

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS March 2024

Love God. Love Each Other.

It's just that simple.

—Jesus

The Lenten Season is Here

Bill Gentry

First, I would like to say that I am appreciative of the trust the Vestry has put in me in selecting me to serve as your Sr. Warden. I promise to do my best to do what is right for St. Paul's. While I have been Sr. Warden in the past, I have not served when we did not have a priest. I hope to receive the continued support and help from both the Vestry and the congregation.

So far, things seem to be going well - from the success of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to the number of you attending Sunday services.

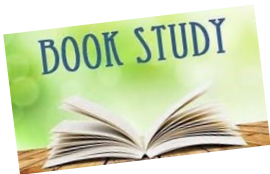
This season of Lent will be busy as usual. Each Wednesday evening at 6, we are having a book study and soup supper. The book *Will You* is an easy read and leads to great discussions. It focuses on the "I will" questions of the baptismal covenant. Please join us, I think you will enjoy the discussions and the fellowship.

Each Friday at 6 pm, we are celebrating the Stations of the Cross.

Canon Jason will officiate the Palm Sunday service.

Also, the annual Wednesday Lenten luncheons are taking place. On March 13th, the luncheon will be here. Deacon Larry will officiate. There is a schedule on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall.

Sadly, we learned of the passing of Lydia Johnson after a long illness. Please keep her family in your prayers and thoughts. She will be missed.



Also, John Vachet passed away. He is the grandson of Marie Huber, son of Lisa and Todd Vachet, and the nephew of Scott and Shelley Reitz and Joe and Christi Mattingly. He is also survived by his wife, two sons and one sister. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers, as well.



Repairs are still ongoing on the organ. Several of the major problems were fixed, but it has been neglected for so long there are still multiple issues to attend to. This, unfortunately, translates to more expense. The cash in the offering plate will be used to help with these expenses. We also welcome donations to the organ repair fund.

When I attended the last All Saints board meeting, I learned there is no youth director for the diocese; therefore, the future of All Saints Camp this year is up in the air. As I get updates, I will let you know.

Please note that our website has been updated. Thanks go to Ellen Redding for volunteering to do this important task. If you have items that might need to be included on the website, let me or Ellen know.

The search committee continues to look for ways to get our name out there. Keep praying that we will soon find the right priest for our church.

Please don't forget your donations to CCO and to sign up for coffee hour.

I hope to see you here in church to participate in both the services and fellowship.

Bill Gentry

Upcoming Events

We are delighted to continue to welcome you to join us for in-person worship.
You are also welcome to experience services livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsHenderson>

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 — Morning Prayer

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 26 — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics, 6 p.m. at Rookies

Wednesday, March 6 - Noon — Community Lenten Luncheon - Community Baptist

Wednesday, March 13 - Noon — Community Lenten Luncheon - St. Paul's

Wednesday, March 20 - Noon — Community Lenten Luncheon - First United Methodist

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 - 6 p.m. — Soup Supper and Book Study

Tuesday, March 19, 5:45 p.m. — Vestry Meeting, Rector's Study

Fridays, 6 p.m. — Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 17 — Palm Sunday with Canon Jason Lewis (see Holy Week schedule, Page 7)

Maundy Thursday - 6 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Saturday, March 30 — Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, March 31 — Easter Sunday - Deacon's Mass with Deacon Larry Courtney

Festive Reception and Easter Egg Hunt to follow.

Parish Hapenings



AML, Not an Easy Journey

from the Deacon

Fifth day, it is Friday morning five o'clock and I can't go back to sleep, I had just made a cup of coffee when it started raining. I took my coffee and morning medicines to take and walked to the couch in the living room. We didn't have to be at the clinic until 9:30 am. I did my morning prayers and finished my coffee before the alarm woke up Michael at seven am.

