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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.

Next Newsletter Deadline
January 17, 2007
at 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday morning, December 24.
Service times are
7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.



Christmas Day Service
at 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday Church Services
7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and
11:15 a.m.

Letter From The Rector

The Rev. George Adamik

Dear Friends:

The season of Advent is described as a time of watching and waiting. We light candles each Sunday as we walk through the four weeks of Advent, and hear the prayer "Come Lord Jesus, Come." The usual interpretation of Advent is that we are watching and waiting for Christmas. However, I have found that to be a limited interpretation of this most holy season. Rather than waiting for Christmas, Advent is for me a time of watching and waiting for a realization of the incarnation. I believe that through Jesus, through God becoming human, through the incarnation, our creator has become a part of creation. I believe that through Jesus all of creation has been transformed and redeemed.

It is precisely through the incarnation that I experience so powerfully the theological notion of "the already but not yet." Through Jesus we have *already* experienced the fullness of the incarnation. However, as we look around the world we wonder why the world does *not yet* seem to be fully expressing that transformation and redemption. Here is where Advent speaks to me so very deeply. It is a season that reminds me that as I watch and wait, so too does God. As the community of believers, as the church, we are called to live out the incarnation in our lives and in the world. And God watches and waits for us.

This is what Jesus calls us to be. As a transformed people, or perhaps better expressed, as a people being transformed, we are called to transform creation. As we look at the conflict, violence and oppression throughout our world how do we enter into that? How do we allow the incarnation to flourish? I believe we should give serious attention to the following:

The 2006 General Convention of the Episcopal Church committed itself to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These goals have been developed by leaders of the world's nations. I would suggest that they are a call to work towards the fullness of the incarnation in our world. The eight goals are listed below. During Advent I invite you to consider each of these goals in prayer. (After each goal I have added the Advent prayer "Come Lord Jesus, Come.") In the weeks and months ahead you will be hearing more about them. But for now please prayerfully reflect upon how God is watching and waiting through the following.

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Achieve universal primary education *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Promote gender equality and empower women *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Reduce child mortality *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Improve maternal health *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Ensure environmental stability *Come Lord Jesus, Come*
- Develop a global partnership for development *Come Lord Jesus, Come*

May this Advent lead us to a celebration of a Christmas filled with the realization of what the incarnation is all about. God has been born among us. May we bring the fullness of that birth to the world.

George

THE 8:45 SERVICE WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK IN ADVENT!

Submitted by The Rev. Bernard J. Owens



Our liturgy is so much more than simply a weekly ritual: it is a chance to share our faithful lives with each other, to celebrate God's love and the beauty of creation, and above all to teach our children (and to learn ourselves) how God shapes our lives through our songs and our words. With this in mind, we have been working to create a Family Service at 8:45 that is as inviting to young children as it is engaging to adults. This is itself quite a process, and will begin to bear some fruit in Advent.

During the Season of Advent, the 8:45 service will look a bit different. This year we are introducing the Christmas Pageant to the 8:45 service on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 17th). We also hope to try several new liturgical elements throughout Advent that will make the liturgy come alive to young children.

Some of the new things will be seen in the first three weeks of Advent (December 3, 10, and 17) and will be used on a trial basis. Nothing is changing dramatically, of course; we are simply working to create liturgy that is both faithful to our rich Anglican tradition and exciting to children and families. Here are a few things that will look a little different those Sundays:

- We will begin the service at the Baptismal Font, just before the processional hymn. Children (up to and including 5th graders) are invited to join the clergy at the Font. We will sing a short gathering piece, and the children will process in with the clergy and then return to their seats. Parents are welcome to accompany them. (This is hardly a

new idea...this echoes an ancient style of Christian worship, in which the congregation began at the font and then processed in together!)

- Sermons will be shortened, and offered with special intention for both younger listeners and adults.
- The Eucharistic Prayers will be different, as well as a bit shorter. They will be presented in a service booklet (with the music) instead of the Book of Common Prayer.
- The dismissal, "Go now in Peace," will be led by the clergy and sung by the entire congregation.

Because our hope is to create liturgy that is engaging and welcoming to children, Children's Chapel will not be offered during the 8:45 service in Advent. We will, however continue to offer it during the 11:15 service. I welcome your feedback on this service, and invite you to contact me directly in the church office or at bernard.owens@stpaulscary.org.

Our liturgy is a vital expression of our faith lives together, and I believe that creating liturgy that is vibrant and compelling to parishioners of all ages is a wonderful and exciting opportunity. I invite all of you to share in this process. Please come with an open mind, but above all with enthusiasm!

Peace,
B.J.

ST. NICHOLAS IS COMING DECEMBER



Don't miss this great opportunity to be a part of the giving spirit of Christmas.

The Advent Tree is loaded with tags detailing the needs and wants of needy children in our community.

The tags contain names of children from the Tri-County Health Center which serves migrant farm workers, the Thompson Children's Home, the Episcopal Housing Ministry, and The Healing Place. For more information about each of these ministries, go to the St. Paul's website and click on "St. Nicholas Ministry."

You are invited to remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase one gift per child. Bring those gifts to our St. Nicholas Day service on December 10. St. Nicholas will visit both our 8:45 service and our 11:15 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 that you will be a part of the event.

