



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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SAINT ANDREW'S CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Andrew's Chapel will now be open every week-day for prayer! This is an exciting and important change, as St. Andrew's will be the only downtown worship space open every week-day.

This change will mean, however, that certain doors and common passageways will no longer be open for use during the day. For example, the double doors from St. Andrew's into the Narthex will be locked from the Narthex side. The door from the Chapel into the Parish Hall will be locked from the Parish Hall side. Please **DO NOT UNLOCK THESE DOORS DURING THE DAY**. This means that travel from the Parish Hall to the Narthex will have to be outside the building. This may cause a bit of inconvenience, but is necessary. While we want to provide a place of prayer and meditation, we also must keep the remainder of our facilities secure. All of the inside doors and passageways will be open and useable by 5 pm each day. Thank you so very much for your cooperation!

If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

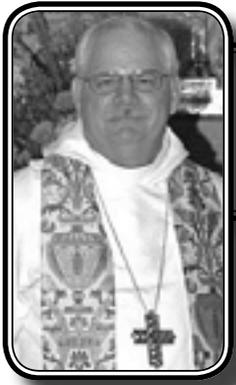
Join in the fun and be a part of St. Paul's Progressive Dinner, Friday, November 19, 2010!

One of the most exciting events that happens at St. Paul's each year is the Progressive Dinner. This year the Progressive Dinner will take place on Friday, November 19. The Progressive Dinner is an outstanding way to meet other members of St. Paul's as several members of St. Paul's graciously open up their homes for either an appetizer/salad course or a dinner course. After traveling to two different homes and enjoying a wonderful meal and conversation with different members of St. Paul's, everyone will end the evening with dessert at the home of Sally and Howard Wall.

The Progressive Dinner will begin at 6:15pm with an appetizer and salad course. Then, attendees will move on to another location for a dinner course around 7:30pm and finally everyone will gather at the Wall's home for dessert around 8:45pm. Childcare will be provided at St. Paul's beginning at 5:45pm and lasting until 10:00pm. Signup for the dinner will begin on October 24 and continue until November 14. For more information, please contact Mary Armour O'Reilly at maoreilly@bellsouth.net or call 907-3822.

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

Sometimes I hear folks say something like, "The Church sure does ask for money a lot." And I understand how it may seem that way. But isn't it the Church's responsibility to make opportunities available for people to share their resources? (After all, we regularly ask people to give of their time and talents as well). I think it is important to remember that all of these giving opportunities are voluntary. Give as God calls you to give!

The United Thank Offering is one of the best of these opportunities. We recently received the Fall Ingathering of the UTO. Let me take just a moment to tell you about this extraordinary ministry. The first official United Offering was held in 1889. Through the years the UTO has made grants to fund missionaries, build churches, support schools, buy kitchen equipment for homeless shelters, build dental clinics, fund after-school programs, fund libraries in Africa, and the list goes on and on.

I remember as a little boy seeing the little blue box that always sat on the windowsill above the sink in the kitchen of our home. My mother would put nickels and dimes and quarters into that box regularly. When I was old enough, I asked her why she put the coins in the blue box. I'll never forget her reply, "I put a coin in this box every time I'm thankful for something God is doing in my life. I put a nickel in everyday because I'm thankful for you!" (Now remember this was back in the 1950s when a nickel was a nickel!). Mary Jo and I have always kept a blue box in our kitchen. We put coins in it whenever we are thankful.

On Sunday you will find blue boxes in the narthex at the Church. I encourage you to pick one up and put it in your kitchen or on your dresser and drop a coin in every time you are thankful. Next spring we

will collect those boxes at the Spring Ingathering of the UTO. Every penny of that money will be distributed through grants to worthwhile projects. No overhead expenses are deducted from donated funds. It will do your heart good!

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Heifer International

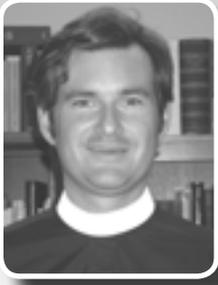
Give the Gift of Giving

For many people the weeks during Advent are filled, many times overfilled, with holiday preparations. We shop for presents, often going from store to store looking for "just the right gift" for our family and friends. Sometimes the stress of this activity diminishes the true joy of the season. We focus on the "stuff" while the intent of giving is lost among the chaos. Heifer International gifts are a simple way to do a world of good.