I had taken a pill for nausea earlier so I would be able to eat breakfast. The nausea was really bad but the pill took care of it. Michael fixed us scrambled eggs, bacon, and toast with peach jelly I had made last year. The rain was really coming down when we sat down to eat breakfast. Michael turned on the TV to get a weather report. The rain wouldn't be ending until mid afternoon! I remarked that it looks like we'll have to take the car today. I sure didn't feel like walking.

I took my shower while Michael washed the dishes and made the beds. He was a wonderful caregiver and house maid! We left at 9:10 am and arrived at the clinic on the second floor at 9:30 on the dot. I checked in, received my wrist band and room number before I stepped on the scale to weigh. I weighed 166 pounds, oops! Lost a couple pounds. They do not want me losing any weight! Oh well, guess I didn't drink enough water! We were assigned room twenty, no recliner just a bed and chair for Michael.

I was glad to lay down on the bed, my nausea was back. The aid came in and took my vitals and asked me what my weight was for that morning. Then she asked how much water I drank the last twenty four hours. I told her I believed it was two liters I reported that I had nausea when I got up that morning, so I took my pill before eating.

Ten minutes later my nurse, Kathy, entered the room to take blood from me. She filled twelve little tubes from me. Kathy asked how bad my nausea was? I remarked I feel like vomiting if that's any indication how bad it is. She immediately gave me something in my IV for the nausea. Kathy came back fifteen minutes later to let me know my blood labs indicated that I was low on potassium and magnesium. So, I was given a potassium pill and Kathy started the magnesium infusion into my IV, I needed two bags of the magnesium. That kept us there two more hours.

Dr. Kassim came into the room around 1:30, asking how his number one patient was doing. I replied I have had better days! He grins and told Michael to stop at the Pharmacy on our way home to pick up a prescription of penicillin with potassium. I complained that's all I need one more pill to take! He just laughed and said see you tomorrow Mr. Larry!

Larry

Youth News

Leslie Newman

And a good time was had by all! The youth planned for weeks, the vestry rallied as a team to help kick off the pancake supper, and we had a fantastic turnout of children, youth and adults who "laissez les bon temps rouler" on Shrove Tuesday, the Episcopalian scaled down version of Mardi Gras. Gene Krohn, Scott Russellburg, Trish Hennessy and Brandi McMichen were baptized by fire and jumped right in with the experienced pros as if they had been part of the chaos in years gone by. Eleanor was excited leading up to it and came prepared with her pad for taking orders, and fit right in. Trae's fiancé Lavelle even brought a friend of hers to help. Thanks to all who came to cook, serve, greet, wash dishes, and generally do what was needed, including bringing good cheer and bolstering each other through



the evening. Our attendance was down this year and we missed some of our old faithfuls but we also welcomed newcomers along with many of our regulars. Parishioners helped shrieve the cupboards by buying excess groceries and what was left, Sureway accepted as returns for credit. And we netted enough to call it a fundraiser for EYC! Alexis was wise to realize we would need the tables set up for the Ministerial Association Lenten Luncheon shortly thereafter, so we killed two birds with one stone, so to speak. Please mark your calendars now for Tuesday, March 4, 2025 for next year's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.



Tradition in the Making?

I've asked this before -What does it take for Episcopalians to create a tradition?! It's possible EYC has created a tradition, by going to a meatless meal dinner together and visiting after Stations of the Cross, which is being led by Deacon Larry on Friday nights at 6 p.m. during Lent. You are welcome to join us there or for the Wednesday night book study and souper supper. It's a good opportunity to spend time with our young people!

Youth News

Leslie Newman—

EYC welcomes the contribution of wrapped candy we will stuff in eggs and hide for the Easter egg hunt. It is possible one of our parents with older children hopes for chocolate so younger parents can learn to cope with the mess when it melts! That topic arose when another parent realized some of the large bags of mixed candies at Sam's contains hard candies that are not appropriate for small children. Our youth prefer candy they can sample as they stuff eggs. I prefer candy that fits in the eggs. If you wish to contribute, feel free to bring what you prefer! Thank you in advance. Please deliver to the parish



hall by Maundy Thursday, or I will pick up, or if you don't want to shop, I will shop for you. When we left last Easter Sunday, we were in good shape with our supply of easter baskets and plastic eggs. And as always, help hiding eggs for those who can get to church early on Easter morning is welcome as well!



