



Sunday, December 17, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

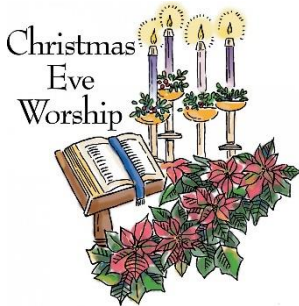
Parish Mission: "Growing in Christ, Serving God's People"

Diocesan Vision: "Making, Equipping, Sending Mature Disciples of Christ"

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**Office Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
9am-1pm**

Interim Rector
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr.
Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries,
Jane Kilpatrick
Parish Secretary Brenda Vale



Sunday, December 24th Three Services will be held:
10 AM-Holy Eucharist, Rite II – The Fourth Sunday of Advent
4 PM-Children's Christmas Service
8 PM-Christmas Eve Service

This Saturday, December 16th 5-7 PM Adult Holiday Social: St Paul's Episcopal Church is planning an evening social on Saturday December 16th, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm for adults. Note that adult beverages will be present. Please bring your favorite appetizer and beverage to enjoy as we gather to celebrate the Holidays.

The sign-up sheet for the event will be posted in Close Hall. EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to join what is to be a fun and enjoyable time. We are excited about bringing back this tradition.

Also calling all bakers. If you are so inclined, please bring a tin of cookies if you would like to participate in the cookie exchange! I am sure there will be some yummy choices!

Childcare will be available in Kid's Corner as this is an adult event.



The children are welcome to wear their Pajamas. See below invitation for further info.



Envelopes for the Christmas Memorial Offering are located on the table in the Narthex and on the table outside the office doors. Please have your memorials in to the church office by December 20th at 10AM.

St. Paul's Prayer List

May God the Father bless you; God the Son heal you; God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to His heavenly country, where He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**In the event of a pastoral emergency,
contact
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr. @ 757-650-0982**

Those in need of prayer:

Shelly Artello, Bobbie Beam, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, Dan Centea, Karen Centofanti, Marianne Clark, Russell Hawes, May Hennessy, Robert Krychiw, Libby Justice, Cindy Lister, Shannon Ranucci, Mary Ann Saint, Frank

Stewart, Marie Treadwell, Mary Dobson, Weston Yatko, Robert Kubick, Linda Oldham, Nancy Decker, Lizann Rex, Charles, and Craig Lieske, Michele Erickson, Rachel Joiner, our Angel Tree families and the Krafft family.

Please pray for those who have died, especially Rodney Cook.

If you need to be added or have someone that we need to pray for, please email the church office at stpauls@comporium.net or call 803.547.5968 and leave a message. Unless requested, each name will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

Mark your Calendar: Sunday, December 31st there will only be one service. Morning Prayer will be held at 10 AM,

Reminder: Please wear your name badges especially during this transition time with our new Interim Rector.

Please let Brenda know via email @stpauls@comporium.net or phone 803-547-5968 if you need a name tag.



The Vestry is in need of a clerk. You need to be a member of St Paul's to be the clerk. Duties include taking notes at Vestry meetings, preparing those notes for church records. The Vestry meets one Sunday a month at Noon and special meetings as needed. Please contact a Vestry member for further information.

If you know anyone that is homebound, etc that would like to receive copies of the weekly publications in the mail, please contact Brenda via email stpauls@comporium.net or phone 803-547-5968. Please verify the person(s) address on file is still valid.



The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed will continue on Sunday, December 17th between the services at 9:15. This week, we will discuss Luke the Evangelist and the Annunciation.



Tuesday Morning Book Study: December 19 @ 11:00am (Kids' Corner) During Advent we will use the daily devotional entitled "Advent for Everyone: A Journey with the Apostles" by N. T. Wright. This edition follows the same lectionary scriptures appointed for Advent – Yr. B. The devotions, and appointed scriptures, beginning on page 56 and covers Week 3 (Sunday – Saturday).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In Kids' Corner (K-4th) This Sunday we continue with the *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* that is Advent as we progress through the scriptures and the culmination of the birth of the Christ child. There will be some slight

differences in Kids' Corner as we will begin learning about The Lectionary. In addition to that, we will include a short worship period including the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath.

