



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.

Letter From The Rector

The Rev. George Adamik

Dear Friends,

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At a construction site a worker on the ground was handing bricks to the other worker on the ladder. He was asked what he was doing. He said he was just handing bricks to his boss. A second worker who was handing bricks to the other worker on the ladder was asked what he was doing. He said he was just building a wall. A third worker was handing bricks to the other worker on the ladder and was asked what he was doing. He said he was building a grand cathedral.

Sometimes we can forget what we are really doing as we engage in the day to day tasks of our lives. While it may seem like we are just handing bricks to someone on the ladder do we realize we are building a cathedral?

When you as a parent drive your young children to preschool, or pick up your teenagers after school, or wander through Harris Teeter or Food Lion determining what to buy for dinner, you are doing so much more than those activities. You are building and nourishing lives.

At St. Paul's it is important for me to realize what I am doing as I engage in the day to day activities of parish life. Whether I am checking emails on my laptop, preparing clergy-preaching schedules, preparing a homily, or attending committee or staff meetings, if you were to ask me what I am doing I would tell you I am changing the world. It may look like I am checking emails or attending a meeting but I believe it is about much more than that.

What about you? What does your faith journey mean to you? We at St. Paul's do so much. It is an incredibly busy place. But let us never forget what we do and why we do it. We are building up the kingdom of God and changing the world.

So over the next few weeks, when you are asked to support St. Paul's by making a financial pledge to support the \$1 million annual operating budget, know that you are making a difference. Each and every one of us at St. Paul's is important to this faith community. And each and every one of us has gifts to offer. The completion of a pledge card may seem like an insignificant activity but I would like to suggest that it is not just handing a brick to someone on the ladder but it is the act of building a cathedral, building the kingdom of God.

I hope you realize the significance of your gift and that you will be called to a generosity that not only transforms the world but transforms you in your act of giving. This is an important year for us as we journey ever more deeply into the dream God has for us. Be a part of the dream. Make a difference.

George

**Next Newsletter
Deadline:
February 15
at 10:00 a.m.**
newsletter@stpaulscary.org

Warden's Corner



As this is my last Warden's Corner submission, let me take this opportunity to thank the Vestry and Clergy and Ministry Leaders for making 2011 very special for me and for the parish. We are entering 2012 on a solid foundation for a variety of reasons, including some timely financial planning, more attendees at the Sunday services, a strong and vibrant staff, capable and passionate stewardship leadership, experienced Vestry leadership, and much more. My plans post-Vestry include participation in several ministries, and coordinating the Memorial Paver Project. That project is off to a fast start with eleven pavers (of 190) spoken for. As we start the new year, please be aware that the current

pledge cycle ends March 31, 2012, and the new pledge cycle starts April 1, 2012. The 2012 Stewardship Campaign is exciting and new, and will consist of letters being written by dozens of parishioners to the entire membership of St. Paul's. The stewardship goal of one million dollars is achievable and will allow us to do so many wonderful things when we achieve it. And if you are doing estate planning, please consider the Endowment Program as a recipient for a lasting memorial. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve St. Paul's.

Jeff Kager, Senior Warden (Class of 2011)



On behalf of our entire parish we would like to send a big thank you to Kelly Boone who recently donated a beautiful artistic rendering of our wonderful new courtyard.

Once framing is complete, we hope to be able to display this in our narthex for all to enjoy.

Thank you Kelly for sharing your talent so generously!

The Vestry

Hospitality, Parish Life, and Pastoral Care

About Our Church

We express our sympathy to Anne Pilgrim for the death of her sister Elizabeth Eades; to Scott Fairbrother for the death of his uncle Mark Wood; to Jack Daniel for the death of his cousin Sheldon E. Goodmoore; to Charlotte Rose Kelly, for the death of her friend Susan Bradbury; to Cindy Kager for the death of her father James A. Mayer; to Betsy and John McBrayer for the death of their friend, Shirley Cline; to Melanie Fairbrother for the death of her uncle Joe Nackab; to Jeremy Guzman for the death



of his mother, Carmen Dolores Guzman; and to the family of Lucy Alexander and to the family of Susan Hawkins.

We celebrate the birth of Delanie Noelle Harness, granddaughter of John and Betsy McBrayer and Juliet Bowen, granddaughter of Bill and Janet Bowen.

We rejoice in the baptism of Kenna Madden Quinn, daughter of Michael and Danielle Quinn.

*Submitted by Melanie Fairbrother
Office Manager*

ASP and the ACC

That's right - March is right around the corner, and in Cary NC that can only mean one thing! March Madness is upon us and it's time for our annual ASP Spaghetti Dinner and Auction!

