

ST. PAUL'S LETTER

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary is home to an active, caring, and diverse congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Through corporate worship, spiritual development, fellowship, and service we continue to grow together in faith. We strive to be Christ's welcoming, reconciling, and transforming presence in the world through our many and varied ministries.

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Letter From The Rector

The Rev. George Adamik

Dear Friends:

In my spiritual reading over the years, I have been nourished by Br. David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk of Mount Savior Monastery. He offers a reflection on Christmas that I would like to share with you.

Central to Christmas is the image of the child. And doesn't this image speak to every human heart? How urgently we need the guiding image of the child in a world that has grown old. Aging can be a process of "saging," as my revered friend Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi points out, or else it can lead to fear and anxiety. Only a child's trust can re-direct our fear-ridden society. Paralyzing fear or childlike trust – the choice is ours. To let the child-in-you guide you toward building this new world, this is what I wish you most of all for 2014. It will take courage, strength, and wisdom, but – "fear not!" – together we can do it. Let us run with grateful joy toward the opportunities a new year holds out to us.

I look forward to joining with you this Advent and Christmas Season as we await with hopeful hearts the celebration of the birth of a child who invites us out of paralyzing fear into the childlike trust that can change our lives and our world.



**Next Newsletter
Deadline:
Friday
January 15, 2014
at 10:00 a.m.**

newsletter@stpaulscary.org

Date Service Highlights

Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 8 Celebrate the arrival of St. Nicholas at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. liturgies, as we present him gifts that will bring joy to hundreds of children.

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 15 At the 9:00 a.m. liturgy experience the Christmas Pageant, one of the greatest gifts offered to us by the children of St. Paul's.

Dec 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Child friendly celebration of the Eucharist with a special homily for all the children. **Note: This is a change of time from past years.** Many parents of young children have expressed a desire for this service to be early so the children can get home, eat dinner, and get ready for bed to await the arrival of Santa.

Dec 24

7:00pm A celebration of the Eucharist filled with wonderful Christmas Carols.

Note: This is a change of time from the last couple of years.

11:00pm A celebration of the Eucharist that concludes after midnight making this service our "Midnight Mass."

Dec 29 Lessons and Carols at 9:00 and 11:15 am

Faithfully,

George

Warden's Corner



What an amazing community St. Paul's is! Your recent generosity has helped us to raise more than \$5,000 for outreach projects with proceeds from our bazaar, you packed over 10,000 meals for people in need for the Stop Hunger Now organization (some helping to support relief efforts in the Philippines) and our St. Nicholas' Ministry will provide gifts and cheer to a record number of families and individuals this Christmas season. Your generosity is changing the world!

To the "army of angel volunteers"

that it takes to plan, coordinate, and execute these projects we thank you, and while it takes many hands, we especially thank Mary Marsha Cupitt, Anne Pilgrim, and Glenda Swann for their leadership in these projects.

As I reflect on my time as a member of the vestry, I sit in awe of the many wonderful folks I have worked with along the way, our dedicated clergy, the wonderful staff, and the many volunteers who demonstrate their love and commitment to our community every day in ways big and small. Thank you for sharing with me, your time, your expertise, your patience, and your grace. Most

especially thank you to Susan Coulter, Bill Holmes, and Glenda Swann my fellow vestry classmates - your support was priceless.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the vestry, Greer Beaty, Dan Loughlin, Dave Mackie, and Julia Rudy. Installation of the new vestry will take place on Sunday, January 19th during the Sunday morning services. In the weeks between now and then, the new members will work closely with the current vestry in developing the budget for 2014. This will then be presented to the parish at the Quarterly Update in late January.

There is an excitement in the air these days, and while 2013 brought us much transition, I firmly believe that St. Paul's has never been stronger in our faith, in commitment to our mission, and in caring for one another.

To the 345 families who pledged and especially to the 60 families who are pledging for the first time, THANK YOU! The vestry is committed to being good stewards of your gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Remavich
Senior Warden

Church Office Holiday Hours and Closures

- Dec. 24 Office closes at 12 noon
- Dec. 25 Office Closed
- Dec. 26 Office Closed
- Dec. 27 Office Closed
- Dec. 31 Office Closes at 1pm (please have your end of year donations turned in prior to 1:00 pm)
- Jan. 1, 2014 Office Closed

