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The Flower Delivery Ministry spreads joy with their deliveries of altar flowers to parishioners each week. The flowers are placed into smaller arrangements and delivered on Sunday afternoon. Marie Lavelle received flowers at Trunk or Treat!

Blessings in Abundance

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8



Fall has finally arrived and with it comes the excitement and anticipation of Thanksgiving and all its bounty, followed by the Christmas season. There is so much to be thankful for and we have so many blessings both as individuals and as a faith community.

Our annual stewardship campaign is in progress with the theme "Tell Out My Soul" which seems fitting for this year. At St. Paul's, the Good News that fills

our spirits with joy is about the radical abundance, abiding love, and healing power that Jesus shares with us when we respond to his call to follow him. All of the gifts that we have been given are ready to burst forth to serve our neighbors and share our love with a world in need.

And what an abundant, wonderful year we have had here at St. Paul's! Our congregation is growing, our ministries are thriving, and the love of this church family for each other and for our neighbors is heart-warming.

Throughout this year we have been celebrating our 75th Anniversary and there is more to come. The Country Store happens this month (see p. 9), and both the cookbook and the directory are coming. The Day School hosts Santa's Workshop on November 8 which is full to the brim with wonderful gifts to purchase for Christmas. In December the Bishop visits and we will bury a time capsule in the Memorial Garden and included will be messages with our hopes and dreams for the future of St. Paul's inside.

In our abundance let us also take time to remember and lift up those in need. We are collecting items to help Common Ground restock their food pantry shelves in these challenging times. The need is so great.

As this year winds to a close we look to the future and another 75 years (and more!) of St. Paul's, of growth, grace, and giving.



A Message from Fr. Michael

Tell Out My Soul

November always feels to me like a season of holy remembering and holy gratitude. We begin with All Saints' Day, when we pause to remember loved ones who have gone before us, the saints who have shaped our faith, loved this parish, and helped make St. Paul's what it is today.

And before the month is done, we end with the feast of St. Andrew's, when we remember one of the first disciples who, upon meeting Jesus, immediately went to find his brother Simon and said, "*We have found the Messiah.*" Andrew's first instinct was to share the good news, to invite another into the life of faith. This year the feast of St. Andrew falls on the First Sunday of Advent and we will use that occasion to encourage inviting others to church day, what we call Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. And so November begins by remembering all the saints who have gone before us and ends with the saint who shows us how to make new saints by invitation and witness.

Between those two feasts, November invites us to live in gratitude not just as a feeling, but as a way of life. I've been thinking lately about the difference between *gratitude* and *thanksgiving*. Gratitude is a feeling, an awareness of grace received. It's what rises up in us when we recognize how good God has been. Thanksgiving, though, is gratitude in motion. It's what happens when that feeling turns into action. Gratitude says, "I am blessed." Thanksgiving says, "Because I am blessed, I will give, serve, and love in return."

Our stewardship theme this year, "*Tell Out My Soul*," captures that movement beautifully. It comes from the hymn inspired by Mary's song, the Magnificat. Mary's heart overflows with joy and gratitude, and her response is to tell, to praise, to share. That's what we are invited to do as well: to let our gratitude become thanksgiving, to let our souls "tell out" the greatness of God.

When I look around St. Paul's, I see so much I'm grateful for. I'm grateful for the saints who have gone before us. I'm grateful for an engaged and growing congregation, people who love God, love one another, and love this church deeply. I'm thankful for our beautiful campus, which continues to flourish through your care. I'm grateful for our new members, for our youth and confirmands who are growing in faith and joy, and for all who serve quietly and faithfully week by week. And I'm deeply grateful that this church has been proclaiming, worshiping, and serving the Lord for 75 years. I'm grateful for all the special things we've done to remember. God has been so good to us.

As we move through this month of gratitude, and as we prayerfully consider our stewardship commitments, I invite you to let your gratitude become thanksgiving. Let it move you to action in your giving, in your serving, and in your praise. Together, let us "tell out our souls" and bear witness to the greatness of the Lord, whose mercy and faithfulness endure from generation to generation.

