



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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Book Signing, Sunday, December 12

Jesus: One Man, Two Faiths —

A Dialogue between Christians and Muslims.

St. Paul's is proud to announce the very recent publication of this important new book by our very own Ron Messier. In his search for channels of dialogue between Christians and Muslims as we move further into the 21st century, Ron finds that Jesus can be such a channel. His book explores a wide range of views within each faith that can be supported by what each faith considers to be its revealed scriptures and traditions. It explores Jesus' birth, his life as perfect servant and as suffering servant, his miracles, the events of Good Friday and Easter, the Ascension to heaven, and Jesus coming again at the end of time. One discovers not only similarities, some of which are quite surprising, but also differences that are more often complementary than contradictory, inviting believers in each faith to reflect on their own images of Jesus and, perhaps, expand those images in light of what the other has to offer.

Here is what some local people have said about it:

"In a world aflame with religious misunderstanding and battling gods, Ron Messier's Jesus, One Man: Two Faiths offers a moving, insightful, and potentially healing balm. His command of Christian and Islamic teachings is strong, and his ability to facilitate dialogue between these two faiths masterful. Read, share, and talk about this book." (Rabbi Rami Shapiro, author of Recovery, the Sacred Art)

"Dr. Ron Messier's broad knowledge of history, theology, Islam, the Qur'an, Holy Scripture and his deep personal faith are the basis of this amazing book on Jesus' many faceted connections to Christians and Muslims. He skillfully uses his knowledge and experience to clarify who Jesus is to the descendants of Abraham and how we share much in our understanding of Jesus. It is a must read for everyone in these troubled times." (The Rev. James K. Polk Van Zandt)

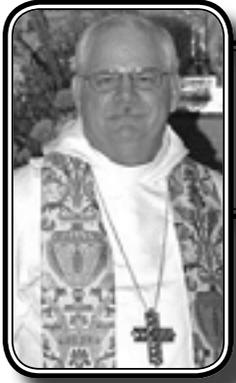
If you do not have your own copy of this book, St. Paul's is hosting a book signing on Sunday, December 12. Ron will be in the Parish Hall 8:30-8:45 and immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service. Twenty percent of the sale price will be donated to the Rector's discretionary fund.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS
RECEPTION**

There will be a reception following the Lessons and Carols Service on December 19. Please sign up for an appetizer, sweet tray, or finger sandwiches and indicate how many will be in your party so we can anticipate quantities of beverages. We ask that you bring your food, table ready on a nice serving piece, to the Parish Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. If you have any questions please feel free to call Susie Tallent at 615-896-7071.

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POLK'S RECOMMENDED ADVENT TO-DO LIST

Find your Advent wreath and light the appropriate number of candles each day.

Set up a crèche set.

Read the 2nd chapter of Luke's Gospel out loud – either to yourself or to your family after the crèche is completed.

Find a quiet time and listen to your favorite Christmas CD.

Listen to some really good Christmas music:

Handel's Messiah or Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

Wear an outlandish Christmas pin, tie or pair of socks.

Wear purple at least once to celebrate Advent.

Give someone a gift of something that is very special to you.

Honor someone special with a gift to the Church in their name.

Call an old friend.

Say a prayer for each person to whom you send a Christmas card.

Pick up a friend, drive around and look at Christmas lights.

Clean a corner of your house in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Come to Wednesday morning Eucharist (7AM).

Make a quiet spot for yourself to escape the holiday frenzy.

Get real dressed up, even if you have nowhere to go.

Give an anonymous gift.

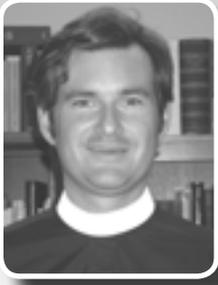
Smile at everyone you see on the street – no matter how you feel!

Come to Lessons & Carols (Dec. 19th 4PM).

Throw out all the stored up anger you have accumulated over the past year.

Invite a friend to attend Christmas Eve services (4:30 & 10:30 PM).

Take care of yourself, for you are the most precious gift you can give!



A New Class for the Parents of St. Paul's

The Parables of Jesus

The Rev. Dr. William Brosend of Sewanee Theological Seminary will lead opening class on January 9th.

"Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable."