Heifer gifts "Give the Gift of Giving". Heifer gifts are investments, passed from one family to another to change entire communities. Heifer offers many choices to help others help themselves. Let's join together again this year to build an ark filled with animals; rabbits, lambs, cows, just to name a few, and for the first time, camels!

Gift baskets are available for knitters, gardeners and cheese lovers. Honor their passion by making a new business possible for a family in need with a collection of livestock and/or plants that a family will use to grow fibers for knitting, vegetables for gardening, or milk for cheese making.

The Heifer International table will be in the narthex beginning November 28th and throughout the four Sundays of Advent. Please visit the table after all three church services and "Give the Gift of Giving."



We Are All Greeters

Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

When we meet the love of God in Jesus Christ we find that Jesus sends us out to share this love with others. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," says our Lord. Go out and share the good news of my love, the good news of my forgiveness, with the world. When we become disciples of Jesus we discover that we become disciple-makers for our Lord.

This is of course included in our church's mission statement. The mission statement of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is "to worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ." Our mission as a church is to bring others into the fellowship of those who proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

But how do we do this? Where should you begin? I want to propose that you can begin by greeting the newcomer on Sunday morning.

When a person steps into a church for the first time, he or she evaluates the atmosphere. He asks himself: "Will they accept me? Will it be easy to make friends? Will my spiritual and personal needs be met? Will it be easy to find my way around? Will my family like it here?"

If the newcomer decides that this is a place where he or she will be accepted, then the door is opened for this person to join in the common life of the Church; the door is opened for this person to hear the Good News of the Gospel. But, if the newcomer decides it will be difficult to be accepted, then this opportunity is lost. If the newcomer does not feel welcomed, the door is closed.

We have to remember that when the newcomer enters the door it is a great opportunity to make a disciple; it is a great opportunity for us to answer the command of our Lord. But we also need to remember it is up to us. Whether or

not the newcomer feels welcomed depends on you, and it depends on me. It depends on how we greet them or, more importantly, IF we greet them.

So here are a few things I want to encourage all of us to do every Sunday as we seek to be good greeters; as we seek to make disciples for Jesus.

First - If you don't know someone then introduce yourself. I know this can be difficult because what if they aren't a newcomer? What if they have been attending St. Paul's for twenty years? Well just say, "Have we met before?" rather than, "Are you new?"

Second - Remember to wear your nametag.

Third - Share with them why you attend St. Paul's. When we discover a new restaurant or watch a good movie we always like to share our experience with others. Well, share your experience of our church with others. What do you love about St. Paul's?

Fourth - Invite them to an event. If you are active in Men's Club, the Wednesday Bible Study, the Knitting Group – whatever group you are active in – invite them to join you next time you meet.

Fifth - Introduce them to one of our assigned greeters in the narthex. They will have a gift and a number of materials to give to those visiting St. Paul's for the first time.

Sharing the unconditional love of Jesus begins by showing this unconditional love to others, and we do this when we greet the newcomer to St. Paul's. So remember the command of our Lord to make disciples and remember the mission statement of our church. Remember that we are all greeters, and by greeting the newcomer you do more than greet, you open the door for another person to experience the Good News of the Gospel.

VISIT FR. COLIN'S BLOG: Visit Fr. Colin's blog to access audio recordings of his past sermons.
<http://colinambrose.wordpress.com>

SENIOR WARDEN

A few months ago I was sitting in a conference room at work for a mandatory in-service. After a few hours, my attention began to waver and my eyes drifted around the room. On two of the walls, I noticed some inspirational posters. You probably have seen them before; a picture of some extraordinary landscape with one word in large print and a profound sentence or two that follows. One of the posters was Change. There were two gorgeous mountains with a single lane road coming down the side of one mountain followed by a hairpin turn in the valley and then the road snaked around and up the other mountainside. A snazzy red sports car was approaching the hairpin turn. The wording reflected the sentiment that change doesn't mean the end of the road, unless you fail to make the turn. Life is not static. There are changes all around us. In December, we will vote on some important changes for our Vestry.

