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ST. PAUL'S CARES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILKESBORO, NC

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thursday, March 22:

11:30am Crisis Assistance in Parish House
12:00noon Al-Anon in library

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Chapel (meet in Plaza)
9:30am Adult Forum
9:30am Coffee Club
9:30am Sunday School for Children & Youth
9:45am Adult Choir Practice
10:15am Nursery opens in the lower level of the Main Sanctuary
10:30am Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary (Meet in Coventry Chapel)
5:30pm Youth meet

Monday, March 26:

4:30pm Centering Prayer in Parish House

Tuesday, March 27:

7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, March 28:

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in Chapel
6:45pm Choir practice
7:00pm Dick Underwood Book Club in Parish House

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, March 29:

11:30am Crisis Assistance in Parish House
12:00noon Al-Anon in library
6:00pm Simple Supper in Parish House
7:00pm Service in church

Friday, March 30:

11:00am Stations of the Cross
12:00noon Service in Chapel
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Service in Chapel

Saturday, March 31:

9:00am Prayer service in labyrinth
10:00am Easter Egg Blessings

Please join us for weekly Wednesday evening meals throughout Lent....
March 21st: chili and sides.
Donations support Crisis Assistance ministry.

Easter Lilies

Sunday, March 25th, is the last day to sign up to give Easter lilies in honor of someone or in memory of someone. These help to fund the purchase of flowers to decorate the church throughout the upcoming year. The cost is \$17.00 for flowers. You can leave the donation in the collection plate with your information or drop it by the church office. You may also mail a check to the office at PO Box 95, Wilkesboro, NC 28697 with your request (s). Please write the check out to St. Paul's and put the person's name that you wish to honor or memorialize in the memo line. Names of the people being honored or memorialized will be published in the Easter bulletin.



Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 25th from 5:30-7:00pm. We will meet in the Multipurpose Room to prepare the Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Donations of candy or board books for young children will be accepted! Dinner will be provided.

Easter Egg Blessings

Saturday, March 31st 10:00-11:30am in the Multipurpose Room of the Parish House

Bring Your Own Eggs (B.Y.O.E) We will provide dyes, craft supplies, and a blessing of the Easter eggs.



Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg hunt following the service on Easter Sunday. We will meet in front of the Parish House. Please bring a basket to collect eggs!

The Way of the Cross

The custom of walking the Stations of the Cross has long been observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem who want to walk in the footsteps of Christ on his journey to the Cross. The Way of the Cross invites us to reflect together on the suffering of Christ as we journey with him to the cross. A simple service that takes about 30 minutes, it invites participants of all ages to carry the weight of the story with them. Join us for The Way of the Cross on **Good Friday at 11:00am and 6:00pm.** Location TBD.

Wilkes Community Sunrise Service

When: 6:45am on April 1st, Easter morning



Where: 100 E. Main Street, Wilkesboro (the new plaza and big stage next to the museum)

This year we will be joining Wilkesboro United Methodist Church and other churches from around Wilkes for an Easter Sunrise Service. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as one body on the Principal Feast of the Christian year to celebrate our Risen Lord. Bring your own chair. Join us for this ecumenical event!

This will be in place of the early Sunday morning Easter Vigil.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday:	8:30am begins at Plaza into the chapel 10:30am begins at Columbarium
Maundy Thursday:	6:00pm Simple Supper in Parish House 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Good Friday:	11:00am Stations of the Cross 12:00noon in the Chapel 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in the Chapel
Holy Saturday	9:00am prayer service in the labyrinth 10:00am Easter Egg Blessings in Parish House basement
Easter Brunch:	7:30-9:15am in the Parish House; ham provided; bring dish to share
Easter Service:	9:30am in the Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt:	Following 9:30am service beginning in front of Parish House



If you or a member of your family are graduating or making another milestone transition this year, we would like to recognize you during a worship service in May and celebrate this accomplishment. This could be the completion of high school, college, or trade school. Please call or email the office at office@stpaulwilkesboro.org or Rachel at stpaulscyf@gmail.com with the following information: Name, institution (college/trade school), graduation date.

Hearing Assist Devices:

As part of the upgrade to our sound system, we have obtained 4 hearing assist devices that should be available in the next couple of weeks if you need them. Please see one of the ushers for assistance.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday,
9:00am – 5:00pm.

In case of emergency during off-hours,
please call the Rector at 336-223-5762.
(texts are not reliably checked
during off hours)

Outreach Food Collection:

For March, our collection is Hamburger Helper. At the end of the month this collection will be taken to Samaritan's Kitchen. A box will be placed in the Commons for all donations.

The Outreach Committee appreciates your support in our efforts!

NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

25-Sharon Lyall
25-Wayne Boyd
25-Christopher Nardini
26-Jacob Adams
29-Mike Southwell
29-Anna Cappelli
30-Kaye Hall
31-Frankie Barger

ANNIVERSARIES

29-Jim & Luci Smoak

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers

All those who are ill or unemployed.
All those who are on our prayer list.