Blessings,

Michael+

Parishioner Spotlight: Barry Larson



Barry Larson came to St. Paul's through our theatre ministry: The St. Paul's Players. He was in the first production, *The Fantastiks*, and has been here ever since! Barry joined the church, then joined the staff as our new Facilities Coordinator. Working alongside the Parish Administrator, Barry meets with and coordinates the many maintenance vendors that are on our campus each week. He joined the South Dakota mission trip last summer and hopes to return. Acting is a passion for Barry and he was in *The Butler Did It!*, and will be in the upcoming *Godspell* this spring. He is a talented musician, a gifted actor, and a quiet, gentle spirit with a quick sense of humor.

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

Stewardship Campaign

“Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!” — these stirring words open Hymn 438 and serve as the theme for this year’s stewardship campaign. In that beloved hymn, we are reminded of the “unnumbered blessings” that come to us through the greatness and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At St. Paul’s, we are a community rooted in gratitude and overflowing with stories of God’s grace. For 75 years, our church has been a place where lives are transformed through worship, fellowship, study, and mission. We are invited — each of us — to “tell out” the joy, the hope, the healing, and the love we have received and shared in this sacred space.

We have had an amazing year at St. Paul’s. A new Ministry Coordinator and Facilities Coordinator have joined the staff and more staff is on the way! We completed an epic restoration of our historic pipe organ! We had an amazing slate of 75th anniversary events.

Take a moment to reflect: What are the stories you carry from your life at St. Paul’s? Maybe it’s a moment in worship that stirred your spirit. A Bible study that deepened your faith. A mission event that opened your eyes. A conversation over coffee that reminded you that you’re not alone. These stories connect us — to God and to one another. They remind us that we are a people blessed — and called to bless others.

That is what stewardship is truly about. It is not just about money; it is about how we respond to God’s goodness with our whole selves — our time, our gifts, our love, and yes, our financial support. St. Paul’s is the spiritual home that nurtures us, and it is also the light that shines far beyond these walls. But like all homes, it requires our investment to flourish.

As we launch this year’s campaign, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you will “tell out” the greatness of the Lord through your support of St. Paul’s. Your commitment — no matter the size — makes ministry happen. Every hour given, every dollar pledged, and every prayer lifted up helps St. Paul’s continue to be a place of transformation, joy, and service.

In times of uncertainty, the one constant has been the strength of our community — bound by shared faith and hope. Each story, each gift, each soul here matters.

You recently received a pledge card and a dedication card in the mail. You may return the pledge card to the office before November 23; the dedication card is the card you will place on the altar on Christ the King Sunday, November 23, as we close our stewardship campaign and bless our offerings. Extra cards are in the office and in the Narthex if needed.

So, let us tell out the greatness of the Lord. Let us sing with gratitude for all that has been and all that is still to come!

Ministry Spotlight: Property Committee



The St. Paul’s property committee works quietly behind the scenes to ensure the maintenance, security, functionality, and beauty of our facility. The property committee is currently focused on several projects including replacement of the storefront windows and flooring in the office, remodeling of Parlor restrooms, and installation of a handicap ramp in the church. Completed and in-progress projects include a new sound system in the church, repair and painting of all exterior doors, trimming of the crepe myrtles, and relocation of AC units to the roof from the courtyard. With a gently aging facility, there is never a shortage of tasks for this committee!

Worship

Altar Guild Word of the Month: Cornucopia



A cornucopia is a symbol of plenty consisting of a goat's horn overflowing with flowers, fruit, and corn.

While we do not use a real goat's horn

for the St. Paul's Thanksgiving Cornucopia, it is indeed overflowing with fruits and vegetables of many kinds and is on display beginning the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Why is "cornucopia" the Altar Guild word of the month for November? Because Altar Guild members come together and polish the colorful fruits and vegetables, including bright orange pumpkins, then use them to fill our wicker "goat's horn" with symbols of the abundance of the season. After Thanksgiving, the contents of the cornucopia are boxed and donated to Christian Service for use in their feeding program.

Look for an insert in your Order of Service during November, and consider making a small donation to defray the cost of the abundant produce that will fill this year's cornucopia. And if you would like to become a part of the Altar Guild, the ministry that oversees weekly and holiday services, please contact Carol Moloney at 225-362-2783 or Terry LeGrand 318-573-2233.

Altar Flowers

November 2: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sam and Alice Fowler and Bonnie Fowler by Sanders Fowler III.

November 9: To the Glory of God and in loving memory and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Dilys and Thomas Buffington Wilson by Buff Wilson.