The gifts will be delivered to the appropriate agencies on the afternoon of December 10 so deliver your gifts to St. Paul's **on or before** the morning of December 10.

The tags are self-sticking. After you have purchased your gift (and wrapped the gifts for migrant children and children of the Episcopal Housing Ministry), simply remove the backing and stick the tag to the gift. In this way, the gift and the tag will not get separated.

These incredible children endure many hardships. Through this ministry, they are shown that they are loved in a very special way...through the generosity of the St. Paul's parish. We are looking forward to the day when the faces of our children light up with the love of Christ given and received.

Submitted by Mary Marsha Cupitt

WARDENS CORNER

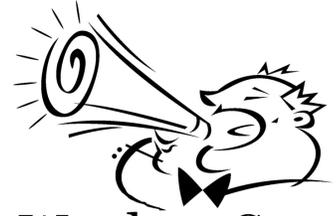
As the end of the year approaches, the church calendar reaches its capacity and our lives seem to go into overdrive. For your church Vestry, it is a time to identify candidates for the 2007 Vestry, plan the 2007 budget, and anticipate where our journey will lead us in the coming year.

This is the last official communication from your 2006 Wardens, and thus it is also a good opportunity to reflect upon the past year. It certainly has been exciting! The year can be summarized by reviewing the banners that have hung over the church entrance:

Dreaming New, Dreaming Big
Welcome to St. Paul's
Visible, Vibrant, Viable (Encore Campaign)
The Magnetic Church
Giving as we Grow, Growing as we Give

The Vestry acted upon the directions that came out of last Fall's Dreaming New, Dreaming Big visioning process (Children and Youth, Music, and Reaching Out) by hiring the Rev. B.J. Owens, filling the vacant part-time Church School Director, Youth Program Coordinator, and Music Assistant positions, and embracing Stop Hunger Now as a new way for our congregation to Reach Out to those in need. St. Paul's parishioners stepped up to support this vision with their time and talent, and by pledging over \$1.13 million to the Encore Capital Campaign. And, through the Magnetic Church program, we are

taking steps to become a more visible and welcoming community.



The dividends of these changes are evident in so many areas of our church life: the continually amazing music program, the children parading to Children's Chapel each Sunday, the youth group calendar bursting with fellowship and outreach activities, the carpools heading to Stop Hunger Now, the increased capacity to provide pastoral care, and the emergence of new ministries, such as the Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings. Our parish is moving in exciting directions. Although it has been a very full year, it is easy to ask the question, "What more could we have done?" When some changes go slower than planned, or when we run into the occasional roadblocks in the journey, we are reminded that our timeline is not necessarily God's timeline. We are comforted that this journey that we walk together has been led by many people of faith, and it will continue to move in the direction that Christ opens for us.

God's Peace,
Andy Kintz - Sr. Warden
Dan Loughlin- Jr. Warden

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:

With the end of year upon us, keep in mind that if you are going to contribute stock, it will take a few weeks to process the stock's transfer. If you want the contribution to be posted in 2006, please contact your broker soon. If you do donate stock, please contact me at 467-1477 x 21 with your name, the name of your stock and how many shares, so it can be posted correctly to your account.

On Friday, December 29th our office will be open until 1:00 to accept contributions for 2006. Money received on Sunday, December 31 in the offering plate will be credited to your 2006 pledge.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Chris Lewis
Financial Manager

HEY! HEY! HEY! FOYER GROUPS

It's time to sign up again for Foyer Groups! Hurry, hurry, and don't miss out!



A new six-month session of Foyer Groups is starting soon. Watch the Sunday bulletins and the Narthex for the sign up sheets. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or in the parish office. Or you can sign-up by calling me, Tom Pitman, at 461-0850 with requests or questions, or sending me an e-mail at pitmantj@hotmail.com.

As an added bonus, the first two hundred to sign up will win a free chance to help select a new focus for the groups and a new name for the ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Submitted by Tom Pitman



From the Halls of St. Paul's Preschool



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Wow! It is so hard for me to grasp that we are preparing for this time of year already. It seems like yesterday we were welcoming the children back to school. The children have had a fun, festive November. Chapel is really exciting with Father BJ- you are welcome to join us any Thursday at 9:50 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. The children also enjoyed Story Time with the Museum of Natural Sciences. They brought in turtles, snakes and other fun creatures to share. The 4-year-old classes dressed as Native Americans and enjoyed a feast with the teachers who donned Pilgrim attire. Many of the other classes enjoyed feasts as well.

Christmas is always a fun season. However, Christmas through the eyes of the children is a priceless experience. I wish you all a joyous, peaceful season filled with love, laughter, friends and family. Love in Christ,
Mary Catherine Troxler
Preschool Director



December
5&6 ~ Holiday Fair in Parish Hall
19 ~ Christmas Program 3,4 & 5 year olds
In Church at 11:30 a.m.
19 ~ School Day Ends at Noon
20 ~ Jan.2—NO SCHOOL- Merry Christmas

January
3 ~ First Day Back
5 ~ Class for MW 2's
15 ~ No School—MLK, Jr. Holiday
22 ~ No School—WCPSS Workday
25 ~ Open House for 2007-2008 School Year
7-8 pm in Parish Hall
26 ~ Class for MW 2's



An important reminder:

The Preschool has 3 days closed that are different than WCPSS. We are closed on December 20 and 21 and January 2. These are days that we give our teachers to prepare for the holidays for their families. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

ST. PAUL'S WEBSITE NEWS — WWW.STPAULSCARY.ORG



Have you visited the St. Paul's website recently? We've added many new features that we hope you will find useful.

