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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.

Sunday Church Services
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and
11:15 a.m.



March 9

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Letter From The Rector

The Rev. George Adamik

**Next Newsletter Deadline
March 19, 2008
at 10:00 a.m.**

Dear Friends:

In one of my previous parishes, there was a parishioner who was very involved in the life of the parish. He often found himself the leader of a parish committee. While he did not do this all the time, he was known to conduct a committee meeting with everyone standing. He insisted that it was a much more efficient use of everyone's time and that it moved the meeting along very quickly. We used to tease him that he was the chair of the "standing" committee.

At the recent Annual Diocesan Convention, held in Greensboro on January 18 and 19, I was elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee. It seems like a rather unique name for a committee doesn't it? I already have attended two Standing Committee meetings with the last one beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. I am thankful we were seated and not standing.

I thought I would take an opportunity to explain to you some of the responsibilities of the Diocesan Standing Committee and how honored I am to have been elected by convention. The committee is composed of nine members, five clergy and four laypersons. Each member is elected to a three year term with three new members being elected by convention every year. Each year the committee itself elects a president. The Standing Committee meets monthly throughout the year on the third Monday of the month. Meetings normally occur at Diocesan House, where the diocesan offices are located, in Raleigh.

Besides acting as a council of advice to the bishop there are other responsibilities. Within the diocese all parish property transactions must have the consent of the Standing Committee. As an example, since I have been at St. Paul's the parish has obtained an additional 4.25 acres of land bordering the 8.47 acres we already owned when I arrived in 1999. Those transactions, as well as the mortgage obtained to build the present church building, had to be approved by the Standing Committee. This consent is necessary because the diocese is the actual owner of the property, not the parish. So whether a parish is buying or selling property, the consent of the Standing Committee is required.

The Standing Committee also serves in an advisory function to the bishop by interviewing, and giving or denying consent, to all candidates for ordination to the diaconate or priesthood.

In the rare case that the diocese finds itself without a bishop due to unforeseen circumstances, the Standing Committee becomes the ecclesiastical authority for the diocese. There may also be circumstances where the Standing Committee is required to be a review committee for instances of clergy misconduct within the diocese.

The Standing Committee also plays an integral part in the election of bishops in the Episcopal Church. Whenever a diocese elects a bishop that election needs to have the approval of a majority of bishops and standing committees throughout the country. In just the one month that I have been on the committee we have approved the election of a few bishops recently elected.

That's just a quick overview of the work of the Standing Committee and I look forward to my time serving in this capacity. I am also proud to be representing St. Paul's in this diocesan ministry.

George

A JULIAN GATHERING AT ST. PAUL'S

The Julian Gathering will meet on Wednesday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Wing. This group meets twice a month (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) for contemplative prayer and the study of Julian of Norwich. Newcomers are welcome to join the group at any time. For more information, please contact Lanny Wase at 466-9050 or Lannywase@mac.com.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Facilities Maintenance Steering Committee facilitates communication between, coordinates the efforts of and with the assistance of the Financial Manager, advises the four primary committees which have responsibility for maintaining the beauty of the parish campus: the Memorial Garden Committee, the Furnishings, Fixtures, and Finishes Committee, the Lay Weeders, and Buildings and Grounds Committee.

With a campus the size of St. Paul's, the work is never done. But the work can only be done through the efforts of many fine, dedicated volunteers, who accept the stewardship charge to give time and talent to serve on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. It currently has no members, and it needs you badly.

What a wonderful opportunity for five or more parishioners. You not only have the chance to volunteer for a very needed and greatly appreciated ministry, but the opportunity to create the identity of the group and define its role within the parish. The time demands are few, but the rewards are great. Please volunteer by contacting either Chris Lewis at 467-1477 or financial@stpaulscary.org, or Tom Pitman at 461-0850 or pitmantj@hotmail.com. Working to preserve and maintain our beautiful campus will be a decision you won't regret.

