



Sunday, February 23, 2025
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
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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Interim Rector
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr.
Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries,
Jane Kilpatrick
Interim Organist Steven Aycock
Parish Secretary, Brenda Vale

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Sunday at 9:15 AM	Bible Study with Father Ed
Sunday at 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesday at 11:00 AM	Book group 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, Irene Peeler, Linda Anderson, Keira Esposito, Mary Ann Saint, Charlie, Craig, Lynda Whitehead, Scott Hunt, Douglas Devanney, Philip Arthur, Bill Borellis, Nick Hodnett, Kevin Meyer, Earnest Graham, Marissa Viggiano and Clare Hawes.

Please pray for those who have died.

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

Ash
Wednesday



Ash Wednesday Services will be held on Wednesday, March 5th at Noon and 7PM

Youth Group (5th – 12th)
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Tuesday, March 4 5-7 PM.

This is a fundraiser for our youth group. Wear your green, purple, and gold. Our youth will be decorating, cooking, serving, setting-up and cleaning up.

*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner*



Bible Study

The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed: This Sunday, February 23rd, we will discuss Luke 9:26-43, Transfiguration and healing. Next Sunday, March 2nd, we will discuss Luke 4:1-13, the temptation of Jesus.

Tuesday morning Book Group continues February 25th at 11:00 AM in Kid's Corner. We will discuss "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis chapters 12-14.

The book for Book Study during Lent: "Wondrous Encounters" by Richard Rohr

"Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr, one of today's most prophetic voices; invites us to self-disclosure and to enter the wondrous divine dialogue with clarity, insight, and holy desire! These daily meditations for Lent are his gift to us for our transformation into our original 'image and likeness,' which is the very image of God."

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

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

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.

Dear St. Paul's,

We wanted to bring to your attention an ongoing concern regarding excessive speeding by members of your congregation in our Whiteville Park neighborhood, particularly during Sunday service hours. On multiple occasions, we have observed vehicles traveling well above the **posted speed limit of 20 mph** often exceeding it by more than 10 mph as they approach the church parking lot.

This poses a significant safety risk to our children and families, and we are deeply concerned about the potential for accidents. Several residents have asked me to reach out in the hope that you can address this issue with your members and encourage them to be more mindful of our neighborhood's speed limit and stop signs.



We kindly ask that your members respect the 20-mph speed limit and drive with caution to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated, and we would welcome a response regarding any steps that may be taken.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Regards,

Elliot Barns (Whiteville Park Resident)

Serving our Parish



Get Involved in Worship

Ushers are needed for both services! Please contact Dee Hodnett at deeshodnett@hotmail.com for more information.

Readers/Lectors are also needed for both services. Please contact Ellen Frank at ellenatthebeach@gmail.com for further information. Youth are welcome!

Let's restock our breakfast supplies

So many parishioners are enjoying the monthly breakfasts and fellowship. We need to restock the supplies in the pantry that we use during the breakfasts and when folks grab a coffee. Donations of the following, any size and any brand, will be greatly appreciated.

1. Heavy duty coated paper plates - 8 1/2" or 10"
2. 12 oz cups for coffee
3. heavy duty clear plasticware, especially forks and spoons
4. Napkins
5. 8 or 12 oz heavy duty coated bowls

The occasional case of 8 oz water bottles would also be wonderful (very important to only purchase 8 oz water bottles, because this works best for the children).

Thank you in advance for your generosity :-)



Serving Our Neighbors 2025



March 19th – Bethel Men's Shelter Dinner. We are looking for volunteers to provide food and help serve. Please use the link or QR code to sign up to bring food or volunteer to serve.

The menu for this meal is:

Tater Tot Casserole
Cupcakes
Sweet Tea

Salad
Dinner Rolls

Salad Dressing
Lemonade



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D49ABAB23A2FB6-55083721-bethel>

Fort Mill Care Center – Needs for February include, rice (1-pound bags), pasta sauce, canned fruit, applesauce, canned meat, jelly and snacks but all food, personal hygiene and cleaning items are welcome. They also have posted an Amazon wish list on their website fortmillcarecenter.org

Please drop off non-perishable items in the grocery cart outside the main entrance.

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>

Fellowship

It is time once again to sign up for our St. Paul's dinner groups.