– *Matthew 13:34*

A respected biblical scholar writes, "Two things are generally known about Jesus of Nazareth that are beyond historical doubt, and they are known around the world by Christians and non-Christians alike. The one is that Jesus was crucified in the first century of the Common Era. The other is that he taught in parables ... For Christian theology and experience, these two items of historical certainty are central. From the standpoint of faith, Jesus as the Christ is the revealer of God and Redeemer of humanity. His parables are the primary medium of revelation, and the Cross is the primary means of redemption."

Jesus' parables are designed to help convey God's truth to everyone. The actual linguistic background of the word parable comes from a compound word in Greek. One word is *ballo* (which means "to throw") and the other is *para* (which is a preposition that means "alongside of"). The sense of these two words together is "to throw alongside side of." In his parables Jesus would take an everyday occurrence, something that everyone was familiar with, and then He would throw it alongside a concept about the Kingdom of God. By doing this He could teach everyone about God and His kingdom.

Beginning this January I will be leading a class for the parents of St. Paul's entitled "The Parables of Jesus." The class will meet in the Parish Hall during the Sunday Christian Education Hour and will continue through Easter. Each week we will read and reflect on a new parable from our Lord.

To open our class I have invited the Rev. Dr. William Brosend to be with us on January 9th. As Professor of Preaching at Sewanee Theological Seminary, Fr. Brosend will introduce us to the nature of parables. The insights and presence of Fr. Brosend will be a great blessing and I am sure you will enjoy his time with us.

So ... if you hunger to know more about God and His Kingdom then join us starting in January! Jesus promises that if you are open and ready for what He wants to do through the study of His parables, then He will do what only He can do – He will be your teacher. Through His parables He promises to lead you deeper into the Kingdom of God.

One Cow Can Make the Difference

With Heifer your gift multiplies: One cow given to one family, one family shares an animal offspring and training with another family until entire communities are lifted out of poverty and millions of lives changed.

This multiplying effect has a tremendous impact: Children receive vital nutrition. Families' income doubles. New homes. Education. Daily food. Smiles and laughter. A cow breeds hope. One cow can make a difference. One gift can make a difference.

Visit the Heifer table during the four Sundays of Advent. Let's build an Ark filled with Heifer animals and filled with the love and joy of St. Paul's Church.

Upcoming Retreats at St. Mary's Sewanee

December 10-12 Advent Centering Prayer Retreat -
Presenter: Rev. Tom Ward

December 30-January 1 Waking Up - a New Year's
Mindfulness Retreat Presenters: Kathy Woods and Rev.
Gordon Peerman

February 11-13 No One Comes to the Father but by Me?
Presenter: Dr. John Thatamanil

For a full description of retreat offerings, see St. Mary's website, www.stmaryssewanee.org

SENIOR WARDEN

Three years ago I began my service on Vestry for the opportunity to give back in time and service to the church who has graciously and generously loved Ian, Callum, and me over the years. When I reflect on what I have learned while serving on Vestry, the most significant thing that comes to mind is just how much of a family the congregation of St. Paul's is. Many times through the course of my experiences I've compared to myself our church family with the family I was born into. We are all brothers and sisters with Christ and one another. We are children of our heavenly Father. We have been blessed with His house, our home.

Just as my father, mother, three brothers and I have had the addition of four spouses and thirteen children, new family members join St. Paul's and our family expands and grows. Like other families in our daily lives we are busy members with hectic schedules with our different ministry interests and activities, yet we still sit down (or kneel, as the case may be) to a meal every Sunday morning together to be nourished and commune. We have our disagreements. We may not always like one another. There are times we may disappoint someone or be disappointed. But, we stand firm in respect and forgiveness for each other, bound together by our Father, and throughout times of trials and tribulations we cry on one another's shoulders, lift each other up, support and nurture one another with compassion and in love. Our family is not always pretty, but the spirit of love that unites us is always beautiful.

As in every family, there are practical matters to tend to. The mortgage on the house and other bills need to be paid. The house needs to be cared for and grounds need to be

maintained. We worry when we will have our debt paid off. How will we add on to our crowded home? What sacrifices must be made for our family's budget to balance this coming year? How will we tend to our physical, emotional and spiritual needs? How will we be able to give our neighbors relief from their discomforts? It is the Vestry's responsibility to oversee many of our family's needs and interests. It has been my privilege to be a part of an impeccable group of people over the last three years who have worked diligently and intentionally to carefully, and in good conscience, care for the business of our family and home. I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each of those Vestry members for their hard work and dedication.

