



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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The "Great Fifty Days" of Easter

The event and message of Easter is the one single reality which gives human life the stuff of eternity. In Easter, our God lives and loves forever. Grace is forever. Though in the course of any given year in the Church's life – and, of course, in our own day to day lives – many defining events cross our paths, the event of Easter surpasses all else of life and death.

Easter is truly an event to lift up and to celebrate! It has always been the priority of the Church that Easter gets its due. And so it is that Easter (like Christmas) is not just one day, but is a whole season. In fact, at FIFTY-DAYS long, it is the longest season of the Church year.* And rightly so! Easter is THE principle celebration in Christian faith.

The strongest way we as Christians can say this is to make our worship during the "Great Fifty Days" uniquely distinctive. This is done in a number of ways. One ancient practice, for example, is the large Paschal candle (a primary example of "new life in Christ") that will be lit and prominently placed in the Church.

There is one ancient custom I commend to you this Easter season. Did you know that the Council of Nicea (which produced the Nicene Creed, and is one of the "authoritative" Councils for us) literally forbade kneeling in worship during the Great Fifty Days?! That was in the year 325, and what they knew then is no less true today. The Episcopal Church does not "enforce" such things, but this observance is recommended. I encourage you to make use of this ancient expression of victory as one of the ways to lift up the Easter season. Stand for prayer throughout the service – even to receive communion! This is meant to be an aid for you to carry the message of Easter and to empower your worship at this time of year. Of course, if you try this and it somehow distracts or inhibits your worship, or if you are physically unable to do so, simply do as you like. In any case, take to heart the confidence of the Eucharistic prayer: "In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you" (Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 368).

Easter blessings,

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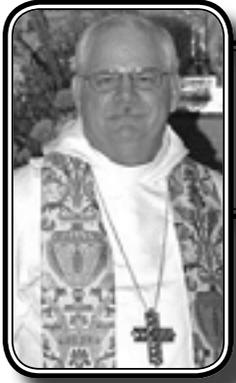
**The Sundays after Pentecost – which are counted throughout the summer and fall, and which many people mistakenly call the "Pentecost Season" – is not a "season" at all, but is simply the time between the end of one Church year and the beginning of the next. It is properly called "ordinary time."*

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Discerning The Vision

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines discerning as "revealing insight and understanding." St. Paul's is embarking on the process of discerning its vision of the future. We are, through the Long Range Planning Committee, taking a prayerful, detailed and systematic look at ourselves, particularly in terms of our physical plant and finances. Many of you have already been a part of the interviews being conducted by the committee. Through these interviews, and drawing on a number of other resources as well, we will gain "insight and understanding" of our needs while staying true to our mission: "To worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ."

We are already beginning to discern with some clarity the challenges before us. These challenges fall into three categories. The first is the need for a new parish hall and related facilities. The current parish hall was designed to meet the needs of a parish that worshipped exclusively in St. Andrew's Chapel. It is, simply put, too small. The lack of adequate atria and other Sunday School rooms, as well as a room large enough for the parish family to gather (not to mention a workable kitchen!) is self-evident and a constriction to the ministry of the parish. The Wall Building is already at maximum capacity. This is a wonderful problem! St. Paul's is vibrant and growing. We are, literally, bursting at the seams. What an exciting time in the life of our parish!

The second category that is a challenge for us is the organ. Ed Rogers' article on page 7 in this edition of The Evangel clearly explains this challenge. I would only emphasize that this is an

issue that will have to be addressed at some point in the not too distant future.

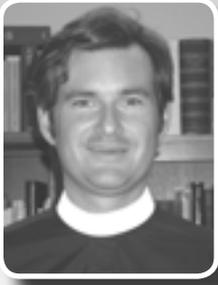
The final challenge for us is our current debt. We currently owe \$995,000.00 on the new Church building. We began payment on our debt of 1.3 million dollars in 2003. The principle balance is currently being reduced at the rate of sixty to seventy thousand dollars a year. Our financial position remains strong.

The Long Range Planning Committee will continue to collect information in its mission to help us discern the vision of St. Paul's. As its name describes, this is a long term process. The committee will continue to work carefully and with due diligence to discern and balance the needs of the parish with our financial capacity.