Highlights include: an electronic version of the

newsletter, an announcements section, resources for Sunday School teachers, Preschool registration forms, calendars for program events, descriptions of St. Paul's ministries, downloadable pledge forms, a cookbook, and even a blog called "Our Voices" on which you can read the musings of the clergy and fellow parishioners.

While the website is an information resource to our parishioners, it is also our billboard to the community. Since the new site hit the web this past summer, we've had almost 3,000 visitors. More than 1,400 of these visitors were referred to our website by Google. Of these, 36 used the keywords "Episcopal church

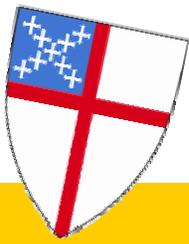
Cary NC." Nearly 250 have found us via the Diocese website listing of area churches.

The website is still evolving and the webmasters would love to hear any comments and suggestions you may have. Thank you!

Submitted by Dan Loughlin

Top 10 Pages by Hits

Newcomer	981
Ministry List	881
Children	841
Worship	641
Youth	600
Preschool	596
Welcome	535
Clergy and Staff	509
Church School	470
Pastoral Care	462



E.Y.C.

(Episcopal Youth Community)



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December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bishop's	2 Ball
3 Regular	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Babysitting Fundraiser!	11	12	13	14	15	16 Caroling/ Advent Party!
17 NO EYC	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 NO EYC	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 NO EYC						



This Month !!

- The Babysitting Fundraiser is from 4-8:00 p.m., YOUTH arrive by 3:30 p.m. and plan on leaving after clean up around 8:30 p.m.!
- December 16: We will Christmas Carol around the neighborhood from 5-6:30 p.m. and then come back to St. Paul's for the Advent Party! Parents, please pick up your kids at 9:30 p.m.
- If you are planning on going on the SKI TRIP (Feb. 24)...A \$50 dollar deposit is due to Annie by December 16!

Things to look forward to in January...

- Jan 7—Stop Hunger Now @ St. Paul's
 - January 14—Middler's Lock-In
 - January 28—Coffee House
- A complete January/February Calendar coming soon!**

2007 Confirmation Class

This year's confirmation class for teenagers will be held in the spring in order to prepare for our next Bishop's visitation (September 2007). The class will begin during the Sunday School hour on January 14th and will continue until the week before Palm Sunday, and will be led by B.J., Sally and George.



The class is offered to all teenagers who are at least in the 9th grade, and who have not yet been confirmed – the only prerequisite is Baptism! Reflecting the movement in the Episcopal Church towards confirmation as a mature statement of faith, this class is designed for older teenagers in the midst of questions and transition. We look forward to some great discussions.

Please contact B.J. Owens as soon as possible to register at bernard.owens@stpaulscary.org. We will need to know who will participate so that supplies can be ordered.

ASP 2007 – The Dates Are Set!

Next Summer's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip is now set and confirmed! We will be heading out a good bit earlier this summer – our dates are June 10 through June 16 (Sunday through Saturday) and we will be heading to Dickenson County, Virginia. This is the first week of the ASP Summer program, so we get the first swing at the summer projects!

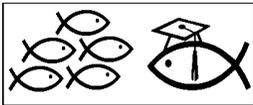


All high school students (this includes rising 9th graders) are eligible to participate. If you would like to come (or chaperone), please let Kevin Swann or Anne Stoller know as soon as you can! We will have more information (such as cost) at the first of the year, and will get that out as soon as we have it.

The Youth Website News

The Youth Pages on the St. Paul's web site have been updated. Though several pages are being redeveloped, we have a Main Page and a Calendar Page that are current. The Main Page is designed to give an overview to anyone interested in St. Paul's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), with information such as who we are, what we believe and who to contact for information. The Calendar page is updated regularly with information for youth and parents about upcoming events and weekly activities.

If you have feedback on the website, please feel free to contact B.J. or Anne – especially if there is helpful information that is missing or hard to find on the website.



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

Letter from the Director

The season of Advent is an exciting one in the life of children and their families! The fun of waiting for baby Jesus to be born has been an important topic in Sunday school and children's chapel over the past few weeks. It is easy for the spiritual message of Christmas to get lost in the anticipation of presents and Santa's visit, but here, the children have an opportunity to remember God's gift to us in the person of Jesus. The children will be retelling the story

From the Church
School Director



of Jesus' birth during the Christmas pageant on December 17 at the 8:45 service. Come join the celebration as angels, shepherds, kings, and animals share the "Good News of Great Joy."
Jennifer Shy, Church School Director

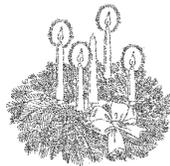
Ideas for Celebrating Advent

Take the time this year to remember that Santa's arrival isn't the only thing to look forward to on Christmas morning. There is a multitude of ways to celebrate Advent together and to count down the days until we can rejoice in the birth of the Christ child. Some examples include:

Advent calendars – especially with chocolates! Sure it's a lot of sugar, but, you can give up chocolate for Lent! With an Advent calendar you can pace your family's chocolate intake (one a day) while instilling the value of patience as you count down the days...

