



Sunday, December 1st, 2024

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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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 Study

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, Bobby Elkins, Mary Ann Saint, Charlie, Craig, Lynda Whitehead, Nancy & Norman Ulrich, Scott Hunt, Douglas Devanney, and Charlie Jacoppo.

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.



The Parish Annual Meeting will be held this Sunday, December 1st at 9:15 AM. The monthly breakfast will also be held during this time. Please plan to attend this important meeting and bring a dish to share.



Upcoming Events



**December 1st – 9:15AM Parish Annual Meeting and Parish Breakfast
End of the Stewardship Campaign**

December 3rd - 11AM Book Study begins

December 4th - Noon-2PM Bridge

Bethel's Men Shelter Dinner

December 15th – Angel Tree gifts and groceries are due

4PM-6PM Adult Parish Party

December 24th - Two Services will be held at 4PM and 8PM

Weekly Studies



The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed: There will not be a Bible Study on December 1st so that everyone can attend the Parish Annual Meeting. Sunday, December 8th, we will discuss Luke 3:7-18, coming of the Brood of vipers.

Tuesday Morning Book Study will return on Tuesday, December 3 as we begin our Advent devotion with *Advent Presence: Kissed by the Past; Beckoned by the Future* by **Bud Holland**

"Advent is a time of preparation, of patience, of remembering what grounds and sustains us. Advent reminds us who God is and who we are meant to be. This book offers a new look at Advent by seeing the four weeks through the lens of morning, mid-day, late afternoon and evening, and night. Photographs, stories, and perspectives enrich our travel and invite us to other dimensions of experiencing Advent, as a season and as a resource in our daily living with a particular focus on the Year C Gospel readings from Luke."

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Jane - 704-968-2902 stpaulseducator@gmail.com

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
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SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS 2024



Our Angel Tree project is underway!

Information for the Sign-up genius and families we are sponsoring is included in a separate bulletin. We will be collecting gifts and food for the families until 12/15/2024. There is a sign-up sheet in Close Hall for the Snowmen family. Please use the QR code or link below for the Sign-up Genius page for the Snowflake family.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D49ABAB23A2FB6-53156613-2024>





Bethel Men's Shelter dinner is Wednesday 12/4/2024. We are looking for volunteers to provide food and help serve. Please go to the sign up Genius QR code or the link below to sign up to bring food or volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D49ABAB23A2FB6-53194646-bethel>

The menu for the meal

Tater Tot Casserole
Dinner Salad

Bottle Salad Dressing
Dinner Rolls

Christmas Cookies
Ice Cream

Iced Tea
Lemonade

Fort Mill Care Center – Everyday needs for November include cereal, pasta sauce, jelly, rice, boxed meals and dessert mixes. **They have begun giving out Thanksgiving dinners.** Items that they need are: Turkeys, chickens, hams, canned hams, frozen rolls, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, canned vegetables, cream of mushroom soup, fried onions, cranberry sauce, cornbread mix, broth, stock, fruit pie filling, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, foil and disposable baking pans., 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.**

Classroom Ready: The total for Tape collected in October is 30! Bring on the Tape! Blessings, Outreach & Missions Committee!

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, 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)



Tourist \$\$: Some communities, such as Maggie Valley, Sylva, Cullowhee and other Southwest NC areas are welcoming visitors. Please check current list before visiting.. They can really use the boost to their economies; plan a day trip! This can be both fun, helpful, and a form of ministry.

Chris and Janice Hage are collaborating with artist Russ Gray to produce a special deck of cards to raise funds for disaster relief for the hard hit areas of Western NC. 100 percent of proceeds will go toward this effort. See the link below to place a pre-order and to follow for updates. Contact Janice with any questions. 803 230 6876 or jhagenp@gmail.com

The Blue Ridge Relief Playing Cards <https://www.wondercraftcards.com/>

Altar Flowers:

The 2024 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

December 1st – Rev Ed Pickup to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving of the retiring Vestry members.

December 8th -

December 15th - Dee Hodnett

December 22nd - Donna and David Dudley

December 29th -

Fellowship:



Calling all bridge players! The bridge players will play again on Wednesday, December 4th from Noon-2PM. If you would like to join them. please email Joanne Edwards (jded@comporium.net)

Coffee hour: If you would like to host, please use the sign-up sheet in the Close Hall outside the kitchen door.



The Church's website is in the process of being updated. The committee is looking for recent pictures from activities, etc to add to the site. If you have any, please email Janet Jendron at jjendronjanet@gmail.com

***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
December
Born**

1 st	Ruth Smith	17 th	Ellen Frank
3 rd	Corey Paule	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
15 th	Joyce Griffin		

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

Senior Warden: Clare Hawes- claredulaneyhawes@gmail.com

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Finance Committee: Kent Weymouth


Contributions Secretary: John Connor- stpaulsfinance710@gmail.com



December



1 PARISH ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST 9:15 AM	2	3 BOOK STUDY 11:00 AM	4 BRIDGE NOON-2PM BETHEL MEN'S SHELTER DINNER	5	6	7
8	9	10 BOOK STUDY 11:00 AM	11	12	13	14
15 ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE! VESTRY MEETING PARTY 4-6 PM	16	17 BOOK STUDY 11:00 AM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 SERVICES 4:00 PM 8:00 PM	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

	December 1st The First Sunday of Advent	December 8th The Second Sunday of Advent	December 15th The Third Sunday of Advent	December 22nd The Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 24th – Christmas Eve 4:00 PM 8:00 PM	December 29th- The First Sunday after Christmas Day
Vestry of Day	Ellen Frank	Mary Luzzi	Laura Daly	Jennifer Dickson		Chris Masoomian
8AM Altar Guild	Betty Allegretti	Betty Allegretti	Betty Allegretti	Clare Hawes	4:00 PM Clare Hawes	Donna Dudley
8AM Lay Minister	Clare Hawes	Leah Abraham	Carolyn Line	Betty Allegretti		Clare Hawes
8AM Lector 1	Clare Hawes	Kent Weymouth	Sally Weymouth	Betty Allegretti		Clare Hawes
8AM Lector 2	Betty Allegretti	Leah Abraham	Kent Weymouth	Betty Allegretti		Leah Abraham
8 AM Usher	Carolyn Line	Leah Abraham	Holly Russell	Kent Weymouth		Carolyn Line
10:30 AM Altar Guild	Donna Dudley	Pam Centea	Janice Hage	Donna Dudley	8:00 PM Donna Dudley	Janice Hage
10:30 AM Lay Minister	Mary Luzzi	Pam Centea	Dee Hodnett	Dan Bartell		Mary Luzzi
10:30AM Lector 1	Mary Luzzi	Janice Hage	Ginny Arthur	Laura Verastegui		Janice Hage
10:30 AM Lector 2	Dee Hodnett	Pam Centea	Jennifer Dickson	Dan Bartell		Dee Hodnett
10:30 AM Usher	Dennis Edwards	Dennis Edwards	Dee Hodnett	Barbara Bartell		Dennis Edwards
Counters	Dee Hodnett	Donna Dudley	Dianne Lawton	Barbara Bartell		Dee Hodnett
	Dennis Edwards	Libby Chambers	Niall Paule	Mary Luzzi		Mary Luzzi
Flower Guild	Barbara Bartell	Libby Chambers	Mary Luzzi	Sally Weymouth		Pam Farley