For those of you unfamiliar with this time honored tradition, each year our ASP participants, youth volunteers, and the Men's Group team up for an evening of fun, food and fabulous prizes. On Saturday evening, March 10th, the Men's Group will be serving their famous spaghetti dinner complete with salad, bread, and dessert while attendees will have time to peruse our fabulous auction items. In the past, items have ranged from game baskets, to beautiful

handmade quilts, babysitting services, and even vacation



SPAGHETTI DINNER

VCC MINISTRY LEADER REMINDER-OF-THE-MONTH Vestry Liaison

A member of the vestry is assigned to be the liaison to each active ministry and committee at St. Paul's. As ministry leaders, you can expect your vestry liaisons to check in with you twice a year (February and September). Please let your vestry liaisons know when your meetings are and encourage them attend at least occasionally. Share your goals and objectives with your vestry liaisons. The more they know about your ministry or committee, the more they can be your advocate in budgeting and program decisions.



THANKS to All Our Volunteers!

homes.

This year we will mix it up a bit with "mystery baskets" for both children and adults.

So be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, March 10th. Plan to wear your favorite ACC colors and "score a basket for our ASP team!"

Dinner will be served from 6:00 - 8:00p.m.

Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. with final bids at 7:45 and winners announced at 8:00p.m.

Ticket prices are \$8/adults, \$4/children (3-11), \$20 family ticket

Parishioners interested in donating items for auction may contact Sheila Reilly at snickerdoodle1@nc.rr.com or at 303-6248

Looking forward to seeing you March 10th!!!

Submitted by Sue Remavich



Ministry of the Week



Feb 5 Meet the Vestry

Feb 12 Outreach

Feb 19 Stewardship

Feb 26 Open

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Women's Study Group



The Women's Study Group will meet next on February 14th from 12-1:30 to discuss *The Compassionate Life* by Marc Ian Barasch. This book is an "unforgettable story of the search for kindness in a world that clearly needs it." Archbishop Desmond Tutu said of this book, "An argument for compassion that is balanced yet persuasive -- and long overdue. This book ought to be a compulsory read for all."

Upcoming books include:
March 13th-*Distant Land of My Father* by Bo Caldwell
April 10th - *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault

We would love to have you join us for any of these discussions. For more information, contact Leah Dail (LeahDail@nc.rr.com).

Submitted by Leah Dail

Elderberries



How lucky can we be? Lucky enough to belong to a parish where members care about each other and find ways to show it. Case in point - our Youth Group has invited the Elderberries to a luncheon on Sunday, February 12th, following the 11:15 a.m. service. I think we've received an early group valentine! Mark your calendar and let Lauren or Lois or the office know that you plan to

come. All are invited, including those who have not been able to make meetings because of other Wednesday obligations. Note also that the luncheon will take the place of February's usual third Wednesday gathering.

How lucky can we be? Pretty darn lucky, wouldn't you say?!

Submitted by the Rev. Lois Reardin

Elderberries, Won't you be our Valentine?

All Elderberries are cordially invited to a Valentine's Day lunch hosted by the youth of St. Paul's.

When: 12:30pm (or after the 11:15 service), Sunday, February 12

Where: St. Paul's Parish Hall

Please RSVP to Lauren Kilbourn or Lois Reardin by February 10.
[467-1477, youth@stpaulscary.org](mailto:467-1477,youth@stpaulscary.org)

Submitted by the Rev. Lauren Kilbourn

Care and Share



Care and Share

The St. Paul's Care and Share Committee is an inreach ministry of St. Paul's that brings support to parishioners with short-term needs. That support may take the form of meals; a friendly visit or phone call; taking someone to church, the doctor, or shopping; or help with household items.

As the size of our church grows, we need more people to volunteer. If you are willing to help, please send an email to cns@stpaulscary.org with your name and the areas of assistance with which

you would like to help: meals; transportation; visits, or phone calls; household chores; or volunteer to help with funeral receptions.

If you have already volunteered, please send us an email also so we can update our list of volunteers. Much of the communication with volunteers is through email and if you volunteered previously please respond if you get an email about updating our volunteer list so we can keep our list of volunteers up to date.

Experience the Labyrinth

The labyrinth has been used around the world for hundreds of years as a form of meditation. Its design is that of a single continuous path with no dead ends as it winds around to the center. The labyrinth can be a very helpful meditational tool, a metaphor for our journey to God at the center and then out again into the world.

Cary Presbyterian (614 Griffis Street) is offering an opportunity to walk a canvas labyrinth in their Fellowship Hall on the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 PM. For more information, please contact Lanny Wase (Lannywase@mac.com).

