



Sunday, December 24, 2023 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** **Christmas Eve**

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

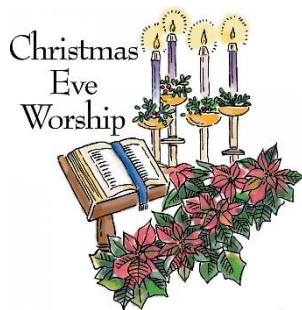
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

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

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

Location: 501 Pine Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715
Mailing Address: PO Box 753, Fort Mill, SC 29716
803-547-5968
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

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

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.

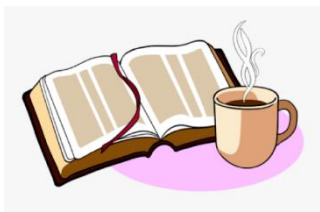
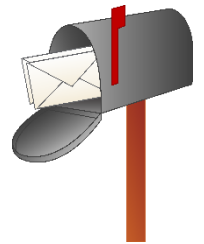
Reminder: Please wear your name badges especially during this transition time with our new Interim Rector.

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 Sunday, January 14th between the services at 9:15.

Tuesday Morning Book Study: returns Tuesday, January 9 at 11:00 in the Kids' Corner Room. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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. 24 & 27) 'Twas the Night Before Jesus
Sunday & Wednesday (Jan. 7 & 10) Home by Another Way

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. Included during this time is a period of worship with lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath.

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 begins at 9:45 Christmas Eve and New Years Eve mornings
Youth Group (5th – 12th)

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
stpalseducator@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 fruits
- 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

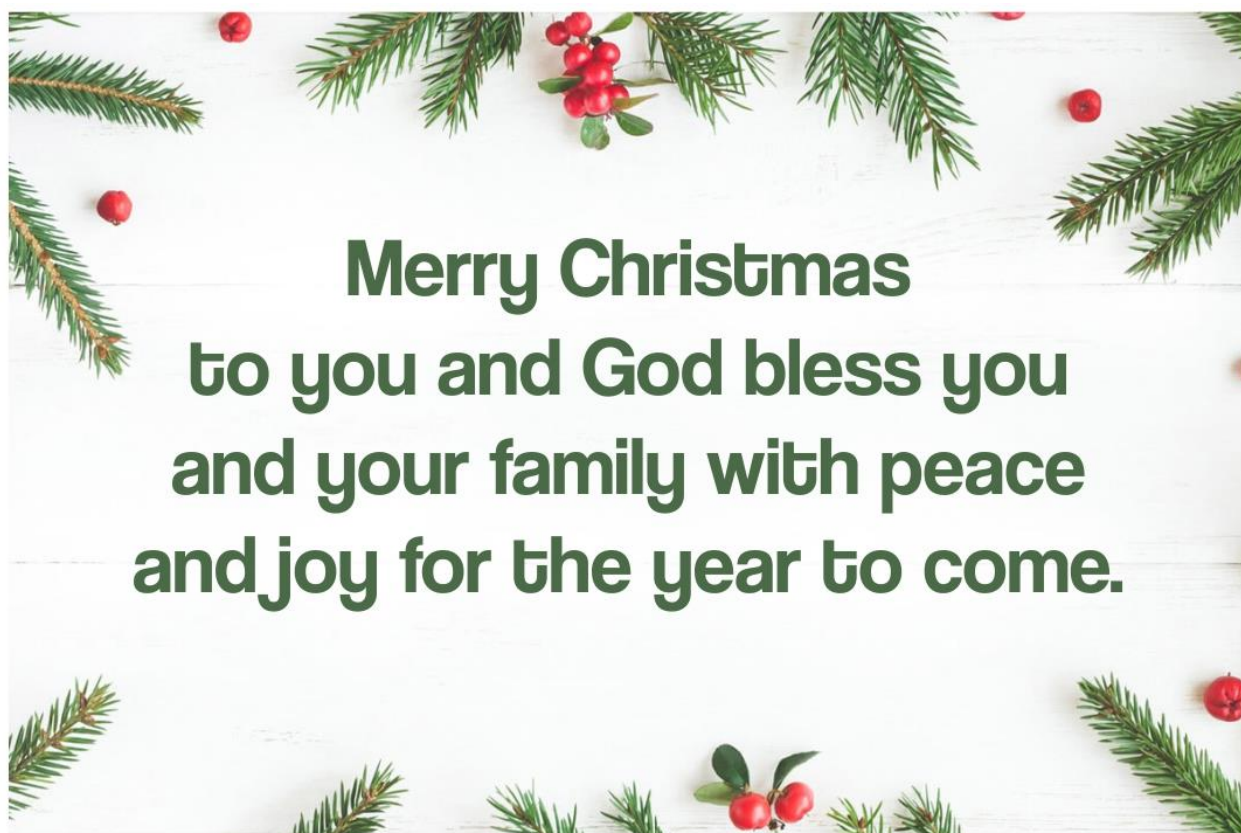
December 17th - Available

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.

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December Birthdays

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

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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Jr. Warden: Carolyn Line- line.carolyn@gmail.com

Clerk:

Treasurer: Dennis Edwards- jded@comporium.net

Finance Committee: Leah Abraham

Contributions Secretary: John Connor- stpaulsfinance710@gmail.com

Jennifer Dickson- jcdickson60@gmail.com

Clare Hawes- claredulaneyhawes@gmail.com

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Mary Luzzi- antcierob@aol.com

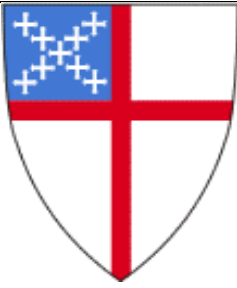
Ellen Frank- ellenatthebeach@gmail.com

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 **



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Vestry of Day	Megan Counts
Altar Guild/Flower Guild	Clare Hawes and Donna Dudley
10 AM Lay Minister	Dan Bartell
10 AM Lector 1	Ginny Arthur
10 AM Lector 2	Dan Bartell
10 AM Usher	Dennis Edwards
4 PM Worship Leader	Clare Hawes
4 PM Usher	Megan Counts
8 PM Lay Minister	David Dudley
8 PM First Lector	Megan Counts
8 PM Second Lector	Leah Abraham
8 PM Usher	Leah Abraham
8 PM Counters	Niall Paule and Dee Hodnett
Counters	Niall Paule and Dianne Lawton