The Vestry Corner

VESTRY GOALS 2013

- Maintain and foster a culture of welcome and inclusion
- Create a culture of Giving throughout the year
- Develop systems of support for the Music Ministry
- Re-evaluate the mission of the Fellowship Events Team
- Re-evaluate the way the budget supports Outreach (more relational opportunities)
- Establish a Liturgy Committee to evaluate current and explore alternate worship opportunities
- Establish an Adult Education Committee
- Encourage Youth Engagement across parish ministries and groups (including leadership roles)
- Reaffirm our commitment to a vibrant Children's Program
- Reaffirm our commitment to the St. Paul's Preschool as a core ministry
- Update the Five Year Plan for Facilities and Resources
- Update the Five Year Financial Plan

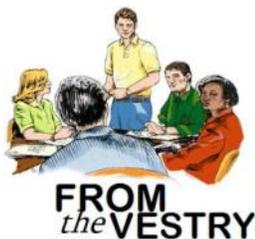
It is hard to believe that the 2013 is coming to a close. It has been a very busy year at St. Paul's.

Our **Buildings and Grounds Committee** was established to provide

upkeep and maintenance of St. Paul's facilities. They evaluate facility-repair requests and either make the repairs or recommend a professional be engaged for the repair. (David Buchanan, Chair)

In an effort to serve as good stewards of the operating budget and the planet, the vestry has decided that **quarterly pledge statements** will only be mailed to those who are in arrears of their pledge. Annual donation statements will be mailed to the entire parish. Certainly, we are happy to provide a statement or update of your current account at any time throughout the year. Please contact Christine Ingram at

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The Vestry Corner *(continued)*

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parishadmin@stpaulscary.org if you would like an updated statement. Please allow one week for a response.

During the Vestry Retreat in January 2014, the vestry will evaluate our performance against the 2013 goals and

will develop our 2014 goals. Please join us at the **January 26, 2014 Parish Update meeting** to hear about the 2013 financial performance, the 2014 budget and the 2014 vestry goals

*Submitted by Katie Robinson
 Jr. Warden*



About Our Church

We express our sympathy to Julia Rudy for the death of her father, Roman Bonfiglio; to Adelaide Sigel for the death of her brother, Brian Moran; to Sue Lithgo for the death of her sister-in-law, Amy Apple; and to Adelaide and Chris Sigel for the death of uncles, Walter Siegl and

Hansi Koeffler.

We rejoice in the baptism of Mary Amelia Martin, daughter of Gregory and Melissa Martin.

*Submitted by Melanie Fairbrother
 Office Manager*



Do You Hear What I Hear?

No, I'm not thinking of Christmas music, I'm thinking literally about hearing and hearing loss. It happened that I forgot to wear my hearing aids on the Sunday of the Annual Meeting. By the end of the meeting I felt completely frustrated, having heard practically nothing of what had transpired. I considered leaving, thereby sparing myself the pain of enduring another round of frustration at the 11:15 a.m. service. Enter Melanie, office manager and problem solver par excellence, bearing a hearing apparatus from a

basket kept on the desk in the narthex. With little hope that it would be much help, I decided to stay and try using it. At the opening sentence of the Eucharist, I knew that I was having an "Alleluia moment." Not only could I hear, but the sound was crisp, clear, and oh so beautiful! I knew at that moment that I needed to make our worshipers aware that, if needed, there is help at hand. No instruction needed...just turn it on, hold it to your ear, and fully join the celebration.

Submitted by Lois Reardin

Ministry of the Week

	Dec 1	Children's Ministries (Intergenerational Event)
	Dec 8	Outreach
	Dec 15	Fellowship and Parents (Christmas Pageant Sunday)
	Dec 22	Newcomer Ministry
	Dec 29	No Coffee Hour

MINISTRY LEADER RESOURCE NOTE

WINTER MINI MINISTRY FAIR

Come enjoy coffee and refreshments and find out what's happening at St. Paul's and how you can get involved.

We'll have representatives from many areas of parish life including: Altar Guild, Ushers, Memorial Garden, MOMS Ministry, Mystery Book Group, Prayer Stitchers, and more.

Sponsored by the Ministry Leader Resource Committee.

Memorial Garden Expansion Project



MEMORIAL GARDEN

St. Paul's Memorial Garden has a special significance to our church community. It is a place where the ashes of Saints who have gone before us rest in a beautiful, tranquil space. It is a sacred place where we can visit and remember our beloved family members and friends. It is a place where we can have confidence that the grounds will be cared for in a loving and respectful manner by members of our own church community. Our Memorial Garden is a tangible reminder of our Resurrection Faith.

However, for the Memorial Garden to continue to be an option for present and future members of our church family, it is critical that we expand its offerings. Considering pre-paid reservations, there is room for only two additional names on the garden's markers. Further, at the current rate, our remaining plots will be filled within 10 to 15 years.