November 16: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children by Gene and Glenda Young.

November 23: The cornucopia on the Altar is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our church family and our many blessings.

November 30: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our dearly departed loved ones, especially Granny, Grandpa, Aunt Deb, and Uncle Jerry, by Kip and Michelle Boyd.

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist and Potluck



There will be a Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist at 11 am in the Chancel followed by our annual Thanksgiving potluck luncheon in the Parlor.

Come enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with your church family. The church will provide the turkeys; bring your favorite holiday side or dessert to share!

Sunday Lectionary

November 2: All Saints Sunday

1st Lesson: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-8; 2nd Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

November 9: The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2nd Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

November 16: The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2nd Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

November 23: Christ the King

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; 2nd Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20 ; Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

November 30: The First Sunday of Advent

1st Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; 2nd Lesson: Romans 13:11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Families, Children, Youth

Trunk or Treat



The EYC took the trophy this year for Best Trunk with their prehistoric era cave, fire, and dinosaur costumes.

Michael Wells served as grill master, keeping the hotdogs coming all afternoon

and while the adults mingled and visited, the kids visited all the creative trunks to gather candy and treats.

In keeping with our 75th-Anniversary, the theme this year was Decades, so we had Ninja Turtles, Yacht Rock, and of course the 1960s Flower Power trunk! There were princesses, fairies, and even a tiny cow.

The judges made their rounds as awarded the trophy to the EYC but really everyone was a winner!



Lois Fraser and Family



Tiny Ninja Turtles



Yacht Rock

Santa's Workshop is Coming!



Each year St. Paul's Day School hosts Santa's Workshop which is their primary fundraiser on Saturday, **November 8** at 9 am in the Parish Hall which is transformed into a Christmas wonderland. There is a fabulous silent auction, activities for the kids, snacks, treats, merchandise to purchase, and fun to be had. Come support the Day School and perhaps get some Christmas shopping done!

The EYC Free Library



Paul Moore, at the request of the EYC, has built a Free Library (one hesitates to call it a "Little" Free Library!) for the McRae Lodge.

The end result is a stunning covered structure with front and side windows which echoes our iconic church windows, a small deck, and utilizes our 75th Anniversary color scheme.

The EYC will monitor and curate the books inside the library. Their goal is to share appropriate Christian and contemporary reading material with the community. The library will hold books for both children and adults.

Paul had many helpers along the way, including the EYC members themselves, Janet Moore, Kim and Will Duncan, Jerry Bagwell, Chris Rose, Levi Brendle, Pierre Rubben, Stith Bynum, and Beverly Casso.

If you have books you'd like to donate please reach out to Kim Duncan or Jordan Matlock. Take a moment to stop by the library soon!



Camp Hardtner: Summer 2026

SUMMER
2026

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC 2ND!

*Grades based on the 2026-2027 school year

SESSION	GRADES*	DATES
First Camp	2, 3, & 4 with parent/guardian	May 29 - 31
Sr. High Camp	11, 12, & 2026 Grads	June 2 - 9
Primary Camp 1	4, 5, & 6	June 12 - 17
Jr. High Camp 1	6, 7, & 8	June 20 - 26
Mid. High Camp	9, 10, & 11	June 28 - July 4
Primary Camp 2	4, 5, & 6	July 7 - 12
Jr. High Camp 2	6, 7, & 8	July 15 - 21
Able Camp	Adults 18+ with Special Needs	July 24 - 28

LEARN MORE!
www.camphardtner.org

The Camp Hardtner summer camps dates are out; save the date so you can make memories at summer camp.

Contact Fr. Michael if you need scholarship information.