Submitted by Tom Pitman



Warden's Corner

WARDEN'S CORNER

The 2008 Vestry Retreat was held January 25th and 26th in a meeting room at Glenaire Retirement Community in Cary. In attendance were all members of the 2008 vestry as well as the Clergy and Treasurer. The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 25th and ended with dinner on Saturday. Several things happened during the retreat that I think will be of interest to you.

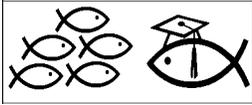
First, we welcomed four new parishioners to the Vestry. They are: Ann Lockhart, Chuck Hubbard, Jean Huey, and John Hemperly. I must say that we were fortunate to have had many excellent candidates for these four positions, and I hope you will feel, as I do, that this is a very strong leadership group. We had a lot of fun getting to know each other during our retreat and we are looking forward to a great year. Also during this retreat, Wardens were chosen. I was offered the opportunity to be the Senior Warden for 2008 and Mary Wood was elected Junior Warden.

We had as a guest speaker Mrs. Marlene Weigert who works in the diocesan office as the Canon to the Ordinary of Administration. Marlene gave our vestry a good sense of how our church differs from most in the diocese and how many opportunities there are for us to participate at the diocesan level. We are one of the six largest churches in the diocese, and as a relatively new church (50 years), our growth has been amazing. We learned that we have a unique opportunity because of our size and our proximity to Raleigh to participate in important ways with the diocese through diocesan committees. These committees do great work both locally and globally. Our Clergy participates fully with the diocese, but the vestry learned that we also have great potential for lay persons to participate and shape our diocese. In the upcoming months we hope to advertise and promote to parishioners the opportunities that are available.

During this retreat, the Vestry was able to take an extended time to plan for the upcoming year. We went through an extensive process using input from Clergy, staff, and ministry leaders in last summer's long-range planning work to boil down three main goals this Vestry would like to make substantial progress on in 2008. Our identified goals for 2008 are: To create a comprehensive oversight structure for buildings and grounds; to create a five-year plan for St. Paul's finances; and to continually support and improve our volunteer workforce. These are of course in addition to several things that are already in the works since last year, and also the unforeseen issues that will undoubtedly arise during the year.

On behalf of the 2008 vestry, please know that it is an honor to serve in this role and we ask your continued prayers on our behalf as we discern the future of this wonderful parish home.

Submitted by Paul Gregg, Senior Warden



Sunday School Scribbles

"Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." - Matthew 10:14

Communion Class

Almost twenty students completed a three-week course to learn about communion. During the first class, led by Rev. Sally L. Harbold, the children experienced an instructed Eucharist. Next, Rev. Bernard J. Owens engaged the children in a history lesson and a Seder meal provided by parents of those in the class. During the final week, Rev. George Adamik led the children on a tour of the church and explored the topic of baptism.

We recognized Drew Bradley, Emma Carney, Matt Crowe, Grace Devlin, Abby Geigerman, Xena Gray, Michael Isaacs, Jake Jackson, Nicole Lyles, Christopher May, Gregory May, Connor McCabe, Lydia Oliver, Grayson Piazza, Julia Szigethy, Alicia Thomas, Graylyn Wood and Vince Zapadinsky on March 2 during the 9:00 service. The fifth graders presented cross necklaces which they had made for the class participants, and a festive coffee hour followed.

Congratulations to these students!

Easter Week Reminders



Good Friday: There will be a special Stations of the Cross service for children offered at 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday. This service will be best enjoyed by children 1st grade or older. Child care for siblings will be provided.

Egg Hunt: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Easter Sunday (March 23) during the coffee hour. Bring your Easter baskets, or a bag if you prefer. Wear your brightest Easter bonnet...or not. We will all meet in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 a.m. service. Children will be divided into age-appropriate hunting parties. Watch the bulletins for additional egg updates.

