



The St. Paul's Beacon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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February 2016

Rector's Reflections

Our Spiritual Season of Lent

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. We practice certain spiritual disciplines during this season. Spiritual disciplines such as fasting, giving up or taking on something, and not singing or saying alleluia.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and continues for 40 days. These 40 days echo Jesus' forty days in the desert in preparation for his ministry. (If you are counting 40 days - Sundays are not included because Sundays are always days of celebration and thanksgiving). Each person is encouraged to undertake his or her own special spiritual discipline or self-denial during the season.

Often persons decide to do something special as a sign of following Christ, and seeking to be a light in the world. Other Lenten disciplines may be to devote time for prayer each day. Each spiritual practice is not an end in itself. Instead, each spiritual practice helps to prepare for the next step on our spiritual journey. Each can deepen our relationship to God through the Holy Spirit as a follower of Christ.

*"Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry.
For schemes are vain and frettings brings no gain.
Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication.
God bring new beauty nigh
reply, reply,
reply with love to love most high" Hymn 145. v. 1*

May your Lenten season be filled with the Spirit working in you this year!

Grace and Peace

Susan S Keller+

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Feb. 7, ONE
service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Annual Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 9,
5:00 – 7:00p.m. Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 10, Ash
Wednesday ~ Noon & 7:00

Wednesday, Feb. 10,
10 a.m. Pastoral Care
Meeting

Saturday ~ Feb 20, 2016
6:30 p.m. St. Paul's Paint
Out. Snow date Feb. 27

Sundays Spiritual
Formation **9:30 a.m.** "A
Journey with Luke"

Wednesdays, Feb 17 & 24
6:30 p.m. Soup & Lenten
Study

Thursday, ~ Feb. 4 & 18
5 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Meeting

Fridays 7:00-7:45 p.m.
Prayers in Evening.
All Welcome!

Hello,

My name is Anthony Edwards, and I am originally from California, and am new to the East Coast and this white stuff, known as snow.



I worked as an elementary teacher the first half of my working life, and most recently as a music teacher. I

taught in American/International schools in four different countries.

My musical background includes singing with the Continental Singers, many choirs in high school and college (Azusa Pacific University). I play keyboard and clarinet, as well as sing.

I am excited to be playing organ here at Saint Paul's, and look forward to meeting and worshipping with you!

Anthony Edwards

Spiritual Enrichment: one of the disciplines the Episcopal Church calls us to is daily prayer and reflection. Christian Formation grew out of the idea that we are all lifelong learners. Adult Forums became Sunday school for the mature and vintage persons who were over eighteen. The concept of learning for a lifetime continues at St. Paul's through worship and our adult Christian Formation program, Spiritual Enrichment. Each day brings new beginnings, new awareness and new insights. Daily prayer and meditation is enhanced when there is spiritual direction and conversation in community. And the depth of value and clarity of one's life becomes transformative when built upon scripture. The Bible and Book of Common Prayer provide a blueprint for spiritual direction, informing our life and forming us into persons of purpose and charity.

Nurture your spiritual development by attending.

Spiritual Enrichment class on Sundays at 9:30. This session's theme is "A Journey with

Luke." Experience, in community, the wonderful detailed writings of Luke. Share your thoughts and reflections. Hear how fellow classmates interpret and voice their opinions. Gain the benefit of sacred conversation in a warm and caring environment. Your daily prayer life will be built up and you will enjoy the pleasure of reading the Bible, Luke in particular, with new lens.

As we enter Lent, you may want to take on yet another spiritual discipline by participating in "**Prayers in the Evening.**" This evening service offers an opportunity to pray in community. Prayers are spoken or given in silence for ". . . all sorts and conditions. . ." Prayers of thanksgiving, praise, petition, intercession, or whatever is on your heart. The service ends with Compline every Friday, 7:00pm – 7:45pm.

Life Together

St. Paul's Paint Out!