November

Sun

Mon

Tue

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2

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2 All Saints , Baptisms
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
2 pm *The Butler Did It!* Dessert Theatre
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
5 pm EYC: Bible Bowl (McRae Lodge)
Birthday: Sherry Galloway, Rebecca Seiden



3

5:30 pm All Souls Day Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6 pm Outreach Committee
Birthday: Ryleigh Bynum, Bob Kopp



4

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)



5

10 am Healing Service (Vestry)
10:30 am Bible Study (Vestry)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm Young Voices (Vestry)
6 pm Dinner (McRae Lodge)
6:30 pm Sacred Ground

9

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast by the Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
5 pm EYC: Fruits of the Spirit (McRae Lodge)
Birthday: David Harold

10

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

12

10 am Healing Service (Vestry)
10:30 am Bible Study (Vestry)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm Young Voices (Vestry)
6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm Sacred Ground

16

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
12 pm Coffee Hour (Parlor)
12 pm Country Store (Parish Hall)
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel) and Agape Meal
Birthday: Maggie McElroy

17

10:30 am St. Catherine's Guild (Wardens Room)
6 pm Vestry (Wardens Room)
Birthday: Peggy Byerly, Will Vinet

18

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Ava Wynn

19

10 am Healing Service (Vestry)
10:30 am Bible Study (Vestry)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm Young Voices (Vestry)
6 pm Dinner: Cookout (Vestry)
6:30 pm Sacred Ground

23

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, Stewardship Ingathering
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
5 pm EYC: Friendsgiving (McRae Lodge)
Birthday: Claire Brooks

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Birthday: Ken Vazquez

25

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

26

10 am Healing Service (Vestry)
10:30 am Bible Study (Vestry)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm Young Voices (Vestry)
6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm Sacred Ground

30

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, Bring a Friend to Church
12 pm Confirmation Class (Wardens Room)
4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)
Birthday: Willie Dove



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1
2 pm *The Butler Did It!* Dessert Theatre
5:30 pm All Saints Day Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

(Chapel)
(Wardens Room)
(Chapel)
(Choir Room)
(Dodge)

6
12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Rm)
7 pm Choir Practice
Anniversary: Alan Prater and Rachel Scott

7
7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room)

8
8 am Santas Workshop (Parlor, Parish Hall)

2
(Chapel)
(Wardens Room)
(Chapel)
(Choir Room)
(Hall)

13
12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Rm)
7 pm Choir Practice

14
7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room)
Birthday: Jan Brandt

15
9 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Parish Hall)

9
(Chapel)
(Wardens Room)
(Chapel)
(Choir Room)
(Parish Hall)

20
12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Rm)
7 pm Choir Practice

21
7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room)
Birthday: George Broadwell

22
2 pm Baby Shower for Brittanie Carpenter (Parlor)
Birthday: James Calhoun, Bryn Ollendyke

6
(Chapel)
(Wardens Room)
(Chapel)
(Choir Room)
(Hall)

27
11 am Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist and Lunch (Chancel and Parlor)

28
7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Wardens Room)
Birthday: Blair Bryson

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Birthday: Gail Whitener



Discipleship & Christian Education

Cursillo 156: The Best Ever



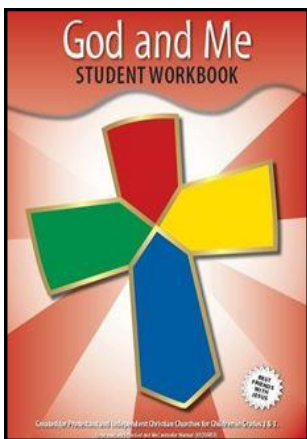
Cursillo 156 was held at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA last month with St. Paul's being well represented!

We sent five pilgrims: Collins and Mallory Hubbard, Michael Wells, Jerry Bagwell, and Michelle Boyd and four staff members: Steve and Pat Becker and Matt and Angie Abrams.

The weekend was filled with much joy, singing, and spiritual fulfillment while forging new friendships with people throughout the diocese.

The next Cursillo is in April 2026; if you'd like to know more, reach out to Fr. Michael, and if you've been to Cursillo and would like to serve on staff, contact Angie Abrams for an application.

God and Me Program Begins in February



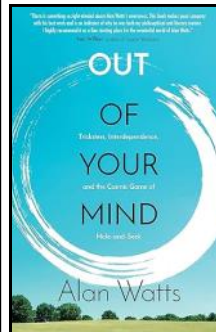
Beginning February 25 our Wednesday night program for Kings Club and EYC will come from the God and Me curriculum of the P.R.A.Y. program, and it will culminate in a recognition on Sunday, April 12.

[Programs of Religious Activities with Youth \(P.R.A.Y.\)](#)

is a non-profit organization aimed at

fostering the Christian growth of children, youth, and families through churches and youth serving agencies. The goal of the program is to draw young people closer to Christ and help them grow stronger in faith and in service to God.