The September Senior Warden article presented a change in how we would create a list of candidates for four vacant Vestry seats at the end of the year. The nomination process was open for four weeks to every parish member of age and in good standing. Those individuals whose names were submitted most, have gone through a vetting process, and who have formally accepted, are the nominees that our parish will vote on at our annual meeting Sunday, December 5th during the regularly scheduled Christian Education time between the 8:45 and 11:00am services. The candidates are Beverly Calder, Bill Emory, Allen Fuller, Bruce Gibson, Walter McVetty, Katy Prescher, Steve Sachs, and Wendi Watts. Each candidate has been asked to submit a brief biography and photo. Please look for this information to be distributed in the coming weeks and on our website.

With the introduction of change there is almost always some resistance, but the enthusiasm and support for the new process has outweighed the concerns. The following are some collected statistics reflecting your response.

71 ballots submitted:

3 names on ballot: 16
2 names on ballot: 18
1 name on ballot: 37

121 Nominations / 24 Names:

Service of Nominees	Number of Nominees	% of Total Nominated
7:30	5	20%
8:45	9	38%
11:00	9	38%
Crossover	1	4%

*Crossover – One who attends at different service times on a regular basis.

68 Voters (3 voters with multiple single name nominations)

Service	Est. Weekly Attendance	# of Voters	% of Voters per Service	% of Voters for Parish
7:30	50	14	28%	21%
8:45	130	24	18%	35%
11:00	150	24	16%	35%
Crossover	6	9%		

Total Attendance = 330

Total 21% of Parish Voted

*Crossover – One who attends at different service times on a regular basis.

This new process was instituted to give you the means and opportunity to voice your opinion of who you would like to see nominated as a candidate for Vestry. We have been encouraged to discuss with one another our aspirations and desires for the leadership in our church community and in doing so we have recognized one another's qualities and talents. Several individuals came to me with stories to share of how they had been asked permission to have their name nominated. These individuals declined, but the positive expressions in their faces and voices as they described to me how they felt to be recognized invested each of them into our community a little bit more. Perhaps they will consider a nomination another year.

Sixteen other names were nominated besides the eight candidates that we will vote on and they are to be commended for their consideration and willingness to accept a nomination and to serve our congregation in such a dedicated position. We acknowledge and thank Wesley Arning, Jonathon Bartsch, Joani Beckwith, Don Clayton, Jeff Davis, Lisa Halliburton, Ralph Jackson, Nancy Loucky, Charlie McClain, John Merchant, Jennifer McGuire, Phillip O'Reilly, Carl Schneider, Cathy Sniderman, Paul Turpin, and Howard Wall.

Many thanks to all who participated in this important process.

We look forward to the meeting in December.

Many blessings to you! - *Kristi Hay*

FLOWER GUILD

I can't believe it is almost time for Advent and Christmas again. It seems the years are going by so fast. Maybe it is age, or is it that we enjoy what we do? Working with the beauty and fragrance of flowers is always such a blessing.

The first Sunday of Advent will be November 28th. We will again need donations of greenery for the arrangements that will be used until Christmas. These arrangements will be assembled on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 27th. They will remain in the church until the Christmas Services. During all of the weeks that these are in use we must keep them fresh with new greenery. Please remember to bring any evergreens, such as magnolia, spruce, holly, cedar, nandina, pine or other items that we might use. If you have greenery to donate you may drop it off by the Academy Street entrance to the church, during the week of Thanksgiving or call Juanita Williams at 849-8612 if you have cuttings that we might pick up from your home.

There will be four large fresh greenery wreathes on the front doors of the Narthex and St. Andrews, two smaller ones on the Academy Street entrance and the back door of the Narthex. If you would like to donate or dedicate one of these, the suggested price will be \$35.00 each, for the larger and \$25.00 each, for the smaller. The dedications for these wreathes will be printed in the bulletin at the beginning of Advent and in the Christmas bulletin. Envelopes will be placed on the Visitor's Table for these at the end of October. These dedications are limited to those who get them first, so the envelopes will be marked for wreathes.

