

Sunday, May 4, 2025 The Third Sunday of Easter 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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9AM- 1PM

Interim Rector
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr.

Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries,

Jane Kilpatrick

Interim Organist Steven Aycock Parish Secretary, Brenda Vale

First Sunday Parish Breakfast will be held this Sunday, May 4th at 9:15 AM. Please bring a dish to share and join the fellowship!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday at 9:15 AM Sunday at 10:30 AM Tuesday at 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 1st Sunday Parish Breakfast Holy Eucharist, Rite II Book Study with Jane

St. Paul's Prayer List

May God the Father bless you; May God the Son heal you; May 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, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, Dan Centea, Karen Centofanti, Marianne Clark, Russell Hawes, May Hennessy, Robert Krychiw, Libby Justice, Cindy Lister, Shannon Ranucci, Marie Treadwell, Weston Yatko, Lizann Rex, Michele Erickson, Rachel Joiner, Ron Covington, Rita, Jan Arnold, Noah Fike, Linda Anderson, Keira Esposito, Mary Ann Saint, Charlie, Craig, Douglas Devanney, Nick Hodnett, Kevin Meyer, Clare Hawes, Maggie Beam, Margaret Smith, and Mike Craven.

Please pray for those who have died, Bill Borellis.

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

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

Please let Brenda know via email @stpaulsfortmill@gmail.com or phone 803-547-5968 if you need a name tag.

Upcoming Events.

On Sunday, June 1st our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards will be visiting our Parish. There will only be **one** service, followed by a Potluck Brunch in Close Hall. Time will be announced soon.

Saturday, May 17th from 10AM-2PM. Inquirer's Classes Adults and Confirmation Class for Youth.

June 16-18 5:30-7:15 VBS

Bíble Study

The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed: Bible Study will not meet this Sunday, so that everyone can join the Parish Breakfast. Next Sunday May 11th, we will discuss John 13:31-35, A New Commandment.

Tuesday Book Study meets in the Kids' Corner Room at 11:00. All are welcome. We hope you will join us. Have questions? Please contact Jane (704-968-2902).

Our book for May is *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep* by Trish Harrison Warren, an Anglican priest, graduate of Wake Forest and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and an Opinion writer for The New York Times. *Prayer in the Night* is based on a prayer from Compline: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.* BCP, p. 134

"This book offers a prayerful and frank approach to the difficulties in our ordinary lives at work, at home, and in a world filled with uncertainty."

May 6 - Part One: Praying in the Dark (p. 1 - 33; 176 - 178)

May 13 - Part Two: The Way of the Vulnerable (p. 37 - 77; 178 - 180)

May 20 - Part Three: A Taxonomy of Vulnerability (p. 81 - 159; 180 - 182)

May 27 - Part Four: Culmination (163 - 172; 183 - 187)

STORYTIME will meet Tuesday, May 6 @ 7:00pm. Zoom Meeting #955 6208 4219. The Waiting Room opens at 6:50.

Christian Education

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. These concepts are presented through interaction with nature, science experiments, stories from picture books, and the inclusion of the scriptures for each Sunday.

On Sunday mornings, Jane (Ms. Jane) Kilpatrick and Aiyana (Miss Flowers) Flowers greet families. 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 (K-4th) Meet at 10:15

Hello St. Paul's Parishioners,

I wanted to reach out and ask for your prayers for both my third-grade students and me as we head into state testing in May. I also have ACL surgery scheduled at the end of May, and I would be so grateful for your prayers for a successful surgery and a smooth recovery.

During my recovery, I won't be able to serve in the nursery for a few Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to help cover the nursery on the following dates:

- Sunday, May 25th
- Sunday, June 1st
- Sunday, June 8th
- Sunday, June 15th
- Sunday, June 22nd

If you are able to help, please contact Ms. Jane (704-968-2902).

I'm very much looking forward to returning — and despite my limited mobility, I'm excited to still be a part of Vacation Bible School this summer! It has been such a blessing to serve at St. Paul's for over the years, and I am so thankful to be part of this amazing church family.

Your support and prayers truly mean the world to me during this time! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness, love, and support!

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



The Daily Devotional Guide, "Forward Day by Day" for May, June and July is available in the Narthex and the table in the hallway near the office. Please stop by and pick up a copy.