Mite Boxes: Mite boxes were distributed during Children's Chapel and Sunday School on February 10. Check in the Narthex or with a Sunday School teacher if your child did not receive one. The boxes are a way for children to save their pennies during Lent and to make a special Easter offering by placing their boxes on the cross on Easter morning. It is not important whether your child's box is full or contains just a few pennies – the lesson is that every "mite" is important to God if given in love.

VBS

VBS Week is July 21-25 – it's closer than you think and the time to start planning is NOW! There will be a planning session on Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. Doughnuts will be served to stimulate those creative juices! If you are scheduled to teach



Sunday School and would like to attend the planning session, please contact Jennifer Shy to make arrangements for your class. Watch the bulletins for further information.

Youth Cares and Shares

For the next few months you will be seeing some Youth volunteers assisting in the Sunday School classrooms. What a great way for teenagers to share their spiritual journeys with younger parishioners! Please take a moment to say "hello" to the youth who are volunteering their talents in our children's classrooms.

Calendar Reminders

- Mar. 2 Eucharist Celebration – 9:00 a.m. service (Fellowship Hour to Follow)
- Mar. 2 Last Day to Drop Off Easter Candy
- Mar. 9 VBS Planning Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 21 Good Friday – Stations of the Cross Children's Service at 12:00 noon
- Mar. 23 Easter is Here! Alleluia! Egg Hunt during Fellowship Hour. No Sunday School.



Children's Ministries Committee

- Jennifer Shy (churchschool@stpaulscary.org)
- Maggie Williford (mwilliford71@hotmail.com)
- Alana Loughlin (loughlin@bellsouth.net)
- Sherri Hubbard (shubbard@ncdoi.net)
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Vestry Liaison – Carol Phillips

YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

"Guide us in Sharing"

The 2008 Year-Round Stewardship program is well underway. We wish to send a huge thanks to over seventy parishioners who have volunteered their time and talent to this effort, either as committee members or visitors. It has been an exciting process.

IMPACTS OF PLEDGE SCHEDULE

It is important to note that our pledge periods are a little different this year. The pledge year has moved from a January/December year to an April/March year. This means that in this transition year, January 1st through March 31st is a time "between" pledge years. This is an opportunity to continue giving your 2007 pledge amount or to begin giving at a level equal to your intended pledge for 2008.

HOW DO I PLEDGE?

In the weeks to come you will receive your pledge packet with pledge card. We hope that you will prayerfully consider your response to God's many wonderful blessings. If you have not received a pledge packet, feel free to pick one up in the narthex. You can return your pledge card by either mailing it with the enclosed self-addressed envelope or placing it in the stewardship box in the Narthex on Sunday, March 2nd or Sunday, March 9th. On Sunday, March 9th the pledge cards will be brought forward and blessed on the altar.

We hope you will prayerfully consider your response to God's many wonderful blessings. It has been an exciting time for St. Paul's. Our church continues to be blessed in extraordinary ways.

Proverbs 3:6 "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

In Christ,

Paul Gregg, Sr. Warden
Mary Wood, Jr. Warden



ADULT EDUCATION

Clergy Forum

The Enneagram, Presented by The Rev. George Adamik; March 2 10:10-11:00 a.m., Chapel

Come and explore the rich wisdom of this ancient spiritual tool. Throughout the ages this spiritual source has led people from many faith traditions towards the discovery of God and thus their true self. If you are looking to deepen your spiritual journey, you will want to learn about this great source of wisdom.

Our Shared Lives

Faith, Dignity, and Integrity: Conversations About End-of-Life Issues, Presented by The Rev. Candy Snively and Adelaide Siegl, M.Div., Th.M.

Sundays, March 30, April 6 & 27, May 25, 10:10 a.m., Library in Education Building

Faith Dignity & Integrity is a resource from the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina School of Ministry that encourages reflection about end-of-life issues from a faith perspective. Participants will consider the Biblical message about death and resurrection and the teachings of the Church. Please contact the Rev. Candy Snively at 380-7101, or Adelaide Siegl to pre-register and insure that all participants have proper materials.

