



E-newsletter / December 20, 2017

ST. PAUL'S CARES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILKESBORO, NC

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thursday, December 21:

12:00noon Al-Anon in library
6:00pm "Blue Christmas" service in Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24:

Advent IV / Christmas Eve

9:30am Lessons & Carols in the Parish House
4:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
6:00pm Family Service with Eucharist in the Sanctuary / Christmas pageant
10:30pm Prelude of Christmas Music
11:00pm Choral Festal Eucharist "Midnight Mass"

Monday & Tuesday, December 25th & 26th

OFFICE CLOSED

Merry Christmas

Tuesday, December 26:

7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, December 27:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, December 28:

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

Sunday, December 31:

8:45am Choir practice
9:30am Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary



Longest Night ("Blue Christmas") Service in the Chapel Thursday, December 21 @ 6:00pm

For any who are not feeling the Christmas cheer- for whatever reason- this time of year can be difficult. We will have a service on this night with a theme especially geared for those who are seeking comfort and healing. Anyone who would like to is welcome to go for a bite to eat after the service.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Pick a costume ANY costume! Anyone who is interested in being a part of the pageant is invited to join us at the **6:00pm Family Service on Christmas Eve**. Parents with young children are invited to join with the children as we listen for special messages from God. Costumes will be placed in the commons prior to the service and you choose from the following options: Mary, Joseph, Innkeepers, Sheep, Shepherd, Angels, Magi, Star, or other animals. You are welcome to bring a costume from home if you like, there is room for everyone in this pageant!

Christmas Eve at St. Paul's

9:30am Lessons & Carols in the Parish House
4:30pm: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
6:00pm: Family Service with Holy Eucharist in the Church & Children's Pageant
10:30pm: Prelude of Christmas Music
11:00pm: Choral Festal Eucharist "Midnight Mass"

Sunday Ski Day

We have reservations with the French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mountain for **Sunday, February 11th**. This includes a lesson, equipment rental, and an all day lift pass. The cost will be \$20.00 for skiers and \$25.00 for snowboarders. We will leave immediately following the 10:30am service. Everyone is welcome to join, children 10 and under require a parent who is willing to ski with them. Please sign up in the Commons.

Outreach Food Collection:

For December, our collection is canned spaghetti. 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!



LIVING GENEROUSLY

2017 Pledge Reminder
We appreciate your commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Paul's. We hope to have the balance of your gift by December 31.

NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

26-Shane Merritt
27-Jug Shumate
30-Paul Hubbard
30-Julie Koch

ANNIVERSARIES

26-Russ & Teri Ferree
28-Mark & Lani Cook

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, Lizzie Baity, Joe Barber, Rayburn Byrd, Ken Canter, Hayden Cleary, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis,

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)

David Eller, Ernestine Freas, Ann Fortuna, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Edward C. Griffith III, Janet Hartzog, Margo Hurd, Steve Jackson, John Jacobson, Joan Knox, Jack Lucas, Maggie McCann, Ann McNeill, Donna Moore, Bertie Pardue, Jeffrey Parisi, Curtis Parker, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Gaynell Stone, Carl Triplett, Jacob Triplett, Jerry Waddell, Donna Webber, 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, 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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday Servants	December 24-9:30am Lessons & Carols
Acolyte Leader	Jackson
Acolytes	Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteers needed
Altar Guild	Bonnie Merritt Sharon Greene Volunteers
Nursery Attendant	No Nursery
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Gwen Temple

Sunday Servants	December 24 - 4:30pm
Chalice Bearer	Margo Hurd
Lector	Margo Hurd
Communion Bread	Sheree Sloop
Ushers	Jim Sturdivant, Chief Jeff Beard Douglas Morris Denise Morris Ryan Minick
Altar Guild	Bonnie Merritt Sharon Greene Volunteers
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Gwen Temple

4:30PM & 11:00PM SERVICES

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,

and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord";

and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

Psalms 97

The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will

find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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Chalice Bearer	Douglas Morris Misty Hartzog
Lector	Mary Southwell
Oblation Bearers	Volunteer
Acolyte Leader	Wansley
Acolytes	Crucifer 1-Benjamin Searcy Torch-Aaliyah Kilby Torch-Noah Wansley Gospel Carrier-Hannah Hartzog Server-Alexander Wansley
Greeters	Volunteer
Communion Bread	Sheree Sloop
Ushers	Ray Stone, Chief Randall Faw Joe Richardson Bailey Koch
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6:00PM SERVICE

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Chalice Bearer	Sharon Lyall Chuck Forester
Lector	Cindy Smith
Oblation Bearers	David McNeill Connie McNeill
Acolyte Leader	Faw or Mayberry
Acolytes	Thurifer-Drew Mayberry Crucifer 1-Bill Harris Torch-Ruth Harris Torch-Carol Canter Gospel Carrier-Luke Sturdivant Server-Luke Sturdivant
Greeters	Volunteers Needed
Communion Bread	Sheree Sloop
Ushers	Sandra Elledge, Chief Monty Shaw Jim Lyall Bryan Hartzog
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Suggestion of Vestry Member Form is on the next page.

SUGGESTION OF VESTRY MEMBER FORM



St. Paul's Wilkesboro

Vestry Election Held as Part of Annual Meeting
on January 28th Feast of St. Paul's Conversion

SUGGESTED VESTRY NOMINEE:

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The Candidate must have given consent to be nominated and/or has self-nominated.
- The Candidate must be a confirmed, baptized, or received member of St. Paul's.
- The Candidate must be "known by the Treasurer" (regular giver to St. Paul's).
- The Candidate must commit the time and involvement required of Vestry members.

Signature of Nominator (optional):

_____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the Collection Plate or to the Rev. Ann
by Sunday, January 7th.

The Nominating Committee will select from the forms submitted a recommended slate of Vestry members to propose to the Church. The slate will include 4 members to serve 3 year terms and 1 member to serve a 2 year term. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Annual Meeting.