

The Bells are Ringing

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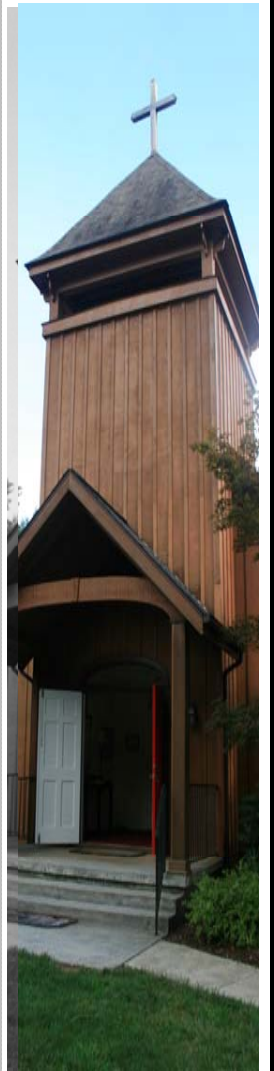
All Saint's Day

Our Sunday School made Saint's Shields &
Processed during the closing hymn:
"I sing a song of the saints of God"

All Saints' Day is a time of joyful commemoration in our Church as we remember and honor all saints, known and unknown. We know about many of the saints from the distant past but there are also "saints" that live and work around us in everyday life.

Diocesan Convention, November 11th—13th

1 Advent, November 28th



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From the Rector's desk



A Parable of Time...The story of Zacchaeus is really not an isolated tale of an event which took place long ago, but rather it is the continued story of God's constant search for each of us. It is almost a parable of time, for here we see past, present and future altered by Jesus who comes to seek and save the lost. The chief tax collector of Jericho finds deliverance from an unsavory past through his acceptance by the Master. The present is altered by the presence of Christ in his home and at the table. His future is aimed in a new direction by the Savior.

We like to think that time is ours and that we are not really accountable to anyone for its use. But, to Him who seeks out the lost, time is to be redeemed, time is to be transformed and time is to be redirected. Time comes to us as a gift from God and its proper use is important. We do have a responsibility toward the Giver and we are accountable. It is also He who can help us, even as He helped Zacchaeus, to see time in its proper perspective.

To wallow in despair because of the past is useless. To fritter away time in fruitless adventures in the present is frivolous. Not to see a new and better way into the future is to live in hopelessness. To run on ahead in order to see Jesus and to be found by Him who is the seeker, is to enter into a new life and be saved.

We are being called to be good stewards of our time, our talent, and our treasure now, to do the work that Jesus calls us to do and to be the people that he creates us to be.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge of your time, talent and treasure as we approach our Stewardship Sunday on November 21st.

In Christ's love

Fr. Jim +

Parish News —

Heartfelt Thanks—

Dear St. Paul's Family,

The family of Elsie Lowman would like to express their deepest gratitude for all the love, prayers, hugs and genuine compassion so freely given to Elsie during her illness.

You are a great group of people that truly live the teachings of Christ.

The calls, visits, food and concern for all of us will always be greatly appreciated! Our love goes out to each of you!

Love,

Elsie's family

Happy Tuesday—

Submitted by Rose Raines



Happy Tuesday, an outreach to area seniors, meets the second Tuesday of every at 11:30 a.m.

The Guest speaker for November is Tom Shuford who will be telling his story.

Who Am I?—

Here are a few hints and a couple stories.....

In my years as a young person at St. Paul's each Christmas I would have a solo part in our annual Christmas Pageant. Each Sunday I would sit with my grandparents or my Godmother and both would hand me little candies or gum to snack on. My grandmother would bring my candies in a little brown paper bag and they were usually dum-dum suckers, BB Bats or Bubble gum. As a young person if I were talking or cutting up in church all my mother had to do is clear her throat once and I knew I better be good. My family began with St. Paul's over 100 years ago and it has been a part of my life for over 40 years. I was married at St. Paul's in the year 2000. **Who am I?**



Fr. Jim's October Activities —

Jim enjoyed introducing the guest speaker, Fr. Josh Acton at the annual Healing Winds Conference at Lake Logan on October 15th. Fr. Josh is a friend and colleague from their time together in the diocese of San Diego. Fr. Josh is now the pastor of a church in Hemet, CA, the leader of *Desert Call Ministries* and a highly respected leader of the Order of St. Luke healing ministry.