The Episcopal Church - Who We Are

Sunday, March 30, 10:10-11:00 a.m., Room 10 in Education Building

Join members of the St. Paul's Clergy for a revolving exploration of our Anglican, Episcopal, & sacramental identities. These are monthly gatherings where all are welcome and every question is important.

Easter Season Book Discussion Group

The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions, Presented by Bob McAllister

Tuesdays, March 25 – April 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Conference Room

Two eminent Jesus scholars, Marcus J. Borg and N.T. Wright, deal with questions about Jesus from very different points of view. This discussion group is not for someone who has all the answers. Come prepared to explore a range of questions and possibilities. Please contact EFM graduate Bob McAllister to preregister for this group.

Coming in March:

Living Like an Easter People: How Does the Resurrection Impact My Faith? Presented by The Rev. Dr. Sally Harbold

What do we mean when we say we will live forever? Explore practical ideas about what it means to experience forgiveness and everlasting life. Please check the Clergy Forum Page at www.stpaulscary.org for more information.

Submitted by Nita Byrd



MUSICALLY SPEAKING

Lent leading into Easter

Lent is the time of year when we reflect on ourselves. To reflect means to look at oneself, so it is an appropriate time to ask, "Who am I? How am I serving the Lord? Am I maturing in Christ? What is holding me back?" For musicians, it is also a time of intense preparation for numerous musical presentations and offerings – also known as "the busy time." So I add to this list of reflective questions: "Am I too busy?" If you find yourself vested in the hectic overcommitted lifestyle so common today then the answer is probably "yes." So, I have to ask myself what can I do about all this busy-ness. I can't drop everything and move at the pace I dream of enjoying. But, I can be careful to keep my ears keenly open to those around me. I can look for where I can be a servant for Christ and enjoy the friendship of others, even in the busy-ness. Most importantly, I can preserve my quiet time each day to keep my focus on the Christ and his perfect love. Through this season I can enjoy the beauty of the music, and see how God uses music to speak to my heart and mind.

In Service to Christ,

Lenten Music Service The Crucifixion



A meditation on the Sacred Passion
of our Holy Redeemer with congregational hymns
by John Stainer

presented by the
St. Paul's Adult Choir .

March 2 - 11:15 a.m.

Invite a friend or neighbor

*Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
Psalm 100:2*

Music Service Schedule March 2008

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| March 2 | 9:00 a.m. Junior Choir 11:15 a.m. Senior Choir Lenten Cantata |
| March 9 | 9:00 a.m. Jubilate Choir 11:15 a.m. Senior Choir Bell's of St. Paul's |
| Palm Sunday March 16 | 9:00 a.m. Jubilate Choir 11:15 a.m. Senior Choir Proclamation Bells |
| Maundy Thursday March 20 | 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir |
| Good Friday March 21 | 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir |
| Easter Vigil March 22 | 8:00 p.m. Senior Choir |
| Easter March 23 | 9:00 a.m. Jubilate Choir 11:15 a.m. Senior Choir Epiphany Choir Junior Choir |
| March 30 | 9:00 a.m. Youth Choir 11:15 a.m. Senior Choir |

Spring Break - March 31-April 7

No Rehearsals

There will be no rehearsal for Canterbury Handbells, Youth Choir, Epiphany Choir, Junior Choir, and Proclamation Bells this week. Senior Choir and Jubilate Choir will meet.

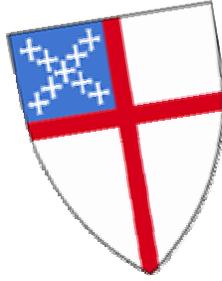
Coming in April

What can a storm, a boat, and a very large whale teach us about obedience, gratitude and God's mercy and compassion?

Oh Jonah!

Parents and children—don't miss this fun musical opportunity for members of Junior and Epiphany choirs.