Let me be clear. No building committee has been formed. No fund raising efforts are underway. The committee welcomes any and all input. Please feel free to contact the committee's chairman, Don Clayton, Kristi Hay, Senior Warden, or me with your questions or insights.

Finally, I ask your prayers for St. Paul's and the committee that "...our Lord God will direct us in all our doings with His most gracious favor, and further us with His continual help; that all our works begun, continued and ended in Him, we may glorify His holy Name, and finally, by His mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord" (adapted from a prayer for guidance, BCP 832).

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Humility

"Humility in itself is nothing else but a true knowing and feeling of one's self. For when we see and feel ourselves as we really are, we should feel very humble.

Two things cause this humility. First is the misery and frailty of ourselves into which we have fallen because of sin. We will always feel this while we live in this life because in this life we will not reach holiness. The second cause of our humility derives from the over abundant love

and the worthiness of God in Himself. The second is a higher form of humility and is more perfect." – *The Cloud of Unknowing (A writing from the 14th-century English Church)*

During the season of Lent we were called to give attention to our own failings before God; we were called to remember how we have betrayed God throughout our lives (both in the big and little ways). We did this in order to remind us anew of our need for the Gospel's message of forgiveness and reconciliation. We did this in order to remind us of our need for the Savior revealed to us on Easter Day.

However it is fitting that this intense preoccupation with our sins is only for a season. Like all things this too can be overdone. The saints who have gone before us caution that prolonged concerned with our failings can lead to despair and despondency. The devil is called "the accuser" for a reason. The devil is always before us

reminding of our failings. The devil is always seeking to breed hopelessness in our hearts.

The above quote is a standard teaching one finds throughout the Church's history. The saints argue that while knowledge of our failings is necessary, a higher form of humility occurs when we focus on God's love. Sometimes we hear people say that they were humbled by an act of kindness. When we meditate on God's immense love for us we also find ourselves humbled.

Our Lord said, "Learn from me; for I am meek and lowly in heart (Matthew 11:29)." He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3)."

Humility is the greatest of all virtues and it prepares our hearts for God. So let us not leave our humility behind in Lent. In this season after Easter may our humility grow even deeper as we contemplate and rejoice in God's great love for us.

the journey home

Murfreesboro's Christian, Community Outreach Agency for the Homeless and the Needy needs St. Paul's help!

ATTEND THEIR OPEN HOUSE, APRIL 9TH, 1-7PM!

the journey home is a non-denominational Christian charity whose primary focus is to serve the homeless and disadvantaged of Rutherford County—providing resources and encouragement on their journey to self-sufficiency and reintegration into community life. No one is turned away. the journey home provides extraordinary services, many not offered by other local Agencies, including the following:

Showers to maintain personal hygiene and improve self-esteem.

Storage for personal items allowing freedom to work.

Food Boxes for the needy containing essential staples provided in partnership with Feed America First.

Community Café to provide a nutritious hot lunch with tableside service at no cost for the homeless and those in need.

Supper meal services available for those in evening job and life skill programs.

The Clothes Closet to provide business and casual clothing for adults and children to create a positive image for school and the workplace. Toiletries and other basic needs items to maintain health and hygiene.

Supportive Housing to provide long-term housing to equip families for lasting success.

Case Management to help clients assess needs, set goals, connect with other community resources and drive accountability. Tailored services for employment, health, budgeting, relationships and more .

Individualized Help finding jobs, writing résumés, improving employment skills, getting ID's, coordinating transportation.

Life Skill Classes to increase practical knowledge and drive success:

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SENIOR WARDEN

Our son, Callum, has recently turned nine. He has attended the same elementary school for the four years thus far of his academic career. He is our firstborn, so many of the experiences that are new to him are also new to us, as parents. Over time, I have mastered how to maneuver through the carline with precision, I manage his lunch money online with the skill of an accountant, and I practice the appropriate procedure for signing in and out of the building, so I will not be accosted by the front entrance monitor. I am confident in my abilities as an elementary school parent. There is one thing year after year, though, that makes me a bit anxious and uncomfortable; the dreaded fund raisers.