Beginning the first Sunday in November there will be envelopes on the Visitor's Table in the Narthex and on the Flower Guild Bulletin Board in Parish Hall for the dedication of Poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may leave the envelopes in the Flower Guild mailbox in Parish Hall, in the office or place them in the basket provided on the Visitor's Table. Please write your phone number on the envelope in case there are questions as to spelling or wording of your dedication. The suggested donation for these is \$18.00 each. Your dedication will be printed in the Christmas Bulletin. The final date to turn these in for printing in the bulletin is Friday, December 17th.

We would again like to take this opportunity to thank all who contribute in any way to the ministry of the Flower Guild. Your generous donations, gift of your time and talent and kind words of praise are greatly appreciated by all and will allow us to continue to adorn the church with the beauty of nature "To The Glory of God".

St. Paul's Flower Guild

HELP US, HELP YOU

A group of medical professionals from St. Paul's have been meeting regularly as part of a newly formed committee. The group was organized to formulate a medical emergency response plan for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rarely an urgent or emergent situation arises, but we want our church family to be prepared.

Caring for each other is everyone's job. If you are sitting next to a person who appears to be in distress, has collapsed, is in pain, or is having difficulty breathing, ask the person if they are okay. If not, call for help. That means raise your hand and call out, even if it interrupts a church service, to get the attention of the ushers or those leading the service or activity. If members of the medical profession are present they will gather to assess the person in need and give immediate care or call the EMS. Think of the acronym "HELP!" Put your **H**and up and call for help. Let the medical responders **E**valuate the person. Please **L**ease room for them to work. Then join in **P**ray for the person who is in need of attention.

Our church has purchased an AED (automated external defibrillator). This is a device that can save the life of a person suffering from a life-threatening arrhythmia (abnormal heart rhythm). The device is simple to use, comes with audible instructions and requires no formal training to be used effectively. It will be located in the Narthex on the wall across from the coffee station.

We are offering a class on November 22, 2010, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., called "Hands Only CPR." It will teach the very newest resuscitation technique that uses chest compressions only without mouth-to-mouth breathing. This simpler method of resuscitation has been shown to be effective in saving lives reviving victims of cardiac arrest. The class also includes instruction in using the AED. Volunteers from the Vanderbilt Heart Institute will serve as instructors for this 2-hour course. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Parish Hall.

This class is open to the local community and members of St. Paul's. We encourage you to attend so that more people are trained in this resuscitation technique that could save a life here, at home or in the community.

Bonnie Black, RN, NP

"Fold the arms of your faith and wait in quietness until the light goes up in your darkness. Fold the arms of your faith, I say, but not of your action. Think of something you ought to do, and go do it. Heed not your feelings. Do your work."

—George MacDonald

EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

This is the 3rd and final article regarding ministry opportunities in the Equipping (Christian Education) category. There are also some specialized ministries in this category (e.g., nursery, youth, children's church, etc.) which we aren't covering in this series of ministry descriptions, but opportunities exist for involvement in many of these as well. In this issue, six ministry opportunities are highlighted.

Adult Christian Education:

Sunday morning Christian Education programs are held from 9:55 – 10:55am for adults. Classes are spread throughout the campus, and topics are announced throughout the year. Contact Don Clayton, 848-0657, donclayton@bellsouth.net, or Ron Messier, 273-2474, rmessier@mtsu.edu for additional information about "A Walk Thru Faith"; David Rowe, 890-8194, drowe@bellsouth.net or Father Colin Ambrose, 893-3780, associate@stpaulsmboro.org for information about "Death By Suburb"; Father Polk Van Zandt, 893-3780, rector@stpaulsmboro.org for information about "NOOMA Videos and Discussion" by Rob Bell; and Kathleen Jaco, 691-3663, kathleenTN@gmail.com for information about "Young Adult's Film School".

Acolytes:

The acolyte program teaches young Christians the importance of service and helps them gain a deeper understanding of our liturgy. Duties include lighting altar candles, bearing the cross, assisting with presentation of alms and communion, and assisting clergy and Eucharistic ministers with all aspects of services. All young Christians (generally aged 10-18) are invited to participate.

