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ST. PAUL'S CARES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILKESBORO, NC

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues., March 7-Fri., March 10:
Rachel at conference in Montreal

Thursday, March 9:
11:30pm Crisis Assistance
12:00noon Al-Anon in library

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12:
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
5:00pm Jr. EYC meets
6:00pm Sr. EYC meets

Monday, March 13:
12:00noon ECW meets in Parish House
4:30pm Thomas Keating DVD/ discussion
5:00pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, March 14:
7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, March 15:
12noon Bible Study w/Carl Elledge in Parish House
5:30pm Holy Eucharist in Chapel
6:00pm Chez Paul
Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert
Donations go to Stop Hunger Now

**Sign up by Tues.
Noon, March 14**

6:45pm Adult Choir
7:00pm Dick Underwood Book Club in Parish House

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH



ECW Meeting

ECW meets **March 13th at noon** in the Parish House. Our program will be from Home Instead. Bring something simple to share for lunch. Hope to see you there!



United Thank Offering

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

The United Thank Ingathering will be on **Sunday, March 19th**. This offering is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is the sum of our daily thanks for blessing of everyday lives. Twice a year, you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving for the ingathering, where it is combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of other Episcopalian to become the United Thanks Offerings.

Church Work Day

There will be a work day at the church on **Saturday, March 18th from 9:00am - until**. There will be more details next week. Some of the major goals are staining the deck behind the church office and mulching the grounds. There will be a sign up sheet in the Commons this Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Joe Fesperman at 336-667-3591 or joefesperman@yahoo.com.

Outreach Food Collection:

For March, our collection is peanut butter and jelly. At the end of the month this collection will be taken to Samaritan's Kitchen. A box will be placed in the Commons for all donations.

The Outreach Committee appreciates your support in our efforts!



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast is on **March 19th from 8:30-10:00am** in the Parish House and will be cooked and served by the men of St. Paul's. A donation of \$5.00 per person to cover our cost is appreciated. Come join your fellow parishioners for delicious food and fellowship.

If you would like to get involved with the Men's Breakfast, please contact Ken Canter at rkcanter@aol.com.

NEWS IN THE COMMUNITY

Caregiver's Meeting

First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro is sponsoring a Caregiver's Support Group Meeting on **March 18, 2017 from 11:30am to 1:00pm** at Cagney's Kitchen. Anyone interested may attend! All are welcome.

Topic: Alzheimer's: Are you at Risk?
Program is free. Lunch is Dutch.
RSVP by March 16 to 252-670-3043.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy and a few small stuffed animals for our Easter Egg hunt. Please bring these items to the office.



NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

12-Misty Hartzog
12-John Southwell
13-Bob Arthur
14-Joe Fesperman
16-Jim Payne

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

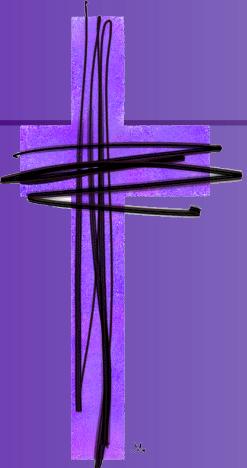
Rik Absher, Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Alice Bowers, Ted Buddine, Pat Bumgarner, Rayburn Byrd, Edwin & Betty Church, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, Ann Day, Kristen Day, WC Earley, Ernestine Freas, Ann Fortuna, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Jim Gray, Edward C. Griffith III, John Jacobson, Joan Knox, Taylor Grace Lovette, Jane Lowe, Wes Martin, Martha Morgan, Melissa Norsworthy, Bertie Pardue, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Rusty Smith, Shirley Smith, and TC Smith.

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.

Special Offerings for Lent



Sunday Morning @ 9:30am:

1. Upstairs Parish House- Discussion of Richard Rohr's "Letting Go" led by the Rev. Deacon Susan Whittington

ON THE ART OF LETTING GO-RICHARD ROHR

"On The Art of Letting Go, Fr. Rohr gives us a six-session learning course that explores: the surprising richness we discover through simplifying our lives without taking a vow of poverty; liberation from our self-limiting biases and certitudes; contemplation and action, two key steps toward communing more deeply with the Divine; and more."

There is no book so we will be using CDs and a study guide for the 6 classes. Each week will include questions for contemplation and practice. This course is also available on Audible if you want to have it for your own. While it would be beneficial, you do not have to attend all sessions to enjoy the thoughts of Fr. Richard Rohr.

2. Downstairs Parish House- "The Hero's Journey" led by Ann Dieterle- the format will be presentation, video clips, and discussion.

Monday @ 4:30 - 5:20pm:

March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10

Downstairs Parish House (please enter through the doors leading directly to the downstairs)

Centering Prayer 4:30-5:20pm

4:30 – 5:00pm Thomas Keating DVD & discussion
5:00 – 5:20pm Centering Prayer

Please feel free to come at 5:00pm for prayer even if you can't come for the DVD discussion

Wednesday @ 12noon - 1:00pm:

March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5

Upstairs Parish House

Bible Study w/Carl Elledge
The Book of Romans

**Bring your lunch if you want!

Saturday, March 25th @ 10:00am - 2:00pm:

Lenten Quiet Day

Theme TBD. Lunch provided for a cost *OR* bring your own.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

| Sunday Servants | March 12 |
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| Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am | Margo Hurd |
| Usher 8:30am | Bob Will |
| Chalice Bearer 10:30am | Robin Shumate Steve Reid |
| Lector 10:30am | Mary Southwell |
| Prayers of the People 10:30am | Robin Shumate |
| Oblation Bearers 10:30am | Bill Harris Ruth Harris |
| Acolyte Leader 10:30am | Wansley |
| Acolytes 10:30am | Crucifer 1-Katie Beard Torch-Maddie Beard Torch-Noah Wansley Gospel Carrier-Alexander Wansley Server-Nicholas Beard |
| Greeters 10:30am | Bill Carroll Marietta Carroll |
| Communion Bread | Linda Wansley |
| Ushers 10:30am | Jim Sturdivant, Chief Jeff Beard Douglas Morris Denise Morris |
| Altar Guild | Sharon Greene, cpt. Sharon Lyall Becky Caudill Cynthia Palazzolo |
| Nursery Volunteer | Betty Morris Anne Hannibal |
| Feed My Sheep Shepherd | Margo Hurd |

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."