They start immediately with the initiation of the school year. First are the Smart Cards for the PTA, followed by Speed and Read and then a magazine sale for additional school funds, one of which typically coincides with the popcorn sale for the Cub Scouts. All very worthy and important causes for which fund raising is necessary, but four fund raisers within just the first couple of months of school. And just when I can breathe a bit, again, it's time to raise money for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart. Some of the anxiety that I feel comes from our own financial exhaustion, but there is also the uneasiness that stems from inundating our family and friends with perpetual requests for their money and support.

It is not only through school or perhaps fund raisers at work that we may feel this discomfort, but it can occur in our church, as well. We have thoughtfully committed to a yearly pledge, but there is always the request for money or items from a variety of ministries. In addition, in the last year, we have had two devastating disasters with the tornado in Murfreesboro and the recent earthquake and aftershocks in Haiti. And it goes on, as our parish has necessities that are inevitable with the future building needs for Phase II, current maintenance and repairs, in time a replacement for our current organ and so on and so forth. It can be incredibly overwhelming as a parishioner.

Recently, a friend and I were having a discussion of the many requests made at St. Paul's and the possibility of reaching donor burnout. Sure we have a lot of requests made, but which ones do our church family start taking away? Aren't they all important and worthy? And I do have faith that a great deal of thought and discernment goes into each request before it's made. I suppose requests have the potential to get out of hand, but I can't think of one, so far, that hasn't been for something truly worthy.

Instead of allowing ourselves to become overwhelmed with requests, let's look at them for what they are. These are opportunities! Each school fund raiser is an opportunity to teach Callum how to work for something that he will not keep

for himself, but that will benefit the greater good such as his school, the Scouts, or a charitable organization. So we help him set up a lemonade stand at which he sells Smart cards. We go out with him, dressed in his Cub Scout uniform, to neighbors we know so that he may offer them the chance to buy popcorn for themselves or send some to the troops. And, he works hard to get into shape so that he can run more laps for Speed and Read and jump rope longer for the American Heart Association. Then he turns in the funds he has worked so hard for and hopefully learns a little bit more about charitable giving.

With so many requests made to give at St. Paul's we are blessed with the favorable circumstances to pick and choose to give to the things that are nearest and dearest to our hearts; the things we feel most passionate about. True, as much as we all want to be able to give to every request it is impossible for the majority of us to do. It's OK. One of the phenomenal elements of the spirit of our parish family is that when one can't meet a request, someone else can.

I attended nursing school at a private Christian university that required Old and New Testament History classes for all students. I remember my New Testament History professor discussing with us the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark 6:30-46. He challenged us to a variety of explanations for how this miracle may have occurred. One of the explanations he proposed was that when the baskets with the two available fish and five loaves of bread were passed around, despite the disciples rebuttal to Jesus that it would take eight months of wages to feed the crowd, those who had brought something with them contributed to the basket while others took what they needed. In the end, there was an abundance of food left over from all who had contributed with the meager food items they may have had with them, but yet shared. As I think back, we have repeated that very miracle time and time again for various ministries at St. Paul's. Though some could not contribute much or not at all, others have been able to contribute greatly. We also practice confidential giving. No clergy, Vestry, or members of the parish, with exception of the treasurers and office administrator have access to who has pledged what. I have also never witnessed anyone peeking into the collection plate after one has passed it on or glanced over another's shoulder to see what items were donated. We respect one another. We give from our hearts as we can.

There will always be needs, but we can meet them. It might just take time, persistence, patience, and lots of faith. Thank you for the times that you have been able to contribute meagerly and greatly with finances, time, and talent, as we are called to do.

Many blessing to you all!

Kristi Hay



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.

Outreach Thanks

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all who donated groceries for our first food drive this year. The total item count was 986, plus a \$50 donation. The Rutherford County Food Bank was very appreciative. Thanks very much to the Boy Scouts for counting and loading the food, and to Tom Collins and Fred Kochlein for delivery to the Food Bank

We need donations...