Serving Our Neighbors 2025



Support Defend the Fatherless/National Foster Care Month

Greetings parishioners!

We held a successful drive for much needed supplies to give in observance of National Foster Care Awareness Month of May.

May is National Foster Care Month. The Missions & Outreach Committee is partnering with our parishioner Janice Hage to collect **new** clothing for foster children for the 'clothing closet' at Defend the Fatherless, a 501(c)(3) charity based in York County, SC. While they are located in York County, they serve families in Lancaster, Chester and even some come from Columbia! Some children arrive at their new foster homes with very little, some with nothing. Their new foster families can shop the York County Foster Closet *at no cost to them* for much needed items for the child. Children 24 months on up to youth size 16 (boys/girls) and teens (adult mens/ladies) sizes are needed; ladies and junior sizes would also be welcome.

The specific items and sizes we are requesting are shown below:

New pajamas, spring, summer and fall styles

24 months, 2T-5T, child size 6-16 Adult S, M, L, XL and some XXL would be welcome

New socks, any style welcome, especially no-show and ankle styles

Children, youth and adult sizes

New underwear

Bikini, hipster and brief styles for girls and ladies; boxers, briefs and boxer briefs for boys and men Children, youth and adult sizes

The clothing closet also accepts gently used clothing, please contact Janice Hage jhagenp@gmail.com. if you have any gently used clothing to donate.

A collection box will be downstairs in Close Hall. If there are any questions, please reach out to Janice Hage, jhagenp@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Fort Mill Care Center – Current Needs include boxed meals such as; Banquet Homestyle Bakes, Chicken/Tuna Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Taco kits, or Suddenly! Pasta salad, Vegetable oil, Sugar, brown sugar, ketchup and mayonnaise, but all food, personal hygiene and cleaning items are welcome. Please note they do not need canned vegetables at this time. They also have posted an Amazon wish list on their website fortmillcarecenter.org Please drop off non-perishable items in the grocery cart downstairs in the office hallway.

Classroom Ready: We are continuing to collect rolls of scotch tape for Classroom Ready. The total number of rolls collected in January and February is 30! There is a plastic tote downstairs outside the offices to drop off donations. Blessings, Outreach & Missions Committee!

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, 1001 Steele Street, Fort Mill, SC, 29715.

www.educationequalshope.org

https://www.defendthefatherless.org/donate

Hurricane Helene Relief Updates:

NC Mountains Emergency Response: (Facebook group worth following- they're giving UPDATED

INFORMATION on a regular basis). This site is updated multiple times a day. Check here to see if a fundraiser or a drive is being sponsored by a local Organization. **Unfortunately, as with many charities there have been scams, please verify that you are giving to a reputable group.**

RELIEF EFFORT

Wondercraft Cards is still accepting orders for the beautifully designed Blue Ridge

Deck with 100 % of the profits benefiting aid to victims of Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. \$9000 has been sent thus far.

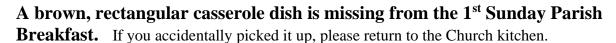
The artwork in the cards has hidden icons such as wooly worms, dogwoods and white squirrels.

Please feel free to contact Chris or Janice Hage if you have any questions. To avoid paying shipping costs, please order through Janice Hage.

https://www.wondercraftcards.com/pages/blue-ridge

Notes from the Office

Missing: A small, sliver earring was lost on Good Friday. If you find it, please contact Ginny Arthur at ginnyarthur@yahoo.com or the church office.







In an effort to eliminate scam texts, etc, from now on, the office will use only your email address that is currently on record. If you need to update your email information, there is a form on the Church Secretary's office door to notify the office of the change.

Also, please be cautious if you receive an email claiming to be someone from the church. We have heard of several Parishioners that received an email claiming to be a Vestry member. The email was generic in nature, checking to see how she is doing. Several of the emails came from churchofficeclerygemail@gmail.com. Please do not respond to this email. It is not from anyone from St. Paul's. If any doubt, please check with the office before replying to a suspicious email.



***It has come to our attention once more, that **someone is sending text messages** claiming to be Father Ed. They sent out texts that ask if folks have a minute to talk, and then when folks reply, they say I'm in meetings, please send gift cards. He did not send those messages out. He further stated, "the real Ed Pickup will never ask you for a gift card, so help me God. If anyone ever asks you for a gift card, it is an impostor and a liar, not me." Please do not respond to these texts.