Fr. Jim, also, attended the three-day diocesan clergy conference. The main speaker/teacher was Mary MacGregor, the director of Congregational Development for the diocese of Texas.

He attended meetings of *Fresh Start*, the diocesan **Congregational Development Commission**, the **Foothills Deanery** and the **Clergy Wellness Initia-**

tive of the diocese during the month.

He represented St. Paul's at *the Celebration of a New Ministry Service* of the Rev. Peggy Walker at St. John's, Marion, and officiated at the **marriage** of Bill and Stephanie Donaldson at Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville.

Fr. Jim celebrates a **Generational Healing Eucharist** on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville.

Lenten Bible Study—

Submitted by Biff Bower

Planning ahead for next March.....

A women's bible study for Lent will be held two Thursdays in March from 9am-12 noon.

The topic will be:

"Mary: The Imagination of Her Heart" by Penelope Duckworth. One gathering will be at St. Paul's and the other in Morganton.

If interested be sure to contact Biff so she can get a head count and have an idea of how many books to order. She will answer any questions about the book



In Celebration

Birthdays

"Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (BCP p.830)

November

2 Melina Keller	13 Joshua Cooke
2 Fr. Al Zadig	13 Cole Thomas
8 Anne Carter Zadig	18 Debbie Scott
12 Kameron Gress	24 Kiley Edwards



Prayer Corner

"O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit and relieve thy sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Amen. (BCP p.458)

For Parishioners: Mike Fowler, Kay Rose, Fr. John Fitzgerald, Diane & Brian Byerly, Pat LaFevers, Eunice Barrier, Red Creswell

For Others: Kathy, Jessica, Brian, Elzora Dale, Bob Smith, Joy Valmassoi's mother;

For the Safety for Those Serving our Country: Rose & Bill Raines' son, Danny Raines, a US Department of Defense civilian working for the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in Afghanistan; Sharon Rains' nephew, 1Lt. Drew Hawkins in Iraq.

(please email names of those to be on the prayer list and any names of any family members deployed overseas to be included in our parish prayers to shrains@gmail.com)

November Reading for Sunday Eucharist

November 7 - Sunday after All Saint's Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	November 21 Proper 29: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
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November 14 Proper 28
Malachi 4:1-2a
Palm 98
Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

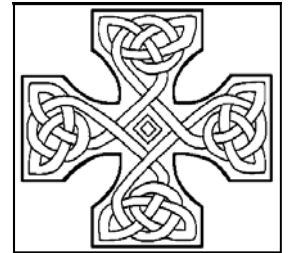
November 28 - 1 Advent - year A
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Burke Food Challenge

November - Meat

*Collection Basket is just
Inside the church.*

Keep up the good work everybody



Save your Campbell's Soup Labels. —

A reminder that the collection of Campbell Soup labels is used to help Thompson Child & Family Focus. This also includes V-8 Juice and Pepperidge Farm products, (any Campbell product). They need an undamaged bar code and enough label to show what the product is. That determines the points awarded.

. The **Red Collection Box** is in the Parish Hall on the table. **Thanks you!!**

October Vestry Highlights -

Rector's Report—

Fr. Jim reported that the County Breakfast and the Blessing of the Animals events this Fall were huge successes.

Fr Jim suggested that the annual meeting to elect new members to the vestry be schedule on November 21st and the vestry agreed. The congregation is encouraged to give Fr. Jim or any member of the vestry suggestions for names of potential vestry members.