Contact Alex Hollis (890-9111, wahollis@comcast.net; Tracey Ring, 893-6723, tring@mtsu.edu or Ken Halliburton 896-2652, ken.halliburton@mlbins.com.

Men's Retreat:

This is an annual opportunity for men to gather at Monteagle or Sewanee, Tennessee (Dubose Conference Center or St. Mary's Convent) for a weekend to explore questions and themes in the spiritual lives of men. All adult men in the parish are invited to attend. Contact David Rowe, 890-8194, drowe@bellsouth.net.

Women's Retreat:

This is an annual weekend opportunity for women to gather (at St. Mary's Convent, near Sewanee, Tennessee) and explore issues uniquely related to women in the church. Contact Katy Prescher, 556-7364, kathy.prescher@comcast.net

Laymen's Conference:

This annual conference is held for Episcopal men of the three dioceses of Tennessee, at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle, Tennessee. The conference features speakers on topics related to Christian life. During the weekend participants can also golf, hike, bike, canoe, or spend time in reflection. Contact Tom Washer, 217-2431, tom.washer@comcast.net.

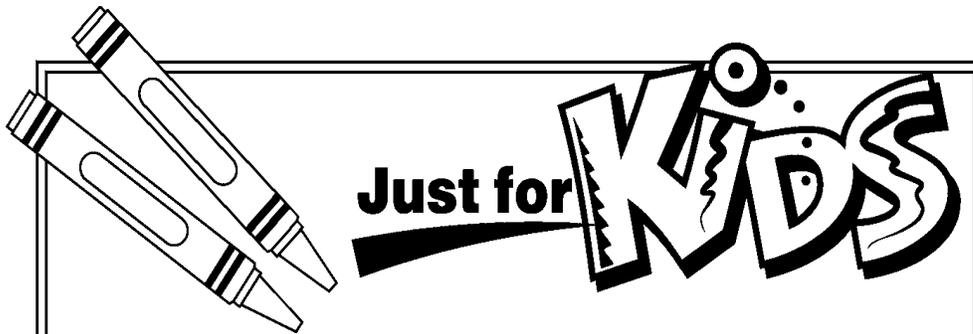
Music Programs & Events:

Music is an integral part of worship at St. Paul's. On Sundays we sing hymns from traditional and contemporary hymnals. Morris Hamby provides piano accompaniment at the 7:30am service. Minister of Music Angela Tipps plays the organ at later services and serves as Choirmaster. The adult choir sings at the 11:00am service, presenting both traditional and contemporary anthems.

In addition to Sunday services, the choir sings at special events, such as the Lessons and Carols service in December and on Christmas Eve, and at some funerals. From time to time the choir presents a Choral Evensong, usually preceded by a musical recital.

In addition to the adult choir, St. Paul's has a children's choir. The children occasionally sing at church services and on other occasions.

For more information, contact Angela Tipps, 618-0253, adtipps@comcast.net.



Multiply your thanks

We have so many reasons to give thanks to God. When we take time to count our blessings, we realize they just keep multiplying and adding up.

Use your multiplication or addition skills to answer each equation. Then use the word key below to write out Psalm 100:4 (NIV).

WORD KEY

22= him 16= courts 4=gates 24=name 9=praise 8=and 2=to
12= his 18= give 6= with 10= Enter 20= thanks 15= thanksgiving

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Answer: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4, NIV)

THANKSGIVING NAME CARDS

When you set your table this Thanksgiving, use these homemade name cards with a special message for each guest.

What you need:

- Index cards, any size (one per person)
- Markers
- Fall stickers (optional)
- Fall foam shapes (optional)

What you do:

1. List everyone who will be at your Thanksgiving dinner.
2. Fold each index card in half so it can stand.
3. On one side of each card, write a person's name.
4. Decorate around each name with markers, stickers or foam shapes.
5. On the blank side of each card, write a different Bible verse about blessings or giving thanks. Suggestions include 1 Chronicles 16:34; 1 Chronicles 29:13; Psalm 107:8; Psalm 118:21, 28; or 1 Thessalonians 5:18.
6. Another idea is to write one or more words from one verse on each person's card (depending on the number of guests and words). You can write the verse in order and have people read around the table, or you can mix up the words so guests have to put them in the correct order. (Remember to list the Scripture reference.)