We are a family and I am sincerely grateful to be a member. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a Vestry member and Senior Warden this year. My best wishes to the continuing Vestry members and those who are incoming. In the spirit of the anticipation the Advent season brings, I am eager to see our family's future unfold and I pray for God's blessings upon us.

Many blessings to you, my brothers and sisters, in this joyous season and the year to come!

Humbly and with deep gratitude,

Kristi Hay

December Schedule

Dec. 4th, 3:00 p.m., Trim the Tree

Dec. 5th, between the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services., Annual Meeting

Dec. 12th, 5:00 p.m., Youth Christmas Party

Dec. 17th, 6:00 p.m., Parent's Night Out

Dec. 19th, at the 8:45 a.m. service ONLY, Christmas Pageant

Dec. 19th, 4 p.m., Lessons and Carols; reception following

Dec. 24th, 4:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 24th, 10:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Service with special music beginning at 10:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th, 5:00 p.m., Christmas Day Service

(Children are encouraged to bring one gift to be blessed at the altar.)

Dec. 26th, Two Holy Eucharist Worship Services 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

The church office will be closed December 24th through December 28th and opening on Wednesday, December 29th.

Like Children...Love Hugs... Want to Make a Difference? You are the person we need!

Come to an informational meeting Monday, December 6, 2010 in the Parish Hall from 2:00 - 2:30 PM. Martha Worley and Peggy Seneker are recruiting members to tutor students in grades PreKindergarten through second grade at Franklin Heights two days a week (Tuesday & Thursday) from 3:30 - 4:30 PM, for the rest of the school year beginning after Christmas break. Franklin Heights is where the Family Resource Center is located.

Interfaith Progressive Dinner Saturday, January 22, 2011, 6:00pm

St. Paul's family is invited to enjoy an inter-faith progressive dinner, experiencing foods from other cultures on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 6:00PM. The Outreach Committee is organizing this event for the Christian, Jewish and Muslim (the Abrahamic faiths) communities in Murfreesboro. The idea grew out of ongoing discussion following a Society for Universal Dialogue seminar on "radical hospitality" at Vanderbilt last April. Our hope is that by breaking bread together we will be better able to live into Christ's two Great Commandments: that we love the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and soul and that we love our neighbor as our self.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Parish Hall, or you can email Pidge Cash at bpcash@comcast.net. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, December 15, 2010.

Please indicate number attending, whether you are able to host a table of 8-12 for appetizer, entrée or dessert, or if you will only attend. *Join the fun! Sign up today!*

Rutherford County Tree Lighting Ceremony

6 pm on Friday night, Dec. 3

This is a great family event.

There will be free carriage rides and vendors offering hot drinks--hot chocolate, hot cider, flavored coffees--hot dogs, hamburgers and funnel cakes.

Shops will have extended hours.

St. Paul's is a member of Main Street and the Main Street designated district.

St. Paul's choir will perform as the only church choir chosen to participate.

"Care Packages"

The Military Personnel Ministry will be sending "Care Packages" to those serving in Iraq & Afghanistan in mid-December to arrive around Christmas. If you know of someone there and have their full APO address, we'd be happy to send them one. Also, be watching for Christmas cards in the Narthex that we'll be including in our packages. We'd like everyone in our parish to sign each card.

Please contact Sandy Gleaves at 615-428-0280 or email at sgleaves@comcast.net with APO addresses or if you have any questions.

FOOD DRIVE REPORT

Thanks to everyone who generously donated food or funds for our last quarterly food drive for 2010. We donated 1,514 items of food and \$205 in cash. Many thanks to the leaders and scouts of troop 108 for counting and loading food and to Fred Koechlein and Tom Washer for delivering it to the Rutherford County Foodbank.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Dallas and Melinda Caudle, proud grandparents of David Lanier Caudle born Oct. 25th the 25th, 7lbs 2 oz 20 in

Congratulations to David and Stacey Owen upon the birth of a daughter. Andie Laurel was born on October 14th weighing 9 lb 15 oz, 21" long. Peyton is a proud big sister.

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

Baptisms

Nov. 7th, on All Saints Day at St. Paul's Church
Madison June Loftin Sori Age 3 months
Father: Samuel Sori, Mother: April Lynn Loftin

True hospitality

A 7-year-old boy was chosen to be the innkeeper in the Christmas program. When Joseph and Mary approached him, looking for shelter in Bethlehem, he simply had to say there was no room.