With support from the vestry, the St. Paul's has embarked upon a Memorial Garden Expansion Project. The project will:

- Add four slanted markers to our existing garden, accommodating 80 additional names;
- Add a columbarium that will hold 300 niches;
- Add a remembrance wall where the names of loved ones whose ashes lie elsewhere can be inscribed and honored; and
- Add landscaping to beautify the garden and surrounding areas

From Sunday, November 24th, to Sunday, December 22nd, members of the Memorial Garden Committee will be available in the nave of the church to meet with persons wishing additional information. Members of the committee are Frank Bricio, Anne Brock, Lisa Brown, Dorothy Duke, Katie and Kurt Robinson, Pete Stockett, Jackie Straub, Gordon Werner, and Keith Wood. The co-chairs of the expansion project are Jackie Straub and Dan Loughlin. Special assistance is being provided by Alana Loughlin and Nancy O'Dowd. For any questions, please contact Jackie Straub at jmpstraub@aol.com.

*Submitted by Jackie Straub
Chair, Memorial Garden Committee*



Prayer Stitches last meeting in December will be Wednesday, Dec. 18. Our next meetings will be Wednesday, Jan. 8 and Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. We wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

The Season for Caps, Mittens, and Scarves

Prayer Stitches make caps, mittens, and scarves all year so we will have a good supply on hand to distribute in November and December to children and adults served through our Outreach ministries. In November, in conjunction with the Veterans and Military Outreach Ministry, thirteen sets of caps, mittens, and scarves were donated to the Durham VA Hospital for homeless veterans who receive medical care there. Caps will be given on St Nicholas' Day for children whose names are on the Advent Tree. Caps and scarves for children and adults will be given in December to PLM Families Together for homeless families served by that agency.

Would you like to make a cap, scarf or a pair of mittens for someone in need?

Join Prayer Stitches for prayer and fellowship as we make these and other items for persons in need of comfort and warmth. Interested in learning to knit or crochet? Start the New Year with lessons from skilled members knitters and crocheters who enjoy teaching. Meetings are in the youth wing every Wednesday morning, 10:30 a.m. – noon and every Thursday evening, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. except during holiday weeks. Questions? Contact Beth Barnes (eanbarnes@gmail.com, 919-380-7214) or Marilyn Mitchell (mdmitchell19@gmail.com, 919-800-7043). All are welcome!

Submitted by Beth Barnes

Epiphany Quiet Day, Some Avenues of Prayer

Saturday January 25, 9:00 – 1:30

Quiet days are an old tradition of gathering as a community to create a time for reflective inner work. This will be a time to be with God and each other in a reflective or listening way. The theme, some avenues of prayer, is meant to help the group focus as we each do our own inner work. We will focus on how one creates sacred space in one's

home and life. What rituals, tools, and patterns of prayer are available to us? There will be guided meditations, opportunities for private listening to your own thoughts, activities and small group sharing time for those who wish to reflectively listen to each other. Coffee, tea, and a light lunch will be served. Please sign up in the narthex or email me at jcarrholland@stpaulscary.org.



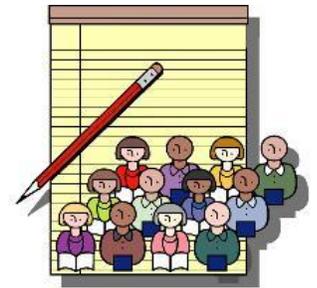
Newcomer News

Are you new to St. Paul's? Or, have you been coming to church for a while and curious about what all these ministries and groups are about? A Newcomer series will gather Tuesday evenings February 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. (location to be announced). Child care will be provided. Anyone new to St. Paul's during the past year or so should receive an invitation in the mail, or, if you have provided your e-mail address, an electronic invitation will be sent. Either way, "All Are Welcome" to come out and join us for any or all of the sessions you are able to attend.

The series will be led by our clergy in three sessions during which the ministry, community, and sacramental life at St. Paul's will be described. At the conclusion of the third session, the Newcomer Ministry will host an informal gathering with refreshments. This will be attended by several St. Paul's ministry representatives. This is a good introduction to discover much of what is happening at St. Paul's whether being a

"newcomer" means you have been attending St. Paul's for a week or a year! Anyone who has not had the opportunity to attend a newcomer class is welcome and encouraged to come. You don't have to wait for an invitation to arrive! Please feel free to contact the Newcomer Ministry at newcomers@stpaulscary.org or the church office at 919-467-1477 (stpauls@stpaulscary.org) to express your interest in this series.