EYC UPDATES



Episcopal Youth Community

Upcoming EYC Events

- Mar. 9th **Group Games/Auction Prep**
- Mar. 14th **Spaghetti Dinner/Auction**
- Mar. 16th **Capture The Flag**
- Mar. 18th **MDG Stations of the Cross**
- Mar. 23rd **Easter Sunday (No EYC)**
- Mar. 30th **Duel EYC (all youth 4-5:45)**

Irish Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

Join Team ASP for our **Irish Spaghetti Dinner** and Auction, Friday, March 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The event supports a St. Paul's tradition, our youth's annual participation in a mission trip to help rebuild housing in the Appalachian region. You can help by joining in for all-you-can eat Irish Spaghetti (it will almost be St. Paddy's Day, after all), a chance to win door prizes, and the opportunity to bid on a wonderful array of items. If you can't make it be sure to pick up a ticket for a chance at winning one of the great gift baskets to be raffled off, all the while helping our teenagers, our adult volunteers, and the families they will serve this summer.



On March 18th at 7:00 p.m., the youth of St Paul's will be leading the church in a Millennium Development Goal (MDG) based Stations of the Cross. Please Come and share in this Liturgical opportunity during holy week.



All Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join B.J. and Fred on April 11th-13th as we journey out to The Summit for the Diocese Spring Youth Conference. The theme for the weekend is Coexist. The cost of the weekend is \$90, scholarships are available. Applications can be found at www.episdioncyouth.org. Get yours in today to reserve your spot.



Youth Group will be taking orders for St. Paul's shirts on March 16th and 30th for delivery at the Ministry Fair on April 20th. Don't be the only one without one for the 50th Anniversary!

Ongoing Activities for 6th-12th graders

Weekly Sunday EYC
 Middle School 4:00-5:15 p.m., Shared Dinner 5:15-5:45 p.m., High School 5:45-7:00 p.m.
 High School Compline: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.
 Sunday School: 10:10-11:00 a.m.

Millennium Development Goal reminder

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme poverty and hunger. In the developing world; an estimated 1.2 billion people survive on less than \$1 a day, 800 million are undernourished and 153 million children under five are underweight.

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St. Paul's 50th Anniversary Speakers Forum Continues Sunday, March 9th.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Estill, (Ret), Bishop of NC during St. Paul's earlier years, will preach at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services on March 9. Between the services, he will led an informal forum sharing of issues facing the church and diocese at that time with special emphasis on his reflections about St. Paul's. (Remember, daylight savings time begins that day)

Bishop Estill is the second of four speakers visiting St. Paul's before the anniversary celebration on June 8th when Bishop Curry will be with us. The visual displays of our history of the church will increase with each speaker, so don't forget to visit this area and take a look at our amazing story.

A special way you can be a part of St. Paul's history:

Have you heard all the excitement at St. Paul's about our history? It won't be complete without you. You don't have to be an old timer to contribute. St. Paul's history is your history and we want to hear from you.

The Anniversary Committee is inviting everyone to participate by sending in memories and reflections that are special to you. All you need to do is write about what you want to share. It could be your first visit to the parish, someone who touched your heart with a kind word, a worship service that changed your life, a musical moment that brought a tear to your eye. Funny stories, anecdotes, your work on a project that brought us to where we are today.

Send your remembrances to:
ourmemories@stpaulscary.org

If you do not have e-mail, you may send your typed or hand-written information to the church office marked: "Our Memories." Be sure to sign your name. Your remembrances will become a part of our history. They may be posted on our website and they may be edited. Write away!

“GO FOR THE GOLD!”

Please Plan to Attend
the 2008 Ministry Fair
on April 20th!



Hosted by St. Paul's Volunteer Coordination Committee (VCC)

What: St. Paul's Annual Ministry Fair – Come learn about the many important ministries that are changing people's lives – and of the many ways (both large and small) that you can get involved. Also, enjoy Starbuck's Coffee, a variety of great foods, and performances by our children's choirs.