These groups are a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other members of St. Paul's — to get to know each other better, and to enjoy some wonderful meals.

There are two different types of groups:

The in-home groups are usually groups of eight +/- . The main dish for the meal is provided by the host/hostess with others providing the appetizer, vegetable, salad, and/or dessert.

The restaurant groups get together in different types of restaurants with members taking turns selecting the restaurant, choosing a date, and making the reservation.



In addition to the dinner groups, if there is enough interest, we will again have "Go out for lunch" groups.

Just sign up on the sheets downstairs or contact Mary Luzzi at 803-396-2612 (H) or 845-399-2779 (C) or Antcierob@aol.com

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.**



Wondercraft Cards is still accepting Pre-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 woolly worms, dogwoods and white squirrels.

Please feel free to contact Chris or Janice Hage if you have any questions.

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

Altar Flowers:

The 2025 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex, please sign up here 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 Brenda 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 and

February 2nd - The Underwood family in memory of Glen Condrey

February 9th - The children of Emily and Josh Polan in their memory.

February 16th - The Daly family for speedy recovery for Earnest Graham and support for Father Ed.

February 23rd - Jane Kilpatrick in memory of Lou Anne Hoy

***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.



Happy Birthday!



Feb 21st
25th

Scottie Chastain
Kyle Vickery

March

1 st	Joan Kirkpatrick	16 th	Michaela Louise Riker
3 rd	Julia Bemis	17 th	Hayes Thomas
3 rd	Charles Frank	20 th	Joanne Edwards
5 th	Clare Daly	22 nd	Chris Hage
7 th	John Wakefield	22 nd	Catherine Lindgren
7 th	Brenda Vale	24 th	Fran Schrag
9 th	Michelle Warren	29 th	Michael Chambers
10 th	Don Peeler	30 th	Mary Luzzi
11 th	Kaylee Battle	31 st	Ginny Arthur
12 th	Andrew Condon	31 st	David Dudley
16 th	Heather Hovde	31 st	Kenny Verastegui



Happy Anniversary!

9 th	Hayes & Judy Thomas
16 th	Dennis & Joanne Edwards
20 th	Heather Hovde & Niall Paule
22 nd	Jay & Betty Allegretti



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



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23	24	25 Book Group 11AM	26	27	28	1

March

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2 First Sunday Parish Breakfast	3	4 Book Group 11AM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5-7PM	5 Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7 PM	6	7	8
9	10	11 Book Group 11AM	12	13	14	15
16 Vestry meeting Noon	17	18 Book Group 11AM	19 Bethel Men's Shelter Dinner	20	21	22
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	February 2nd The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Temple	February 9th The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 16th The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 23rd The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Vestry of Day	8 AM Ellen Frank 10:30 AM Chris Massoomian	Stephen Lovejoy	8AM Carolyn Line 10:30 AM Sue Craven	Chris Masoomian
8AM Altar Guild	Leah Abraham	Clare Hawes	Carolyn Line	Betty Allegretti
8AM Lay Minister	Leah Abraham	Betty Allegretti	Carolyn Line	Betty Allegretti
8AM Lector 1	Leah Abraham	Sally Weymouth	Sally Weymouth	Carolyn Line
8AM Lector 2	Clare Hawes	Sally Weymouth	Kent Weymouth	Betty Allegretti
8 AM Usher	Holly Russell	Leah Abraham	Holly Russell	Kent Weymouth
10:30 AM Altar Guild	Donna Dudley	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi Donna Dudley	Janice Hage
10:30 AM Lay Minister	Dee Hodnett	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi	Dan Bartell
10:30AM Lector 1	Jennifer Dickson	Janice Hage	Mary Luzzi	Laura Verastegui
10:30 AM Lector 2	Dee Hodnett	Pam Centea	Ginny Arthur	Dan Bartell
10:30 AM Usher	Dennis Edwards	Dee Hodnett	Dee Hodnett	Barbara Bartell
Counters	Dee Hodnett	Donna Dudley	Diane Lawton	Barbara Bartell
	Dennis Edwards	Libby Chambers	Niall Paule	Mary Luzzi
Flower Guild	Sally Weymouth	Mary Luzzi	Barbara Bartell	Pam Farley