What is Fr. Michael Reading?



Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand; what is he reading right now? Right now he is reading [Out of Your Mind: Tricksters, Interdependence, and the Cosmic Game of Hide and Seek](#) by Alan Watts.

In order to come to your senses, Alan Watts often said, you sometimes need to go out of your mind.

Perhaps more than any other teacher in the West, this celebrated author, former Anglican priest, and self-described spiritual entertainer was responsible for igniting the passion of countless wisdom seekers to the spiritual and philosophical delights of India, China, and Japan.

With *Out of Your Mind*, you are invited to immerse yourself in six of this legendary thinker's most engaging teachings on how to break through the limits of the rational mind and expand your awareness and appreciation for the great game unfolding all around us. Distilled from Alan Watts's pinnacle lectures, *Out of Your Mind* brings you an inspiring new resource that captures the true scope of this brilliant teacher in action. For those both new and familiar with Watts, this book invites us to delve into his favorite pathways out of the trap of conventional awareness, including:

- The art of the “controlled accident”—what happens when you stop taking your life so seriously and start enjoying it with complete sincerity.
- How we come to believe “the myth of myself”—that we are skin-encapsulated egos separate from the world around us—and how to transcend that illusion.
- Why we must fully embrace chaos and the void to find our deepest purpose.
- Unconventional and refreshing insights into the deeper principles of Buddhism, Hinduism, Western philosophy, Christianity, and much more.

(Source: [Amazon](#))

Mission and Outreach

South Dakota 2026



We are headed back to South Dakota in 2026! The dates for our summer mission trip have been set for **June 13 - 21, 2026**.

We will travel to the Black Horse Ranch on the Cheyenne River Reservation once again this summer to assist with Horse and

Pony Camp. Fr. Kurt and Mtr. Ellen Huber stage this camp each summer for the Lakota children to share the love of Jesus with them and each year the camp grows exponentially! It has proved to be a transformative and meaningful experience for all who make the journey.

There will be an informational meeting **February 22** at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. If you want to learn more or if you have any interest in going on the trip, please plan to attend.

St. Paul's Country Store



The 75th Anniversary Country Store is Sunday, **November 16** in the Parish Hall. Invite your friends and come do some shopping!

The Country Store is hosted by The Guild of Queen

Esther and is a fundraiser for the organ restoration. Booths include: sweet shop, knitting and crochet items, crafts and art, woodwork specialties, hand-painted oyster shell ornaments, plants, a "blessed boutique" which includes items like Anglican prayer beads, crosses, etc., and a creative lagniappe booth, and more.

All proceeds will be donated to the organ restoration fund. If you would like to donate homemade or crafted items, bring them by the office or put them in the Hospitality Office.



St. Paul's Players Third Season Opens with *The Butler Did It!*



The third season of the St. Paul's Players opened in October with a hilarious British comedy, *The Butler Did It!*

The play's cast was filled with some of the areas most accomplished and

well known community theatre players and our own Trey Jackson served as director.

The plot featured the very proper butler Jenkins (Shawn Fargerson) and the fiery Cockney maid Sarah Jane (Andra Nguyen) who are preparing the Covington household for a visit from Edwina Corry (Stephanie McIntyre), the world's greatest mystery author and friend to Lady Miranda (Ginger Folmer) and Colonel Covington (Kerry Kirsipel). Other guests arriving include Lady Covington's feisty old mother, their high-flying daughter Kat, their chatty priest who doesn't know

Things are soon thrown into confusion, however, when Trevor is found stabbed to death in the kitchen. On her arrival, Edwina eagerly launches an investigation into the murder. Unfortunately, the evidence is stacked against poor Jenkins from the start and the bloody knife is found in his pocket. The only problem? Jenkins didn't do it. And now he's got just half an hour to figure out who the real murderer is — while still tied to the chair.

The play was very well attended over the weekend with proceeds from all St. Paul's Players going toward our South Dakota Mission Trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation. The next production from the St. Paul's Players is a Musical Revue which opens January 31.



Parish Life

75th Anniversary Time Capsule



As part of our 75th Anniversary observance we are going to bury a time capsule in the Memorial Courtyard in December when Bishop Owensby visits. Your EYC is asking for notes or letters containing your hopes and dreams for the future of our church. Place your note into a sealed envelope and you may turn it in to the office or to Kim Duncan no later than **December 7**.