When/Where: Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall.

Who Should Attend: Everyone is welcome. (If you'd like to bring your children to the Ministry Fair...great! Otherwise, the Kids' Club will be available for childcare during the event.)

See you at St. Paul's Ministry Fair on April 20th
Please join us for good food, entertainment, fellowship, and great coffee!

WAKE INTERFAITH

The second week for WIHN (Wake Interfaith) program is hard on the heels of our first week. Our second week to support White Plains Methodist in serving homeless families starts on Easter, March 23, through the following Sunday morning, March 30. You can sign up to help by e-mail (ampilgrim@bellsouth.net) phone (362-4068), or on Sunday morning in the narthex/lobby.

Some interesting statistics about Wake Interfaith were provided from the director, Lisa Williams. In 2006 there were a total of 62 families served, consisting of a total of 192 people. Of these families, 84% went on to housing from the program. In 2007 the numbers are even slightly better: 63 families made up of 203 people were served, and 88% of them went to housing from the program. This is a nationwide program with over 100 networks and over 100,000 volunteers across the country.

Our third and final week for the year will be in September. If you would like more information about the program or would like to come as an observer, please contact Anne Pilgrim at the phone number or e-mail address listed above.

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRY (CSM)

Our church community has a wonderfully generous spirit! There are so many people to thank for recent donations to CSM ministry projects.

Special thanks to the Men's Group, who donated a portion of the proceeds from their wildly successful summer LobsterFest event to CSM, which in turn voted to contribute this \$1,200 to the Episcopal Relief & Development's Emergency Fund projects. Thank you to all who bought and ate lobsters this summer and to all the guys who sold and cooked them.

Thank you to those who came out to give "the gift of life" and to Mary Marshall for organizing the February Blood Drive. Thank you to all who donated to the parish Food Drive in February and to Anne Pilgrim for leading this event. A total of 446 lbs. of food (valued at \$842) was donated to the Urban Ministries.

Thank you to the many volunteers who work tirelessly to reach out to those in need – both within our own special church community as well as in the world beyond St. Paul's.

Submitted by Linda Cozzolino

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FOOD DRIVE

CSM and Urban Ministries send many thanks to all the people at St. Paul's who contributed to the food drive from Feb. 3-10. We contributed almost 450 pounds of food, valued at over \$800. The food was delivered to Urban Ministries each week after the Sunday collection, and has been put on the shelves for distribution.

We also appreciate all the extra grocery bags. We pack food for an average of 25 or more families a day, and a family is anywhere from 1 - 10 people, so both the bags and the food are used very quickly.

If anyone is a member of a civic group which would like to do a food drive, Urban Ministries would be a grateful recipient. The need is always there. Please contact Anne Pilgrim (ampilgrim@bellsouth.net) 362-4068 for more information.

UPCOMING Spring CSM

March 23 – Easter Sunday – The plate offering collection will be donated to Heifer International.



11TH ANNUAL 'DIA DEL HERMANO — HERMANO DAY

Sunday, April 6th is the 11th Annual "Day of our Brothers" at St. Paul's. This is the day when we bring donations of men's clothing, sheets and towels to church for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove, NC. Representatives from the ministry will visit St. Paul's to speak with us and to accept our donations. Father Tony Rojas, our diocesan priest to the farmworkers, will distribute the items to the men arriving in labor camps near Newton Grove.

Father Tony's ministry aids these seasonal farmworkers who, each spring, make the journey from their homelands in Mexico or Central America to North Carolina to cultivate our state's fruits and vegetables. Many come here under the U.S. government's H-2A program, which helps U.S. farmers find temporary agricultural labor.

The farmworkers earn very little (usually between \$5,000-\$7,500 per year) and much of that goes to pay for transportation to and from North Carolina. They work long, hot days under the harshest of conditions. They are exposed to dangerous pesticides and live in crowded, primitive labor camps where they experience great isolation and loneliness.