ILLNESS

Rik Absher, Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Bob Arthur, Joe Barber, Ken Canter, Hayden Cleary, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, Terry Duncan, David Eller, Ernestine Freas, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Edward C. Griffith III, Janet Hartzog, Gerald Hendley, Larry Hendley, Bentley Holbrook, Margo Hurd, John Jacobson, Joan Knox, Jane Lowe, Maggie McCann, Ann McNeill, Donna Moore, Bertie Pardue, Jeffrey Parisi, Curtis Parker, Bob Skees, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Gaynell Stone, Marie Waddell, Jerry Waddell, and Cole Younger.

ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Rob Beauchaine, Alex Cline, Philip Cooney, Karl Duerk, Mike Earley, William Grant, Edward C. Griffith IV, Jacob B. Hall, Jonathan Johnson, Brandon Moore, Russ Necessary, Charlie & Lauren Pendry, Adam Pinkerton, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, Jackson Triplett, Nathan Wyatt, and all others who serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Please send to the church office the addresses of troops with connections to office@stpaulwilkesboro.org, especially those abroad.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

Matthew 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you do-

ing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;
and when he had looked around at everything, as it was
already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to
my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Sunday Servants	March 25
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Lisa Beard
Usher 8:30am	Paul Hubbard Volunteers
Chalice Bearer	Chuck Forester Lynn Durchman
Lector	The Passion
Prayers of the People	Steve Reid
Oblation Bearers	Hartzog Family
Acolyte Leader	Faw
Acolytes	Crucifer 1-Bill Harris Torch-Ruth Harris Torch-Aaliyah Kilby Gospel Book-Benjamin Searcy Server-Benjamin Searcy
Greeters	Bill Carroll Marietta Carroll
Communion Bread	Linda Wansley
Ushers	Drew Mayberry, Chief James Cook Tim Murphy Kent Wansley
Altar Guild	Mary Lankford, cpt. Maria Curtis Sharon Greene
Nursery Volunteer	Rachel Minick Dave & Ashley Barton
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Margo Hurd

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2018

Members Present: Rose Andrews, Carol M. Canter, Misty Hartzog, Connie McNeill, Laura Welborn, Franz Yale, Tim Day, Ruth Harris, Jim Lyall, Tana Myers, Rev. Ann Dieterle

Others Present: Joe Richardson, Bill Harris

Rev. Ann called the meeting to order at 11:42am with prayer. A moment of silence was observed for the meditation.

December/January Meeting Minutes: Rose Andrews made a motion that was seconded by Laura Welborn to approve the corrected December and January meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Financial Report: Joe Richardson advised that pledge income for December was above budget. For the year 2017, total income was below budget; however, total expenses were also below budget giving a net income of \$38,680. Total income for January was above budget and included prepaid pledges of \$42,942. Expenses for January were above budget due to several factors including continuing education, youth ministry, insurance and electricity. Net income for January was \$21,716. Rose Andrews made a motion that was seconded by Franz Yale to approve the December 2017 and January 2018 financial reports. The motion passed. After a discussion of grantable monies, Connie McNeill made a motion that was seconded by Carol Canter to use any grantable monies that are available from The Peden Fund for construction projects. The motion passed. Joe attended the recent Vestry Leadership Day in Asheville. Bishop Jose' spoke and it was a very good experience.

Jr. Warden: Joe Fesperman submitted a written report. The bath room/wet bar area off the commons should be completed by the end of February. Construction has begun on the west side cemetery wall enhancement. The cost is approximately \$100,000 and is being funded by the generosity of Bob and Betty Strickland.

Sr. Warden: Connie McNeill welcomed the new vestry members. Rev. Ann will do a new vestry member orientation.

Vestry Liaison: Misty Hartzog advised that work on the blessing box is almost complete and planning is underway for vacation bible school which will be the second week of July. Joe Fesperman's written report for outreach outlined a new "Family to Family Grocery Relief Ministry" with more details to follow and the raised bed garden project. Carol Canter advised that crisis assistance had helped 46 neighbors for an average of \$100 this year. They feed 50 to 80 people lunch each Thursday. She attended an active shooter program the Wilkesboro Police Department held and would like to have one at St. Paul's.

Old Business: Rev. Ann advised that the organist search is ongoing.

Deacon's Report: Rev. Dn. Susan Whittington submitted a written report. She continues to work with others to nudge the shelter for homeless forward. She has taken people to visit Hospitality House in Boone and has received a single financial commitment for \$150,000 as a challenge grant and 3 gifts of \$10,000 each as matching grants. The facility would be an extension of Hospitality House. The need is great as 43% of the unsheltered people in NC live in the 7 county region served by Hospitality House. The current shelter in N. Wilkesboro is limited to a capacity of 10 individuals per night.

Rectors Report: Rev. Ann advised that St. Paul's Cares has been delayed due to a server change. She is working on a communications team to meet in March to look at redoing the web site and how communications go out to the parish. Plans are being worked on for an Easter Sunrise Service with other churches to be at the Wilkesboro open air market site. More details will follow. The vestry retreat will be March 3rd from 9 to 3 and there will be a March vestry meeting on March 18th.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 1:06p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Harris
Clerk of the Vestry