The Newcomer ministry supports a wide-range of tasks for welcoming newcomers, from delivering bread to first time visitors, telephoning newcomers, greeting on Sunday mornings; to document preparation, name badge ordering, and events planning. This ministry is open to anyone who would like to assist with these various functions. At the present time, we would enjoy having some additional greeters, bread deliverers, and telephone callers. Contact via e-mail at newcomers@stpaulscary.org for more information. about these ministries.



Newcomers Class

Fellowship Events Road Trip

The Fellowship Events Team is organizing a trip to Replacements Ltd in Greensboro on Saturday, December 7th. We will meet in the parking lot at St. Pauls at 9.15 a.m., stop for lunch at Mimi's Café in Greensboro, and then proceed to Replacements -- that fascinating emporium of silver, china, crystal, and giftware. You can browse; take the tour;

shop until you drop. There is even a bargain room. The caravan will leave around 3.30 p.m., returning to St Paul's around 5.30 p.m. Look for the poster and sign-up sheet in the narthex. For more information, please contact Sheila Reilly at 919-303-6248.

Submitted by Barbara Brickman



Bazaar Results



After a big day of good weather, good shopping, and good food, our Big Bazaar is over. Our preliminary count shows that we made a total of \$5600 with some bills yet to be paid, and some money yet to be received from vendors and food trucks. We're expecting the final total to be well over \$5000. We want to be sure to give a big thank you to all the St Paul's volunteers who baked, knitted, sewed, painted, organized, prayed, and otherwise contributed to the make the St Paul's Bazaar a smashing

success! It was a fun day of fellowship and socializing for a good cause. The vendors who participated seemed happy with their sales for the day. All in all it was a great day, and we are so grateful. All our proceeds will go to the following outreach projects: Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network, PLM Families Together, and Raleigh Episcopal Campus Ministries.

See you next year!

Submitted by Gail Cowper

Education and Spiritual Development

Preschool News - December

St. Paul's Preschool had a bounty of fun in November, which left us thankful

for our food, family, and friends. The annual Thanksgiving Feast with the 4 and 5 year old children dressed up

as Native Americans and Pilgrims was enjoyed by all.

The holidays are upon us and the preschool is bursting with excitement about Jesus' birthday! The 3, 4 and 5 year olds are busy preparing for our

Christmas program which is Wednesday, December 18th at noon. All are welcome to see darling children singing Christmas songs they prepared for moms, dads,

grandparents, and friends. As per tradition we will have Jesus birthday cake in the parish hall following the program. School will be closed December 19-January 1 for Christmas break. We will return to school on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

As the 2013 year comes to a close, 2014 brings us registration for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration information will be sent home in January and enrollment will occur in February. Please call the preschool office with any questions 919-467-3788 between 9am-1:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Please pass this information on to any friends that need a warm, nurturing and loving environment for their preschool child.

I want to wish you all a sparkling Christmas and a glittering New Year! Enjoy all those special holiday moments with your loved ones.

Peace to all,
Laura Gorman
Interim Preschool Director



Upcoming Preschool Events!

Wed, Dec 18	Christmas Program at noon
Thur, Dec 19	No school - Christmas Break
Thur, Jan 2	First Day of Preschool after Christmas Break
Mon, Jan 20	No School - WCPSS Holiday
Tues, Jan 21	No School - WCPSS Holiday

Crafts and Cookies Coffee Hour -- Dec. 1 at 10:10 a.m.

Please join Children's Ministries for the annual "Crafts and Cookies" coffee hour! Formerly known as the Intergenerational Coffee Hour, this is a

festive morning of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies and craft making. All ages and stages are welcome-bring your visiting family and friends.

Christmas Pageant-December 15, 2013 at the 9:00 a.m. Service

Come one, come all! Come big, come small! Come hear the story of Christmas! Please join the children of St. Paul's as they present "The Story of Christmas" on Dec. 15 at the 9am service. Angels, shepherds, wise men, animals, soldiers and the Holy Family will all be ready to share their talents and

excitement with you as they tell the story of Jesus' birth. After the pageant, join us in the parish hall for a festive coffee hour. We still have openings for actors and actresses (no prior experience necessary), so please contact Christine Ingram if your child would like to participate in the pageant.

Sunday School/Children's Chapel on "Vacation"

The fall semester of Sunday school will conclude on December 8. Sunday school will resume on January 12, 2014. A Clergy Forum for Kids will be held on January 5, 2014, during the Sunday school hour. Children's chapel will not be held on December 15 (Christmas

Pageant Day), December 22 or December 29. Children's chapel will resume on January 5, 2014.