Submitted by Lanny Wase



Prayer Labyrinth

Voices from Center for Hope & Healing

CHH has begun a successful winter quarter! Our February and March offerings include individual / couples / family counseling, grief groups, spiritual direction, mindfulness drop-in group, homework buddies and the following series from several presenters/instructors (please see www.CHHCary.org for details):

Hatha Yoga: Increasing your Awareness: Thursdays, February 2-March 8 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. This is a drop-in format so come to one or all for \$15/session.

Changing Roles in Aging Families: Stewardship of Dignity Across the Generations: February 2-March 8 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Problem Gambling on Monday, February 13 from 7-8:15 p.m.

From Roberta Osborne (*Eat Real/Be Real*):

Effective Ways to Feed Picky Eaters on Thursday, February 16 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., free, childcare provided

Steps to Healthy Aging on Thursday, March 15 from 10:00-11:00 a.m., free.

From Flip Consulting (owners work for Project Enlightenment):

Stressed Out Kids-Are They Really? on Thursday, February 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$15, childcare provided.

Spirited, Shy, Silly or Sensitive? Understanding children's temperament and how it impacts their behavior on Thursday, March 22 from

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$15, childcare provided.

From SkillSense:

Princesses and Drama

Queens: Helping Your

Teen Girl Survive Girl

World on Thursday, February 9 from 7-8:30 p.m., \$15, childcare provided.

Where are Superheroes When You Need Them Most?: Parenting Teen

Boys on Tuesday, March 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m., \$15, childcare provided.

Anti-Bullying: Awareness,

Communication and Prevention:

Sunday, February 19-two sessions: 4:00-4:45 p.m. for middle schoolers and 6:00-6:30 p.m. for high schoolers. Parents and kids are both invited to attend as there will be two social workers to work with both groups.

If you have questions about any of these offerings or would like to register, please email Program Director, Juli Kirby at julianne.kirby@CHHCary.org or call 919-621-3825 or see all the details/enroll at www.CHHCary.org. Partial/full scholarships available for all fee-based courses.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! To subscribe to CHH E-News send Juli a note at julianne.kirby@CHHCary.org with "subscribe me" in the subject line. Or just tell her at church!



St. Paul's Center for Hope and Healing

Submitted by Juli Kirby

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Preschool in the New Year



Preschool News

Preschool is having a fantastic New Year! The children came back from Christmas break, not missing a beat, right back in their routine, and excited about their new learning activities. January temperatures did not help in our studies of cold weather; here's hoping we see some white stuff in February! Preschool is busy registering children for the 2012-2013 school year. We had open house on January 19th and our public lottery is Friday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. If you have friends and neighbors

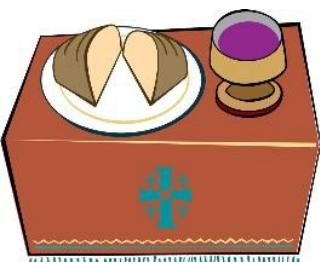
looking for a school, have them give us a call. Just as a reminder—we follow Wake County Public School System's traditional calendar. When WCPSS has teacher workdays or holidays, St. Paul's preschool is closed. You may call us at 467-3788 or email us at stpaulspreschoolcary@gmail.com. I hope you all have had a great start to the New Year!

*Love in Christ,
Mary Catherine Troxler
Preschool Director*

Children's Ministries



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



Communion Class

Communion classes will be taught March 4, 11 and 18 during the Sunday school hour (place to be announced). Classes are taught by clergy and 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 3 classes. Class participant registration forms will be available in the narthex starting in mid-February.

During the Sunday school hour on March 11 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 March 25 at the 9:00am service for those children who have completed the classes (dress attire is recommended) and a coffee hour to honor the children will immediately follow the service.

Lent for Children

Lent is a time for reflection and prayer—even our children can take part in the ceremonies of the season. Here are some ways you and your children can take part in the Lenten season:

Pancake Supper-Feb. 21: Look for the Children's Ministries craft table at the Pancake Supper. Come make a mask with us! Then, join the youth for the youth carnival!

Ash Wednesday Service for families—Feb. 22, 5:15pm: Join the clergy for a

special service for families with children, but all are welcome!

Mite Boxes-available mid-February: Encouraging the use of mite boxes is one way to instruct children (of all ages) about God's call to stewardship.

Good Friday Service-April 6, 12noon: Join the clergy for an informal education about the Stations of the Cross. Children are welcome and will help with the service.

Lent



New Year, New Curriculum, New Children's Chapel!

Congratulations to our children and our Sunday school teachers for the successful roll-out of our new Sunday school curriculum, "Weaving God's Promises." It is wonderful to see so many children in our classrooms on Sunday mornings!

Another big congratulations to our children for their successful transition to the new children's chapel procedures.

New procedures are:

9:00 a.m. Service-3rd, 4th and 5th graders attend clergy-led children's chapel on the first and last Sundays of the month. On all other Sundays this age group should attend the entire 9am worship service to see all that they will be learning in action!