Please observe the speed limit in the entire neighborhood but especially on Pine Street. We want to be good neighbors in this community. The neighbors help keep watch over the church, and we want to respect the neighborhood.



Happy Birthday!

4^{th}	Randy Rodrique	19^{th}	Anthony Mace
10^{th}	Gay Warren	19 th	Weston Yatko
16 th	Chris Kanute	20^{th}	Sam Smith
17^{th}	Libby Justice	20^{th}	Lynda Stewart
17^{th}	Wendy Penk	25^{th}	Laura Daly
19 th	Jonathan Barschow	28^{th}	Marilyn Nastiuk



Happy Anniversary!



31st Mark & Clare Hawes

Altar Flower Sign up.

The 2025 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may sign up to donate the altar flowers and your dedication will be in the Sunday bulletin (please email the church office with the dedication so that Brenda may add it in the bulletin before Wednesday). 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 and

May 4th- Father Ed in thanksgiving for God's healing mercies for Clare Hawes and Don Peeler, with continued prayer for healing for Rich Russell.

May 11th- Available May 18th- Available May 25th – Clare and Mark Hawes

2025 Vestry members

Senior Warden: Ellen Frank- ellenatthebeach@gmail.com **Jr. Warden:** Sue Craven bettysuecraven@gmail.com

Laura Daly: lrurich@yahoo.com

Wendy Penk - wendy.agcm@gmail.com Chris Masoomian - cmasoomian@gmail.com David Dudley - daviddudley2@gmail.com Stephen Lovejoy - slovejoyv@gmail.com Carolyn Line - Line.carolyn@gmail.com

Clerk: Dee Hodnett deehodnett@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Dennis Edwards-jded@comporium.net

Finance Committee: Kent Weymouth

Contributions Secretary: John Connor- stpaulsfinance710@gmail.com







Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Father Ed is in the office	2 Father Ed is in the office	3
4 1 st Sunday Parish Breakfast	5	6 Book Study 11AM	7	8 Father Ed is in the office	9 Father Ed is in the office	10
11 Baptism	12	13 Book Study 11AM	14	15 Father Ed is in the office	16 Father Ed is in the office	17 Youth and Adult Inquirer's Class 10AM-2PM
18 Vestry Meeting	19	20 Book Study 11AM	21	22 Father Ed is in the office	23 Father Ed is in the office	24
25	**** MEMORIAL DAY HON-OBING ALL WHO SHIPED	27 Book Study 11AM	28	29 Father Ed is in the office	30 Father Ed is in the office	31

***	May 4 th The Third Sunday of Easter	May11th The Fourth Sunday of Easter	May 18 th The Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 25 th The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Vestry of Day	David Dudley	Ellen Frank	Laura Daly	Carolyn Line
8AM Altar Guild	Leah Abraham	Carolyn Line	Betty Allegretti	Carolyn Line
8AM Lay Minister	Leah Abraham	Dee Hodnett	Betty Allegretti	Carolyn Line
8AM Lector 1	Leah Abraham	Carolyn Line	Sally Weymouth	Carolyn Line
8AM Lector 2	Sally Weymouth	Betty Allegretti	Kent Weymouth	Betty Allegretti
8 AM Usher	Carolyn Line	Leah Abraham	Holly Russell	Kent Weymouth
10:30 AM Altar Guild	Donna Dudley	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi	Donna Dudley
10:30 AM Lay Minister	David Dudley	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi	Dan Bartell
10:30AM Lector 1	David Dudley	Janice Hage	Mary Luzzi	Laura Verastegui
10:30 AM Lector 2	Jennifer Dickson	Stephen Lovejoy	Ginny Arthur	Amanda Rikers
10:30 AM Usher	Dennis Edwards	Barbara McQueen Dee Hodnett	Barbara Bartell	Dennis Edwards
Acolytes	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	
Counters	Dee Hodnett	Donna Dudley	Diane Lawton	Barbara Bartell
	Dennis Edwards	Libby Chambers	Niall Paule	Mary Luzzi
Flower Guild	Sally Weymouth Kelly Lovejoy	Mary Luzzi	Libby Chambers	Pam Farley