ALL PARENTS (babies – high schoolers) Please see Jane before leaving Sunday/Today! She has an Advent package for you. Packets are up to 11x17. *Please...* save us the postage.

Christian Education at St. Paul's: We believe in making "God is Everywhere" real for our young people and helping them see the many ways Christians share the Fruit of the Spirit through Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

On Sunday mornings, families are greeted by Jane (Ms. Jane) Kilpatrick and Aiyana (Miss Flowers) Flowers. Ms. Jane, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries, has been with St. Paul's since 2015. She has a Masters in Christian Education and has served in Episcopal churches for over 20 years. Miss Flowers, Nursery Coordinator, has been with St. Paul's since 2016. She has a Masters in Literacy from Winthrop University and is a third-grade teacher. Each week, nurturing and vibrant volunteers join us in cultivating relationships with the children.

Nursery (Birth – Age 4) and Kids' Corner begin at 10:15
Youth Group (5th – 12th)

Storytime will be on Sunday evenings (Zoom meeting ID: 922 5874 9013 or <https://zoom.us/j/92258749013>) at 7:pm and on Wednesday evenings (Zoom meeting ID 912 7710 0457 or <https://zoom.us/j/91277100457>) at 6:30pm. Storytime is open all. Please join us.

- Sunday & Wednesday (Dec. 17 & 20) The Living Nativity: The Story of Saint Francis and the Christmas Manger
- Sunday & Wednesday (Dec. 24 & 27) 'Twas the Night Before Jesus
- Sunday & Wednesday (Jan. 7 & 10) Home by Another Way

God is Always with You and God Always Loves You... No Matter What!

Be in Touch! Jane Kilpatrick, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries
stpaulseducator@gmail.com 704-968-2902

Parish Directory 2024 Edition: There is a draft copy of the new directory in the Narthex for review. Please review to make sure your information is correct and initial in the space provided. If corrections or additions are needed, please use the additional pages in the back. Thank you! Brenda



Dinner Groups: The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for several weeks now, but there have been very few sign-ups thus far.

Getting together for a meal, either in homes or at restaurants, has been a long-standing tradition at St. Paul's. Hopefully, more people will choose to sign up for our traditional dinner groups (either on the sign-up sheet or directly to me via email — antcierob@aol.com) so we will be able to continue this fellowship opportunity which we normally begin after the holidays.

For those who perhaps don't like to go out at night, we will also add a lunch group this year. If you would be interested in getting together to go out for lunch once a month or so, you can also sign up on the sheet (just indicate

“lunch”) or send me an email. As with the dinner restaurant group, each participant will take a turn selecting a restaurant and making the necessary arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Luzzi

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS 2023



Angel Tree: Congratulations Parish Angels! Our Stocking Family and our Santa’s Hat Family’s Wish Lists have been completed! We are Santa’s Helpers for each of these two special families!

Your generous support of our ministry during this season of Love, Hope Joy is all about sharing Love Hope & Joy with them!

A great big Thank You to our Angel Tree Elves: Barbara Bartell, Sue Craven, Sandy Lieske and our Church Secretary Brenda!

Christmas Blessings!
Missions & Outreach Committee

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR for Fort Mill Care Center

The St. Paul’s Mission and Outreach Committee would like to invite you to join us in a Reverse Advent practice again this year. Each day of Advent, perhaps at the same time we are opening the windows or small gifts on our traditional Advent Calendar, we will also set aside a food (or household cleaning item) to be brought to St. Paul’s each Sunday morning for later delivery to the Fort Mill Care Center. Any items are welcome, but the “calendar” below provides suggestions for your consideration. Please bring your offerings to the narthex and place in the designated container.

