

## Our Mission

Seeking and serving Christ in all people and in the whole creation through:  
**WORSHIP, LOVE, JUSTICE, & RECONCILIATION**

### Leadership

The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop

The Rev. H. James Rains, Rector (828) 645- 1383

The Rev. John Fitzgerald, Rector Emeritus

### Vestry Members

Mac Hoffman, Senior Warden 584-2961

Jerel Hoffman, Junior Warden 584-0192

Diane Byerly (Finance) 584-3417

Betty Fowler (Worship) 584-4692

(Volunteerism)

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Art Trunkfield (Outreach) 584-0615

Lynn Hoffman (Clerk) 584-2961

Debbie Scott Organist, Choir Director

Jerry Haynie Treasurer

Lynn Hoffman ECW President

Rose Raines Happy Tuesday Outreach

### Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 9 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

## Upcoming Dates

### September

1 Vestry Meeting

8 Happy Tuesday

14 ECW meeting

19 *Country Breakfast*

### October

7 Vestry Meeting

5 Choir practice begins

12 ECW meeting

13 Happy Tuesday

### November

4 Vestry Meeting

9 ECW meeting

10 Happy Tuesday

13-14 Diocesan Convention

22 Vestry Election

29 First Sunday in Advent

### December

2 Vestry Meeting

5 Hanging of the Greens

6 Church Christmas Party

19 Poinsettias

24 Christmas Eve service 10 p.m.

# The Bells are Ringing

THE VOICE OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Mid-  
September

2009



It's that time of the year again, come for the early morning fellowship and mouth watering food.

## St. Paul's Country Breakfast and Bake Sale

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m. - 10:00a.m.

Eggs, Country Ham, bacon, Sausage, Liver mush,  
Gravy, Biscuits, Grits, Apples and Drink

cost:\$6 per person-

**All Proceeds to support Local Outreach**

All bakers of the parish:

Don't forget !!!!!

We need all those yummy baked goods!

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Thought of the Month – God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?



## From the Rector's desk

In his classic book *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, W. Phillip Keller gives a striking picture of the care and gentleness of a shepherd. In verse 3 when David says, "He restores my soul," he uses language every shepherd would understand.

Sheep are built in such a way that if they fall over on their side and then onto their back, it is very difficult for them to get up again. They flail their legs in the air, bleat, and cry. After a few hours on their backs, gas begins to collect in their stomachs, the stomach hardens, the air passage is cut off, and the sheep will eventually suffocate. This is referred to as a "cast down" position.

When a shepherd restores a cast down sheep, he reassures it, massages its legs to restore circulation, gently turns the sheep over, lifts it up, and holds it so it can regain its equilibrium.

What a picture of what God wants to do for us! When we are on our backs, flailing because of guilt, grief, or grudges, our loving Shepherd reassures us with His grace, lifts us up, and holds us until we've gained our spiritual equilibrium.

If you've been cast down for any reason, God is the only one who can help you get on your feet again. He will restore your confidence, joy, and strength. [Shared with me by my friend Bill Spencer, who, I think, found it in the Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> reading in his copy of *My Daily Bread*.]

Sharon and I would like to express our gratitude to Bishop Taylor, the clergy of the Foot Hills Deanery and the whole parish family at St. Paul's for your generous and kind welcome on the occasion of the Celebration and Blessing of a New Ministry on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Fr. Jim+*



*Music before the celebration service August 23rd, Debby Scott and Linda Neff*

## Help Wanted

### Newsletter Reporter -

This person will be responsible for reporting on social activities of the church and its members.

### Newsletter Clerk -

This person will copy the Monthly Newsletter, place it in the church's entrance and mail it to the Newsletter mailing list each month.

### Sunday School Volunteers -

Several saints are needed to help with Sunday School. For further information, please see Biff Bauer or Fr. Jim.

## Who Are We?

The people featured in last month's newsletter are **Toon Scott**, her daughter **Brooke Mullins** and her granddaughter **Melina Keller**.

