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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 7:

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

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10:

Advent II

- 8:30am Holy Eucharist in Chapel
- 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
- 4:00pm "Living Through the Shadows of Advent" in Parish House
- 5:30pm Youth Group meets

Monday, December 11:

- 12:00noon ECW meets in Parish House
- 4:30pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, December 12:

- 7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, December 13:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 17:

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 11:45am Vestry Meeting
- 4:00pm "Living Through the Shadows of Advent" in Parish House
- 5:00pm Christ the Liberator in Chapel
- 12noon Children & Youth caroling event

ECW Meeting

The ECW meeting **December 11th at 12:00noon** is our Christmas Get Together. Ladies are asked to bring a book to exchange (new or one they have read) and a Christmas goody to share. We will have pizza for our lunch!

No Rehearsal Nativity

Children, youth, and families are invited to join us in our Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve at the **6:00pm service**. This pageant will require no rehearsal for the characters and children are invited to bring a costume or borrow a costume on Christmas Eve.



Poinsettia Season - Christmas Remembrances



Look in the Sunday bulletin for inserts to sign up to give one or more poinsettias in honor or in memory of someone. This helps us fund the purchase of flowers to decorate the church throughout the upcoming year. **The cost is \$17.00 per plant.** 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 Christmas Eve bulletin.

Remember to bring berries and greenery for decorating the church. These may be brought on Sunday, December 17th. We will decorate after Chez Paul on Wednesday, December 20th.

Youth Meets Sunday

The youth will meet from **5:30-7:00pm** in the Parish House for an Advent Prayer activity and to prepare the candles for Christmas Eve. Dinner will be provided.



Surviving the Shadow of Christmas

Many people experience sadness and emotional pressure during the holidays, but for those coping with serious illness, sad memories of "Christmas past," grief from loss of loved ones, or other situations that pose big lifestyle changes, finding comfort and joy in this holiday season can be a difficult task.

Anyone who finds themselves in any of these situations are welcome to **join us in the Parish House from 4-5:30pm on Sunday, December 10th and 17th.**

We will discuss dealing with the holidays, and hopefully participants will find comfort and feel less pressured by the impending holidays by exploring the sense of peace the Christian season of Advent can provide for us all.

Debbie Asel and Dot Beamon will serve as facilitators and will use the book *Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent and Christmas* by Jan Richardson as a guide.



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. In addition to the regularly scheduled service on **Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30pm**, we will have a service on this night with a

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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.

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 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!



Dish Cloth Project

Attention all knitters, we need knitted dish cloths for our project. We are giving them to Safe House and the Assistance program.

If you are not a knitter and want to participate we will need travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioners, lotion, toothpaste, body



wash, baby powder, etc. If you knit and need a pattern for the cloths or if you have any questions please contact Carol Canter at 336-838-9122 or 336-566-1311 or e-mail at ccanter123@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

10-Colleen Manolovich
13-Philip Stone
14-Joyce Wheeling

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

Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Lizzie

Baity, Joe Barber, Pam Baugh, Rayburn Byrd, 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, Wes Martin, Maggie McCann, Ann McNeill, Glenn Merritt, Bertie Pardue, Jeffrey Parisi, Curtis Parker, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Gaynell Stone, Jane Sullivan, Keith Summerford, 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 10, 2017

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

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

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
 and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
 that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord
 one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years
 are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise,
 as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not
 wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But
 the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the
 heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the ele-
 ments will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and eve-
 rything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,
 what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of
 holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the
 coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens
 will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will
 melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we
 wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteous-
 ness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these
 things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot
 or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salva-
 tion.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son
 of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight,"

Sunday Servants	December 10
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Mary Anne Caplinger
Usher 8:30am	Glenn Smith
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Pam Baugh Lynn Durchman
Lector 10:30am	Dick Sloop
Prayers of the People 10:30am	Gwen Temple
Oblation Bearers 10:30am	Joe Richardson Jenny Richardson
Acolyte Leader 10:30am	Jackson
Acolytes 10:30am	Crucifer 1-Maddie Beard Torch-Katie Beard Torch-Ruth Harris Gospel Carrier-Bill Harris Server-Bill Harris
Greeters 10:30am	Joe Manolovich Colleen Manolovich
Communion Bread	Sheree Sloop
Ushers 10:30am	Drew Mayberry, Chief James Cook Kent Wansley Tim Murphy
Altar Guild	Pam Mayberry, cpt. Rose Andrews Laurie Love Mary Southwell
Nursery Volunteer	Anne Hannibal Rose Andrews
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Gwen Temple

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."