December

- 3 jar/bag of coffee
- 4 can/bottle of juice
- 5 box of cereal
- 6 jar of peanut butter
- 7 jar of jelly
- 8 box of tea
- 9 loaf of bread
- 10 canned/boxed soup
- 11 canned chicken
- 12 canned tuna
- 13 canned applesauce
- 14 canned fruit
- 15 bag of chips
- 16 box of cookies
- 17 package of pasta
- 18 canned tomatoes
- 19 package of rice
- 20 package of instant potatoes
- 21 package of grits
- 22 canned vegetable
- 23 box of stuffing mix

24 package of prepared dessert cakes

Thank you for your participation.

May you have a very blessed Advent season!

Meals 4 Caring and Sharing

When members of our congregation have a new baby, have surgery or a serious illness, or experience a death in their family, we will be able to say, “St. Paul’s cares!” by delivering a meal. Of course, we can’t do this without you, so here is how you can help.

- Let a member of our team (listed below) know when you are aware of a parishioner who would benefit from this type of gesture of concern. In addition, a parishioner could also call the church office at 803-547-5968 and leave a message / request a return call regarding a parishioner who needs some assistance.
- All casseroles, side dishes or desserts should be in freezable, disposable containers. Label it clearly with your name, the contents, the date, cooking/warming instructions, and leave it in the freezer on the 3rd shelf.
- Smaller size casseroles that serve 2 -3 are greatly appreciated!
- You can also help by respecting our designated freezer space (3rd shelf) and supplies. Please do not remove or contribute anything without contacting a team member.
- When food is removed to take to a parishioner, please make a note on the sheet available about how many items and what types of items were removed.
- Many thanks to all who have already expressed an interest in preparing and delivering food!

The What’s for Dinner team:

Ginny Arthur ginnyarthur@yahoo.com

Sue Craven bettysuecraven@gmail.com

Wendy Penk wendy.agcm@gmail.com

If you’re able to make financial donations, please consider:

Please do remember that cash donations are always welcome at the organizations we help to serve:

<https://bethelshelters.org/services>

<https://www.fortmillcarecenter.org/monetary-donations/>

www.FoodForThePoor.org www.SAMS-USA.org (the Vivanco Family)

The Historic Paradise Foundation, 1162-A Fort Mill Highway 160 Fort Mill, SC 29707

www.educationequalshope.org

<https://www.defendthefatherless.org/donate>

Fellowship:

Coffee hour: If you would like to host, please use the sign-up sheet in the Close Hall outside the kitchen door.



Altar Flowers- The 2023 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up on this chart to donate the altar flowers. If you would like a dedication in the Sunday bulletin, **please remember to email or call the church office before Wednesday morning with your dedication so that the office may add it in the bulletin.** Flowers are \$50 and checks can be made out to St. Paul’s with “altar flowers” in the memo line.

The flowers this month are given to the glory of God by:

- December 3rd - Sue and Mike Craven in Loving Memory of our parents, Mary & George Craven and Witson and Betty Smith
December 10th - Available
December 17th - Available
December 24th – Dee Hodnett in loving memory of her mother, Mary K Stanley and in honor of Grady Hodnett’s birthday
December 31st – Henry and Mary Carter in honor of their wedding anniversary

Reminder that the deadline for E-Info, Bulletins and Announcements is Thursday at 10AM.