Thank you for your understanding as we give our Sunday school teachers and children's chapel volunteers a much needed holiday break.

Clergy Forum for Kids-January 5, 2014

Did my dog go to heaven? How do we know Jesus really lived? Where is God? Can God really hear me when I pray? Heard any of these questions or others that you don't know how to answer? Back by popular demand! Please join Rev. George Adamik as he hosts a special clergy forum for kids on Sunday, January 5, 2014 during the Sunday school hour. Sunday school will be cancelled so that all the children may attend. This is a great opportunity for your children to have close contact with

our rector and ask those questions that are difficult to answer!

Please start writing down your questions and place them in the envelope on the Children's Ministries bulletin board in the education building or email your questions to Christine Ingram (christine.ingram@stpaulscary.org). Everyone is welcome to attend-even if you don't have any questions....just come hear what others are asking.

Children's Ministries



Christine Ingram
Children's
Ministries Director
467-1477, ext. 19



Christmas
Pageant



Clergy Forum
for Kids

Pre-EYC Update



Our growing group of Pre-EYCers has been very busy this fall! After Reverse Trick or Treating in October, this creative group made crafts to be sold at the St. Paul's Bazaar! We finished up the month of November with a day of games.

In December the Pre-EYCers will assist with the St. Nicholas' Ministry and in January they will help with Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network. More outreach projects are planned for the spring, including an afternoon of

volunteering at the Food Bank and cleaning up the church grounds.

Pre-EYC is open to all 4th and 5th graders. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, late September through mid-May. Meetings are held in the parish hall from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and include lunch. We focus on fellowship, food, fun, and outreach. Please contact Christine Ingram if your child would like to participate.



Children's Stewardship

Our children's stewardship offering collection continues to grow! As of

November 15, 2013 the children have collected \$727.94 in their Sunday basket. The June 2013 through May 2014 collection will be donated to Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network. Thank you to our children for their generosity.

Children's Ministries Calendar

Date	Event
Dec 1	Intergenerational Event Coffee Hour / Advent Craft at 10:10 a.m. --- No Sunday School & No Children's Chapel
Dec 8	St. Nicholas Sunday / Pre-EYC Meeting at 11:15 a.m. / Last Day of Sunday School for 2013
Dec 13	Speaking Parts Only -- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Dec 14	ALL Parts -- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Dec 15	Christmas Pageant at 9:00 a.m. Service No Sunday School or Children's Chapel
Dec 22	No Sunday School / No Children's Chapel / No Pre-EYC
Dec 24	4:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service with Children's Homily
Dec 29	No Sunday School / No Children's Chapel
Jan 5	Clergy Forum for Kids at 10:10 a.m. / No Sunday School
Jan 12	Pre-EYC and Sunday School Resumes
Feb 2	Communion Classes Start
Feb 9	Communion Class / Parent Communion Class / Pre-EYC
Feb 16	Communion Class
Feb 23	Communion Celebration at 9:00 a.m. Service
Mar 4	Crafts at Pancake Supper
Mar 5	5:15pm Ash Wednesday Service for Families
Mar 8	2:00pm - 4:00pm Pre-EYC to Food Bank
Mar 30	No Sunday School (Spring Break)
Apr 6	No Sunday School (Spring Break)
Apr 12 - 13	Pre-EYC Overnight Retreat
Apr 18	Stations of the Cross Service -- 10:00 a.m.
Apr 20	Egg Hunt / No Sunday School or Children's Chapel
May 4	Last Day of Sunday School
June 23 - 27	"Wade in the Water" Vacation Bible School

Communion Classes

Communion Classes will be taught February 2, 9 and 16, 2014 during the Sunday school hour (place to be announced). Classes are taught by clergy and are open to all children in 1st grade and up that have not received prior communion education. Classes are cumulative and children are encouraged to attend all three classes. Class participant registration will be available in January (watch the weekly Children's Ministries email for additional information). Participants must be baptized prior to communion class participation.

During the Sunday school hour February 9, a parent communion class, also taught by the clergy, will be offered to all parents of children participating in communion classes. However, everyone is welcome to attend!

A special communion celebration will be held on February 23 at the 9:00am service for those children that have complete the classes (dress attire is recommended) and a coffee hour to honor the children will immediately follow the service



Episcopal Youth Community

Interim Youth Coordinator
Leah Dail
youth@stpaulscary.org



Episcopal Youth Community

Every young person in grades 6-12 who attends St. Paul's is welcome to be a part of the **Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)**. EYC gathers on Sunday nights for fellowship and fun activities (Middle School from 4:00-6:00 p.m., High School from 5:15-7:00 p.m.) Exceptions to this schedule are listed on the Youth Calendar page on the St. Paul's Web Site.