9:00 a.m. Service-3 year olds to 2nd graders-are welcome to attend children's chapel as usual. We will be using new lessons and activities with this group!

11:15a.m. Service-3 year olds to 5th graders are welcome to attend children's chapel as usual. Clergy will teach children's chapel lessons for this group on the last and first Sundays of the month.

We need your help to make our new changes successful! Crowd control volunteers (no preparation needed) are needed to help during children's chapel. Sign up to help on the St. Paul's website.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS Registration forms will be available very soon! Mark your calendars for June 25-29 for our week of fun! More information will be

forthcoming as to the VBS theme, registration process and volunteer opportunities.



Pre-EYC

All 4th and 5th Graders are welcome to attend Pre-EYC. Join us for food, fellowship, fun, and facts. We meet twice a month, on Sundays, in the parish hall from 4:00 to 5:45pm.

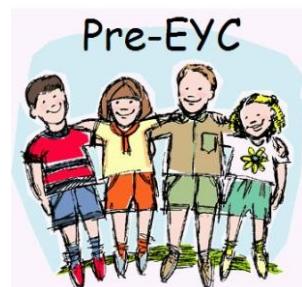
Feb 5 - Regular Pre-EYC meeting
Parish Hall, 4:00-5:45 pm.

Feb 19 - Regular Pre EYC meeting
Parish Hall, 4:00-5:45 pm. Last day to hand in Lenten retreat permission slip.

March 2, 3, 4 - Lenten retreat at Umstead State Park. Permission slips will be available in January. All slips must be returned by Feb 19.

March 18 - Regular meeting, parish hall 4:00-5:45 PM.

April 1 - Palm Sunday - special last-meeting-of-season Jesus Dinner - enjoy the foods that Jesus would have eaten and dress in period attire.



Clergy Forum for Kids

Back by popular demand!! Following the success of our first Clergy Forum for Kids, we will now have a Spring Clergy Forum for Kids! Mark your calendars for

April 29 at 10:15am for the forum and start writing down all those questions! Sunday school will be cancelled that day so that everyone may attend the forum.



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Children Ministries Spring Calendar

Feb. 5	4:00pm	Pre-EYC
Feb. 19	4:00pm	Pre-EYC
Feb. 21	5:00pm	Pancake Supper Craft Table
Feb. 22	5:15pm	Ash Wednesday Service for Families
March 2, 3, 4		Pre-EYC Retreat
March 4	10:10am	Communion Class
March 11	10:10am 10:10am	Communion Class Parent Companion Communion Class
March 18	10:10am 4:00pm	Communion Class Pre-EYC
March 25	9:00am	Communion Celebration
April 1	4:00pm	Pre-EYC
April 6	12noon	Good Friday Service
April 8	10:10am	Easter Egg Hunt
April 29	10:10am	Clergy Forum for Kids (No Sunday School)
May 13	10:10am	Last Day of Sunday School
May 20		Bishop's Visit
June 25-29		VBS

Children's Ministries



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

Lenten Book

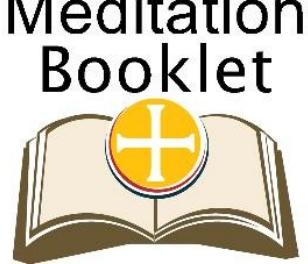
Do you have a favorite poem, a verse, or a prayer that you turn to in times of stress or trouble? A much loved Bible passage or a section of the Book of Common prayer that comforts you during the rough spots or helps you celebrate life's gifts? Perhaps it's a family saying or a proverb from a relative or friend that has given you courage or makes you smile.

It's time to gather small stories for the St. Paul's 2012 Lenten Booklet. I need 47

parishioners who are willing to write down their selected poem, prayer, verse, or quote, and explain why it is so special, describing a time in their lives when it made a difference.

If you are willing to help with this year's Lenten book, please email Mary Hemperly at hemperlync@nc.rr.com or call me at 919-349-1556.

Submitted by Mary Hemperly



Youth - Upcoming Events

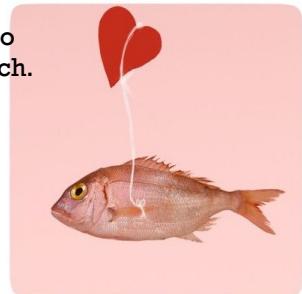
Youth

Rev. Lauren Kilbourn
Associate Rector for Youth
youth@stpaulscary.org

February 5: Super-Shop night!