The kindhearted boy tried to take the sting out of the situation, however. "I don't have room for you in the hotel," he said. "But I'd love to have you come in for milk and cookies."

Deaths For 2010

Bill Brophy 2/18/2010
Stanley Luboniecki 8/3/2010
Virginia Poole 8/22/10
Clayton Sullivan 8/31/10
Dorothy Harrison 9/8/2010
Grace Delahunt 10/25/2010

Pilgrimage 2011

Our faith exploration program for adults, called Pilgrimage, will begin Monday evening, January 24, 2011. It will continue for a total of eight 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. Returning pilgrims should also fill out a form.

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

The best gift

A king sat on his throne on Christmas Day as many of his subjects presented him with gifts: jewels, gold, artwork, handmade treasures and food galore.

One man stayed back until everyone had given their gifts. Eventually, the king asked if the man had a gift he wished to give. The man said he had only one thing to present. He had nothing of material or financial value, just a friendly heart that was free of malice and full of best wishes for the ruler.

The king told the man he'd brought him the best gift of all: friendship and goodwill. How can you present those to someone this season?

1ST ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

St. Paul's will be hosting its first ever White Elephant Sale on Saturday, February 26th. As you prepare for Lent this year, let us help you "lighten your load". Please consider donating an item or items that you treasure as a sacrifice during Lent. Please donate items such as furniture, appliances, lamps, paintings, works of art, or luxury clothing, baby clothes and toys. This is a fundraiser to benefit women's ministries; proceeds will help reduce the registration costs for the Women's Retreat, help to provide a yearly Women's Luncheon and contribute to the success of other women's ministries at St. Paul's. I encourage you to lift your burden and rid yourself of the "clutter" in your homes and give up something you treasure to help benefit this cause!

Here's how you can donate:

1. Call or email to arrange for pick-up service – Katy Prescher (615) 692-4479 or katy.prescher@comcast.net
2. Bring your donations to St. Paul's from 9 – 10:30 am on the following Saturdays during the next three months:
 - a. December 11th
 - b. January 8th
 - c. February 5th
3. Don't forget to complete a donation form to place value on your donation*

*There will be a donation form available on St. Paul's website, or hard copy through the front office. Please complete the form to place value on the items you donate.

This event will be open to the public, so we need your help to make this a success! There will be a need for volunteers to help set-up and host this event. We will need security and floor volunteers to assist in the selling of items. We will also need men and strong women to help buyers load and/or deliver the heavier stuff.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall beginning January 1st, 2011 for volunteers. The volunteer shifts will only be 2 hours, since it will be a long day. I appreciate your prayers and donations so that we can make this an annual event!

A huge thank you to Jeff Davis for the use of a storage facility at Rivergate Storage on Broad Street! We appreciate your donation!

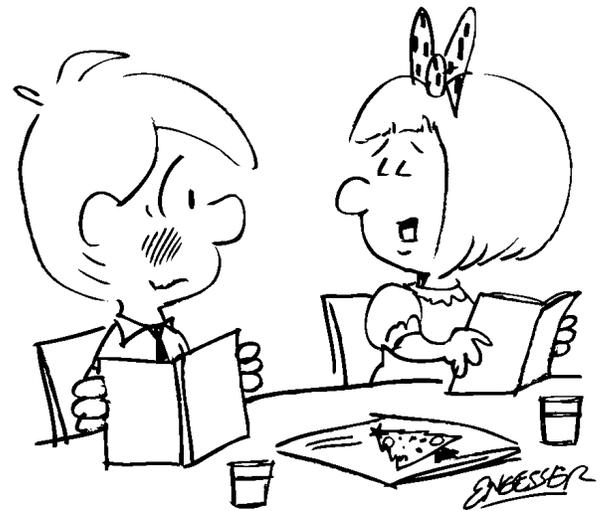


"This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth
and lying in a manger."



Luke 2:12, NRSV

SUNDAY SCHOOL



"Not a creature was stirring, not even
a mouse' is NOT a Bible verse!"



ST. PAUL'S STUDENT MINISTRIES

2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday, December 12th
5:00 to 8:00
at Josh and Jennifer's house



cosmic bowling, "dirty santa"
gift exchange, food, games...

cost: \$3 + wrapped \$5 to \$10 gift

PARENTS and STUDENTS: If you are willing to provide a food/snack dish for the 2010 Christmas Party, please contact Joshua Courtney.

