

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's Website: <http://www.stpaullakejames.org/>

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Monday November 29, we will meet in the parish hall at 10 am to make **Boxwood Wreaths** for the church doors. Everything will be provided, including instructions on how to do it. Just show up in work/casual clothes!

ADVENT STUDY: Please join us for a study of Advent led by Father Jeff entitled *An Advent Study on the Person and Work of Jesus Christ*. The sessions will be Friday December 3, 10 and 17 PLUS Thursday December 16 so we can get them all in before Christmas! They will be held in the Parish Hall from 10:30 -11:30 AM.

St. Pauls Christmas Party will be Sunday December 5, following church/Vestry meeting or 11 AM if you wish to go home and return. It will be a covered dish meal so bring something to share. Ham will be provided. Fun, games, singing and merriment will be in full supply!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: If you are interested in serving the church as an Eucharistic Minister, please let Father Jeff know. We will have a training session soon.

MASKS:

Masks are recommended, but not mandatory.

CHOIR:

If you are interested in singing in the choir, we will have choir practice every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. Please join us!

Organ Recitals:

2021 Lunchtime Recital Series

On the third Wednesday of each month a Recital will be played.

These recitals can be viewed on our YouTube and Facebook Pages.

<https://youtu.be/Gsx5SKbcw5U> or

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsLakeJames/live/>

Below is a list upcoming performances:

December 15th- Josiah Riddle

St. Paul's Assistant Organist

ECW:

ECW's next regular meeting will be on ??

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING:

DOK is meeting in person! Everyone is welcome to participate. Join us on Friday's from 10-11 AM in the Parish Hall.

ST. PAULS WEBSITE

St. Paul's Lake James:

Facebook Page: St Paul's Episcopal Church Lake James

Instagram Account: stpaulchurchlakejames

Note that on the bottom of every website page there are links to the St. Paul's Facebook and Instagram accounts

Prayer List:

Special Needs and Concerns:

For the Sick in our Congregation: Barb Janssen; Peggy Brittain; Faye Trunkfield; LuJuan Harrill; Jerel Hoffman; Biff Bauer; Francis Bailey, Mildred Richard, Father Jeffrey Mackey

Please keep the Byerly family in your prayers: Bob will be battling prostate cancer over the next few months. Diane will be having carpal tunnel surgery on November 17th and Jessica will be having ankle replacement on November 30th.

For Our Families & Friends LuJuan Harrill's mother Marie; Bill Flango's father; Anita Bradshaw friend of Diana B., Patti Kirchoff, Dragon Boat Founder

Thanksgivings for the Blessings of This Life: helping hearts and hands giving generously to our community

Those whose ministry is public safety: Lake Deputy Tyler Gantt; Burke and McDowell Sheriff and Police Departments; NC Swift Water and Mountain Rescue Teams.

Those in the Military: those deployed to combat zones. The families who wait for the safe return of their soldier. National Guard units deployed to assist in Hurricane and Fire Disasters.

First Responders: health and well-being of all care-givers and home health aides; refresh and restore the reservoir of hope in the hearts of EMTs.

Care Facilities: implementation and effectiveness of infection prevention protocols; sufficient PPE for everyone.

Concerns of the Congregation:

Christ's Comfort and Consolation:

Celebrating a Birthday or Wedding Anniversary:

Happy Birthday Mary Stang on December 1.
Happy Anniversary to John & Anne Howard on November 28.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S:

November 26 - Daughters of the King at 10 am. Parish Hall
November 29 – Make Boxwood Wreaths, Parish Hall, 10 am
November 29 – Yoga, 5 PM, Parish Hall
December 3 – Advent Study, 10:30 Parish Hall
December 5 – Christmas Party, Covered Dish, 11 AM Parish Hall
December 6 - Yoga, 5 PM, Parish Hall
December 10 – Advent Study, 10:30 Parish Hall
December 13 - Yoga, 5 PM, Parish Hall
December 16– Advent Study, 10:30 Parish Hall
December 17 – Advent Study, 10:30 Parish Hall
No Yoga until January 10
December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7 PM
February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2022 – Monday Mornings 10:30- Noon, *Why do People Not Like Apostle Paul*
May 6-June 10, 2022 – Friday's 11-12:30, The Gospel of John: An Introduction

Sign-up sheet for **Coffee and Pastries**: We are slowly returning to our old traditions at St. Paul's. Currently we are having coffee and pastries/doughnuts in the parish hall following the service for those who wish/feel comfortable participating. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for volunteers to make the coffee and provide the pastries/doughnuts. We are not doing any cooking at this time.

Coffee/Pastry Schedule:

November 28 – Dave & Mary Stang
December 5 – Christmas Cover Dish St. Nicolas Day
December 12 -Carol, Maggie & Charles

Greeters:

November 28 – Bobby & Bill Fensterer

Lectors:

November 28 – Phil Wells

Eucharistic Ministers:

November 28 – Charles Bostian & Phyllis Kombol

Flowers:

Alter Guild

OUTREACH:

GOOD SAMARITAN CLINIC is participating in the National Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive. Long sleeved shirts protect farmworkers from pesticide exposure and heat related illnesses. The Clinic is accepting donations. Check the website for times or phone the Clinic 828-212-4181.

GLEN ALPINE FOOD PANTRY:

Up to 100 low income families from Glen Alpine/Western Burke County receive food distributions (perishables and non-perishables) each week at the Glen Alpine Food Pantry.

The ongoing support of St. Paul's and our other 6 partner churches has been a blessing and encouragement. THANK YOU! Contact Phyllis Kombol 704-763-1970 (cell) or phyllis.kombol@gmail.com for more information.

BUCM:**Food Pantry:**

BUCM requests: canned chicken, cookies & crackers, soups, toiletries, soap, small bottles of shampoo. Any help would be GREATLY APPRECIATED! Thank you. Dave has a box in front of the Parish Hall door marked "BUCM Pantry Food." You can stop by the Church and drop off your donations. Dave will take your donations to BUCM on a regular basis.

Soup Kitchen:

Soup Kitchen Teams are back in the Kitchen, albeit, with scaled down numbers of volunteers. Hot meals are being prepared daily in the Soup Kitchen, Monday through Sunday. Meal preparation is going GREAT! Meals are being prepared and served in Styrofoam boxes to the homeless and needy. We are also preparing "To Go Dinners" (typically sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, pizza, etc.) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and a "double" on Fridays for the weekend and Holidays.

Soup Kitchen Team Duty:

We are working the Soup Kitchen this Thursday, Sept 30th. If you are available to help please contact Dave Stang: davidcstang@gmail.com

Clothing Store:

Please come by and shop at the "BUCM Clothing Store" for gently used women, men, and children clothing. Lots of women's and men's clothing including: blouses,

skirts, shirts, tees, pants & slacks, blue jeans, warmers & sweaters, jackets, coats, and winter wear -- in all sizes – as well as lots of children’s clothing and toys for all ages. Prices are very, very reasonable.

Eyeglasses and Eye-Ware Needed:

Dave put a plastic jug INSIDE the BUCM “Pantry Food Box” in front of the Parish Hall door. Thanks to everyone who can help out with their eye-ware donations.

Clothing Collection:

Dave has put a BUCM Collection Box (blue box) at the Lake James Fire Station, across from 3-Way Supply. You can place your donations into the box. You may also place items on the picnic table outside by the Parish Hall or give them directly to Dave. He will drop them by the BUCM Clothing Store.

READINGS for The First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021 9AM

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25: 1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36