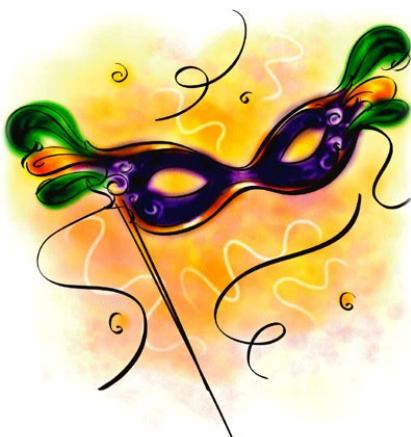
Please bring a cash donation of no more than \$10. We will be heading out on the town to shop for games and prizes to use in a raffled basket for our ASP spaghetti dinner in March.

Please note the time change (4:00-6:00—no dinner provided). This is for all grades.



February 12: Valentine's Day Luncheon

Come to church, and then stay through the afternoon! We will be serving a nice meal for the Elderberries group. Please wear your finest “waiter wear” (black pants and a black or white shirt—preferably button-down). This event lasts until 3:00 in the afternoon. There will be no EYC in the evening.



Tuesday, February 21: Pancake Supper/Carnival

Pull out your Mardi Gras mask... our carnival is back! We will meet on Wednesday evening at 4:00 to set up for the carnival games that we will run at the pancake supper. Pancakes start at 5:00, carnival starts at 6:00, cleanup starts at 7:00.

February 19: EYC seminar

This is an EYC event about bullying that is sponsored by the Center for Hope and Healing. Both parents and youth are encouraged to attend (although we will be in separate rooms). This happens during normal EYC hours (4:00-6:00 for middlers, 5:15-7:00 for senior high), and is a **mandatory** event for people who want to attend the lock-in or go with us to Frankie's the next week. If you cannot make it, please email your regrets to Lauren (spyyouth@ymail.com).

February 25-26: High School Lock-in!

We will gather at the church at 5:00 on Saturday night, and at 5:30 head over to Cici's Pizza for dinner. At 6:30 we will make our way over to Frankie's in Raleigh. **Middlers** are invited to join us at Frankie's (11190 Fun Park Dr., Raleigh) at 7:00. Parents, you can decide at what time to pick your child up Cost is \$25 for middlers and \$32 for high schoolers. Plus money for extra activities or snacks if you'd like. (Your \$25 buys five attraction passes and \$5.00 in arcade money.) As with all our events, if the price is troublesome, please contact Lauren (spyyouth@ymail.com) for financial assistance.

PLEASE RSVP (both middler and high school) BY FEBRUARY 22! (Call 467-1477 ex. 23 or email spyyouth@ymail.com)

**Note: You must have attended the previous week's EYC seminar in order to come to Frankie's or the lock-in. If you want to bring friends to this event, they do not need to attend the seminar, but they do need to RSVP so I can tell Frankie's how many are coming.

No EYC on the evening of the 26th

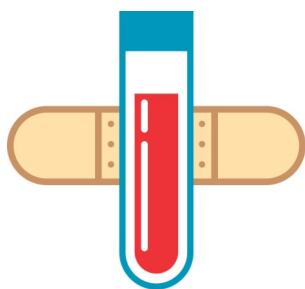
February 26: Down payment of \$50.00 due to Lauren to hold a space for the high school Spring break trip to Washington DC.

Saturday, March 10: ASP Spaghetti Dinner and auction

March 31-April 4: High school pilgrimage to Washington DC



Blood Drive coming to St. Paul's



BLOOD DRIVE

How's your blood these days? Good enough to save someone's life! You will get a chance to donate on Saturday, February 18th. Sign up for our blood drive via our online registration at www.mysignup.com/stpaul.

Scared about giving blood? What if everyone was scared and YOU needed blood? Take a few minutes of your time to help our community; don't take the chance of being too late! Sign up to make a life-giving donation on February 18th.

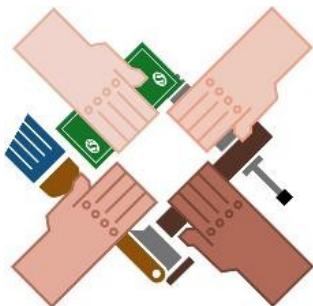
You can be a special person to someone you will probably never meet. When you give blood, you are helping

someone who is ill or injured. Donating blood provides you with many positives: a free mini physical, snacks before and after donation, a good feeling about helping others in need.

Our current goal is to have 30 donors committed to give. Thank you for your interest in this important community effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stacy at 362-5712 or Brenda at 379-1915. We can accommodate 3 donors every 15 minutes. Remember, by donating a pint of blood three lives can be saved!

Submitted by Stacy Miller

Urban Ministries Food Drive



Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee, in partnership with Urban Ministries of Wake County, is sponsoring a food drive on February 19 and February 26.