**Who am I?**—Loves the color blue. Spent part of her childhood in Panama where

the vibrant sun, flowers and birds influenced her love of art. Born in Germany after the war. Parents were from Oklahoma and Utah. Grew up a military "brat", traveling all over the United States including all the years afterwards as an adult. Went to art school in NYC. At St. Paul's you can find her either in the left pew or right pew on any given Sunday. Loves to help wherever needed.

## From the Library

*Submitted by Kay Rose*

For readers that like something light, there are two Patrick McManus books: **Real Ponies Don't Go Oink** and **They Shoot Canoes Don't They**.

I have just finished a good devotional book **Beyond a Doubt**. They are on the right side of the library, third section over and third shelf down.

## Music Notes

*Submitted by Debby Scott*

Choir practice will resume in October on Monday nights at 6 p.m. in the church. We will be preparing for the Advent and Christmas season.

Anyone who would like to join the choir is welcomed. "Making a joyful noise to the Lord!" is all that is needed.

On the days the choir sings, please arrive at 8:15 for the warm-up practice.

## In Celebration

### September 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)*

- 5 Bill Wortman
- 6 Jerry Haynie
- 8 Jeff Brown
- 9 Kay Rose
- 10 Angie Valmassoi
- 12 Mary Phillips
- 13 Alexandria Yelton
- 13 Rick Pindell
- 18 Crick Browning
- 19 Heath LaFevers
- 23 Lexus Doak
- 26 Erin Zoe Wortman
- 28 Luke Lowder



### September Anniversaries

*"Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh." (BCP p. 829)*

- 5 Lynn & Mac Hoffman
- 14 Barbara & Jerry Janssen
- 28 Bill & Tippy Doak

**NOTE:** *If your name isn't mentioned, please contact either Art Trunkfield, 584-0615 or Sharon Rains, 828-645-1383, [sharrains@verizon.net](mailto:sharrains@verizon.net) to update our church records.*

## Announcements

- Fr Jim and Sharon will be visiting Sharon's mother in Tucson, AZ from September 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. He will hold the service on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and fly out of Charlotte that afternoon.

## Vestry Highlights

*Submitted by Art Trunkfield*

**September 2nd Meeting** -The vestry reviewed a written summary of Bill Raines' remarks to the vestry from of the recent 2009 National Convention held this year in Anaheim. The vestry agreed that the written report should be published in the September Newsletter for the benefit of the whole congregation. Fr. Jim reviewed the scheduled upcoming event at St. Paul's between now and the end of the year. Plans were discussed for the Christmas Eve Service. There will be no service on Christmas Day but the church will be opened for individual prayer and thanksgiving. Fr. Jim indicated that the Bauers and the Phillips will represent St Paul's at the Diocesan Convention on November 13-14. The Annual St Paul's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>

- **Rector:** Preparations for the diocesan convention and the Parish Annual meeting were discussed. Fr. Jim spoke of plans for his attendance at the CREDO Conference on April 19-26, 2010.

- **Sr. Warden:** Along with the other various duties of the Senior Warden, Mac Hoffman will be attending the Bishop's Advisory Committee Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Junior Warden:** Fr Jim announced that Bob Bauer has submitted his resignation from the vestry. Bob asked Art to report that the sign lighting out front had been modified resulting in a softer effect on the sign. Also, the lighting of the steeple has been reconfigured to eliminate the problem of maintaining the light. A diagram of the layout of tables in Fitzgerald hall has been completed to guide users of the hall to put it back into it normal configuration after use.

### Committee Information

- **Financial Committee:** Diane Byerly announced that the following members have agreed to serve on the 2010 Budget Committee which will begin work on developing the budget in September: Biff Bauer, Bob Byerly, Jerry Haynie, Diane Byerly and Art Trunkfield.

- **Outreach/Congregational Care:** Art Trunkfield reported that the Newcomers Information Packet has been revised and will be available in the church entrance for use. He also reported the committee will meet after church on September 2<sup>0th</sup> to develop a plan of action to increase membership in the church.