Make an advent wreath (even out of Play-doh) and light the candles each Sunday. During dinner, talk about your Hopes (Advent 1), wishes for Peace (Advent 2), Joys (Advent 3), and people you Love (Advent 4).

Set up your nativity scene, but place the baby Jesus in another room. Move him closer to the manger each day until Christmas Eve.



Your Church School Committee

We are here to serve. Please contact any of the individuals listed below with your comments and questions:
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Vestry Liaison - Josh Geigerman (joshjen@nc.rr.com)

Your New Year's Resolution!

For those of you who resolve every year to spend some time in the Sunday School classroom (and we know there are many of you who do), we still have some availability during our 2nd semester of Sunday School, scheduled to begin on January 7. We are still looking for teachers in the Kindergarten, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes. If you want to join this joyful ministry – even if only for this one semester – please contact Jennifer Shy.

We are also in need of volunteers to lead Children's Chapel at the 11:15 services. If you would be interested in spending just a little time with our children during the holiday season and after, please contact Jennifer Shy.

Also, as this year is coming to a close, the Church School Committee would like to extend our gratitude for the tremendous efforts of our 1st semester Sunday School teachers and our Children's Chapel volunteers. Our program would not exist if it weren't for the time and talent and love that these parishioners bring to our children in praise of God.

Thank you to Sunday School teachers Jennifer Jackson, Chris Lewis, Alana Loughlin, Sherri Hubbard, Lesley Lloyd, Carol Perrotta, Josh and Jenna Geigerman, Stephanie Hirschy, Annette Williams, Chris Barnes, Rachel Crigger, Jane Womack, Ann Lockhart, Dan Loughlin, Mary Catherine and Jonathan Troxler, Martha Cordell, Kelly Gregg, Suzanne Kosco, Ricky Barker, Sue Hannum, and Chuck Hubbard, who all made a commitment to loving and teaching a class of children during the fall semester.

Thanks also to Children's Chapel Volunteers Dee and Ricky Barker, Chris Barnes, Cynthia Baron, Gerri Batchelor, Linda Cozzolino, Tony Crabtree, Katherine and Keith Crowe, Leah Dail, Dan Fountain, Penny Fusco, Janie Guehrke, Stephanie Hirshey, Sherri Hubbard, Mary Kintz, Dan Loughlin, Kim McCombs, Julie Pederson and Caroline Shank for taking a weekly lesson and helping the children bring it to life during children's chapel.

Church School Calendar

Be sure to watch the bulletin and mark your calendars for these upcoming events:



- Dec. 3 No Children's Chapel at 8:45 Service
- 10 No Children's Chapel at 8:45 Service
- 17 Christmas Pageant at 8:45 Service
- 17 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 24 Christmas Eve – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 31 New Year's Eve – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Jan. 7 Sunday School Resumes

WIT AND WISDOM

submitted by Lois Reardin

WISDOM

I read an article some time ago in which Episcopalians were called “odd folk.” As I recall, we were called odd because of our brand of church language. For example, our worshiping congregation sits in the “nave” not the “sanctuary.” In Episcopal churches, the sanctuary is the area around the altar and inside the altar rail.

Further, we enter through a foyer with its own specific name, the “Narthex.”

While all clergy are pastors, meaning they are called to a ministry of caring for the sick, the grieving, the needy and those in pain, the sacramental and liturgical leader of an Episcopal church is the rector or vicar, unless, of course, he/she is newly ordained and holding a first position or “curacy.” That member of the clergy would be a curate. A vicar is the priest in charge of a congregation dependent financially on the diocese. Confused?

Episcopal Church janitors, or custodians, are called “sextons.”

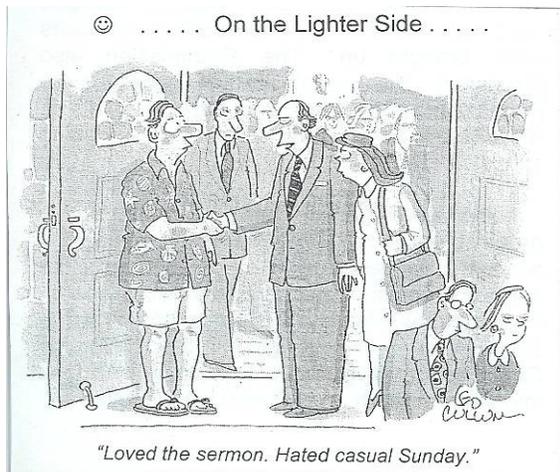
And to confuse strangers to the church even more, we speak of “corporate” worship which has nothing whatsoever to do with business transaction bodies. It simply refers to the coming together as a body of the faithful for public worship.

Then there is “common” as in the Book of Common Prayer. There is nothing common about that illustrious book. It is, may I say, a thoroughly masterful devotional treasure, by means of which our essential character and identity are formed and expressed.