We are still looking for cold weather food, which includes canned pasta meals (like SpaghettiOs), beef stew, tuna fish, rice and beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables (PLEASE no corn or green beans, we are overstocked on these),

peanut butter, cereal. If you don't have time to make a special trip to the store, anything non-perishable in your pantry will be gratefully accepted. We also are happy to have paper or plastic grocery bags, which we re-use to pack food for our clients.

Thank you on behalf of hungry families in Wake County.

Submitted by Anne Pilgrim

Heifer "Gift Ark" of Animals Is Afloat!



Thank you to everyone who donated money to Heifer International during the

Christmas season and throughout 2011. By year's end, our total donation from St. Paul's was \$6135.55. We took on Heifer's "ultimate challenge" of raising \$5000 to purchase a Gift Ark of animals and easily surpassed the goal. The Gift Ark provides livestock—

pairs of cows, sheep, goats, oxen, water buffalo, camels, llamas, donkeys, pigs, and beehives; trios of rabbits, ducks, and guinea pigs; and flocks of geese and chicks—to needy families around the world, and provides training that helps the families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Thank you all for reaching out and helping families in need around the world transform their lives.

*Submitted by Alison Arnold
(alisonearnold@gmail.com)*

St. Nicholas Day 2011

Thank you, St. Paul's family!

The St. Nicholas ministry made Christ known in our community this year by brightening the Christmas season for 483 needy children and their parents.

The St. Nicholas Ministry works with area agencies to identify needy families and children in our community. The six ministries are: CommWell Health, a ministry providing medical and behavioral health services to seasonal farm workers in the Dunn area; the Thompson Child and Family Focus Ministry, a statewide Episcopal agency that provides residential treatment for emotionally disturbed children; the Episcopal Housing Ministry, which helps needy families find housing right here in our own diocese; The Healing Place of Wake County, a rehab shelter for "homeless, addicted" men and women;

the Caring Place, which provides transitional housing that gives families an opportunity to stabilize their financial situation and to find permanent self-sustaining housing; and PLM Families Together; an ecumenical organization helping homeless families reach independence, housing an average of 90 parents and children every night in Wake County

The St. Nicholas Ministry owes a great deal of gratitude to the many parishioners who respond so overwhelmingly each year to this outreach ministry. If each gift averaged \$20 in value, the outpouring of gifts from the congregation would represent an outreach effort of around \$10,000. Again, thank you, St. Paul's family.

Submitted by Mary Marsha Cupitt



Liturgy

Music Ministry Notes

Rob Varner, Minister of Music
music@stpaulscary.org

*Celebrating the Season of Epiphany and Preparing Our Hearts for Lent
with the St Paul's Music Ministry Program.*

The Newark Boys Chorus to Visit St Paul's — February 15

The Newark Boys Chorus "being proclaimed as Newark's musical ambassadors" will be presenting a concert at St Paul's church on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 pm. Mark your calendars now for an opportunity to hear this awesome group of young people as they share the joys of music with all of us. This is a concert open to all and admission is free. As a church family, we will have the opportunity to host the choir over night and will be looking for host families from our parish. I invite you to consider being a host family where you will have the opportunity to meet, enjoy fellowship,

and get to know these wonderful aspiring young musicians and have them in your homes over night. There are forty (40) members in the NBC and we are looking for about 20 host families. Please contact Rob Varner at music@stpaulscary.org for further information.





Theater & Drama

Drama Ministry Present's "Gospel Live"

On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, The St Paul's Drama Team will present "Gospel Live" a recreation of the Gospel of the day. If you are interested in taking center stage and/or looking to explore the Drama Ministry, they are looking for actors and readers as they prepare for their first appearance in worship.

"Gospel Live" will be presenting "The Passion" on Palm Sunday at the

9:00 am and 11:15 am worship services. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the Passion reading and dramatization is invited to participate. We invite you to share your voice as we tell one of the most moving passages the Bible has to share. Please contact Michael Taranto metaranto@nc.rr.com. or Rob Varner music@stpaulscary.org.



St Paul's Children's Music Ministry To Present "There's No Doubt About It"

On Sunday, March 25th at the 9:00 am and 11:15 am worship Services. The Epiphany and Junior Choirs are extending an invitation to other children (grades K-5th) in the parish to participate and explore the fellowship and joy these your children have each week as they sing songs together and share God's love

with one another. Preparation for the musical will begin February 1st at 5:45 pm. The children will have the opportunity to act, read, sing, and learn choreography. Contact Rob Varner at music@stpaulscary.org or (919) 467-1477 x15 for further information.



