

The Epistle



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WHO ARE WE?

We, as St. Paul's, are a theologically diverse community who seeks to embrace our diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of belonging for all people.

From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



I want to begin by offering my complete and sincere thanks for my time away on sabbatical. It was a rollercoaster ride, as is life; we all have our ups and downs. The best part is that I got what I needed, even when it did not seem so during the moment. This would not have happened without you respecting boundaries and continuing to be the church through the community of St. Paul's. I want to offer special thanks to all those who stepped up and took on new ministries during this time. You are saints!

I am so glad to be back in community and look forward to hearing everything that the last three months has thrown your way. If you are new to St. Paul's I would love to meet with you in order to get to know each other a bit. Just give me a call at the church 358-4474 or send me an email (Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) to arrange a time.

Peace,



Senior Warden's Report

December 2014



Happy New Year!

Advent is the beginning of the church's new year. We spend the first 4 weeks preparing for Christ's birth. Then we celebrate His birth and baptism! This is one of my favorite church seasons. Each year I try to find quiet times to reflect on how I am preparing and what I could either keep the same or change from year to

year. For one thing, I have simplified my holiday food preparations. I used to bake 5 or 6 different kinds of cookies that were labor intensive. Now I make only one! I have simplified our home decorating as well. I still do write Christmas letters and I enjoy reading those I get in the mail. I know times are changing to send them as emails but I'm holding on to this tradition. I hope each of you find a way to make the Advent season more meaningful and less stressful.

There will be lots going on during December. Please look for announcements in other Epistle articles and in the bulletins and slides.

This may be the time when you decide you would like to join a new ministry team. Consider joining the lectors, Eucharistic Ministers or ushers. Many people working together can do great and wonderful things.

Dan Bouzek's Black Lager was the winner of the beer sampling on Nov. 15th. I think Tom wants to challenge him again. They hope there are some other home brewers who might like to participate next year.

A special thank you to Rev. Chip Arnold for his service to us during the past 12 weeks.

Welcome back Fr. Kirk!

You have been missed!

Margaret Bouzek,
Senior Warden

The Daughters of the King

Are you not quite sure who The Daughters of the King are and what it is they do? Contact Margaret Bouzek at

Margaret.Bouzek@va.gov
or by phone at (775) 424-3767.



Monthly Receipt Summary



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks Funding the Mission November 2014

We have regularly reported on our performance for the 2014 year and for much of the time have made a comparison with our expectations based on last year's pledge and budget information. We are now in a new season of stewardship.

2-Nov	\$3,772.00	9-Nov	\$3,905.00
16-Nov	\$2,684.00	23-Nov	\$2,789.00
		Online	\$2,280.00
Monthly Total			\$15,430.00

In this new season, we want to remind you how much your pledge means to our planning process. You have been asked to consider an increase. If that is part of your journey, God bless. If not, we ask that you please show your support for the mission and ministry of this place by turning in a pledge card. If you do pledge, your timeliness means so much to our planning efforts.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity, and is posted in the narthex. You can direct questions to any Vestry member, Dick Stufflebeam, or Patti Stine. (Email: dick@stpaulssparks.org)

AN IMPORTANT NOTE: By all your gifts, we are blessed. For all your gifts we are grateful.

Outreach Report



Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I don't have much to report this month for Outreach. The Food Pantry received donations of \$432.00, Clergy Discretionary received

\$160.00, and Youth Ministries received \$40.00. Patti Stine, Outreach Committee

Christmas Flowers and Offerings

Envelopes for both Christmas flowers and Christmas offering will be available soon. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones and to give thanks for God's blessings. The Christmas Offering this year will be split between our General Fund and Shriner's Childrens Hospital. Look for the information board in the narthex.

Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is set up in the Narthex. The tree has gift tags for your choosing. Return your "unwrapped" gift with the tag attached for proper distribution no later than Dec. 14th. We appreciate your loving donation to those less fortunate children of our community.