Wardens, in the larger world, oversee criminals and have authority over them. In the Episcopal Church world, the wardens are also granted authority, but theirs is for the purpose of sharing in the governing of the parish.

Shall I go on? I could, of course, for Episcopalians are indeed odd, odd as in “unmatched.” Oddly enough, I’m not upset to be thought odd!

WIT



THE MAGNETIC CHURCH

The Magnetic Church event at St. Paul's is over...but we've only just begun to sort through the many ways to make St. Paul's more magnetic. What's underway? Greeter training occurred on November 19, with about half the greeters in attendance and additional training to come to make sure our visitors know we're honored by their presence. Additionally, the four core teams—Incorporation, Communications, Property, and Other—are formulating action plans with a number of objectives to be implemented by Christmas. Their plans and objectives are provided directly to the Vestry via liaisons, to insure The Magnetic Church remains a focus for St. Paul's. If you're interested in participating in Magnetic Church follow-up on a specific core team, please email Jennifer Durant: jdurant@nc.rr.com.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER IN FEBRUARY

On your 2007 calendar reserve the evening of Saturday February 10, because that is when the St Paul's Men's Group will host their annual progressive dinner social event and fund raiser. About ninety adults usually participate in the social event of the year. We have appetizers in the parish hall, and then we follow maps to various homes for a soup and salad course. Then at an appointed time, we all go to different homes with different people for a main course plus dessert. Participants meet new people and also old friends at the various homes. A sign-up poster with more information will be in the church lobby in January. You can sign-up to prepare appetizers, soup and salad, main course, or dessert. Call Craig Snively at (919)380-7101 for more information.

ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT COOKIE EXCHANGE

Pre-heat your ovens and get your recipes ready! The Fellowship Events Team is hosting coffee hour and a Christmas Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 17, immediately following the 8:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant. Please bring 3 dozen cookies (or other treats) to share and take home 3 of 1 dozen each, assorted cookies/treats. Multiple entries are possible and awards will be given! Also, please bring along the recipe card. We will publish and share all of the recipes we receive. For more information, contact Sheila Reilly: 303-6248 or visit St. Paul's website under Fellowship Events.

MUSICALLY SPEAKING

As I write this newsletter article, the Canterbury Handbell Choir (grades 6 – 12) have just returned from the Youth Handbell Festival in Richmond, VA. This is sponsored by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) and there were 350 youth in attendance. It was a great weekend highlighted by mass ringing, and handbell classes such as Fun Repertoire, Musical Buckets, Percussion Petting Zoo, Sport Stacking and others. It was also a great weekend of fellowship with our ringers and chaperones. A special thank you goes to Darlene and Larry Ray and Gaylene Henry for chaperoning and transporting youth. I also thank Barbara and Ernie Capone for their help with transportation. It takes teamwork, and to all the ringers and parents, thanks for giving us this opportunity to learn more and become better ringers.

The season of Advent is here, a season to which I always look forward. Our 8:45 a.m. services will become a little different in several ways. The “family friendly” service will begin with the usual prelude, but then be followed by the children gathering at the Baptismal Font. From there we will sing a Gathering Song, one that will be used throughout the season of Advent. Following the Gathering Song the Processional will begin and the children, choirs, clergy will all process to their proper places (the children to sit with their parents). Following the way our liturgy proceeds, a Magnificat will be sung in place of the Gloria throughout the Advent season; the Gradual will precede the Gospel reading and at the proper time in the service, the Offertory, Sanctus, Lamb of God, Communion and Recessional will be sung. The dismissal which is usually spoken will be sung by a cantor followed by the congregation. Please note that the changes in this service are being made to be more welcoming to the children since they will be with their families during the entire service. These changes will take place at the 8:45 a.m. service only. The 11:15 a.m. service will maintain its tradition.

Christmas Eve has a different musical look. Please note that the Epiphany Choir (grades K-2), Junior Choir (grades 3-5) and the Junior Handbell Choir will sing and ring at the **5:00 p.m. service** this year. The Jubilate Choir will lead the music for the **7:00 p.m. service** and the **10:30 p.m. service** will feature soloists, Senior Choir, brass, flute and the Bells of St. Paul’s. This is such a festive and joyous time of the year. Please come and celebrate with us; invite your friends, neighbors and families to be a part of one of these celebrations.

Before I get too far into our year, I would like to announce that the Senior Choir elected officers. They are as follows: Mary Hemperly, President; Sue Harrison, Secretary; David Lindquist, Treasurer. Congratulations to each of you!

In November we celebrated with Becky and Joe Furno their

commitment of 40 years of singing in the choir at St. Paul’s. They were presented with the special picture of them that was taken a few years ago that was signed by choir members, clergy and many who knew them when they first came to St. Paul’s in 1966. I salute you, Becky and Joe, for the many years you have served so faithfully. May God bless you with many, many more!