And...even as much as we welcome the signs of spring at the end of February, this means we likely will not have daffodils and jonquils for the flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday. If you have spring flowers blooming at the end of March and are willing to share them, please let me know if you would like to cut them or if you would like me to come cut them. Thank you.



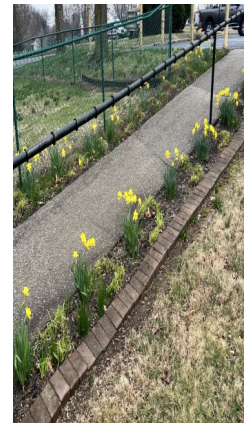
Welcome to our new members, Russ and Kathy Gubernot, Gene Krohn, Emery Neely, Heather Nunn and Abby Bouvy. And welcome back to Trish Hennesy who has moved back to Henderson after many years.



EYC mourns the passing of Lydia Johnson. Lydia was an advocate not just for her and Jim's son Nick, but for all our children. When she served on the vestry, she served on the Christian formation committee, took that

responsibility to heart and worked especially to improve how St. Paul's can let other youth know they are welcome at our parish. May Lydia rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

More Fun February at St. Paul's



CCO Donation for March:

Canned Meats

Salmon, Tuna, Chicken

Bring your items to church with you, or drop them by the Parish Office by the third week of the month.

St. Paul's Calendar March 2024

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 DAR - Parish Hall
3—3 Lent 10—Morning Prayer Margaret Kimberling - Organ	4	5 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics	6 Noon - Lenten Luncheon - Community Baptist 6 - Soup Supper & Book Study	7	8 6 p.m. - Stations of the Cross	9 Walker Habitat house Ground-breaking - 12
10—4 Lent 10—Morning Prayer Ally Donnelly - Guest Musician	11	12 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics	13 Noon - Lenten Luncheon - St. Paul's 6 - Soup Supper & Book Study	14	15 6 p.m. - Stations of the Cross	
17—5 Lent 10—Morning Prayer CCO—Canned Meats - Salmon, Tuna, Chicken Stacy Howell - Organ	18	19 5:45p.m. — Vestry Meeting	20 Noon - Lenten Luncheon - 1st United Methodist 6 - Soup Supper & Book Study	21	22 6 p.m. - Stations of the Cross	23
24—Palm Sunday 10—Holy Eucharist with Canon Jason Lewis Margaret Kimberling - Organ	25	26 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics	27	28 Maundy Thursday 6 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Liturgy	29 Good Friday Noon - Lenten Luncheon, Holy Name 6 p.m. - Stations of the Cross	30 Holy Saturday 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
31—Easter Sunday 10 - Deacon's Mass with Dcn. Larry Courtney Margaret Kimberling - Organ						



Services in person and livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page.
facebook.com/St.PaulsHenderson

Lay Ministry March 2024

Date & Lessons	Altar Guild Altar Flowers	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Coffee Hour	Atrium
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3-3 Lent Exodus 20:1-7 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Gisele Purdy <i>No Flowers During Lent</i>			Cooper Lilly, Susan Sauls	Marty and Caroline	
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10-4 Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Susan Sauls Ella Thomas <i>No Flowers During Lent</i>		The Purdys Caroline White	Mike France, Leslie Newman	Martina and Leann	
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17-5 Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Alexis Purdy <i>No Flowers During Lent</i>			Mike France, Marty White	Trish Hennessy	
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24-Palm Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 - 15:47	Marilyn Dixon Ellen Redding <i>Palms furnished by the Church</i>		The Purdys Caroline White	Susan Sauls, Susie Watkins	The Purdys	
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31-Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	Gisele Purdy <i>See Easter Insert</i>		The Purdys Caroline White		Connie Walaskay and Susie Watkins	
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March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Connie Walaskay	26	Louis Smith
	Bill Brodsky	29	Robert Soaper
10	Rad Mattingly	31	Mark Vickers
14	Martha Letson		
	Patricia Hennessy		
22	Jorden Knight		
23	William Deep IV		