...of Easter eggs, candy, and stickers for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to help, please bring your donations to church and place them in the Easter Egg Hunt box located in the back of the church. Please have all donations in no later than Wednesday, March 31. Thank you so much for your help!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Charlie and Janna McClain** on the birth of a son, *Samson Burroughs McClain*, born Feb. 24th, weighing 7lbs. 8oz. and 20 1/2 in. in length.

Living In Creation Ministry

Living In Creation Ministry on April 15th at 7p.m.
Please contact Kathleen Jaco if you have questions.

Men's Retreat Coming in May

Each year men of St. Paul's and their guests gather at Dubose Conference Center for fellowship and to reflect on a movie and its implications for their spiritual lives. It's a relaxing opportunity to unwind, talk about essential questions of men's lives, and to make friends doing it. Some of the movies that have been spiritual vehicles for us have been Signs, The Big Fish, The Doctor, and The Big Kahuna.

This year we are turning to an old classic--A Field of Dreams--and we will explore how dreaming shapes and motivates us. Here are the details:

WHEN? May 14-15, Friday night to Saturday afternoon

WHERE? Dubose Conference Center

WHO? Male members of St. Paul's and their guests

Registration forms will be available in the Parish Hall soon. **Mark the date on your calendars.** *Come and invite someone else from St. Paul's to come with you.*

Quarterly Food Drive Scheduled for May 2

The Outreach Committee will be collecting food on Sunday, May 2nd for the Rutherford County Food Bank in our second quarterly drive. Our goal for this drive is to collect 1500 items of food. The Food Bank has expressed deep appreciation for our generosity in helping them to feed our Rutherford County brothers and sisters. Beginning with this drive, we will be using recycled grocery bags from previous drives. Brown bags with suggested food lists will be available after all services on April 18th and April 25th. Questions can be directed to Tina Whitfield at 896-7186.

In The News...

Congratulations to three of our St. Paul's young people. They have art work displayed at Rutherford County Board of Education. There were only 43 chosen in the entire county including our own: Jessica "Freddy" Beckwith, Caroline Young, and Sarah Growden! Go ladies! Go ladies! We are proud of you.

Hospitality Pantry Program

About a year ago, I was asked to embark on a ministry at St. Paul's that I felt very equipped for. After all, with twenty years as an event manager in the corporate world, I had extensive training and experience in the planning and execution of employee, customer and board events all over the world for as many as 5,000 people at a time. And at each event, the welcoming of guests and strangers (Webster's definition of hospitality) was always the primary goal. Each event had a budget, an action plan and well-defined objectives to be met. Having had a successful career in this "business of hospitality", I felt confident that the Hospitality Pantry Program was the ministry for me.

With my understanding of St. Paul's Mission . . . "to worship God and to bring all into loving relationship with Jesus Christ", and having experienced personally the spirit of hospitality that brought me into fellowship at St. Paul's just three years ago, I was ready. Or so I thought.

What I discovered through this year-long process is that the "business of hospitality" and the "ministry of hospitality" must be carefully balanced for the results to bring about "true hospitality". I tell you this because much trial and error has taken place to produce a balanced plan for a Hospitality Pantry Program which meets the needs of our guests, strangers and parishioners. And, unlike any

single hospitality event, with a specific date, time and conclusion, this hospitality ministry must be ongoing, adaptable and relevant to the challenges of our growing and expanding Church.

To that end several processes have been developed, or are in development, to provide a means for the culture of hospitality that exists at St. Paul's to be consistently demonstrated at each and every event held within the church's facilities. Though these processes do change the way we are accustomed to doing some things at St. Paul's, they are all meant to provide clean, organized and useful resources for the many wonderful hospitality events held at St. Paul's.

These changes and processes are available to you when you reserve space at St. Paul's for an event. Or, if you are simply interested in learning how to go about using these resources in your particular ministry, they are on our St. Paul's website. You may also call or email me with any questions or clarifications you might have at: 615-848-8344, or cheryl.beasley@comcast.net.

Also, I'm looking for an Intern to serve with me in 2010 and take on the "pantry queen" crown in 2011! I know you're out there – give me a call.