Come, join in an evening of fun and fellowship and maybe discover or re-connect to your artistic self. You are invited to create a picture uniquely your own to take home and cherish. This is an experience you will want to share with friends and family... so bring them with you. Enjoy a hot beverage or a glass of wine as you paint and chat. No experience is needed only your active participation. Most importantly, the fee of \$35 (less cost for art supplies) will go to St. Paul's. The art instructors are donating their time and talent so the monies will benefit our parish. This fundraiser needs your participation and support to be successful. Please come and bring your friends, family and neighbors. February 20, 2016 ~ 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (snow date February 27th). Hope to see you there.

Stephen Ministry is the after people ministry that comes to you. After that small incident you can't quite let go; or that life shattering event that has you in a state of shock; or the apprehension of being alone and lonely after the

death of a loved one ... and the list goes on. Stephen Ministers are called to be the after people. With God's help, they will provide one-to-one confidential caregiving that will enable you – the care receiver – to overcome the after events that occur in one's lives. Contact St. Paul's Stephen Ministers, they are trained and willing to be there for you.

Mission and Outreach Update

M & O has added two new projects to their already impressive menu of compassion. The Shriners and St. Jude's Hospital are now benefactors, along with the other on-going causes St. Paul's supports.

A gentle reminder that March is our special drive for Mt. Airy Net. So let's fill the pantry to overflowing.

Thanks to all for making Soup-er Bowl month fantastic.

Celebrating 20 Years: The MPS Polar Bear Plunge

A big thank you to all who contributed to the yearly Polar Bear Plunge that took place on Saturday, January 30th at Sandy Point State Park in the chilly waters of the Chesapeake Bay. St. Paul's always sponsors Jeff Spaulding as he takes the plunge for the Maryland Special Olympics.



St. Paul's Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, February 7. We will have **ONE service at 9:00** followed by our Annual Meeting.

Upcoming Events

Sundays ~ 9:30 a.m.
Spiritual Formation

Sunday ~ Feb 7, **ONE** service at 9:00 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 9,
5:00 – 7:00p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday ~ Noon & 7:00

Wednesdays of Lent, beginning Feb 17 ~ 6:30 p.m. Soup dinner and Lenten Study

Thursday, ~ Feb. 4 & 18 5 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Meetings

Every Friday ~ 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
All welcome!

First 2016 St. Paul's Event ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (all you can eat)

on Tuesday, Feb. 9 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Menu: Pancakes: plain, chocolate chip, pecan; sausage, applesauce, dessert, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Free Will Offering. Sign-up



sheets for needed food items and help will be on the parish hall table on Sunday, January 10. Take a look at the sheets and sign up where you can help. Please tell your neighbors, friends, and relatives about our supper – bring them with you when you come to eat your pancakes on "Fat Tuesday". Take out available.

Meals: Here at St. Paul's, we have pastoral care ministries that involve spiritual food: Lay Eucharistic Ministers; Stephen Ministry; Helping Hands Team; Shawl Ministry. We now have added another pastoral ministry – one of preparing and taking meals to anyone sick, recovering from a hospital stay, or other circumstance that calls for physical nourishment. "The St. Paul's Plates"

If you would like to be a part of this pastoral ministry team, please contact Linda Barnes, 443-604-3402, or Dorothy Kitt, 410-292-9020.

Happy Birthday To:

Charles Samuel Feb 01
Pat Marquis Feb 04
Jeni Cassera Feb 14
Mary Garbett Feb 16
Norma Prentice Feb 19
Dottie Streaker Feb 23



Prayer List

Paul Bourg
Trudi Lawson
Dave Lawson
Dallas Reeve
Michael Toole
Keith Prentice
Phyllis Heffner
Doris Sharp
Bill Winebrunner
Joannie Lee
Kurt VonHurst
Allene VonHurst
Al Parker
Craig Johnson
Joanne Johnson
Jeffrey Johnson
Lora Hollands
Pam Sherfey
Debbie Gardner
Ann Boyles
Sandra & Stanley Napier
Irene Hordubay
Cheryl Kibler
Beth Husted
Lynn Carr
Allison Poleger
Sam Lucas
John Lucas
Mary Wales-North
The Horrigan Family
Teresa
Carey, Kathleen McIntosh