Giving Thanks

In just a few weeks most of us will be sitting around a Thanksgiving table covered with turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pumpkin pies, Sister Schubert's rolls (I love those things!) and tons of other delicious foods. Many of us will join hands and take turns thanking God for the blessings that He has given us. And we're supposed to (but not just at Thanksgiving)... Psalm 105:1 says, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name." Jennifer and I have already begun teaching Jon-Mical to thank God for His blessings. Though Jon-Mical's usual response is: "Thank you God for all my prains." (He loves his toy trains... and he has trouble with his "tr" sounds.) The first time that I heard him say that, I thought that that's kind of silly. I mean, really? He has so much to be thankful for and he's thankful for his little toy trains? And so I began to think about the things that I sometimes thank God for... our house, plenty of clothes to wear, plenty of food to eat... when you think about it, our thankfulness is relative. When we think about those who have much less than us, or nothing at all, no home, no car, no food, it makes us thankful for what we have. Whenever a group of students returns from a mission trip, lending a hand to people who are often much "less fortunate" than we are, I often hear at least one of the students say, upon

reflection of the trip, "...seeing those people, it just really makes me thankful for what I have." And we should be, thankful, that is... even if we are thankful when we consider what we have in relation to someone else. But... I think there is more to this call to thanksgiving... the call in Psalm 105:1, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name." Yeah, I think there is a bit more to that call... Psalm 105:1 goes on to say, "make known His deeds among the peoples!" So the call to thanksgiving, in Psalm 105:1, calls us not only to be thankful, but also to let others know about that of which we are thankful. What better way is there to let others know about God's generosity than to share with them that with which God has given us? So, this Thanksgiving, as we consider what we are thankful for, especially when we consider what we are thankful for in relation to others who have less, may we not only be thankful, but may we make known God's good deeds to others by sharing with them that which we are thankful for! Yep... this Thanksgiving, I'm going to make sure that Jon-Mical knows that true thankfulness to God is displayed when he shares with the little boy in the neighborhood that doesn't have as much, that which he is thankful for... his prains.

Peace. - Josh

The St. Paul's Angel Tree

St. Paul's will again be providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged preschool children in Murfreesboro. The Angel Tree will be in the narthex, beginning Sunday, November 7th.

- The suggested spending guideline is \$40 per child.
- You may combine your gift with a friend's in order to provide a gift.
- There is no limit on the number of angels a person takes.
- Angel tags should be chosen ONLY on Sundays UNLESS a committee member is there to assist you, due to the necessary tracking.
- There will be a committee member at the tree at each service to help you.
- Checks will be accepted in lieu of a purchased gift. (We hope you will allow yourself the enjoyment of shopping for your child.)
- We prefer that the gifts be wrapped.
- All gifts should be put inside the provided bag, along with the angel application, and placed beneath the tree in the Narthex.
- All gifts must be returned to the Narthex no later than November 28th.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Fall is a wonderful time of year to plan and establish priorities or it can be a time when we procrastinate until next year establishing the priorities we consider. One of the priorities I believe is essential for Christians is to truly be or become thankful people. We pray for healing, we pray for the alleviation of pain, we pray that our children will somehow make good choices, but rarely do we really concentrate on giving thanks to God for all that God has done and is doing for us.

Well, Thanksgiving Day gives us a first class opportunity to focus solely on being thankful to God for everything. We have the opportunity to come and worship at 10:30 a.m. and the total focus is on thanksgiving – for everything even life itself.

So, I invite you in the name of the Church to worship Thanksgiving Day making the day truly a day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a wonderful worship service and it puts the focus of the day exactly where it belongs.

We also invite you to join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner immediately following the service. It is a dinner for families, seniors, singles, and other friends. It is simply a parish family thanksgiving dinner.

