministries and programs, and to be a part of the formation of a Long Term Planning committee created to evaluate our necessity for Phase II, assess specific ministry needs, develop a plan of how we will physically meet those demands and desires, and to set a plan to paper and prepare for drawings.

There are exciting things ahead for our St. Paul's family. I hope that you will join me in enthusiastically embracing the possibilities; praying for guidance and wisdom in our discernment.

Many blessing to you all!

Kristi

To All My Friends At St. Paul's

I sincerely thank all those that were able to attend my ordination on December 6th. It was a glorious occasion and I was so blessed to have you there. There are so many to thank. I especially thank Angela and the St Paul's Choir members that came and sang so beautifully. As I listened to the anthem being sung, I remembered the many times that I sang that anthem with the choir. I could not help but reflect on my time at St. Paul's.. What a blessed time it was.. So much happened in those many years and all that happened facilitated my formation and had great influence on who I am today. It began with Fr. Gene and continued with so

many wonderful people there at the church. Thank you for all you have done in my life. I also thank Fr. Ambrose for his wonderful sermon, Stephen Smith for his beautiful chanting of the Litany, David Rowe for helping me coordinate the service and finally, I thank Polk for his help in coordinating St. Paul's presence at the ordination. Your presence was a testament to your love and caring. You are forever in my heart and I wish you blessings in the years to come.

In Christ,

Fr. Bill Dennler+

Lectio Divina Workshop

Saturday, January 16, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Conducted by Carolyn Goddard

Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee

\$35 Registration (includes lunch and materials)

Workshop Registration:

On church's web site -www.stpaulsmboro.org

For more information contact

Ronny Clemmons: tenn16@att.net

DINNER CLUBS...

...will begin in January. Choices are: Home Dinner Club, Restaurant Dinner Club and Family Dinner Club. Contact Dot Jackson at 896-1654, or email Dot0309@comcast.net, for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

New 10 week series begins Wednesday, 12-23 from 5-6 pm in St. Margaret's Hall.

For more information contact Libby Willis at 545-0220.

Thank You...

...Polk and Colin, for your love and support after my accident.. Thank you, Mary Jo and Mrs. Pratt, for the beautiful prayer shawl. Thank you, Susan and Kathy, for your visit in the hospital and for the "goody-bag". Thank you to our wonderful congregation for all their help. What a family we have! I love you all.

B.J. Huggins

FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER FRIENDS

"Hilltoppers"

The Hilltoppers (people 60 and over) will have a get-together Friday, January 29, 2010, in the Parish Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring finger food to share and your drink. Let's start the new year with a bang! Call Nancy or George Williams at 890-3683, if you have questions.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL STUDENT MINISTRIES

Dear Teens,

As a young man, I discovered the power of doing hard things. Abject poverty, a father's alcoholism and desertion of our family, and my own shyness were a few of the obstacles I faced and overcame growing up. [Right now, you might be thinking, *Wow, I didn't know Josh grew up in poverty and without a father.* I didn't, this letter isn't from me...it's from Chuck Norris...to you. Yes, the indestructible, bad-guy-butt-kicking Chuck Norris.] My mother always told me, "God has a plan for your life." And she's right. Each of us is called to reach for greatness. There really is a hero in all of us. We've all been designed by God to be a blessing to many—a hero to some.

But there's only one way to get there—it's described by the title of a book: *Do Hard Things*.

Today we live in a culture that promotes comfort, not challenges. Everything is about finding ways to escape hardship, avoid pain, and dodge duty. In the past, young people were expected to make significant contributions to society. Today, our culture expects very little from teens—not much more than staying in school and doing a few chores. A sad consequence of such low expectations is that life-changing lessons go unlearned.

[*Do Hard Things* is a book by two teenage authors who] sound a battle cry to raise the cultural bar on teenage potential and to challenge young people to reach for their God given best.

-By Chuck Norris, taken from his foreword in *Do Hard Things*

Ok, now it's me, Josh... yes, the indestructible, bad-guy-butt-kicking Josh... but I totally agree with Chuck Norris and with the authors, Alex and Brett Harris, of *Do Hard Things*. Teenagers and young people today are given such low expectations...and we're living up (or down?) to them. If the bar was set higher, however, we'd still reach it. It's just a matter of someone having high expectations for us. But if no one else will then we'll just have to have high expectations for ourselves.

Now that it is a new year, you're probably setting a few goals or resolutions, I want to challenge you to set those goals high...really high. Because, as Chuck said, you are "called to reach for greatness". Here's how you can get started... first, come see me and get a free copy of *Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations* (a Christmas present for all St. Paul's 6th through 12th grade students), second, read the book, and finally...DO HARD THINGS!

