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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, April 6:

11:30pm Crisis Assistance

12:00noon Al-Anon in library

**Ann & Susan in Asheville for
Renewal of Vows**

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday

8:30am Holy Eucharist in
Chapel

9:30am Christian Ed in Parish
House

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

After 10:30am Service

Outreach Committee
meeting

5:00pm Jr. EYC meets

6:00pm Sr. EYC meets

Monday, April 10:

12:00noon ECW meeting

4:30pm Thomas Keating DVD/
discussion

5:00pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, April 11:

4:30pm Labyrinth Walk,
weather permitting

7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, April 12:

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in
Chapel

6:30pm Adult Choir

7:00pm Dick Underwood Book
Club in Parish House

Maundy Thursday, April 13:

11:30pm Crisis Assistance

12:00noon Al-Anon in library

6:00pm Simple Supper in
Parish House

**Sign up by noon
Wed. April 12**

7:00pm Holy Eucharist

Easter Lilies

This coming Sunday, April 9th, is the last day to sign up to give Easter lilies in honor of someone or in memory of someone. The cost is \$15.00 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.



Outreach Meeting

The next Outreach committee meeting is this **Sunday, April 9th, in the Parish House after 10:30am service**. Major topics of discussion will be our new projects for the year: organizing a community wide poverty simulation, care & planting of a community garden and planning a

chicken Q to raise money for a local Hospitality House "scattered site" housing project. All are welcome to attend.

ECW Meeting

Our next ECW meeting will be on **Monday, April 10th at 12:00noon** in the Parish House. The program is for men and women and will be presented by Margaret Love on the history and heritage of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina and the Old Mission School. The program will be about 30 minutes. The ECW business meeting will follow. Bring a sandwich. Chips and beverage will be provided. *Men are free to leave after the program.*

For more information contact Gwen Temple at GT1116@aol.com or 336-984-6469.

Monthly Labyrinth Walk

Beginning on **Tuesday, April 11th, at 4:30pm** Sheree Sloop will hold a monthly community walk at St. Paul's Labyrinth, weather permitting.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday:

8:30am begins at Plaza into the chapel

10:30am begins at Columbarium

Maundy Thursday:

7:00pm in the church

Good Friday:

12:00noon in the Chapel

7:00pm in the Chapel

Holy Saturday

9:30am prayer service in the labyrinth

10:00am Reconciliation of a Penitent
by sign-up only

10:00am Egg dyeing in the Parish House

Easter Vigil Service:

6:30am beginning on the Plaza with the
new fire and processing into the church
for service

Parish Brunch:

7:30-9:30am in the Parish House

Easter Eucharist Service:

9:30am in the church

Easter Egg Hunt:

Following 9:30am service beginning at
Parish House

Buildings & Grounds

Plans are in process to stain the deck behind the church office next week. Specifics are to be determined.

If you are interested in helping please contact Joe Fesperman, joefesperman@yahoo.com.

Outreach Food Collection:

For April, our collection is toilet paper and tuna. At the end of the month this collection will be taken to Hospitality House. 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

15-Reba Whittington

15-Joan Bumgarner

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

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, Alice Bowers, Ted Buddine, Pat Bumgarner, Rayburn Byrd, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, Ernestine Freas, Ann Fortuna, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Jim Gray, Edward C. Griffith III, Sherrill Holbrook, Margo Hurd, John Jacobson, Joan Knox, Jane Lowe, Gary Mitchell, Martha Morgan, Melissa Norsworthy, Bertie Pardue, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Rusty Smith, Shirley Smith, and Marilyn Trussell.

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, Jonathan Johnson, Brandon Moore, Russ Necessary, Charlie & Lauren Pendry, Adam Pinkerton, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, 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 serving abroad.

"Reconciliation of a Penitent"

Similar to confession in the Roman Catholic Church, the prayer book has a rite that allows persons to do a private and personal confession. It is particularly appropriate during Holy Week to engage in this practice in preparation for Easter, when we die to sin and rise to new life, and where we rejoice in the Resurrection and share in it with Christ.

There is a general confession in our liturgy every Sunday except during Easter season. For most of us most of the time, this is sufficient for our soul's needs. But sometimes we find ourselves burdened with the weight of a particular sin. It may be that we need to speak it aloud to let it go, and to hear the words of absolution specifically for us.

Ann will be available to hear confessions in the chapel on Holy Saturday, April 15th from 10:00am to 12:00noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Appointments will be in half hour increments and there will be a sign-up sheet so that Ann will know that someone is coming and so that individuals can avoid bumping into each other. You may sign only with an "X" if you wish- it is enough to hold the space and it protects your anonymity.

This is completely confidential. A confessor does not disclose the content of your confession, nor do they ever mention that you came- not even to ask you about it. You may always follow-up with them of course.

This isn't the only time that you can do this. We don't hold regular hours for confession or have a confessional booth in the Episcopal tradition, but it's always there for you. So you may call to make an appointment if you should ever desire to do that.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

LITURGY OF THE PALMS:

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

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.

| Sunday Servants | April 9 |
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| Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am | Lisa Beard |
| Usher 8:30am | Glenn Smith |
| Chalice Bearer 10:30am | Elizabeth Freas Chuck Forester |
| Lector 10:30am | Joe Fesperman |
| Prayers of the People 10:30am | Tana Myers |
| Oblation Bearers 10:30am | Tony Lyall Sharon Lyall |
| Acolyte Leader 10:30am | Jackson |
| Acolytes 10:30am | Crucifer 1-Benjamin Searcy Torch-Bram Koch Torch-Luke Sturdivant Gospel Carrier-Elizabeth Freas Server-Luke Sturdivant |
| Greeters 10:30am | Monty Shaw Diane Shaw |
| Communion Bread | Sharon Lyall |
| Ushers 10:30am | David Shupe, Chief James Cook Drew Mayberry Kent Wansley |
| Altar Guild | Bonnie Merritt, cpt. Marianne Beamon Robin Shumate Mary Lankford |
| Nursery Volunteer | Ryan Minick Rachel Minick |
| Feed My Sheep Shepherd | Margo Hurd |

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."

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.