Office Hours
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9AM-1PM



December Birthdays

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| 1 st - Ruth Smith | 15 th - Joyce Griffin |
| 3 rd - Corey Paule | 17 th - Ellen Frank |
| 8 th - Dorothy Kodzwa | 18 th - Carole Finn |
| 10 th - Jennifer Vickery | 18 th - Jack Hennessy |
| 11 th - Megan White | 21 st - Holly Russell |
| 11 th - Matthew Kirkland | 21 st - Mike Warren |
| 13 th - Frank Justice | 30 th - Mary Artello-Kneidel |



December Anniversaries

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| 3 rd -Frank & Libby Justice | 20 th -Frank & Lynda Stewart |
| 6 th - Ryan & Catherine Lindgren | 21 st -Wayne & Robin Barschow |
| 16 th -David & Amanda McRell | 22 nd -David & Donna Dudley |
| 19 th -Pat & Carole Finn | 27 th -Henry & Mary Carter |



Vestry Members

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Clerk:

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Mary Luzzi- antcierob@aol.com

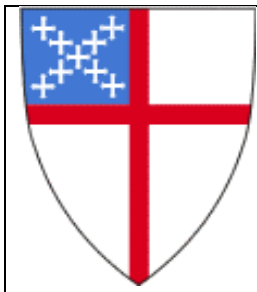
Ellen Frank- ellenatthebeach@gmail.com

Wendy Penk - wendy.agcm@gmail.com

Sue Craven

December 2023

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3 ANNUAL MEETING PARISH BREAKFAST	4	5	6 OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	7 REV ED IN OFFICE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	8 REV ED IN OFFICE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	9
10	11	12	13 ANGEL TREE GIFTS/ GROCERIES DUE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	14 REV ED IN OFFICE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	15 REV ED IN OFFICE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	16 5-7 PM ADULT HOLIDAY SOCIAL
17 VESTRY MEETING	18	19	20 OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	21 REV ED IN OFFICE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	22 REV ED IN OFFICE OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM	23
24 10 AM-HOLY EUCARIST, RITE II 4 PM- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE 8 PM- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 31 MORNING PRAYER 10AM	25 	26 **	27 OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM REV ED WILL BE IN ENGLAND DEC 26-JAN 8	28 OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM **	29 OFFICE OPEN 9 AM- 1 PM **	30 **



	December 3rd The First Sunday of Advent	December 10th The Second Sunday of Advent	December 17th The Third Sunday of Advent	December 24th The Fourth Sunday of Advent 10 AM 4 PM 8 PM	December 31st The First Sunday after Christmas Day 10 AM Morning Prayer
Vestry of Day	Carolyn Line	8 AM Wendy Penk 10:30 AM Laura Daly	8 AM Wendy Penk 10:30 AM Laura Daly	Megan Counts	Mary Luzzi
8AM Altar Guild	Betty Allegretti	Jan Arnold	Betty Allegretti	Clare Hawes	Fran Schrag
8AM Lay Minister	Betty Allegretti	Clare Hawes	Dan Centea		
8AM Lector 1	Kent Weymouth	Clare Hawes	Dan Centea		
8AM Lector 2	Sally Weymouth	Leah Abraham	Megan Counts		
8 AM Usher	Kent Weymouth	Carolyn Line	Megan Counts	10 AM Dennis Edwards	Carolyn Line
10:30 AM Altar Guild	Donna Dudley	Pam Centea	Janice Hage	Donna Dudley	Donna Dudley
10:30 AM Lay Minister	Mary Luzzi	Pam Centea	Janet Jendron	10AM Dan Bartell	10 AM David Dudley
10:30AM Lector 1	Laura Verastegui	Ginny Arthur	Janice Hage	10 AM Ginny Arthur	10 AM Jennifer Dickson
10:30 AM Lector 2	Mary Luzzi	Pam Centea	Janet Jendron	10 AM Dan Bartell	10 AM Leah Abraham
10:30 AM Usher	Barbara McQueen	Dee Hodnett	Barbara Bartell	TBA	Dee Hodnett
Counters	Dennis Edwards	Donna Dudley	Mary Luzzi	Niall Paule	Pat Finn
	Mary Carter	Libby Chambers	Barbara Bartell	Diane Lawton	Diane Lawton
Flower Guild	Sally Weymouth	Libby Chambers	Barbara Bartell	TBA	TBA
4 PM Usher Christmas Eve				Megan Counts	
8 PM Usher Christmas Eve				Leah Abraham	