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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, February 23:

11:30pm Crisis Assistance  
12:00noon Al-Anon in library

### Saturday, February 25:

Vestry Retreat @  
Valle Crucis

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 26:

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  
12noon VBS training  
5:00pm Jr. EYC meets  
6:00pm Sr. EYC meets

### Tuesday, February 28:

#### Shrove Tuesday

5:30pm Burning of the Palms & Alleluias  
5:30pm Men's pancake supper in Parish House  
7:00pm Al-Anon in library

### Wednesday, March 1:

#### Ash Wednesday

12noon Holy Eucharist in Chapel  
7:00pm Holy Eucharist in church

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Fri., March 3-Sun., March 5:

Spring Youth Conference @ VCCC

### Sun., March 5-Tues, March 7:

Lenten Clergy Conference

### Tues., March 7-Fri., March 10:

Rachel @ conference in Montreat

## Special Offerings for Lent on following page.



### SHROVE TUESDAY

The Men of the Church will be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28th.

Pancakes will be served between 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

All men are needed please sign up for jobs. See sign up list in the Commons.

### Joke Contest

This past Sunday Mike Southwell mentioned that the best jokes are told at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. I don't doubt that is true, but who has the best joke? I say we find out! **Tuesday the 28th at 6:15pm** we'll have the first annual Shrove Tuesday Joke Contest. Qualifying criteria: must be less than 60 seconds and must be suitable for all audiences. There will be a prize for the winner.

### Building & Grounds Committee

St Paul's grounds and building work will be divided into 2 groups this year. The first group is for those interested in working on plantings and landscaping. Additional more extensive and longer range work is also up for discussion. Anyone with handy person/repair work/carpentry/painting/electrical/go-for skills, please let Joe Fesperman know at [joefesperman@yahoo.com](mailto:joefesperman@yahoo.com). An email will be going out later this month to organize "A Motley Crew" of workers to repair the physical facilities and enjoy time together.

## Thank You

"For God So Loved..",

Two and a half years ago my brother, David Jones, had a stroke while riding his motorcycle from his business to his bank. The wreck tried to claim David's life. An elderly woman witnessed the strange incident in front of her and called 911. A helicopter lifted him out of Union County into Charlotte for care. David's son and I stood by his bed with prayers and contacted our family, church friends and others asking for their prayer support as David's life was touch and go for several weeks. St. Paul friends have prayed without ceasing. David and I want you to know how grateful we are for those prayers. Finally, with faith, we were able to put David "at the foot of the Cross" and leave his recovery to the Will of God. All the prayers gave us the strength to believe that he would recover. We are so grateful for each and every person involved and for every prayer that was uttered. God answers prayers!

Today, after losing his right arm, a knee replacement, multiple surgeries and blood transfusions, and unbelievable medical interventions, David is recovering, and learning to find a new life. We are thankful every day and strengthened by your prayers and by God's Grace. Go in Peace - for He promises that He will never leave us alone.

In His Love, Sincerely,  
Pat Jones

**Outreach Food Collection:** For February, our collection is spaghetti sauce and noodles. At the end of the month this collection will be taken to Crisis Assistance. A box will be placed in the Commons for all donations.

The Outreach Committee appreciates your support in our efforts!



## Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting – Sunday February 26th 12:00-1:00

This meeting is for anyone interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this summer, including adults and youth who are rising 6th graders through high schoolers. This meeting will focus on introducing the theme for VBS, assigning roles, and reviewing materials together.



During Lent St. Paul's will once again be hosting a Lent Madness tournament. Brackets will be available in the commons and Parish House from February 12-28<sup>th</sup>.

Please return your completed bracket to the office or box in the Commons by February 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be winners in the Adult and Youth category.

According to Lent Madness.org: "The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch."

## 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
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

\*it has been difficult to find a good time slot for this. As long as 3 people come, we'll judge that to be sufficient interest. 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!

### Wednesday @ 7:00 - 8:00pm:

Downstairs Parish House

"*The Hero's Journey*" led by Ann Dieterle- the format will be presentation, video clips, and discussion. (see description below)

This is the same class offered on Sunday morning, just at a different time. 6 minimum to hold class.

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

Lenten Quiet Day

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

## NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

27-Becca Hartzog  
28-Bob Skees  
28-Ken Asel

### ANNIVERSARIES

28-Monty & Diane Shaw

## 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, Kristen Day, WC Earley, Ernestine Freas, Ann Fortuna, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Jim Gray, Edward C. Griffith III, John Jacobson, Joan Knox, Janine Lewis, Taylor Grace Lovette, Jane Lowe, Wes Martin, Martha Morgan, Melissa Norsworthy, Bertie Pardue, Eric Payne, Buddy Rhodes, 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](mailto:office@stpaulwilkesboro.org), especially those serving abroad.*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

### Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### Psalm 99

The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*

Sunday Servants	February 26
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Margo Hurd
Usher 8:30am	Doug Merritt
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Misty Hartzog Joe Hilton
Lector 10:30am	Elizabeth Freas
Prayers of the People 10:30am	Denise Sturdivant
Oblation Bearers 10:30am	James Cook Beverly Cook
Acolyte Leader 10:30am	Jackson
Acolytes 10:30am	Crucifer 1-Drew Mayberry Torch-Hannah Hartzog Torch-Catori Wilkie Gospel Carrier-Misty Hartzog Server-Carol Canter
Greeters 10:30am	Maggie McCann Tina Duncan
Communion Bread	Beverly Cook
Ushers 10:30am	Joe Manolovich, Chief Colleen Manolovich Steve Jackson Robert Baugh
Altar Guild	Maggie McCann, cpt. Becky Craft Betty Morris Mary Lankford
Nursery Volunteer	Cynthia Palazzolo Anne Hannibal
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Margo Hurd

you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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**2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."