In His love, Cheryl Beasley

the journey home

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Bible Studies to share the Gospel, encourage faith, empower hope, and develop guidelines for daily living.

Contact the new Outreach Center at 308 West Castle Street near Downtown Murfreesboro and ask Scott Foster how you can volunteer! Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Serving Times: 11:00 to 1:00

Saturday & Evening Programs as scheduled

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HOMELESS STATISTICS

Homeless Families — 40% of the homeless population is made up of families.

Families with children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.

The average income of homeless families is less than half of the federal poverty line.

A study of 24 U.S. cities in 2005 found that 32% of all requests for emergency shelter for homeless families went unmet due to lack of resources.

Homeless Children — 39% of the homeless population is made up of children.

42% of homeless children are under the age of five.

Only 77% of school-aged homeless children attend school on a regular basis.

Homeless children are more likely than other children to have developmental delays, chronic health problems, learning disabilities, and emotional/behavioral problems.

Homeless in Murfreesboro — Based on the population, roughly 1,600 to 2,400 persons will experience homelessness in Rutherford County this year. Most are out of public view living temporarily doubled-up with friends and family, in motels, cars, and other buildings and places not meant to house people.

On January 29, 2007, 1,119 homeless persons were counted in Murfreesboro and the surrounding area. That number has grown significantly with the economic downturn.

Homelessness a REAL problem even in fast-growing areas, and Rutherford County is no exception — even though it is often unseen or overlooked!

Dear Friends at St. Paul's

My wife, Karen, and I and our daughters Katie and Kelsey came to St. Paul's about six years ago looking for a church family and an opportunity to contribute musically in the worship of God. It was very obvious from our first visit that God had blessed St. Paul's with a phenomenal musical treasure in Angela Tipps. We can say this with authority having each been professional musicians and music teachers in former vocations. We delight every Sunday in the level of artistry and musicianship Angela brings to the liturgy through music. God dwells in her and in her music, it's clear. Her offerings are hindered only by the limitations heard from and seen in our now aging organ. We have made St. Paul's our permanent home because we love the people here and want to worship God with them in the most meaningful way we can. For us, this includes music and for me personally, organ music. Also, I have a degree in organ from the University of Alabama. (Sorry UT fans.)

That said, I have been asked to open a dialog concerning the state of our 50 year old Moller pipe organ. First, it should be noted that this little instrument has served to enhance the worship of God with many a prelude, offertory, postlude, hymn, anthem and liturgical response during its half century of use. It has also accompanied many choir rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and other very special occasions at St. Paul's. It has been enjoyed by this congregation and by worshipers in the chapel at St. Thomas Hospital before it came to St. Paul's. It has fulfilled its mission well in delivering sounds that exalt and console.

Knowing what I know about organ music and organ construction, the evident necessity is clearly apparent to me that St. Paul's will soon be faced with looking into a replacement for this instrument and for three very important reasons:

1. The organ is signaling her age lately with more frequent mechanical malfunctions. Luckily, I have been able to fix many of them on the fly for Angela, sometimes moments before the prelude. Aging springs and electronics in the console, windchests, keyboards and pedalboard cause notes to stick or not play at all at times.

2. The pneumatics (valves which allow air through the pipe) which are found under every pipe, all 477 of them, are made of leather and have reached the end of their life expectancy (about 50 years).

3. This style instrument was never designed to service a room the size of our new church. They were built in the 50's and 60's as an inexpensive option for small chapels or home use. The artistic ability of our organist, Angela, is frequently compromised greatly by having so few tonal resources available. (It's hard to prepare a feast with only 4 ingredients.) This all makes our phenomenal organist seem even more phenomenal, doesn't it?

St. Paul's is an amazing place. Full of God's presence and full of life and the love of life. It has a great future ahead of it. As we look to the future with the Long Range Planning Committee, my question is this: "Will organ music be part of that future?" I can't imagine when I go into the chapel of the Good Shepherd and view my final resting place, that at my funeral, there will not be an organ on which to play the great standard hymns of the faith: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", "O God, Our Help In Ages Past", "Amazing Grace", "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", and "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty". Or think of my daughters getting married at St. Paul's without an organ playing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and other standards for the processional or service music. Or imagine the choir singing the great Anglican anthems which feature the organ but the organ is silent or inadequate to perform the task.