Grace and Peace, Josh

P.S. – If you are a 6th – 12th grade student who attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church and have not yet received your free copy (your Christmas present) of *Do Hard Things*, please contact me so I can get you a copy.

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MORE INFORMATION:

Begins Sunday, January 17, 4:00-6:00 pm

Call the church office, 893-3780, for details

Preview Sunday, January 10, 2010, during the Christian Education hour

Dave Ramsey's
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St. Paul's Food Ministry Recruiting New Members

When injury, hospitalization, childbirth or crises throw our normal routines out of sync, all of us can use a helping hand, and that is where St. Paul's Food Ministry can help.

St. Paul's Food Ministry volunteers are deeply committed to reaching out to our fellow parishioners with prayer, support, and of course, the gift of a lovingly prepared meal. You do not have to be a gourmet chef to be a part of this wonderfully vital ministry, and the Food Ministry is currently recruiting new members. For more information, please contact Ralph Smith @ 556-6414 or Kathleen Herzog @ 497-9652.

PILGRIMAGE SPONSORS

Pilgrimage begins on January 25. To prepare, we would like to hold a Pilgrimage Sponsors gathering on the previous Monday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

We will be covering a new book this time: "Velvet Elvis" by Rob Bell. Don't let the name fool you; it really is a wonderful text on faith and the Christian life. We will review the book and talk about the sponsors' vital role at our gathering.

Please prayerfully consider your participation as a sponsor for Pilgrimage. With so many new faces at St. Paul's, and many expressing interest in Pilgrimage, we want to "hit the ground running" on the 25th.

We need you. Please fill out a sponsor's registration form (green paper) in the Parish Hall, turn it in, and join us on the 18th. We will pray our way to preparedness for the first session on the 25th. And we thank you in advance for your time and dedication.

Joyce and David

In The News...

Beginning this month, we will attempt to highlight recent accomplishments by St. Paul's parishioners. Keep in mind, these are only the ones we know about; we will not intentionally leave anyone out. If you know of an achievement that should be listed here, please send the information to Joyce Adkins, joyce1010@bellsouth.net .

January 2010

The Rutherford County Chapter of the YMCA has named **Kitty Murfree** Humanitarian of the Year. Episcorific, a booklet published seasonally by young adults, has named **Kathleen Jaco** to its editorial board. **Bill Whitsell** has been named Prosecutor of the Year. For the second straight year, **Tyler Loucky** is first chair cello in the high school Mid-state Orchestra. **Pat Prosser** graduated from MTSU in December. **Brianna Phillips** made high school Mid-State Choir. **JeanMarie Martin** graduated with a specialty degree in December.

Congratulations to all! We are proud you are part of our wonderful church family!



A Meaningful Ministry

Feel the Warmth

Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend.

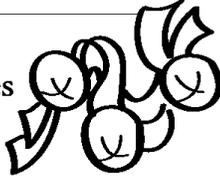
Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? Consider serving as a Stephen Minister. For more information, please contact Ralph Smith @ 556-6414.

JINGLE BELL TAMBOURINE

To ring in 2010, make a joyful noise with this musical instrument.

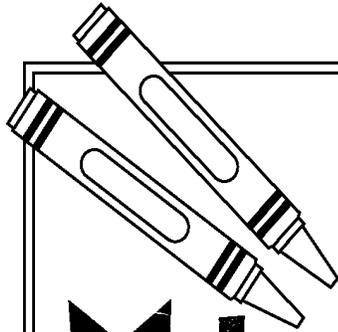
What you need:

- 2 plastic plates
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Beads or beans (or other small items that will make noise when shaken)
- Tacky craft glue
- 6 pieces of ribbon (each about 5" long and 1/4" wide)
- 6 jingle bells
- Stickers
- Markers



What you do:

1. On the bottom of each plate, write, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1, NIV).
2. Punch six evenly spaced holes around the rim of one plate. Mark the holes with a pen and then punch six matching holes in the second plate.
3. Pour the beads or beans into one plate and then squeeze glue around the rim of that plate.
4. Place the other plate on top, aligning the holes. (Make sure the Bible verses are on the outside.) Let it dry.
5. Thread one ribbon through one hole and through one bell, and then tie the ribbon. Repeat five more times, once for each hole.
6. Decorate the instrument with stickers or markers.
7. Play your tambourine when you sing your favorite songs.