ANGEL TREE



"LOVE OUT LOUD" THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th – 9 AM to 1 PM – at St. Paul's Church

Join us as we purchase, wrap, and deliver Christmas gifts to children in Murfreesboro who have signed up for Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. And by the way students... I encourage you to spend YOUR money (not your parents' money) on the gifts so YOU are helping a child have a better Christmas this year!! I encourage you to bring between \$10 and \$20... so start saving now!

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NATIVITY SCENE POTS

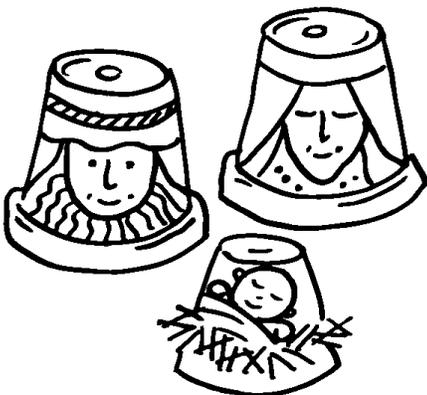
Celebrate the joy of Christmas — and remember Jesus' birth — by making this craft to decorate your home or to give as a gift.

What you need:

- 3 terra cotta pots (any size)
- Acrylic paints (including one for skin color)
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue (or a glue gun, with an adult to help)
- Brown yarn
- Material swatches
- Straw-colored raffia

What you do:

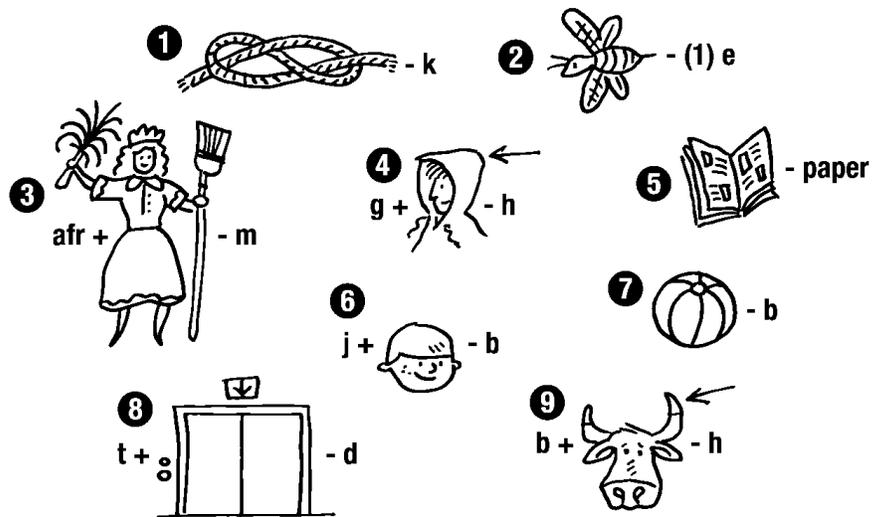
1. Decide which pot will be Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus. Turn each pot upside-down and paint a face on each one.
2. Decorate the pots by painting hair and clothes or by using yarn and material as hair and head coverings.
3. For baby Jesus, glue raffia along the bottom to look like straw in a manger.



The angel's message

On the first Christmas Eve, shepherds were watching over their flocks when an angel suddenly appeared.

Use the picture clues below to find out what the angels said to the terrified shepherds.



“Do _____ I bring you _____
 _____ of great _____ that will be for _____ the people.
 Today in the _____ of David a Savior has been _____

to you; **he is Christ the Lord.**” Luke 2:10-11, NIV

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answers: 1. knot-k=not; 2. bee-(1)e=be; 3. afr+maid-m=afraid; 4. g+hood-h=good; 5. newspaper-paper=news; 6. j+joy-b=joy; 7. ball-b=all; 8. t+down-d=town; 9. b+horn-h=born

DECEMBER 2010

Sun

Mon

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Sat

REMINDERS

- Dec. 5th, between services @ 9:55 am Annual Mtg.
- Dec. 19th, 8:45 a.m. ONLY The Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 19th, 4 pm, Lessons and Carols/Reception to follow
- Dec. 24th, 4:30 pm, Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 24th, 10:30 pm, Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25th, 5:00 pm Christmas Day Service



5 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE
8:45 am Children's Church
9:55 am Catechesis Only
9:55 am Annual Meeting
5 pm Xperience
7 pm AA

6
6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2
6:30 pm EFM
7 pm AA

7
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Long Term Planning
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos Den 1
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

8 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
7 am HE
9 am Bible Study
10:30 am Knitting Group
Noon: HE/Healing Service
4 pm Angel Tree Program
5 pm Chorister Rehearsal
5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7:15pm Adult Choir Reh.