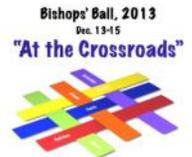
Here's What's Coming in December

December 1 – No EYC, but you can help set up for Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at White Plains Methodist Church in Cary. Contact David Hatch, 919-649-4024, caresanmonster@gmail.com, to help.

December 8 – Paint Your Tacky Christmas Sweatshirt: Tonight we will meet to paint and decorate an ugly / tacky / memorable sweatshirt for next week's Christmas party. Bring a sweatshirt and we'll provide the fabric paint and maybe some sparkles! Your sweatshirt will be entered in our 3rd Annual Crazy Christmas Sweater/Sweatshirt Competition, so the gaudier, the better. We will meet in the parish hall for crafting, games, fellowship, and dinner.

December 13-15 – Bishop's Ball, Diocesan Youth Event, Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC: The theme of Bishop's Ball this year is "Crossroads," the place where all of life comes together: church, home, school, politics, music, sports, career, values, relationships, etc. To be at the crossroads is basically the definition of being a teenager. Even though we are all a part of God's family, marked by baptism as Christ's own, faith does not make us immune to life's challenges. But it should open us and guide us through the crossroads. Join us at

Bishops' Ball for music, small groups, formal dinner/dance, and most importantly, to enjoy time with Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple. For more information and registration go to http://www.dionc.org/digital_faith/events/3156412#.UoZRIOLySNI. Registrations must be completed by 12/2/13.



December 15 – Christmas Party: We will celebrate together tonight from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (all grades). Wear your most memorable Christmas sweater or sweatshirt for our 3rd Annual Crazy Christmas Sweater / Sweatshirt Competition. Also, bring a wrapped gift (worth no more than \$10 please – something fun, funny, and not gross) for our Crazy Claus gift exchange. There will be holiday food, cookie decorating, games, and more. Please let Leah know if you cannot bring a gift and we'll make sure to have one available.



December 22 and December 29 -- No EYC

Here's What's Coming in January

January 5 – No EYC, but the youth will have a special song to share during the Music Ministry's 12th Night Celebration. You will find out more about our performance, and your role in it, during our December meetings. Stay tuned.

January 12 – Our New Year Kickoff with an Epiphany Party: Come find out what Epiphany is all about and celebrate the season with us. We will have games, some singing, some important guests, and a special dessert to start the evening. It will be a fun, spiritual way to start the new year together and celebrate the joy of God-With-Us!

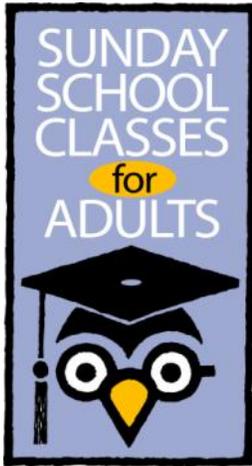
January 19 – Listening Circle for Youth: Tonight is a night to hear from youth and find out what you want in Youth Ministry here at St. Paul's. Please come and have your voice heard! We'll also play some crazy games, so wear

comfy clothes to move around in.

January 26 – Souper Bowl Preparation: We will meet together tonight to prepare and deliver flyers in the neighborhood to advertise our Souper Bowl Food Drive scheduled for 2/2/14. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes – we'll be outside regardless of the weather. Plan on meeting from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., all grades.

Special Event We will be holding two Parent Listening Circles in January to get parents of youth feedback about Youth Ministry here at St. Paul's. Please come let us know what you want in Youth Ministry and a Youth Leader. We hope to have as many parents participate as possible, whether your kids are active in the youth program or not. The sessions will be held January 12 and January 19 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

Adult Education



Our faith calls us to help those in need. Throughout his ministry, Jesus' commitment to "the least of these" and his expectation that we will be similarly engaged are clear. The programs of the Outreach Committee at St. Paul's are vital ways we connect to our larger community around issues of social justice. And in a new ecumenical effort, during the upcoming Lenten season, St. Paul's will be working with other faith communities in Cary to better understand the issues facing our neighbors of low income and how we can help.

