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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, March 2:

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

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

Spring Youth  
Conference @ VCCC

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 5:

#### First Fruits

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

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

Ann @ Clergy  
Conference @ VCCC

### Tuesday, March 7:

1:00pm Sojourners Book Group  
7:00pm Al-Anon in library

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

Rachel at conference in Montreat

### Wednesday, March 8:

12noon Bible Study w/Carl Elledge in Parish House  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist in Chapel  
6:00pm Chez Paul  
Menu: pot luck  
*Donations go to Stop Hunger Now*  
**Sign up by Tues. Noon, March 7**  
6:45pm Adult Choir  
7:00pm Dick Underwood Book Club in Parish House  
7:00pm *The Hero's Journey* downstairs in Parish House

## Chez Paul for Lent

Inspired by our Lenten Meal series from last year, we will once again use this season to kick off our fund-raising for Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger. Donations will be accepted during Chez Paul and all donations through Lent will be set aside for Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger. Over the course of this year, Rise Against Hunger will reach all corners of the globe as we work to provide immediate nutrition to those in need and implement long-term solutions to hunger and poverty.



March 8th: Potluck

March 15th: ECW hosting, Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert

March 22nd: CHILI COOK-OFF

March 29th: Host and Menu TBD

April 5th: Potluck

## 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.

## Pillowcase Dresses

This Saturday the Methodist ladies will be working on pillowcase dresses and shorts for children in 3rd World Countries at the home of Tanya Shire. If you would like to join in please email Tanya at [tan-yashire@aol.com](mailto:tan-yashire@aol.com) to ask for directions to her home. They will work from around **8:00am to 12:00noon**. You can go anytime and leave whenever you need to. Lots of jobs even if you don't sew. They would love to have us join them.



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 28th. 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 Sainly 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."

## 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!



## NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

5-Beth Boyd  
6-Eleanor Richardson  
7-Bonnie Merritt

### ANNIVERSARIES

This Week:  
2-John & Sandra Oliver

## 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, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Rusty Smith, Shirley Smith, TC Smith, and Bob Will.

### 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 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!

### **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.

Special Offerings for Lent

## SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

### Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### Psalms 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach  
them.

You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understand-  
ing; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Sunday Servants	March 5
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Lisa Beard
Usher 8:30am	Glenn Smith
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Sharon Lyall Douglas Morris
Lector 10:30am	Tana Myers
Prayers of the People 10:30am	Joe Fesperman
Oblation Bearers 10:30am	Ken Canter Carol Canter
Acolyte Leader 10:30am	Lankford
Acolytes 10:30am	Crucifer 1-Charles Lankford Torch-Davis Lankford Torch-Hannah Hartzog Gospel Carrier-Luke Sturdivant Server-Austin Lankford
Greeters 10:30am	Monty Shaw Diane Shaw
Communion Bread	Linda Wansley
Ushers 10:30am	David Shupe, Chief James Cook Drew Mayberry Kent Wansley
Altar Guild	Bonnie Merritt, cpt. Marianne Beamon Robin Shumate Mary Lankford
Nursery Volunteer	Ryan Minick Rachel Minick
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Margo Hurd

### Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemna-

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tion for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are

the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.