9
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer
6:30 pm Scouts Committee Mtg.
7 pm AA

10
6 pm Vestry Christmas Party
7 pm AA

11
9 am Angel Tree Program
9 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9 am CPR Training/Nursery
3 pm Brownie Troop
7 pm AA

12 3rd Sunday of Advent
Downtown Christmas Parade
7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE
8:30 am Book Signing/Ron Messier
8:45 am Children's Church
9:55 am Christian Education
3 pm Scout Christmas Party/Parade
5 pm Xperience Christmas Party
6 pm Young Adult Ministry
6:30 pm Compassionate Friends
7 pm AA

13
9 am Angel Tree Party/Franklin Ct.
6 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

14
9 am Angel Tree Party/Oak Circle
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Long Term Planning Committee
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos Den 2
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

15
6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
7 am HE
9 am Bible Study
9 am Angel Tree Party/Mercury Circle
10:30 am Knitting Group
Noon: HE/Healing Service
4 pm Angel Tree Program
5 pm Chorister Rehearsal
5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7 pm AA

16
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Stephen Minister Peer Group
6:00 pm Scouts/Tiger Den
6:30 pm Scouts/Pack 108
7 pm AA

17
11:30 am Drug Court Luncheon
6 pm Parent's Night Out
6:30 pm Staff Christmas Party
7 pm AA

18
9 am Daughters of the King
9 am Christmas Pageant Reh.
6 pm AA/Potluck

19 4th Sunday of Advent
7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE
8:45 am Christmas Pageant
9:55 am Christian Ed./Catechesis
4 pm Lessons and Carols/Reception
7 pm AA

20
6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2
6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

21
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

22 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
7 am HE
9 am Bible Study
10:30 am Knitting Group
Noon: HE/Healing Service
4 pm Angel Tree Program
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5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7:15 pm Adult Choir Reh.

23
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer
6:30 pm Scouts/pack 108
7 pm AA

24 Christmas Eve
Office Closed
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
7 pm AA

25 Christmas Day
Office Closed
5 pm Christmas Day Service
7 pm AA

26 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
8:00 & 10:00 am HE
(Only Two Services)
No Children's Church
No Catechesis
No Christian Education
5 pm Coleman ed./Dinner
7 pm AA

27 Office Closed
5 pm Coleman ed./Reception
6 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

28 office closed
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
6 pm Long Term Planning
6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 2
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

29 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
NO Wednesday Services
9 am Bible Study
10:30 am Knitting Group
4 pm Angel Tree Program
5 pm Chorister Rehearsal
5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7:15 pm Adult Choir Reh.

30
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Group
7 pm AA

31 New Year's Eve
Office Closes at Noon
7 pm AA

4
9 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
10 am Living in Creation
3 pm Trim the Tree
7 pm AA

3
7 pm AA

2
11:30 am Quarterly Birthday Luncheon
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
6 pm Men's Club
6 pm Ladies Night Out
6:00 pm Scouts/Tiger Den
6:30 pm Scouts/Bears
7 pm AA

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9 am Christmas Pageant Reh.
6 pm AA/Potluck

17
11:30 am Drug Court Luncheon
6 pm Parent's Night Out
6:30 pm Staff Christmas Party
7 pm AA

16
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Stephen Minister Peer Group
6:00 pm Scouts/Tiger Den
6:30 pm Scouts/Pack 108
7 pm AA

15
6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
7 am HE
9 am Bible Study
9 am Angel Tree Party/Mercury Circle
10:30 am Knitting Group
Noon: HE/Healing Service
4 pm Angel Tree Program
5 pm Chorister Rehearsal
5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7 pm AA

14
9 am Angel Tree Party/Oak Circle
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Long Term Planning Committee
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos Den 2
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

13
9 am Angel Tree Party/Franklin Ct.
6 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

12 3rd Sunday of Advent
Downtown Christmas Parade
7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE
8:30 am Book Signing/Ron Messier
8:45 am Children's Church
9:55 am Christian Education
3 pm Scout Christmas Party/Parade
5 pm Xperience Christmas Party
6 pm Young Adult Ministry
6:30 pm Compassionate Friends
7 pm AA

25 Christmas Day
Office Closed
5 pm Christmas Day Service
7 pm AA

24 Christmas Eve
Office Closed
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
7 pm AA

23
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer
6:30 pm Scouts/pack 108
7 pm AA

22 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
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7:15 pm Adult Choir Reh.