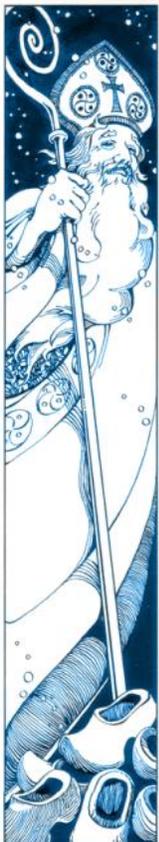
Leading up to Lent, join St. Paul's parishioners Beth Bordeaux, Executive Director of PLM Families Together, and Aleta Payne McClenney,

Communications and Development Director for the North Carolina Council of Churches, for a four-week adult education offering focused on the biblical call to help those in need. The gatherings will address the Bible's overarching call to social justice along with the specific issue of poverty and how that plays out through lack of housing and hunger.

The sessions are tentatively scheduled for the adult education hour between services beginning on January 19 and continuing on February 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Watch the bulletin for details or contact Beth, beth.bordeaux@gmail.com, or Aleta, aleta@att.net.

Submitted by Aleta McClenney

Outreach



St. Nicholas Day is December 8th

St. Nicholas comes to St. Paul's on December 8th. His annual visit is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the giving spirit of Christmas.

We will provide gifts for 532 children from more than 200 families this year.

Bring your gifts to a service on December 8th. St. Nicholas will visit both our 9:00 a.m. service and our 11:15 a.m. service on that day to gather the gifts and then deliver them to the children. It is an exciting day at St. Paul's and we hope you will be a part of the event.

We have gotten the children's names from local area ministries that support families and children in need:

CommWell Health supports seasonal farmworkers with health care;

Thompson Child and Family Focus Ministry is an Episcopal-sponsored program providing comprehensive education, treatment, and care for children in need;

the **Episcopal Housing Ministry** provides affordable housing in our community;

The Healing Place is a non-profit recovery and rehabilitation facility for homeless people with alcohol and drug dependency in Raleigh;

the **Carying Place** teaches life skills for independent living to homeless, working families with children while providing short-term housing and support; and

PLM Families Together is an ecumenical organization that helps homeless families with housing and learning the skills needed to remain housed.

Thank you to all of the people of St. Paul's who give of their time and money each Christmas to ensure that children and families in need can share in the joys of Christmas.

Submitted by Mary Marsha Cupitt

Heifer International at Christmas

What better way to make Christmas meaningful than with a gift that helps those in need. Instead of material items, you can choose to honor your friends and loved ones with gifts that help struggling families around the world lift themselves out of hunger and poverty. Heifer International sends livestock and training to provide families with food, sustainable agriculture, and reliable income. And since its founding 60 years ago Heifer International has helped over 20 million families (94.5 million men, women, and children). For each \$10 that you donate to Heifer International this Christmas during St. Paul's Sunday services-- or that you have donated during 2013--you can

send an honor card to someone special to you. Every gift helps us to reach and surpass St. Paul's annual goal of \$5000 to buy a Heifer Gift Ark, which includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep, two goats, and many more pairs of animals.

Heifer International honor cards and envelopes will be available in St. Paul's narthex (church lobby) on Sunday mornings between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for reaching out this holiday season and thank you for your generosity. For more information, please contact Alison Arnold, alisonarnold@gmail.com or 919-469-5734.

Submitted by Alison Arnold



Liturgy

Altar Guild: Christmas Poinsettias

Envelopes for donations for Christmas poinsettias that will decorate our church for the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services will be placed in the pews beginning Sunday, November 24th. Giving a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones is a wonderful way to honor the special people in our lives. The Altar Guild requests a donation of \$20.00 per poinsettia. Please make your check payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and designate in the memo space that it is for Altar Guild memorial poinsettia. Be sure to complete the requested information on the outside of the envelope so that your name and the person(s) for whom the poinsettia is being given can appear in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Poinsettias will be available for you to take home after the 11:15 service on Sunday, December 29th.

The Greening of the Church will take place following the 11:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 22nd. The Altar Guild takes the lead in decorating the church for Christmas; however, we

welcome all parishioners who would like to help. If you have any greenery from your yard that you can donate to help supplement what we purchase, please bring it to church with you on December 22nd and place it at the rear of the church (the area will be marked). Specifically, we would like greenery such as holly, magnolia, and evergreens. The greening should commence around 12:30. Light refreshments will be provided. Over the years, the Greening of the Church has become a fun and festive time to prepare our worship space for Christmas! Come join us for an afternoon of fun!

Altar Guild is always looking for new members. If you think this would be a ministry you would like to explore, please contact Brock Fransen (Altar Guild Director) at 919-481-1026 or bfransen@bellsouth.net for more information.

Submitted by Brock Fransen



News from the Music Program



Do you love singing Christmas carols? Sharing stories about Christmas old and new? Feasting on holiday food with all your St. Paul's friends? Of course you do! "But," you add, "I can't squeeze another thing into Advent and still be sane on December 26th!"