Now here is a look at our calendar for December and January:

December 3

8:00 a.m. warm-up in the choir room
8:45 a.m. Junior Choir and Junior Handbells
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir
8:00 p.m. – Cary Community Choir – *Messiah*—
Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

December 10

8:45 a.m. Jubilate Choir
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir

December 17

8:45 a.m. Christmas Pageant during the service
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir and The Bells of St. Paul’s

December 24

10:00 a.m. Youth Choir
5:00 p.m. Epiphany Choir, Junior Choir,
Junior Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir
10:30 p.m. Senior Choir, soloists, brass, flute,
The Bells of St. Paul’s

December 25 – 30

No rehearsals

December 31

10:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols

January 2

Rehearsals resume after Christmas holiday

January 7

11:15 a.m. Senior Choir

January 14

8:45 a.m. Jubilate Choir
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir and Canterbury Handbells

January 20

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Choral Techniques Workshop with Dr.
Dan Bara, Director of Choral Activities East Carolina
University

January 21

8:45 a.m. Junior Choir
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir

January 28

8:45 a.m. Jubilate Choir
11:15 a.m. Youth Choir – no Senior Choir

May God abundantly bestow upon you His blessing during the Thanksgiving season and His joy and peace of Christmas.

Lee Harris
Minister of Music



CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES NEWS

EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

About a year ago, I sat down to dinner with a bunch of college students for the first time in a long time. It wasn't nearly as scary as I thought it would be. As St. Paul's representative to the board of the Raleigh-area Episcopal Campus Ministry, it was my turn to eat with the "kids." And much to my delight, they were a bright, interesting, and fun group of young people, drawn together for both spiritual reasons (services regularly led by Chaplain, the Rev. Deborah Fox) and corporal ones (regular meals prepared by individuals and groups from our area parishes, including by our own Bill Fierke).

The Raleigh-area ECM, under Mother Deborah's leadership, serves students at N.C. State, Peace, and Meredith. Not only do the local churches feed the students, we also help fund the program. At St. Paul's that money has come for the last several years through the generosity of Christian Social Ministries. Our support of ECM aligns with the call from our diocesan and national leadership to focus on mission and young people. Not only do students raised in the Episcopal traditions attend weekly events, mission trips, and outings, but so do students from other faith tradition who are drawn to something special or unique offered through the programs at Cheshire House where ECM is based.

In the program's October newsletter, an NC State student, who had been raised in a small Advent Christian Church but attends ECM with a friend, wrote of how the experience of mission trips to work with the homeless in Washington D.C. and to help with rebuilding in the post-Katrina Gulf Coast region had changed her. She wrote, "Being a part of Episcopal Campus Ministries has been such a wonderful experience for me, I plan on continuing to attend an Episcopal church after I graduate college. Some of my best moments and most rewarding lessons have come from being a part of Episcopal Campus Ministries."

Our thanks to St. Paul's for making this ongoing work with young people possible.

Submitted by Aleta Payne McClenney

HELP STOP HUNGER NOW AT ST. PAUL'S JANUARY 7, 2007

Stop Hunger Now is bringing its mobile unit to St. Paul's Church on Sunday January 7, 2007, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. All parishioners ages 5 and over are invited and encouraged to help mix and pack dried food to be shipped overseas to hungry people. A light lunch will be provided beginning at noon to all volunteers by our Care and Share Ministry.

You can learn more about Stop Hunger Now at www.stophungernow.org. St. Paul's has had several volunteer groups visit the Stop Hunger Now warehouse in northeast Raleigh this summer and fall, and participants have had a rewarding, fun experience. Check out Stop Hunger Now on our St. Paul's website at www.stpaulscary.org (on the Outreach menu).

There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex on Sundays in December, or you can email janelsmith@mindspring.com. Stop Hunger Now plans the amount of dried food to bring in its mobile unit based upon the number of volunteers doing the packing. So please sign up in advance. There will also be a basket for voluntary donations on January 7, to help cover the cost of the ingredients and shipping.

Submitted by Jane Smith

HEIFER PROJECT GIFT ARK

Earlier this summer, the Newsletter ran an article explaining the Heifer project, and what the offerings provide to the families that receive animals and plants. Our goal each year is to send a Gift Ark full of farm animals. Each family that receives livestock from our Gift Ark will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need, and will provide food and a source of income to communities.

A Gift Ark costs \$5000.00, and at the end of October we have \$3355.00 towards that goal. Christian Social Ministries is asking members of St. Paul's to step up to the ark, place dollars equal to your age, or the anniversary you celebrate, and help continue this tradition of giving families a source of food.

Submitted by Margaret Haughey

UPDATE FROM EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE KATRINA EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

\$15 million has been donated to Episcopal Relief and Development to help with relief and rebuilding on the Gulf Coast, Mississippi, and New Orleans since Katrina struck that area in late August 2005. Over half was committed for recovery programs in 2006. The continuing focus of these relief efforts for ERD include rebuilding local homes and providing temporary housing for low-income residents; supporting distribution centers that provide safe water; tools and cleaning supplies for survivors and volunteers; mental and spiritual counseling for victims of the disaster; and case management to help individuals access services through a network of local, state and federal services.

