

The mission of St. Paul's is to develop and nurture a community of faith by rejoicing in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, service, and love.

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Pray for Vestry Members Daily.

"Lil' Red Wagon Collection"

Sundays, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 will be collection Sundays for the Pee Dee Coalition. Thank you!!!

"FLC on the Third"

The Third Sunday of each month, the DOK will collect cleaning supplies, paper products and gift cards for Family Literacy. Our next collections will be Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

Social Saints

We are always in need of Social Saints! If you would be willing to help with the refreshments after the 10:00 service, please contact Vicky Armes or the office at 479-2252 or stpaulepisch@sc.metrocast.net

St. Paul's Prayer Chain

Please call Edith Furman (497-2304) with your prayer requests! Edith will start the prayer chain in motion.

Prayer requests for the Bulletin

Please call the office to add or remove prayer requests from the bulletin.

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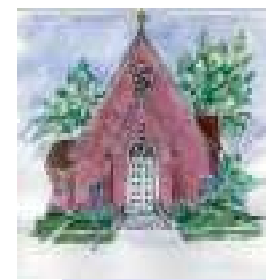
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[The Lord has sent me] to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory (Isaiah 61:3 – NRSV).

Those magical mornings are now with us, those fall days when the sky is an impossible shade of blue. Cotton spreads across fields as though God were healing the earth in giant bandages of pure white. Brown and gold oak leaves crush under your shoes as you walk, giving off a faint fragrance of steeping tea. The entire animal kingdom is in a joyous kind of bustle, celebrating the end of one more weather cycle, and breathless in excited activity, as the new season waits just beyond the threshold of the future.

Soon, we too will begin that most joyous of seasons. We will start by celebrating the lives of those who have gone to be with The Lord on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 6 this year). Then, we will prepare joyous family feasts as we celebrate a Thanksgiving for our many blessings, and those of all whose lives are woven together with our own. And finally, we will greet the Advent of a new church year, in joyous expectation of the birth of the Sun of Righteousness (see Mal. 4:2), the only Son of God.

This is, above all, the season for putting on the oil of gladness and the mantle of praise. It is so important to celebrate the mountain tops of our lives. There will be, for all of us, those valleys of the dry bones (see Ez. 37), times when the going seems intolerably hard, days when we are called on to trudge doggedly through a parched and rocky landscape.

But not now! The days just ahead of us are meant to be a time of rejoicing and thankful praise. These are the days for God's people to lift up their heads and let the King of glory come in (see Ps. 24:7,9). So, let us all use these days to rejoice in the company of those around us, to thankfully praise God for all He has done for us in the year which is coming to a close, and to celebrate in joyful anticipation the new season of our earthly journey which is about to begin. These, indeed, are the days that the Lord has made. Let us truly rejoice and be glad in them (see Ps. 118:24).

Many blessings to you all,

James†

Pledge Cards will be sent out soon. You are asked to bring your pledge card to the end of year party—or to mail it to the church if you are unable to attend. As in the past, your pledge card represents your intent to support St. Paul's, during the upcoming year. Your pledge cards will not be opened, read or recorded. If you will be attending the end of year party—please bring your pledge card, to be submitted for burning.

Sunday November 6
Bishop Bill Skilton will be with us on November 6 (All Saints Sunday.)
Bishop Skilton will be speaking about his work in the Dominican Republic.
There will be a covered dish luncheon, after the 10:00 service
Please bring covered dishes to share (the church will provide meat)

All Saint's Service will be November 6
7:45 and 10:00 services (No Breakfast)
All Saints Sunday Prayer List
If you would like to submit the name (or names) of relatives for the All Saint's prayer list, please e-mail or call the office with that information by Tuesday November 1.


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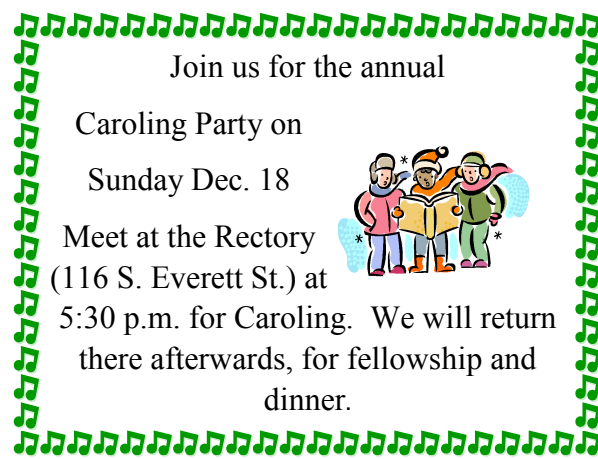

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Special Activities at St. Paul's through December 31, 2011

- November 6** (Sunday) All Saints Sunday with Bishop Skilton. Covered-dish luncheon
- November** End of the Year Party Exact date and time will be confirmed soon.
- November 20** (Sunday) Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00 p.m. First Church of the Nazarene
- December 11**(Sunday) Annual Meeting and Luncheon after the 10:00 service
- December 18** (Sunday) Caroling Party at the Rectory (5:30 PM til whenever)
- December 24** (Saturday) Christmas Eve Mass (5:30 PM)
- December 25** (Sunday) Christmas Morning Service 10:00 a.m.