St Paul's Music Ministry Program - An Invitation

As we begin this New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider exploring our Music Ministry Program at St Paul's. We have openings in all of the vocal choirs, drama team, guitar ministry along with two (2) positions available in Canterbury Handbells for grades 6th – 12th. This is a wonderful ministry to explore. We focus

on sharing the joys of music, fellowship, and the love of God with one another. This season's focus will be exploring the Season of Lent and preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Contact Rob Varner, Minister of Music at 919 467-1477 x15 or music@stpaulscary.org for further information.



Music Ministry Schedule

Tuesdays	5:45-6:45 pm Canterbury Handbells (6 th -12 th grades) 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Choir (6 th -12 th grades) 7:45 – 9:00 pm Drama Ministry – "The St Paul's Players" (6 th -12 th grades)
Wednesdays	5:45 pm – 6:30 pm Epiphany Choir (K- 2 nd grades) 5:45 pm – 6:30 pm Junior Choir (3 rd -5 th grades) 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Proclamation Handbells (3 rd -5 th grades) 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm St Paul's Choir (adults)
Thursdays	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Guitar Ministry (6 th -12 th grades) 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm The Bells of St Paul's (adults) 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm Jubilate Choir & Band (adults)

Music Ministry Leaders

Mr. Michael & Mrs. Ann Marie Taranto – Drama Ministry “The St Paul’s Players”
 Mr. Earl Barber & Mr. David Crow – Guitar Ministry
 Mrs. Denise Franz – Proclamation Handbells
 Mrs. Olive McKrell, Music Ministry Assistant and Miss Amanda O’Brien– Epiphany Choir
 Mrs. Katie O’Brien, Mr. Matt McKrell & Rob Varner – Junior Choir
 Mrs. Ann Lockhart and Mr. Rob Varner - Canterbury Handbells
 Mrs. Susan Gilbert – Jubilate Choir & the Jubilate Band
 Mr. Rob Varner and Mrs. Ruth Hoffman – Youth Choir, St Paul’s Choir and the Bells of St Paul’s
 Mrs. Sue Harrison – Music Librarian

Be sure to visit our Music Homepage at stpaulscary.org where you will find descriptions and news about each music group, their calendar, and contact information.



Stewardship

Our Pledging Journey

I grew up as an Episcopalian in the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland. Soon after getting married our lives started moving around the country to follow Tom’s job. The first place we landed was Montgomery, Alabama where I was frequently asked “what church do you go to?” in standard get-to-know you conversation. I was surprised! I felt urgent about finding a church so I could answer and belong. We passed an Episcopal church every day and went there one Sunday. By the following Sunday I had received a tithing letter and that was the end of that.

After several moves our lives made it to Durham, North Carolina where I really felt a longing to get back to church. We tried one close to home but as a thirties couple with no kids it was hard to get connected. Then, through the miracle of adoption we became parents. Suddenly, there was no option. We were going to church....that very Sunday. That tithing letter still haunted me so we needed a big church....big enough to be anonymous. Cash in the plate.

After our second child came home to us we moved from Durham to Holly Springs and the church hunt began again. I had that gotta-get-the-second-one-baptized urgency. I had also been dissatisfied with being anonymous. Eight months after joining St. Paul’s pledging season came around and I wrestled with

it. How much? Where do I start? I felt like the amount was too small to write down. Not even worth having the church track it. I had a conversation with my sister who had recently pledged at her church. She shared what she had pledged and it was similar to what I was thinking we could manage. That gave me the confidence I needed. In hindsight, it was a tip. We started with a tip.

Now the computer age is here. We have the option to electronically pledge and electronically transfer our gifts straight from our bank accounts. As a busy homeschooling mom of three, I find this option very convenient. No more searching for a pen in the middle of a service, no more envelopes to remind me how many times I haven’t made it to church, and my quarterly pledge statements always say I am on target. But what to do about the plate?! I stumbled across some pledging information from a past stewardship campaign that gave me the answer. Traditionally, an “offering” is different than a pledge payment. An

Come to the Table



Feasting on Gratitude

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Pledging Journey (continued)



offering is above and beyond the pledge. So, I make our pledge payments electronically and on Sunday I look into my purse to see what jumps out and put it in the plate.

I share our journey into pledging because it took someone sharing theirs with me to start. These sharing conversations don't have to include how much to be inspiring. Over the last 6 years of pledging at St. Paul's I have been inspired by those willing to share their stories to continue on our pledging

journey. St. Paul's has tithers and tipplers and everything in between.

I want to leave you with a quote that speaks to me about pledging. The Polar Express movie plays year-round in our house. At the end of the movie the conductor says this to the boy who has just had the most incredible journey into faith, "The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."

