



# Sunday, December 3, 2023 The First 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

**On Sundays we offer 2 services of Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8:00 am and Rite II at 10:30 am. The 10:30 am service may be viewed live on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/stpaulsfortmill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsfortmill/)**

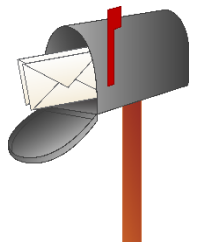
**Reminder: Please wear your name badges especially during this transition time with our new Interim Rector.**

Please let Brenda know via email [@stpauls@comporium.net](mailto:@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](mailto:stpauls@comporium.net) or phone 803-547-5968. Please verify the person(s) address on file is still valid.



## [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**

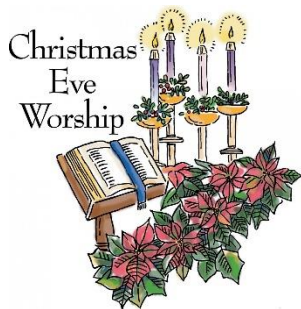
Those in need of prayer:

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, 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](mailto: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.

**Annual Meeting: St. Paul's will have our Annual Meeting this Sunday, December 3rd after the 8 am service, along with the First Sunday Potluck Breakfast. Please bring a dish to share and come find out about all the ministries and committees here at St Paul's.**



**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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

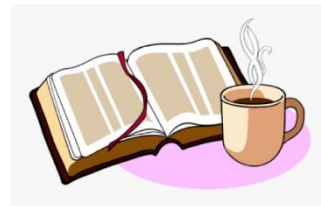
**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM Adult Holiday Social:** St Paul's Episcopal Church is planning an evening social on Saturday December 16th, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm for adults. Note that adult beverages will be present. Please bring your favorite appetizer and beverage to enjoy as we gather to celebrate 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 Weekly Bible Study will resume on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> between the services at 9:15.**

**Tuesday Morning Book Study: December 5 @ 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, are pages 1-35 which covers Week I (Sunday – Saturday) through Week II (Sunday & Monday). There are additional copies available in the parish office. Please make your check out to St. Paul's for \$12.75 and note "Advent."

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**In Kids' Corner (K-4 th )** This Sunday we begin the Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why 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! 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) – A Christmas Gathering will be in December. Date will be announced soon.**

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



**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](mailto: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**



### **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!



**Classroom Ready:** Congratulations! We have met our Composition Notebook goal of 100 by December with a total of 104 so far! Thank you for your continued support!  
Blessings, Missions & Outreach Committee

**Angel Tree:** Our 2023 Angel Tree Ministry is in progress. This year we have two families and among those families are 4 Boys...ages 8 months to 17 years. The families were selected for us from the “Santa’s Helper’s” program at the Fort Mill Care Center. The Missions & Outreach Committee appreciates your continued support! Thank you for helping make the Christmas Wish Lists for our families come true!



You will have two options to select gifts/groceries:

- SignUpGenius: The Christmas Stocking Family Online: Gift/Grocery items & Instructions are available on SignUpGenius beginning Sunday, November 19.  
[www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4FAAA62DA13-45937698-stpauls](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4FAAA62DA13-45937698-stpauls)

OR

- The Santa’s Hat Family Church Gift Tag Pickup: Gift/grocery tags & lists will be available in Close Fellowship Hall beginning November 19 for pickup.
- The church is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM & on Sunday 8 AM– Noon.
- Please return your Gift/Grocery items to the church by December 13.
- Questions, please contact Barbara McQueen at 828-319-5019 or [bmcqueen05@frontier.com](mailto:bmcqueen05@frontier.com)

Please see the Bulletin Insert for updated Family lists.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:ginnyarthur@yahoo.com)

Sue Craven [betty suecraven@gmail.com](mailto:betty suecraven@gmail.com)

Wendy Penk [wendy.agcm@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org) [www.SAMS-USA.org](http://www.SAMS-USA.org) (the Vivanco Family)

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

[www.educationequalshope.org](http://www.educationequalshope.org)

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

**Finance Commission announcements:**

**August Year-to-Date**

Income -

Through August, Collections & Offerings of \$103,419 were \$7,873, or 7%, below the budget of \$111,292.

- Pledging Member giving of \$93,888 is \$561 over budget.
- Non-Pledging Member & Guest giving of \$9,531 is \$8354 or 47%, below budget. However, this shows an improvement from July.
- YTD pledges were under budget by \$7873 with August being under budget by \$4,190. June and July were stronger than usual.

Expenses -

- August year-to-date expenses of \$129,144 were \$4375, or 3%, lower than the 2023 year-to-date budget.

Overall -

- Through August year-to-date, expenses exceeded giving by \$22,542 while the budget projected a net loss of \$19,179. So, year-to-date August 2023 results are \$3,363 below budget due to offsetting lower than budget expenses as in travel, music & supplies and office expenses.



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sue and Mike Craven in Loving Memory of our parents, Mary & George Craven and Witson and Betty Smith**

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Available

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Available

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Dee Hodnett in loving memory of her mother, Mary K Stanley and in honor of Grady Hodnett's birthday

December 31<sup>st</sup> - Available

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



### **December Anniversaries**

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



## **Vestry Members**

**Senior Warden:** Megan Counts- [mahmoore59@gmail.com](mailto:mahmoore59@gmail.com)

**Jr. Warden:** Carolyn Line- [line.carolyn@gmail.com](mailto:line.carolyn@gmail.com)

**Clerk:**

**Treasurer:** Dennis Edwards- [jded@comporium.net](mailto:jded@comporium.net)

**Finance Committee:** Leah Abraham

**Contributions Secretary:** John Connor- [stpaulsfinance710@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsfinance710@gmail.com)

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Sue Craven



*December 2023*

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

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