Fr. Jim also asked the finance committee to have a proposed budget for 2011 ready for the vestry's review and comment at the November Vestry Meeting. The Finance Committee will develop and distribute the stewardship letter to assist the committee in developing the 2011 budget.

Fr Jim requested that Art Trunkfield attend a pre-diocese convention meeting at the Church of the Ascension in Hickory as the Alternate Delegate to the Convention since Betty and Mike Fowler will be unable to attend as delegates.

Treasurer's Report—

Jerry Haynie presented the Treasurer's Report. Based on current income and expenses for the first 9 months of the year, the Treasurer continues to project a deficit in the range of \$4000 for the year. The vestry reviewed the year to date expenditures and agreed to reduce the expense budget by \$3,990 in an effort to not end the year in a deficit position. This is consistent with the vestry's philosophy to plan to spend only what the annual revenue projection is for the year. The vestry also moved \$20,000 from the general fund to the building fund in anticipation of future physical plant expenditures.

New Business –

The vestry developed St Paul's Policy on "Guidelines and Standards for Programs and Activities for Children and Youth" and Fr. Jim requested that the Clerk submit it to the Diocese in accordance with Diocese of WNC policy. Copies will be posted in appropriate areas.



Mission Statement 2010 Adopted by Vestry in September

"To joyfully spread the Gospel through worship and caring for others, as a loving church family."

Senior Warden—

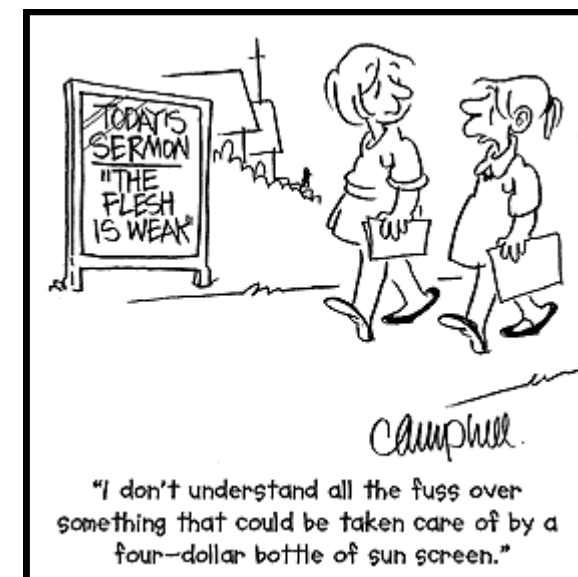
Mac Hoffman received a letter from the Diocese announcing a meeting of Senior Wardens at St James in Black Mountain on October 23rd. Mac was unable to attend and it was agreed that Art Trunkfield would represent St. Paul's at the meeting.

Committee Information—

The following committee items of interest were discussed:

The Vestry discussed a proposal by Fr. Jim to move the Christmas Eve Service up to an earlier start time in an effort to make his trip to Weaverville after the service safer. The Worship Committee will discuss the options and make recommendations to the vestry at the next vestry meeting.

Note: (Details of the meeting can be found in the Vestry minutes posted on the bulletin board in Fitzgerald Hall)



Upcoming Dates**November**

- 3 Vestry Meeting
- 8 ECW Meeting
- 9 Happy Tuesday
- 11, 12, 13 *Diocesan Convention*
- 21 Stewardship Sun. (Vestry Elections)
- 28 1st Sunday in Advent - Year A

December

- 1 Vestry Meeting
- 4 Christmas Greening
- 5 Church Christmas Party
4 pm - covered dish
- 14 Happy Tuesday
- 24 Christmas Eve Service

January 2011

- 5 Vestry Meeting
- 11 ECW Meeting
- 12 Happy Tuesday
- 23 Bishop's Visitation

March

- 8 Shrove Tuesday supper
- 9 Ash Wednesday

April

- 17 Palm Sunday
- 18-22 Holy Week
- 24 Easter Sunday

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