The first of November a sign up sheet will be in the parish hall. You can assist with setup and takedown, and bring your favorite dishes to share. Turkeys, wine, vegetables, deserts, high carb, low carb, fat free or loaded with fat. And also please bring a smile and laughter. It will be a great day.

Remember come and worship our wonderful God at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 25th. Also please sign up and stay for our dinner celebration.

God Bless You,

Gene & Janelee Wise

Quarterly Food Drive Coming Up November 14th.

The Outreach Committee will be collecting food on Sunday, November 14th for the Rutherford County Food Bank. This is our fourth and last quarterly drive for 2010! The Food Bank is very appreciative of our generosity in helping to stock their shelves, and continues to serve many who are hungry in Rutherford County. Brown grocery bags with suggested food lists will be available after both services on October 31st and November 7th. As possible, we will again re-use bags from previous drives, supplementing with new ones as needed. Questions can be directed to Tina Whitfield at 896-7186.

"Second Wednesday Suppers"

Every month! A nutritious meal will be served from 5pm until 7pm in the Parish Hall. The menu will be published each week in the parish announcements and posted on the website. All you need to do is to make reservations for the number of folks attending by noon on the preceding Monday. To make reservations, simply go to St. Paul's website, email joanibeckwith@comcast.net, or use the signup sheet in the Parish Hall. Please let us know if you are a vegetarian. The cost is minimal: \$3.00 per person (children five and under eat for a \$1.00) with a maximum family cost of \$12.00. If you have any questions or concerns please email Joani Beckwith or call her at 890-6333.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Josh and Sara Aronson upon the birth of a son,
Ezra Joseph Aronson
born September 18th, weighing 7lbs, 14oz.

We have another...

...Owen girl. Andie Laurel was born at 10:33 A.M. on October 14. She weighed 9 lb 15 oz (dangerously close to 10 lbs) and was 21" long. Peyton is an extremely proud big sister and mom is doing great. Dad is freaking out and looking for additional guns and ammo on-line as we speak.