Summer Camp Uncertain this Year

Leslie Newman—

Top of our youth's minds right now is the future of All Saints', the diocesan camp near Leitchfield, which is a safe and wonderful place they call their second home and where they have created memories, friendships, and opportunities which call them back to build on their formation as Christians and Episcopalians. In early February, Deacon Mark Richard, immediate past chair of the All Saints Board of Directors, and our own Bill Gentry, a current and devoted board member of All Saints, met and talked with, and, importantly, HEARD our youth express their desires to return to camp, their wishes for the revamping of the diocesan youth council and the filling of the position of diocesan youth director, their hopes the diocese will sponsor camp this summer and their offers to do what they can to make camp and the spring and fall gatherings they have so enjoyed a reality and not a dream of their past. Our children and youth have planned their summers around going to All Saints, many of them for years, and it is unsettling and upsetting to them to not know if there will be camp this summer. Please keep our young people, the camp and the diocesan leadership in your prayers in this regard. If you serve on a diocesan committee, please make it known that our young people care and want to be connected with each other in Christian fellowship, the diocese and the Episcopal church.



The groundbreaking for Caitlin Walker's new habitat house is Saturday, March 9th, at noon. The location is 1028 Pringle Street. Caitlin would love anyone from the church to join.

Lent Continues

Each week during Lent, another of the area's churches takes a turn providing an ecumenical worship opportunity at noon followed by a light lunch. Wednesday luncheons during March include: Community Baptist Church on March 6. St. Paul's will host the luncheon on March 13. First United Methodist will host on March 20. No ticket is needed, and there is never a cost for the meal, but an offering is collected for the work of the Ministerial Association during the year.

Another of our traditions is our Wednesday evening soup suppers. Our program this year is a study of the book *Will You* led by Deacon Larry. Please join us for the study and for the fellowship of our journey together.

Also, Deacon Larry is leading the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6 p.m. This devotion of our Lord's Passion may be the key to *your* journey this Lent.

The Easter and Holy Week schedule is below.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm and Passion Sunday

10:00 Sunday, March 24
With Canon Jason Lewis

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:00 – Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Good Friday, March 29

Noon – Stations of the Cross – Holy Name RCC
6:00 – Stations of the Cross

The Feast of the Resurrection,

Sunday, March 31

10:00 – Deacon's Mass
Festive Reception and Children's Egg Hunt

Financial Summary as of January 31, 2024

Pledged Income Received to Date	\$13,295
Non-dividend Investment Income Transferred	\$0
Other Operating Income to Date	\$14,677
Total Budgeted Expenses to Date	\$13,453

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

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Service Times

Morning Prayer - Sundays 10 a.m.

Vestry Ministry Teams *(*denotes chair of the committee)*

Sr. Warden
Jr. Warden
Secretary
Treasurer

Bill Gentry
Marty White
Susie Watkins
Mike France

Budget and Finance
Worship and Music
Communications
Christian Formation and Youth
Building and Grounds
Fellowship/Outreach
Pastoral Care
Search Committee

Marilyn Dixon, *Mike France, Bill Gentry, Joe Mattingly
*Marilyn Dixon, Mike France, Bill Gentry
*Christie Johnson, Bill Gentry, Susan Sauls, Susie Watkins
Alexis Purdy, Leslie Newman, *Marty White, Monessa Curry
*Marty White, Bill Brodsky, Joe Mattingly
Marilyn Dixon, Diane McMIndes, *Susie Watkins, Marty White
*Dcn. Larry, Marilyn Dixon, Susie Watkins, Marty White
Mike France, Bill Gentry, Cooper Lilly, Christy Mattingly,
Ellen Redding, *Susan Sauls, Connie Spivey

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