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove, NC, helps provide these workers with a sacramental ministry, along with food, medicine, clothes and bedding. Father Tony ministers to more than 30 labor camps in Wake, Johnson and Sampson counties. He counts on St. Paul's to help him help the farmworkers with their essential needs. The greatest needs are for:

Men's pants (sizes 24,26,28,30,32,34)

Men's long-sleeved shirts (small and medium)

Men's t-shirts (small and medium)

Men's socks

Men's athletic shoes (smaller sizes)

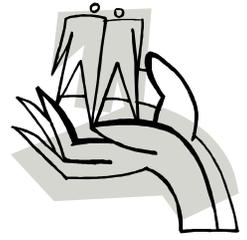
Sheets, towels, pillows, light blankets

Both new and used items are welcomed. Monetary donations to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry are also appreciated.

Quote from Father Tony Rojas, "The farmworker understands that the Church, through its ministry, is trying to cover their bodies with clothes and their souls with the love of God."

Submitted by Gale Herrman

THE CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY (More than Just Meals)



If you are not familiar with the Care and Share Ministry, we are an in-reach Pastoral Care ministry that supports the immediate short term needs of those in our church family. Our group of volunteers assists with transportation, friendly visits and phone calls, child care, errand running, light housework and yard work, help with paperwork, and of course, meals.

If you are in need or know of a parishioner in need, please contact a member of the Care and Share Facilitation Committee or the church office. We are here and we want to help.

Care and Share Ministry Facilitation Committee Members

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| Margie Best | 303-3830 | Dee Barker | 303-5581 |
| Susan Coulter | 362-4100 | Larry Cupitt | 387-7993 |
| Judy Crow | 363-4421 | Rev. Sally L. Harbold | 467-1477 |
| Kristen Holmes | 468-6046 | Harry Kincaid | 387-3824 |

If you would be interested in learning more about the Care and Share Ministry, please contact one of us or visit our booth at the upcoming Ministry Fair on April 20th.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

February was a fun month of watching for the ground hog to see his shadow, celebrating Valentine's Day, Teacher Appreciation week and Fish the Magish. The Magician entertained the 3, 4 and 5 year old classes and the teachers. Registration for the 2008-2009 school year was a big success and we have many new families coming next year.

March is a busy month with Easter, St. Patrick's Day, and the book fair, March 17th-20th. Preschool is closed on Friday, March 21st for Good Friday and Monday, March 24th for Easter Monday. We also have a visit from the Museum of Natural Sciences at the end of March—the will bring their Reptile Program to share with the children.

As always I am fortunate for the opportunity to work with great teachers and sweet children.

I hope you all have a Happy Easter,
Love, Mary Catherine Troxler



Ways to help the Preschool earn extra \$\$\$

Harris Teeter—Link VIC card to St. Paul's Preschool (#4843) at the store or online at www.harristeeter.com

Campbell's Barcodes— Clip barcodes (not labels) and turn them in outside the Preschool Office

Lowe's Foods—Donate points to the Preschool online

Recycle ink and toner cartridges in bin outside Preschool Office.

ELDERBERRIES

The Elderberries Group (aka, St. Paul's Seniors) is beginning its third year as a ministry of this parish. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of August and December. We enjoy fellowship in the form of pot-luck luncheons with varied programs, a yearly festive holiday dinner, and "field trips" to places of interest. Benefit of participation includes the opportunity to get to know parish members beyond a Sunday morning nod, and some occasions for service to the parish.

Newcomer or Old-timer...let this serve as your invitation to become an Elderberry. The next event will be a Bingo party at noon on March 19th in the Youth Wing. Why not pack a brown bag lunch and join the fun!