Parents Night Out December 7



Do you need a night out to get some Christmas shopping done, or enjoy a date night?

The EYC is offering to play with your kiddos for an evening! Sunday, **December 7** from

4:30 - 7 pm, we will entertain your kids in the McRae Lodge. We will have pizza and chicken tenders for dinner. The service is free but of course, donations are always appreciated!

Please RSVP to Kim Duncan or the office by Friday, December 5.

Baby Shower for Brittanie Carpenter



All ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for Brittanie Carpenter, Saturday, November 22 at 2 pm in the Parlor. Brittanie is [registered at Amazon!](#)

Wonderful Wednesday in November

Wonderful Wednesdays in November will feature an extended dinnertime and no programs. Sacred Ground will continue to meet, Young Voices continues, and the Simple Eucharist is at 5:30 pm. Dinner follows in the Parish Hall as usual. Programs for all ages will resume in Advent!

Vestry Highlights for September

- Pet Burials of cremated pets will be buried in a separate section of the Memorial Courtyard where the statue of St. Francis is.
- A facility coordinator, Barry Larson, was hired. He will be full-time and report to the Parish Administrator.
- The bishop will visit on 12/14 this year.
- The Annual Meeting date proposed is 1/25/26 which happens to be the day we will celebrate the conversion of St. Paul, our patronal feast.
- We have three electronic doors. They unlock at 7:30 am on Sundays and then lock at 8:10 am. They unlock again at 9:00 am and lock at 10:40 am. It reduces access through multiple points.
- Godly Play is down on teachers and is looking for story-tellers.

Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Lopa, Avery Bagwell, Andy Chastain, Blair Simpson, Jim Griffith, Dot Hensley, Kaye Chrichlou, Paul Moore, David, Jennifer, Barbie Larson, Patsy Michael, Jill Pickett, Vicki Badgley, Robin Smith, Cindy Bickham, Heather Garraway, Mark and Mary Whitener, Susan Adams, Courtney Orr, Edie Waghalter, Jackie, Lynn, Jim Taliaferro, Glenda and Gene Young, Julie Rose, Kenny Vasquez, Ward, Barbie Cannon, Corey Gabler, Alan Prater, Marlyn Monette, Ivy, John Pat Frost, Billie, Rob, Laura Kirspel, Fr. David Greer, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Judy Boogearts, Bill and Chris Ostendorff, Mary Virginia Hill, Ron Snelling, Gary Whitener, Nan Colgin, Maggie McElroy, Mike Herriage, Emilie Anne Ostendorff, Bob Kopp, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly, Steven Pell, Mary Helen Byrum.

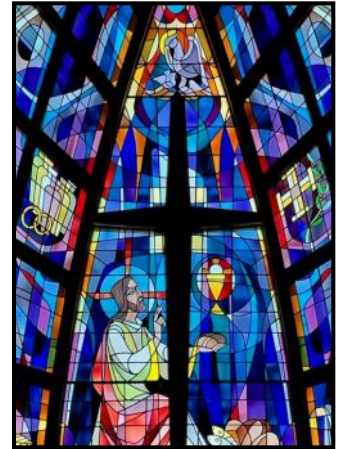
We pray for our military: Aaron, Amanda, Chris, Clark, Cody, Cole, Jason, Levi, Michael, Shaun, Steven

We pray for our missionaries: Tom and Robin Wilson

We pray for the faithfully departed: Dot Hensley, Bruce Power

We pray for our expectant mothers: Sudie Cannon, Kim Duncan, Brittanie Carpenter

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Archbishop designate Sarah, and Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere Jacob; the President of the United States, Donald, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.



Collect for November 1: All Saints' Day



Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Collect for November 23: Christ the King



Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for November 27: Thanksgiving Day



Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for

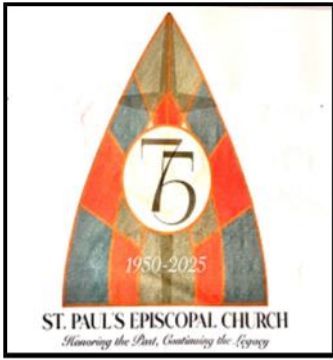
the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for November 30: The First Sunday of Advent



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when

he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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