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# ST. PAUL'S CARES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILKESBORO, NC

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Lynne out of office  
Until December 7**

### Thursday, November 30:

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

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 3:

- 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
- 3:00pm Wilkes Chamber Singers in Sanctuary

### Monday, December 4:

- 4:30pm Centering Prayer
- 5:00pm Christian Ed Committee meeting in office

### Tuesday, December 5:

- 7:00pm Al-Anon in library

### Wednesday, December 6:

- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist in Chapel
- 6:00pm Chez Paul pot luck in Parish House
- 6:45pm Choir practice
- 7:00pm Dick Underwood Book Club in Parish House

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday, December 11:

- 12:00noon ECW meeting
- 4:30pm Centering Prayer



**Chez Paul December 6th @ 6pm**  
Menu: pot luck

**Please sign up by 12noon on Tuesday, December 5th.**

### 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.**



### 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.



### Angel Tree

Make sure your "Angel Tree" child's gifts are wrapped and put in a large bag with the Angel tag securely attached to the bag. Turn them in to the Parish House by December 5th.



Thank you for helping to make a foster child's Christmas a little brighter!

### Longest Night ("Blue Christmas") Service in the Chapel Thursday, Dec. 21 @ 6 pm

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, Dec. 20 at 5:30, 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.



## 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)

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## NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

3-Sarah Fesperman  
4-Cindy Smith  
8-Ryan Minick  
9-Rachel Canter

### ANNIVERSARIES

3-Ralph & Rosa Jolly

## 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, 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](mailto:office@stpaulwilkesboro.org), especially those serving abroad.*



### 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.



### 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 [cconter123@gmail.com](mailto:cconter123@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

### Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

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**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mark 13:24-37**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Sunday Servants	December 3
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Lisa Beard
Usher 8:30am	Bob Will
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Cindy Smith Chuck Forester
Lector 10:30am	Tana Myers
Prayers of the People 10:30am	Joe Fesperman
Oblation Bearers 10:30am	Monty Shaw Diane Shaw
Acolyte Leader 10:30am	Wansley
Acolytes 10:30am	Crucifer 1-Drew Mayberry Torch-Aaliyah Kilby Torch-Noah Wansley Gospel Carrier-Alexander Wansley Server-Alexander Wansley
Greeters 10:30am	Doug Morris Denise Morris
Communion Bread	Sheree Sloop
Ushers 10:30am	Joe Manolovich, Chief Colleen Manolovich Steve Jackson Robert Baugh
Altar Guild	Mary Lankford Betty Morris Sharon Greene
Nursery Volunteer	Ben Staley Cynthia Palazzolo
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Gwen Temple