Submitted by Anne Pilgrim

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE EPISCOPAL HOUSING MINISTRY

In 1991 some parishioners at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, with the endorsement and assistance of our Diocese, established the Episcopal Housing Ministry, (EHM) to provide housing for lower income and homeless individuals and families. Since then, EHM has been involved in developing seven affordable housing communities in Wake and Nash Counties:

- Walnut Woods Apartments, Middle Branch Road, Raleigh - 36 apartments (1994)
- East Haven Apartments, Dowling Haven Place, Raleigh - 48 apartments (1994)
- Fox Haven Apartments, Fox Road, Raleigh - 48 apartments (1997)
- West Haven Apartments, Peace Haven Place, Apex - 72 apartments (1998)
- River Haven Apartments, River Haven Place, Raleigh - 112 apartments (2000)
- Carriage Court Apartments, Sunset Boulevard, Rocky Mount - 48 apartments (2000)
- Carriage Court II Apartments, Sunset Boulevard, Rocky Mount - 32 apartments (2003)

Throughout its fifteen-year history, EHM has provided a variety of support services in communities that it has developed. There are three supportive transitional units for homeless families at several communities. EHM also has offered support services and assistance for the residents of these communities, including after-school programs, back-to-school supplies, summer camp tuition assistance, and Christmas gifts for children in the communities.

Through the generosity of St. Paul's and generous giving from our Diocese and all of its parishes and parishioners,

we have been able to provide Christmas gifts for children who live in EHM communities. Last Christmas, this outpouring of support helped to brighten the Christmas of more than 350 children. As the Christmas season approaches, names of children in our communities will once again be on the St. Nicholas tree, and we certainly appreciate the generous support that we have received from St. Paul's with this important ministry.



We also appreciate the support that St. Paul's has extended to us in other aspects of our ministry to the children in the EHM apartment communities, including our after-school programs.

At any given time, a substantial majority of the residents in EHM communities are single household parents who would experience financial hardship if they had to pay for traditional after school care; or worse yet, not be able to provide any after school supervision. In the last school year, there were about 75 children enrolled in after school programs at five of the seven EHM communities. Several of the programs are operated by local Y's and they all include homework monitoring and tutoring, a nutritional snack, craft making, game playing and outdoor recreation and individual instruction.

Your support has helped to make all of this possible. We deeply appreciate your continued generosity and support.

Faithfully,

Bill Shenton
Chair of EHM Board

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas offering this year will be divided between the Heifer Project and Episcopal Housing Ministry. This will apply to cash in the offering plates from all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

URBAN MINISTRIES AND CSM

Thanks from Urban Ministries and from Christian Social Ministries (CSM) for the wonderful participation in the food drive in October. We received almost 200 pounds of food, and enough macaroni and cheese to last over a week of packing for 25 families a day, giving each family two boxes of macaroni and cheese. The other food and the grocery bags were also appreciated and put to use as soon as they were on the shelves. We are serving Wake County in a very tangible way with these contributions.

AN ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS UPDATE FROM YOUR ENCORE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

As of October 31, nearly \$350,000 had been received. This represents more than 30% of the amount pledged, only 5 months into a 3-year campaign! If you would like more information about the Encore Campaign, please visit the Capital Campaign area of St. Paul's website (under the Stewardship pull-down menu) or contact Kurt Robinson, Chair of the Encore Follow-up Committee.

Thank you so much to all those who give of their time, talent, and treasure in support of St. Paul's!

Submitted by Dan Loughlin

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS



The Altar Guild decorates the altar at Christmas with poinsettias. Envelopes for poinsettia memorials are in the pews. Please have your request in by December 10 in order for the names to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins. We request a fifteen dollar donation.

GREETERS

Is one of your gifts the ability to talk easily and warmly to someone you don't know? If so, you are invited to consider engaging in the evolving ministry of Greeting. The St. Paul's Greeters identify and make initial contact with newcomers at Sunday and other special services. Greeter training is underway. If you would like to learn more, please contact Mary Jane Pugh at mjp303@aol.com or Jennifer Durant at jdurant@nc.rr.com.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH



We rejoice in the baptisms of **Olivia Rose Ehlman**, daughter of **John and Joann Ehlman**; **Nathaniel Joseph**

Kutina, son of **Erik and Laura Kutina**; **Charlotte Katherine Moore**, daughter of **Keith and Emily Moore**; **Adrianna Melina Moore**, daughter of **John and Melinda Moore**; and **MaKenzie Marie Price**; daughter of **Brett and Michelle Price**.

We express our sympathy to **Sarah Morrison and Katharine Evaul** for the death of their friend **Gary Morrison**; to **Ann Niles** for the death of her mother **Martha Dorsett**; to **Joan and Mark Nelson** for the death of their son **Conor**; and to the family of **Jean Elizabeth Walker Higgins**.

Congratulations to **Dorothy and Steve Duke** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Katherine Trice McClure**.



CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY

LOVE TO COOK & WANT TO HELP OTHERS?