END OF YEAR PARTY
 will be at the home of
 Deborah and Tom Wimberly
 Tentative date - during the weekend
 of Nov 18 - 20
 Exact date and time will be
 confirmed soon


 Join us for the annual
 Caroling Party on
 Sunday Dec. 18
 Meet at the Rectory
 (116 S. Everett St.) at

 5:30 p.m. for Caroling. We will return
 there afterwards, for fellowship and
 dinner.

Weeza Lindsay's current address: : Grand Strand Healthcare, Room 201 4452 Socastee Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

Family Literacy News

Family of the Month for October: Callie Hatcher and her 2 year old son, Cody Stubbs, Jr. Callie is a student at Adult Education and is preparing to take the GED this fall, then get her CNA certification, and enroll in NETC for Spring 2012 term in nursing. She is a great student and is on track to reach her goals. Cody, Jr. attends the Family Literacy Early Learning Center. Cody's father, Cody, Sr. has been working to support his family since he graduated from MCHS with honors where he served as ROTC battalion commander and was an all around outstanding student. Cody, Sr. began his new job at



Congratulations to Terence and Violet Lee on the birth of a daughter, Gabrielle Alexandria, born on August 4. Her picture is on the bulletin board!



Many thanks to all who participated in the Maintenance Morning, on Saturday! In order to help maintain the order we have created – please:

- Do not leave the folding chairs in the parish hall stacked against the wall
- Do not bring chairs of other types, into the parish hall (if you need additional chairs in the parish hall – they are in the storage closet to the left of the stage.)
- Please replace kitchen equipment in the appropriate cabinets, as marked, after use.
- There will be a clip board in the kitchen, to note anything that is needed.

**NEXT VESTRY MEETING
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13
AFTER THE 10:00 SERVICE**



Community Thanksgiving Service
 The Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday November 20 at 6:00 p.m. at The First Church of the Nazarene
 This service is an outreach of the Ministerial Association of Marlboro County (MAMC), of which St Paul's is a member.
 The offering that night goes to help their transient ministry.



Healing Service and Bible Study
 Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist
 Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. Bible Study



"May their souls and the souls of the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."


Those in Need of Prayer


Parishioners
 Julian Drake, Louise Lindsey, Mary Hope Rogers, Chris Montrose, David Montrose, Wade Kalinowsky, Frank Townsend, Harriet Gibson, Alexa Kerr, Dot Rogers

Family & Friends in Need of Prayer
 Jack and Margaret Whetstone (Julie Avent's parents), Marlene Boudreau (Lyn O'Tuel's mother), Georgia Satterfield (Shawna Collins' step-mother), Jo Evans (Woody's Aunt), Allen Rogers, Fred Rogers, Theren and Regenia Nester (Sandra's parents), Miriam Kalinowsky (Wade's mother), Margaret Principino (Breta's sister), Collins Elizabeth Coffey, Rick Archer (Dick Archer's son), Leroy & Betty Manlove, Marlboro County Family Literacy Program, The Pee Dee Coalition and victims of domestic abuse, & Marlboro County Schools

Special Prayer Request for our Diocese
 The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin, and The Rev. Tabitha Wang, Diocesan Missionary to The Peoples Republic of China.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones
 Paddy Bundy and family upon the loss of her brother, Peter Smith

Ella Reese Hinson and family, upon the death of her sister, Cornelia

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES !!

- Cornelia Crosland – 1
- Emily Jackson – 1
- Janet Archer – 9
- Carson Lee – 10
- Kathie Hollis – 11
- Greg Ohanesian – 19
- Bill Stubbs – 24
- Sue Andrew – 28



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Vicky Armes – 4
- Alex Page – 4
- James and Donna Barnhill – 5
- Wade Kalinowsky – 9
- Jim and Vicky Armes – 18
- Ella Reese Hinson – 18
- Luther and Janis Page – 21
- Jean Davidson – 27
- Frank Clark – 28
- James Gibbs – 28
- Woody and Trisha Collins – 31
- Tom and Deborah Wimberly – 31