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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, December 28:

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

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31:

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

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2:

7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, January 3:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, January 4:

12:00noon Al-Anon in library

Sunday, January 7:

FIRST FRUITS

Following 10:30am Service
Celebration of Ministry for Ramona Curtis
5:30pm Youth meet

Monday, January 8:

12:00noon ECW meeting in Parish House
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00pm Christian Ed Committee meeting

Tuesday, January 9:

7:00pm Al-Anon in library

ECW Meeting

The ECW meeting **January 8th at 12:00noon** will include a presentation on essential oils. Ladies are asked to bring a cleaning product for Phases Recovery. Please bring something simple to share for lunch.

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

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!



Dear St. Paul's Congregation,

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, and food following the recent death of my mother. It's so very difficult losing a parent as many of you know. Mom had been in declining health over the past couple of years and particularly in the past two months so I know she is in a much better place now. Your friendship and kind words are more appreciated than you could know.

*Love and peace,
Ramona*



JOIN US SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Combined **9:30am** service in the main sanctuary followed by **The Annual Meeting.**

All members of the parish are called to meet in order to hear about the affairs of our parish and elect four new members to the vestry.

Note: A quorum is required by Episcopal and Diocesan Canons for Annual Meeting to be held. Members are encouraged to attend to hear the business of the church and cast their vote for vestry.

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

December:

31-Sheilah Conway
31-Sharon Greene
31-Tim Day
31-Jerry Barker

January:

1-Franz Yale
2-Bryan Will
3-Denver Owens
6-Joe Manolovich
6-Teri Ferree

ANNIVERSARIES

January:

4-Edward & Erin Southwell

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers

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

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)

ILLNESS

Rik Absher, Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Lizzie Baity, Joe Barber, Rayburn Byrd, Ken Canter, Hayden Cleary, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, 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 31, 2017

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalms 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

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Sunday Servants	December 31
Chalice Bearer	Laurie Love Misty Hartzog
Lector	Denise Sturdivant
Prayers of the People	Margo Hurd
Oblation Bearers	Volunteers
Acolyte Leader	Jackson
Acolytes	Crucifer 1-Hannah Hartzog Torch-Aaliyah Kilby Torch-Denise Sturdivant Gospel Carrier-Benjamin Searcy Server-Benjamin Searcy
Greeters	Bill Carroll Marietta Carroll
Communion Bread	Sheree Sloop
Ushers 10:30am	Drew Mayberry, Chief James Cook Kent Wansley Tim Murphy
Altar Guild	Reba Whittington, cpt. Kendall Forester Jane Will Franz Yale
Nursery Volunteer	No Nursery
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Gwen Temple

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning

with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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.