The Care and Share Ministry is looking for some volunteers who would love to help stock the freezer with a few meals that can be taken to parishioners who have an immediate need for help. Soups, casseroles, and meat dishes are great. The dish should just need the parishioner's warm oven, stove or microwave for cooking, once it is delivered to the person in need. If you would be interested in occasionally preparing something for the freezer or would just like to help out once by preparing a freezer meal and delivering it to the church freezer, please contact Dee Barker (303-5581 or barker699@aol.com)

Care and Share
needs help with
Meals



CARE & SHARE, CSM, and STOP HUNGER NOW

The Care and Share Ministry will be working alongside Christian Social Ministries (CSM) to help with the January 7 "Stop Hunger Now" event here at St. Paul's. The event will take place in the Parish Hall beginning after the 11:15 a.m. service and will run until about 2:30 p.m. The Care and Share Ministry has agreed to provide a light lunch to those who volunteer to fill the "Stop Hunger Now" food bags. Anyone is welcome to volunteer and if you are interested in helping please contact Susan Coulter at 362-4100, greeni53@earthlink.net or Dee Barker at 303-5581, barker699@aol.com. *We are looking for volunteers to help prepare food for lunch, set up, serve lunch, and clean up.*

KAIROS # 25

It is hard to believe that the first Kairos in North Carolina was at NCCIW October of 1994. We're in our 13th year now and have worked with over 750 women. Because we ask for those with long term-sentences, many of these women are still incarcerated in Raleigh or at the new women's facility in Troy. Some have been released and have come to help us by supporting the cooking. For some we plant seeds and God sees to the nurture.

As always, there were unique aspects to this weekend. For the first time we had 6 tables instead of the usual 5. That means we could have 36 guests instead of the usual 30. The change came about because we did not have to move Saturday night. Historically, we have spent at least part of the weekend in a small space that allowed room for only 5 tables. This time we stayed in the gym so we had plenty of room for an additional table.

On Friday, Kandy, our guitarist, and I went to Death Row for our usual lunch visit, only to find that the ladies were about to attend a memorial service. Miss Annie, a Kairos graduate, had been at NCCIW 28 years and died at 81 and 1

day old. The women who attended the service spoke of their encounters with this perpetually cheerful woman who called everyone—including the warden and chief of security—"baby."

That night flu hit the team. Eight of us were stricken, one so badly she could not finish the weekend. I went home at noon Saturday after nearly fainting. twelve hours of sleep and some chicken soup fixed me up and I was back Sunday morning. God always blesses this ministry!

Thank you for all the support you continue to give Kairos. Special thanks to Adelaide Siegl and Mary Jane Pugh. Without them 100 dozen cookies would never have been baked. The cards and pictures from the children were a powerful message to the women of God's continuing love and forgiveness. And thank you for helping us purchase new song books. Ours are falling apart and the copyright is no longer valid on some of the songs. Most importantly, your prayers sustained and enabled us to do God's will for this weekend.

Submitted by Gerri Batchelor

ADULT EDUCATION AT ST PAUL'S

December Classes:

Parents' Forum — "Unplug the Christmas Machine: Putting the Love & Joy Back into the Season"
Sunday, December 3 and 10 in the Chapel 10:10-11:00 a.m.
—Does the Christmas season bring you joy and enrichment? Or are you like most of us, you trudging through the season, running errands, running up your credit cards, and running yourself ragged, only to wind up feeling empty and let down? Join Maggie & Brad Williford to learn ways to create a more meaningful, spiritual Christmas for you and your family, from ideas found in the book "Unplug the Christmas Machine" by Jo Robinson & Jean Coppock Staeheli. No advance reading or preparation necessary - just a desire to fully enjoy the Season of Christmas!

Newcomers' Class—Sunday, December 10 in the Library 10:10-11:00 p.m. Gather with one of our clergy to ask questions, learn and discuss topics of interest in the Episcopal Church and St. Paul's

No Classes December 17, 24, and December 31.

January Classes:

The Way of Grace—Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Join Kevin Swann for this rich and formative study on the topic of Grace. The Way of Grace class is designed as a small group encounter to explore deeply the grace of God within the Christian journey. We will reflect on a series of encounters with Jesus by various characters in the Gospel of John as a way for us to connect the biblical experience with our own lives. This focus will be more formational than it will be informational. The class

will work on exercises, reflections, and worship to engage our personal faith experience. To order the book and sign up for the class, contact Kevin Swann at 362-9950. Class begins January 4 and lasts 8 weeks.

Bible Study—Sunday, January 7, 14, and 21 at 10:10- 11:00 a.m. in Room 10. Journey with Georgie Gracie through the Bible

Book Study—The Lord's Prayer: Sundays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 5 at 10:10-11:00 a.m. in the Library. Read and discuss **The Lord's Prayer**, by Will Willamon, former Dean of Duke Chapel and Stanley Hauerwas, Professor of Ethics in the Divinity School. This is a detailed study of the prayer central to our life and worship as Christians. This study will be facilitated by Jay Casler.

Newcomers' Class—Sunday, January 14 in the Chapel 10:10-11:00 a.m. Gather with one of our clergy to ask questions, learn and discuss topics of interest in the Episcopal Church and St. Paul's.

Mission and Ministry through the Millennium Development Goals—Sundays beginning Jan. 21 in the Chapel 10:10-11:00 a.m. This course, co-facilitated by The Reverend Lois Reardin and Nita Byrd was developed by the School of Ministry to encourage participants to reflect upon God's mission on earth, God's calling to fulfill that mission, and how the Millennium Development Goals may relate to mission and ministry. The course's participatory experiences will encourage us to live into our baptismal identity and relate study and reflection to action.

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