- **Volunteers Committee:** Jerel Hoffman reported that he is interviewing contractors for church cleaning and will have a recommendation at the next vestry meeting.

- **Education Committee:** No report
- **Worship Committee:** No report

# Special Report

Submitted by Bill Raines

**Episcopal Church General Convention – 2009** Bill Raines has been following the 2009 Episcopal General Convention and briefed the vestry in August on two of the many resolutions that passed. Bill's understanding of the status of the resolutions is as follows: "Two resolutions (D025 and C056) from the 2009 General Convention received wide news media distribution (newspapers, TV and internet). Resolution D025 passed on July 14, 2009 and affirmed "that God has called and may call gay and lesbian people to any ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church". Resolution C056 passed on July 17, 2009 acknowledges "changing circumstances that call for a renewed pastoral response from the church for considering same-gender blessings. This resolution also authorizes the House Of Bishops in conjunction with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to devise an open process that will invite church wide participation in collecting and developing theological resources and liturgies. The commission is to report its efforts to the next General Convention in 2012." Some news media and others misinterpreted Resolutions D025 and C056. There was so much confusion concerning the two resolutions that the Presiding Bishop Schori and the President of the House of Deputies Anderson wrote two joint letters to the Archbishop of Canterbury to provide clarification on the Resolutions D025 and C056. They emphasize "that D025 has not repealed Resolution B033 that was passed by the 2006 General Convention." B033 urged

restraint in consenting to the consecration of bishops whose "manner of life" might present challenges for the rest of the Anglican Communion. That challenge was widely understood to refer to gay bishops in partnered unions. The Presiding Bishop stated in the joint letter: "Some within our Church may understand Resolution D025 to give Standing Committees and Bishops with jurisdiction more latitude in consenting to Episcopal elections. Others, in light of Resolution B033, will not." In the second joint letter to The Archbishop of Canterbury, the presiding officers expressed the following concerning Resolution C056. "While the resolution honors the diversity of theological perspectives within the Episcopal Church, it does not authorize public liturgical rites for the blessing of same-gender unions. The Book of Common Prayer remains unchanged, the marriage rites are unaltered, and the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer define marriage as a 'solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God.' It is now left to each bishop to determine what such a generous response might mean in her or his diocesan context. The resolution neither forces nor demands any bishop, diocesan convention, congregation or clergy to take any action it considers contrary to its will." Our Bishop Taylor in his "weekly reflections" of July 22, 2009 expressed the following concerning Resolutions D025 and C056: "Both are attempts to be descriptive of where we are and who we are in the Episcopal Church. Neither asserts new direction, either way. They are honest, and they embody the Anglican virtue of comprehensiveness." If you have questions or other concerns about Resolutions D025 or C056, please contact Father Raines or any member of our Vestry.



*Everyone enjoying the feast so loving prepared by St. Paul's church women after the mutual celebration of a new ministry August 23rd*



## Around the Diocese

### Fall Festival - Oct. 10

The annual Fall Festival of the Frescoes will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Mission House across from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (site of the Ben Long "Last Supper" fresco) in Glendale Springs. More information is available by calling 336 982-3076. or online: [www.churchofthefrescoes.com](http://www.churchofthefrescoes.com)

### Day With the Bishop -Oct. 31

"To Be a Witness: How to connect the Good News with the World" set Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. David's, Cullowhee. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Cost is \$20, or \$15 is two or more register together. Download a registration form at [www.centersforchristianstudies.org](http://www.centersforchristianstudies.org) or call The Rev. Canon Charlotte D. Cleghorn at 828-274-2681. St. David's is located at 385 Forest Hills Rd., Cullowhee.

-----Be ye fishers of men.  
You catch 'em -  
He'll clean 'em.-----

### From the Editor

The church newsletter is evolving. Thanks to those who are willing to contribute to update parish information and to assist with this ministry of communications. One of our vestry's goals this year was for communication within the parish on an ongoing basis. Would love your help and impute.

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