- *David and Stacey Owen*

Prayers of love and sympathy to

Nancy Loucky and her family
in the death of Nancy's mother

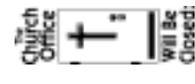
Grace Delahunt

and to

Chuck Phillips and his family
in the sudden death of Chuck's daughter

Amber Phillips Maney

NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Happy  November 25th	1 6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm EIM 7 pm AA	2 9:30 am Staff Meeting 4 pm Dream Group 6 pm Long Term Planning Committee 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA	3 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 pm Knitting Group Noon/Healing & HE 4 pm Angel Tree Program 5 pm Weight Watchers 5 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5:30 pm Movie Night/Youth 6 pm Outreach Meeting 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	4 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 4:30 pm Girl Scouts/2156 6 pm Ladies Night Out 6 pm Men's Club 6 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 6:30 pm Scouts/Bears 7 pm AA 7:30 pm Stewardship Meeting	5 Happening Weekend 7 pm AA	6 Happening Weekend 8 am Angel Tree Program 12 pm Chili Cookoff/Youth 7 pm AA TIME CHANGE WEEKEND 	
7 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost/ All Saints Day Happening Weekend Turn Your Clocks Back 7:30 , 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:45 am DOK Training 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 5 pm Xperience/Youth 5 pm Alpha Marriage Course 7 pm AA	8 6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2 6 pm Girl Scouts/2858 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm EIM 7 pm AA	9 4 pm Dream Group 6 pm Budget Meeting 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Wobelos 2 Den 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA	10 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 pm Knitting Group Noon/Healing & HE 4 pm Angel Tree Program 5 pm Second Wednesday Supper 5 pm Weight Watchers 5 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5:30 pm Movie Night/Youth 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	11 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Noon- Tn. Chr. For Child Welfare Lunch 6:30 pm Scout Committee Meeting 7 pm AA	12 7 pm AA	13 8 am Scouts/Pack 108 9 am Ladies Retreat Planning 9 pm Brownie Troop #583 7 pm AA 	
14 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Food Drive 7:30 , 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:45 am DOK Training 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 1 pm Long Term Planning Retreat 5 pm Alpha Marriage Course 5 pm Xperience/Youth 6 pm Young Adult Ministry 7 pm AA	15 6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm EIM 7 pm AA	16 Vestry Reports Due 11:30 Clericus Meeting/Luncheon 4 pm Dream Group 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6 pm Long Term Planning Committee 6 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA	17 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 pm Knitting Group Noon/Healing & HE 4 pm Angel Tree Program 5 pm Weight Watchers 5 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5:30 pm Movie Night/Youth 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	18 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 4:30 pm Girl Scouts/2156 6 pm Scouts/Pack 108 Wolf Scouts 6 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 6:30 pm Scouts/Pack Meeting 108 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Group 6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg. 7 pm AA	19 Progressive Dinner 6 pm Parent's Night Out 7 pm AA	20 9 am DOK 6 pm AAP/Potluck 	
21 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Craft and Bake Sale 7:30 , 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 5 pm Marriage Course 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA	22 6 pm Girl Scouts/2858 6 pm Vanderbilt Heart CPR Class 6:30 pm EIM 7 pm AA	23 9:30 am Staff Meeting 4 pm Dream Group 6 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Wobelos 2 Den 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA	24 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 pm Knitting Group Noon/Healing & HE 4 pm Angel Tree Program 5 pm Weight Watchers 5 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5:30 pm Movie Night/Youth 6 pm Outreach Meeting 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Reh.	25 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 10:30 am Thanksgiving Day Service 11:30 am Thanksgiving Lunch 6 pm Scouts Pack/108 7 pm AA	26 Church Office Closed 7 pm AA 	27 7 pm AA	
28 First Sunday of Advent 7:30 , 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 9:55 am Advent Wreaths 7 pm AA	29 2 pm Christmas Tea 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm EIM 7 pm AA	30 4 pm Dream Group 6 pm Long Term Planning Committee 6 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA				Nov. 7th at 2:00 a.m. turn your clock BACK!	



Michael Dillon 11/01	Alicia Hollis 11/14
Donald Whitfield 11/02	Scott Hutchens 11/14
Deborah Martin 11/02	Catherine Ann Young 11/15
William Jones 11/02	Curtis Church 11/17
Tracey Ring 11/02	Polk Van Zandt 11/17
George Pimentel 11/02	Faylene Timbs 11/18
Norma King 11/03	Mason Smith 11/18
Sally Palmer 11/03	Nancy Williams 11/19
Margaux Bray 11/03	Jerry Redditt 11/19
Parker Allison 11/03	James Carpenter 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 Merz 11/25
Juanita Williams 11/07	KittyMurfree 11/26
Rebecca Potts 11/07	Dallas Caudle 11/26
DeeDee Tidwell 11/09	Elsa Vandervort 11/27
Phillip Black 11/09	Maggie Tidwell 11/27
Marchella Richardson 11/10	Richard Tallent 11/28
Peggy Seneker 11/11	Beverly Calder 11/28
Shelley Stewart 11/11	Mary Ruffner 11/29
Vince Cantrell 11/11	Wade Sutton Jr 11/30
Thomas 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

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

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 15, 2010. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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**Join in the fun and be a part of St. Paul's
Progressive Dinner, Friday, November 19, 2010!**

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It must have happened but not to my certain knowledge. To judge from conversations about the dressing rooms it doesn't occur. That is, one hardly ever joins in a fight where there is absolutely no guarantee that the tension won't be decided in some democratic fashion.

And yet we—you and I—likely are or have been engaged in such a struggle down to and including this day. Faith vs. Uncertainty.

For the spiritual the matter is as evasive and difficult to define as a sudden windstorm, though much more difficult to prove.

Lack of faith is unfathomable, ill definable and stark, meaning without hope for hope is the essence of the knowing, the happy, the predictable citizen of faith.

We must do what we've been taught, most of us, since childhood---we must affirm our belief in God, in Jesus, in those factors which have served us for decades. In God there is a chance of happiness.

Trust.

Strong word, but one ever so useful to those who are in this struggle and may God bless us every one.

NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith our fathers obtained a good report. — Hebrews 11:1,2