Just for **KIDS**

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

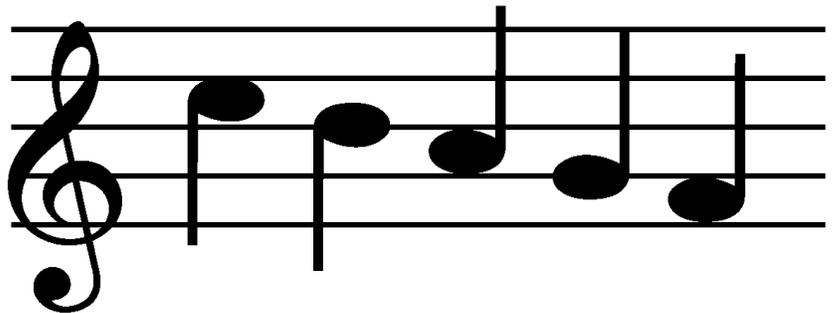
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CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship

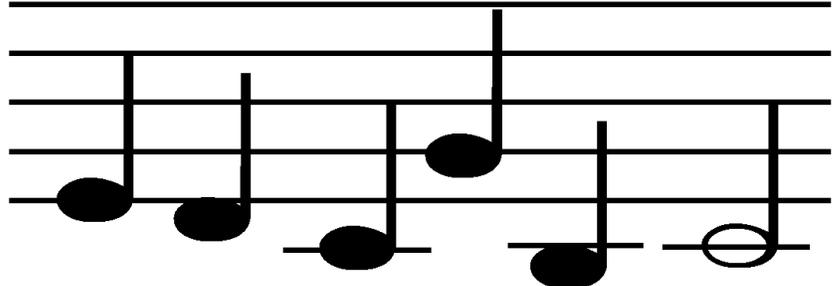


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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

JANUARY 2010

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Kathleen (Kitty) Stickney01/01	Christian Newby01/17
Carla Anderson01/01	Dale Brown01/18
Henry Ambrose01/01	Meredith Maxwell01/18
Olivia Tretter01/02	Abigale Curtze01/18
Ted Esker01/03	Jon-Mical Courtney01/18
Barbara Ellington01/04	Shirley Misconi01/19
David Watson01/04	Cunny Prytula01/19
Bradford Lott01/04	Henry Butler01/20
Daniel Cassidy01/06	Ralph Jackson01/20
Karen Rogers01/07	Suzanne Cate01/20
Samuel Kropog01/08	Linda Johnson01/21
Robin Newell01/09	William Dennler01/21
Samuel McIntyre01/09	Ainsley Gordon01/22
Glenn King01/10	Robert Gordon01/22
Virginia (Ginger) Jeffreys01/10	Jamie Teet01/23
Fant Smith01/10	Faith Anderson01/23
Natalie Carpenter01/10	Hope Anderson01/23
Elizabeth Schmackle01/10	Jane Smith01/24
Andrew Workman01/12	Jackson Gibson01/25
Robert Hughes01/13	Laura Nelson01/26
Susan Emory01/13	John Miller01/28
Rachel Oravetz01/13	John Dayton01/29
Dorene Watson01/14	Benjamin Palmer01/29
Tracey (Michelle) Carpenter01/14	Ann Arbuckle01/30
Sophie Hutchens01/14	Brian (Brian) Cash01/30
Richard Michaelson01/15	Melinda Erwin01/30
Julie Ennamorato01/16	Donna Jones01/31
Cathryn Hadaway01/17	

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 February Evangel is Friday January 15, 2010. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

PARISH STAFF

- The Rev. James K. Polk Van Zandt, Rector
- The Rev. Colin M. Ambrose, Associate Rector
- Marcie Richmond, Sr. Warden
- Joshua Courtney, Minister to Youth
- Susan Greenall, Office Administrator
- Dr. David L. Rowe, Assistant to the Rector
- Ralph Smith, Assistant to the Rector
- Joyce Adkins, Assistant to the Rector
- Angela Tipps, Minister of Music
- Morris Hamby, 7:30 a.m. Musician
- Jacob Courtney, Assistant Minister to Youth
- Aimee Spurlock, Choirmaster RSCM
- Kathy Warlick, Administrative Assistant
- Kathy and Bill Jones, Co-Treasurers
- Annie Gracia, Nursery Director

VESTRY

- Wardens: Marcie Richmond, Jeff James, Bill Williams
- Richard Detmer, Dan Felciano, Stan Golden, Kristi Hay, Barry Huber, Ron Messier, Robin Newell, Jane Smith, Tina Whitfield



Older friends help each other when they need:

- 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 –

Sue Koechlein at 895-4222 or Ralph Smith at 556-6414.

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 *Epiphany Party, 6:00 p.m., at Polk & Mary Jo's*

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 *View from the Pew* by Hank Haines

In your anger do not sin: do not let the sun go down while are you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. -- Ephesians 4:26

In some parts of the country bumper stickers and T-shirts read, "Pray for Obama—Psalm 109:8."

That verse reads, "Let his days be few; and let another take his office."
It is followed by these:

Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labor.

Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.