Submitted by The Rev. Lois Reardin

EASTER LILIES



Envelopes for lilies are in the pews. If you would like to place a lily in the church on Easter Sunday, please enclose a donation of \$15 and put it in the offering plate no later than March 16. Please write your name and the full name of the person(s) in whose memory or thanksgiving the flowers are to be given. Make checks payable to St. Paul's and put "Easter flowers" in the memo of the check.



SPUD RACING IS BACK!

Saturday, March 1st



Join us for a fun St. Patrick's Day-Themed baked potato dinner and "Spud Race." Yes, the wildly popular spud racing is back! Families or groups will put their heads together to design and build the fastest racecar they can! Everyone is given the same supplies. It is up to you what you do with them! The cars will then be raced...and the winner moves into the next bracket...until the winner emerges!

for dinner includes baked potatoes and all of the toppings and hot dogs or pb&j sandwiches for the kids.

If you haven't seen this event, you will not want to miss it! It is fun to see all of the unique car designs and even more fun to watch the races! Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, and for "the most uniquely designed spudmobile."

Dinner is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Spudmobile Designing and Racing from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The event is \$5 per person. Free for children 2 and under. Entree

Questions? Email Jennifer King: Jennifer@MeetingContact.com



NEWCOMERS



Our bread ministry is one of the best received tokens of welcome from St. Paul's. We frequently receive thanks for the bread we deliver to our first-time visitors, and it is often fondly recalled many years later as a first impression of a visit to St. Paul's. If you would like to help stock the "bread box," please contact Susan Hawkins or Ann Lockhart, or simply bring a loaf to the kitchen, wrapped for freezing, with the date it was prepared on the outside and a note, "For Bread Ministry."

or Carolyn Anderson if you would like to help deliver bread.

We welcome Howie Zweifel, Mary Kay Gobris, Tyrus Cohan, and Dan Kirby to our Greeters. It is always nice to have new folks joining our ministry.

We do need more bread deliverers, especially for the areas further south of St. Paul's (Holly Springs and the outer corners of Apex.) Bread delivery is made at the convenience of the deliverer, on the way home from church, or later in the afternoon or early in the week if that is easier. It is a great feeling to deliver that loaf of bread to the surprised and unsuspecting visitor! Contact Ann Lockhart

Plans are underway for a Newcomer luncheon in the spring, probably April or May. Stay posted for that event as it develops.

Please remember to wear your name badge to church! This important, yet subtle message lets our newcomers and visitors know who we are and that we don't want to remain anonymous. Your name is important; wear it gladly!

Submitted by Ann Lockhart

ABOUT OUR CHURCH



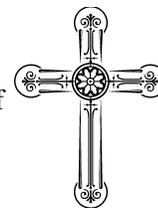
Congratulations to Carter and Lee Collins on the birth of their son, Wade William Collins.

We express our sympathy to Virginia Brown for the death of her husband, John Charles Brown; to Chris Barnes for the death of her cousin Randy; to Avis and Steve East for the death of their friend, Faison Thomson; and to Tim Buckley for the death of his parents, Sallie and Rupert Buckley.

We welcome our new communicants Jennifer Chamberlain, from Greensboro, NC; Mark and Genevieve Rockett and their children Madeline and George, from Richmond, NC; and Ellen Freas and Dennis Daniels, and their son, Bryan, from Raleigh;

CURSILLO #97

The next Cursillo Weekend has been scheduled for April 3-6, 2008 at the Betsy-Jeff Penn Center in Reidsville. Cursillo is a three day spiritual renewal weekend. It is a wonderful way to invigorate your spiritual life, and will enhance your Christian experience. The weekend offers daily Eucharist, talks by lay and clergy, singing, small groups, and both serious and fun times. It is a wonderful way to meet other from around the Diocese. Plan to attend. The complete cost is \$165, but some scholarship funds are available. (Note: If you have been to a Cursillo Weekend, why not sponsor someone for Cursillo #97?) More Cursillo information is available in the narthex kiosk, or talk to Gordon Reynolds at 557-6891 or Mary Hemperly at 362-7102 .



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