St. Paul's is floating on a sea of many other needs, I realize. But as they say, God is in the details. As we begin to make our long range plans, it would be the most responsible thing to make plans for replacing our organ with one that is designed specifically for our type of worship, our building and for our phenomenal organist. Waiting until we are forced to make a decision by the advent of major mechanical failures of an organ which was never designed for the task it is performing is not good forethought nor planning. Please allow God to continue to dwell in the organ music at St. Paul's. I enjoy greatly talking about organ design and would be happy to share any knowledge I have on the subject if asked.

My very best wishes,

Ed Rogers

2010 YOUTH AUCTION AND LUNCH



SUNDAY, APRIL 18th

Please support the St. Paul's Episcopal Student Ministry by attending the 2010 Youth Auction and Lunch. Stay after the Sunday morning services on April 18th to enjoy a wonderful Whitt's barbecue lunch. During and following lunch there will be many, many themed baskets available for you to bid on in the Silent Auction. Also during and immediately following lunch there will be a Live Auction which will include items like: a Titans tickets package, a lake-house stay package, themed dinners for you and your family and friends hosted by parishioners of St. Paul's, and many, many more great items, dinners, parties and packages.

DONATIONS

We are still in need of items to package together into "Themed Baskets" to be sold in the Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating a themed basket or items to be packaged into a theme basket then please contact Joani Beckwith (615-890-6333). Below are some examples of themed baskets that may be included in the Silent Auction and that items may be donated for:

M.T.S.U. Basket
Vanderbilt Basket
U.T. Basket
Titans Basket
Movie Basket
Spa Basket
Board Games Basket
Tea Basket

Coffee Basket
Wine Basket
Prayer and Devotional Basket
Gardening Basket
Arts and Crafts Basket
Children's Movies Basket
Toys for Girls Basket
Toys for Boys Basket

We are also still in need of donations of dinners, parties and other "bigger" items, events, and packages to be bid on during the Live Auction. If you are interested in hosting a party or dinner or donating an item then please contact Joshua Courtney (615-893-3780).

TICKETS

Tickets for Lunch are \$5 per person (\$3 for children) and will be available for purchase between Sunday morning services on April 4th and April 11th. You may also purchase tickets at the church office during normal office hours. If you wish to stay for the auctions but do not wish to eat lunch you may do so free of charge.

All proceeds from the auctions will benefit St. Paul's Student Ministries and most will help send students on a life changing summer mission trip to serve others in North Carolina! Thank you so much for your love and support for the students of St. Paul's Episcopal Church!!

Parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 315 East Main Street
 Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Everyone,

Please excuse the length of time it's taken me to send this thank you message. Your kindness in sending comfort items to us here was enjoyed by a number of soldiers here at FOB Lightning and even further down-range at some of the smaller combat operating bases.

We tried to make sure that everyone here had an opportunity to come by and take anything that they needed or wanted. Then we gave the rest to an MP Battalion that is headquartered here on Lightning but they have soldiers across the region in the COP's that don't have very many facilities. The battalion Chaplain carried goodies down range to the soldiers as he visited. So as you can see your kind gift reached many soldiers over here during the holidays.

So please accept our sincere thanks.

Keith

FOB Lightning
 Gardez, Afghanistan

St. Paul's Birthday Club & Luncheon

Our second luncheon of this new year will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. This luncheon has been a tradition for the past few years and is held to celebrate birthdays of St. Paul's family members over seventy (70 years young) and their significant other.

We meet for lunch once a quarter in order to celebrate the birthdays of our members who are 70+; there is no obligation on your part, except to RSVP and come enjoy food and fellowship! A special committee of friends who wish to share their talents in this special ministry prepares food for you.

We have tried to keep our mailing list current, but please call Jennifer McGuire at 417.6003 or email: Jennifer@mcguires.org if you do not receive a personal invitation, know of someone who would like to come, or just have questions. I do need a response if you ARE coming by May 5th.