21
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

20
6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2
6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

19 4th Sunday of Advent
7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE
8:45 am Christmas Pageant
9:55 am Christian Ed./Catechesis
4 pm Lessons and Carols/Reception
7 pm AA

31 New Year's Eve
Office Closes at Noon
7 pm AA

30
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer Group
7 pm AA

29 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
NO Wednesday Services
9 am Bible Study
10:30 am Knitting Group
4 pm Angel Tree Program
5 pm Chorister Rehearsal
5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7:15 pm Adult Choir Reh.

28 office closed
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
6 pm Long Term Planning
6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 2
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

27 Office Closed
5 pm Coleman ed./Reception
6 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

26 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
8:00 & 10:00 am HE
(Only Two Services)
No Children's Church
No Catechesis
No Christian Education
5 pm Coleman ed./Dinner
7 pm AA

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Office Closed
5 pm Christmas Day Service
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7 pm AA

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6:30 EFM
7 pm AA

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11
9 am Angel Tree Program
9 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9 am CPR Training/Nursery
3 pm Brownie Troop
7 pm AA

10
6 pm Vestry Christmas Party
7 pm AA

9
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer
6:30 pm Scouts Committee Mtg.
7 pm AA

8 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group
7 am HE
9 am Bible Study
10:30 am Knitting Group
Noon: HE/Healing Service
4 pm Angel Tree Program
5 pm Chorister Rehearsal
5 pm Weight Watchers
6 pm Outreach Meeting
6:15 pm Reunion Group
7 pm Canterbury Club
7:15pm Adult Choir Reh.

7
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4 pm Dream Group
6 pm Long Term Planning
6 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos Den 1
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm AA

6
6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2
6:30 pm EFM
7 pm AA

5 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE
8:45 am Children's Church
9:55 am Catechesis Only
9:55 am Annual Meeting
5 pm Xperience
7 pm AA

4
9 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
10 am Living in Creation
3 pm Trim the Tree
7 pm AA

3
7 pm AA

2
11:30 am Quarterly Birthday Luncheon
10 am Lectio Divina Prayer
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
6 pm Men's Club
6 pm Ladies Night Out
6:00 pm Scouts/Tiger Den
6:30 pm Scouts/Bears
7 pm AA

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Stephen Sachs12/01	Kermit Davis12/14
Nicholas Sargent12/01	Gilda Hurst12/16
Nancy Sandvig12/03	Mike Becker12/17
Phillip O'Reilly12/03	Jonathan Bartsch12/18
Janna McClain12/04	Jonathan Wilson12/18
James (Buddy) Boyd12/05	Jennifer Dooley12/20
Michael Stewart12/05	Mark Wakefield12/20
Nathan Bedford Clemmons12/06	Michael Elrod-Erickson12/20
Fred Kinney12/07	Allyson Davis12/22
Mitchell Mann12/07	Aerolene Cox12/23
Ron Messier12/08	David Jones12/24
John Warlick12/08	Barry Huber12/24
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Brittany Whitmore12/13	Charlotte Young12/31

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- Transportation • Visits
- Phone Calls • Help with Errands

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

– Call –

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.

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The deadline for the January Evangel is Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

December 19 — Reception Following

December 2010



When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy, and on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts--gold and frankincense and myrrh.

--Matthew 2:10

There is nothing like Christmas, our religiously-based festival that was born this month when a tiny Jewish baby was first seen and, of all places, in a Jerusalem barn.

What a time it is for most of us Americans. Lots of action, lots of spontaneity. All kinds of surprises and it's wonderful. Thank you, Jesus, for being born 2,000 years ago.

Good feelings are in store for much of the population this season.

However, let's not forget that little Jewish baby in the barn. He's the important guy, you know.