That's why this year St. Paul's Music Program is bringing you Twelfth Night.

On Sunday, January 5th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., please join us in the chapel for food, fellowship, music, and storytelling.

If you would like to sing a song, or tell a tale, there will be a sign-up online (watch your bulletin for the web link) but all are welcome to come and join in the fun.

*Submitted by Linda McKinney
Communications Chair, Music Committee*

Stewardship

News from St. Paul's Giving Board

St. Paul's Giving Board is tasked with being a resource to the parish on matters of fundraising and giving. We'll use this space to publicize emerging ideas about fundraising and stewardship and to provide information about innovative ways of donating to St. Paul's.

This month, we provide a few 'factoids' which may be of general interest to donors to St. Paul's and beyond.

Giving Factoids

(Courtesy of GuideStar Online)

- * Contributions are deductible in the year made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of 2013 count for 2013. This is true even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2014. Also, checks count for 2013 as long as they are mailed in 2013 and clear shortly thereafter.
- * Middle-class Americans give a far bigger share of their discretionary income to charities than the rich. A

report by *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* showed that households that earn \$50,000 to \$75,000 give an average of 7.6% of their discretionary income to charity, compared with an average of 4.2% for people who make \$100,000 or more.

- * Individuals spent less time volunteering in 2012, but nearly 26.5% of the adults in the United States volunteered with an organization that year. Volunteers contributed 12.7 billion hours in 2012, worth an estimated \$259.6 billion.
- * The average person makes 24% of their annual donations between Thanksgiving and New Year's, according to research from the Center on Philanthropy.
- * Women of the baby boom and older generations give 89% more than their male counterparts, Women's Philanthropy Institute research shows.

Submitted by Dan Loughlin



Administration



Lawn Care Thanks

We want to thank all the people who have helped maintain the church grounds this year. Church yard maintenance is based on volunteers providing their time and talent for tree and scrub trimming, planting, and lawn mowing. St. Paul's has a large amount of

land that needs regular maintenance to look good. We are fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers. We are always looking for more. Let Fill Bowen know if you would be willing to assist.

Submitted by Fill Bowen

Sunday Schedule

7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I
 8:45-12:30 Kids' Club
 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II
 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship-Coffee
 10:10 a.m. Education Hour

11:15 a.m. Eucharist Rite II
 11:15 a.m. Children's Chapel
 11:15 a.m. Pre-EYC (2nd & 4th Sunday)
 4:00 p.m. Middlers EYC
 5:15 p.m. Senior EYC

Wednesday Schedule

10:30 a.m. Prayer Stitches
 12:15 p.m. Liturgy Meeting
 5:45 p.m. Epiphany Choir
 5:45 p.m. Junior Choir
 6:30 p.m. Proclamation Bells
 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Choir



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1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY SCHEDULE COOKIES & CRAFTS COFFEE HOUR 	8:00pm AA	5:45pm Canterbury Bells 6:30pm Mystery Book Club 6:45pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Youth Committee	4 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Adult Ed Committee	5 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:00pm Prayer Stitches 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	6 NO PRESCHOOL	7 8:30am AA	
8	ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHEDULE 11:15am Pre-EYC 12:30pm Fellowship Committee 12:30pm Music Committee St. Nicholas Ministry 	6:30pm Cary Concert Singers 7:00pm Finance Committee 8:00pm AA	10 12:00noon Women's Study Group 5:45pm Canterbury Bells Youth Choir 6:45pm Youth Committee	11 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm MLRC	12 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:00pm Prayer Stitches 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	13 NO PRESCHOOL	14 8:30am AA 12:00noon Treasure Keepers	
15	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT 9:00AM SERVICE  Christmas Pageant	16 7:00pm Vestry 8:00pm AA	17 1:00pm Communications Committee 5:45pm Canterbury Bells Youth Choir 6:45pm Youth Choir	18 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:00noon Preschool Christmas Program 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting	19 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	20 NO PRESCHOOL	21 8:30am AA	
22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EYC  Fourth Sunday of Advent	23 NO PRESCHOOL 7:00pm Care & Share 7:00pm IT Committee 8:00pm AA	24 CHRISTMAS EVE NO PRESCHOOL KIDS' CLUB: 4:45-8:30 PM 4:00pm Service 7:00pm Service 11:00pm Service	25 CHRISTMAS NO PRESCHOOL 10:00am Contemplative Service  Joy to the World!	26 NO PRESCHOOL 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	27 NO PRESCHOOL	28 8:30am AA	
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