*Jen Dobridge
Chair, Stewardship Committee*

Facilities

Courtyard in the bleak mid-Winter

The Goal: *Create a space that invites all who participate in gatherings, pass through, or view St. Paul's courtyard to savor and celebrate God in nature.*

Though February has the fewest days, it seems like the longest month. We are deep in the heart of Winter. That's why one of our objectives was "Optimize plant material selection for year-round seasonal interest: textures, colors, barks." This month I'll feature two examples that showcase this objective.



Just as you round the corner to the chapel, you come face-to-face with 'Harry Lauders Walking Stick.' 'Harry', as we refer to him, outgrew his space in the garden of parishioners Nancy and Mike O'Dowd, and took up residence in the lower part of the courtyard several years prior to the courtyard transformation. Charmed by this unique specimen tree, we transplanted 'Harry' to a place of honor. You see, 'Harry' really shines when he sheds his leaves. Take a look at the architectural intricacies of 'Harry's' branches.

As you continue on towards Kids Club and the Memorial Garden, notice the five 'Alta Magnolias' just as you make the turn around the far corner of the

chapel. 'Altas' grow upright 10-20 feet and 10-20 feet wide. Magnolias are the quintessential southern tree. Look underneath the dark green foliage to discover a brown underside, almost like suede. Ornate creamy white 8-inch flowers grace the leaves almost half the year. A generous parishioner donation allowed us to plant larger caliper trees than we initially planned.

The garden has its own unique beauty during the bleak mid-Winter. That's when you see the "bones," or structure, that underpin shapes the rest of the year. I invite you to be mindful as you pass through the courtyard to discover treasures you might normally overlook.

Bonus 'fun fact': Do you know the hymn that inspired the theme for this month's article?

Hint: It's a lesser known Christmas hymn which was included in the 'Lessons & Carols' service on New Year's Day.

For background and to see pictures taken along the way, click on the Courtyard Transformation link on St. Paul's home page at www.stpaulscary.org.

Submitted by Betsy Flagg McBrayer



Sunday Service Schedule

7:30 a.m.	Eucharist Rite I	11:15 a.m. Eucharist Rite II
7:45-12:30	Kids' Club	11:15 a.m. Children's Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Eucharist Rite II	4:00 p.m. Pre-EYC (1st & 3rd Sunday)
9:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel	4:00 p.m. Middlers EYC
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship-Coffee	5:15 p.m. Senior EYC
10:10 a.m.	Education Hour	

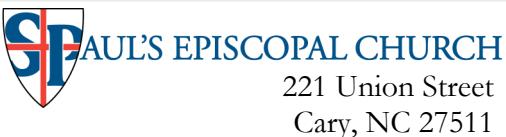


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Wednesday Schedule

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7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 8:45-12:30Kids' 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 4:00 p.m. Pre-EYC (1st & 3rd Sunday) 4:00 p.m. Middlers EYC 5:15 p.m. Senior EYC	11:15 a.m. Children's Chapel 4:00 p.m. Pre-EYC (1st & 3rd Sunday) 4:00 p.m. Middlers EYC 5:15 p.m. Senior EYC	1 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Baptism Class	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:00pm Prayer Stitches 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	3 4 3:00pm Mar Thoma 6:00pm Progressive Dinner 8:00pm AA	
5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 1:00pm Stewardship Training 1:00pm National Charity Meeting	6 7:00pm Care and Share 7:00pm AA	7 5:45pm Canterbury Bells 6:30pm Children's Ministry Committee 6:45pm Youth Choir 7:45pm St. Paul's Players	8 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	9 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:00pm Life Writing 7:00pm Prayer Stitches 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	10 11 1:00pm Stewardship Training 8:00pm AA	
12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 1:00pm EYC Luncheon for Elderberries	13 7:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm AA	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 12:00noon Women's Study Group 5:45pm Canterbury Bells 6:30pm Youth Committee 6:45pm Youth Choir 7:45pm St. Paul's Players	15 10:00am Newsletter Deadline 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:00noon Elderberries 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting NO MUSIC REHEARSALS 7:00pm Newark Boys Chorus	16 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:00pm Prayer Stitches 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	17 18 9:00am Blood Drive 8:00pm AA	
19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 12:30pm Mar Thoma 2:00pm Triangle Philharmonic	20 PRESIDENTS' DAY 7:00pm Vestry 7:00pm AA	21 SHROVE TUESDAY 5:00pm Pancake Supper 5:45pm Canterbury Bells 6:00pm Carnival 6:45pm Youth Choir 7:45pm St. Paul's Players	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00am Ash Wed. Service 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:30am Prayer Stitches 12:00noon Ash Wednesday Service 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 5:15pm Ash Wednesday Service for Families 7:30pm Ash Wed. Service	23 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:00pm Prayer Stitches 7:15pm Jubilate Choir	24 25 6:00pm Sunday School Appreciation Social 7:00pm Treasure Keepers 8:00pm AA	
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