Your birthday does not have to fall during this quarter to join us. If you, or your spouse/significant other are 70+ years young, and wish to join our birthday celebrations, we would love your participation.

Weight Watchers

Attend our Weight Watchers meeting for free on Wednesday, April 28th, 5 - 6 p.m. in St. Margaret's Hall. Our new series will begin May 5th. You may join our current series any time; sign up fee will be prorated. Call or e-mail Libby for more information: 545-0220 or willis2010@bellsouth.net

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Good Friday 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church NO Christian Ed/Catechesis 9:55 am Easter Reception 4 pm Financial Peace Classes NO Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>Good Friday, April 2 - 11:30 a.m. lunch - \$5 per person (St. Paul's Parish Hall) Noon - Good Friday Liturgy (Church) 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Chapel) April 3rd, Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. April 4th, EASTER SUNDAY 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. With an Easter Reception in the Parish Hall during the Christian Education hour.</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Long Term Planning 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6 pm Confirmation Classes 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>7 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Reh. 8 pm D-Groups/YouthONLINE</p> 	<p>1 Maundy Thursday 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Grp. 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service 3 pm Knitting Group 7 pm AA</p>  <p>NOTE: NO Ladies Night Out or Men's Club. Both groups will meet next Thursday.</p>	<p>2 Good Friday 11:30 am Good Friday Luncheon 12:00 pm Good Friday Service 6 pm Stations of the Cross 6 pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>3 Holy Saturday 10 am Holy Saturday Service 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 6 pm AA Potluck</p> 
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<p>11 Second Sunday of Easter 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 4 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>12 6:30 pm EFM 6:30 pm AA Sponsorship 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>13 Ministry Reports Due 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Long Term Planning 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6 pm Confirmation Classes 6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>14 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>15 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Grp. 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>16 6 pm Parent's Night Out 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>17 8 am DOK Meeting/ Spring Assembly at Church of the Good Shepherd 9 a.m. Cursillo Commission 2 pm Blue and Gold Banquet 7 pm AA</p> 
<p>18 Third Sunday of Easter Youth Auction Choristers Sing 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Coffee with the Clergy 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 4 pm Financial Peace Classes 6 pm Young Adults/Bowling 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>19 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm EFM 6:30 pm AA Sponsorship Meeting 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>20 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Centering Prayer 6 pm Confirmation Classes 6 pm Long Term Planning 6 pm VESTRY MEETING 6:30 Scouts/Weeblos 7 pm Bible Study</p> 	<p>21 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>22 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Grp. 3 pm Knitting Group 5 pm Rectal 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Peer 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>23 3 pm Bowman Wedding 6 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>24 3 pm Bowman Wedding 3 pm Set-up for Liturgy of Light 7 pm AA 7:30 Campus School Concert</p> 
<p>25 Fourth Sunday of Easter 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed. 9:55 a.m. Liturgy of Light 4 pm Financial Peace Classes NO Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>26 6:30 pm EFM 6:30 pm AA Sponsorship 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>27 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Long Term Planning 6 pm Centering Prayer 6 pm Long Term Planning 6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>28 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>29 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Grp. 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Peer 7 pm AA</p> 	<p>29 7 pm AA</p>	<p>30 7 pm AA</p>



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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 May Evangel is Thursday, April 15, 2010. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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Men's Retreat Coming in May

WHEN? May 14-15, Friday night to Saturday afternoon
WHERE? Dubose Conference Center
WHO? Male members of St. Paul's and their guests
Registration forms will be available in the Parish Hall soon.

April 2010



"I'm learning to shut up more in the presence of God."

--Bishop Desmond Tutu (laughingly)

The South African cleric was asked if over the years his relationship with God has changed.

He touched on a modern day dilemma that may be encapsulated within a few words: we never experience a waking moment alone. There are the TV, radio, internet and social affairs. All, in some instances, worthy but all distractions from our contemplation of God and his earth.

A Jewish prayer book puts it this way:

"Help me withdraw for a while from the flight of time. Contain the retreat of the hours and the day from the grasp of frantic life . . . Where has this week vanished? Is it lost forever? Let me learn to pause, if only for this day. Let me find peace on this day. Let me enter into a quiet world this day."