Patsy Mavity
Donna Shurney
Kaye Rineer
Belinda Blizzard
Janice Esler
Matt Willingham
Susie Gibson
Mildred Stinebaugh
Eric McIntosh
Andrew Oberle
Joey
Herb & Mary Jo Grabau
John Tuel
Delphine Koval
John Belous
Bill Aaron
Albert Hutchison
Richard Heffner
Katherine Gilbeertz
Ryan Merton
Betty Fritzges
Le Anne Stallings
Kathleen Rumble
Nancy McIntosh
Ginny Triplett
Marie Cagle
Helen Fenton
Jim Harry
Dottie Streaker
Brian Thompson
James Anthony
Thomas Stevens

Please help us keep our
prayer list current.

*Give me grace, O Lord.
I need your grace, O Lord.
Abundant grace, O Lord.
Your grace is enough for
me.*

**St. Paul's
"A shining
light in the
community."**



PASTORAL CONCERNS

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. Please contact the Rev. Susan S. Keller, at 301-785-1687 or revssk@yahoo.com. You may also call the church, 410-489-4411, Monday through Friday, 9:00-12:00.

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VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is: A community of faith ministering to those in need of justice, reconciliation, hospitality, sanctuary, and growth in their spiritual journey.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is: To carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word and deed and to help all people experience God's presence in their daily lives



February 2016 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	5 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	6 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
	<i>Brigid</i>	<i>Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>		<u>5:00 pm</u> Stephen Ministers Meeting	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Evening Prayer	
7 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II Annual Congregational Meeting following the service	8	9 <u>5-7 p.m.</u> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	10 <u>10:00am</u> Pastoral Care Ash Wednesday	11 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	12 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	13 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
Hospitality Brunch following				<i>Frances Jane Van Alstyne Crosby</i>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Evening Prayer	<i>Absalom Jones</i>
14 <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Rite I <u>9:30</u> Spiritual Form. <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Rite II	15 President's Day	16	17	18 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	19 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	20 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>Thomas Bray</i>		<i>Janani Luwum</i>	<u>5:00 pm</u> Stephen Minister Mt. <u>6:30 pm</u> Vestry Mt. <i>Martin Luther</i>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Evening Prayer	
21 <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Rite I <u>9:30</u> Spiritual Form <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Rite II	22	23	24	25 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	26 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	27 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>Chair of St. Peter</i>	<i>Polycarp of Smyrna</i>	<i>St. Matthias</i>		<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Evening Prayer	<i>George Herbert</i>
28 <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Rite I <u>9:30</u> Spiritual Form <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Rite II	29					

February 2016 ~ Service Calendar

If you are not able to work, please find your replacement

	February 7, Last Sunday after Epiphany Green	February 10, <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Purple		February 14, 1st Sunday of Lent Purple		February 21, 2nd Sunday of Lent Purple		February 28, 3rd Sunday of Lent Purple	
	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>Noon</u>	<u>7:00 P.M</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Greeter/ Usher	Greg & Norma Prentice	Linda Barnes		Al Yeater, Michele Samuel	Dana Fritzges	Greg & Norma Prentice	Linda Barnes	Al Yeater	Linda Sharp
Chalicer	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
Acolyte(s)	Linda Barnes	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
Lector	Al Yeater	Irene Hillen	Helen Tuel	Charles Samuel	Phyllis Heffner	Irene Hillen	Dorothy Kitt	Irene Hillen	Helen Tuel
Psalm	Nancy McIntosh	Irene Hillen	John Tuel	Charles Samuel	Bill Toole	Barb Campion	Dorothy Kitt	Irene Hillen	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Prentice	Irene Hillen	John Tuel	Charles Samuel	Bill Toole	Barb Campion	Carrie Brown	Irene Hillen	John Tuel
Altar Guild	Joanne Honsberger, Barb Campion	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp Pat Marquis	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia		Joanne Honsberger, Barb Campion		Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	
Coffee Hour	Brunch	-----		Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek		Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice		Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys	
Counters	Nancy & Pete McIntosh	-----		Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes		Celeste Humphreys John Tuel		Lynda Sheckels, Etta Lee Spaulding	