Amazon Smile Program

Help St. Paul's when you make purchases from Amazon. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchase to St. Paul's when you select us as your charitable organization. It's easy to sign up. Go to smile.amazon.com to learn more about the program and select St. Paul's to receive your donations. Remember, St. Paul's only benefits if you make your purchases through Amazon Smile.

Need Baked Goods

for a Special Party? Meeting? Birthday?



Sally Sue's Bakery is run by our very own Sarah and Hayley Lightfoot. ALL proceeds go to St. Paul's Church. For orders and questions call Sarah or Hayley 626-8519. Visit the website for a pricelist and pictures of their past works. Check out Sally Sue's Bakery at www.sarahlightfoot.blogspot.com

December in the Food Pantry



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making a special appearance to The Community Food Pantry on Saturday December 13, 2014 from 9-11am, for pictures. We will handing

out stockings and are seeking donations of stocking stuffers, personal hygiene items and fun little toys and candy.

All are welcome at this event and we will be requesting a canned food donation at the time of the picture for members of the community who are not clients. A box will be located in the narthex.

For more information please contact, Barb Monroy bmonroy0216@gmail.com or 775-742-4856.

St. Paul's Prayers & Squares



The "Prayers and Squares" ministry is a special "outreach" tool to share the love of Christ. The quilts bring a tangible example of the love we all share with

those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. You do not have to know how to sew, or like to

sew, but can also just join us for the fellowship we all share.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month in the Parish Hall from 9 A.M. to noon.

We gladly receive donations of materials, thread, etc. and cash to purchase necessary supplies.

If you would like to join us, or if you would like to request a quilt for someone, please contact Victoria Sidener 322-2375.

Prayers of the People

Please help us keep our Prayer Chain List up to date. Let someone in the Prayer Chain Group or Robin in the office know each month if we are to continue to pray for your special people. Thank you.



Prayer Requests

Barb, Jack, Gina, Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Mike E., Barbara, Larry, Rev. Karen, Anne, Sofia, Keith & family, Mickey, Shirley, Philip, Nancy, Nanette, Erin, Preston, Jameson Walker, Pattie, Julie, Casey, Kathy, Richard, Karen, Sven, Gracie, Shelly, Sharon, Stacey, Jaemmie, Jennifer, Gene, Ed, Rev. Bill, Virginia, Mariesa, Vernice, Marilyn, Fiona, Kay, Buck, Brenda, Alex, Dick, Trudy, Lorrie, Harry, Sherrie, Ray, Michael, Dale, Maegan, Sam, Nicole, Dave, Bob, Karen-Marie, Stephany, Linda, Amy, Paul's family, Sandi, Amanda, Gil, Rita, Jim's family, Bret, Cate, Brett, George, Ashley, Peadear, Tara, Tasha, Jill, the Sweeney Family, Lucy, Victoria and Ella.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Tyler, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Lt. Col Bruce, Jordan, Evanne and Carl.

Epistle Ecology Shorts

Try this oily experiment: Fill a plastic water bottle ¼ of the way full with oil – this is how much oil is required to make the typical bottle of water. Adding up the plastic used, the energy required to collect and clean the water, and the fuel it takes to ship the bottles to stores, equates to millions of barrels of oil each year. Kick the bottle water habit by installing a water filter on your faucet and purchasing a reusable water bottle. Aim for a water bottle that does not leach chemicals, by looking for “BPA Free” labels, or by choosing stainless steel.

St. Paul's Sunday School

Our Pre-K through 5th graders had a fun fall. We learned all about Noah, the ark, and the promise of the rainbow during the month of September. We studied Bible heroes of the Old Testament during the month of October -- Joseph and his colorful coat, Jonah and the whale, and Daniel and the lions. November was our "thankful" month -- thankful for Faith, Family, and Friends. We honored our church secretary, Robin Diehl, who keeps our church family running as she works "behind the scenes", and Barbara Monroy who is a friend to so many who receive food from The Community Food Pantry. I was soooo glad that the Pre-K could join us for both presentations....they did a great job and were proud to hold up their signs. The presentations brought all the Sunday School kids together and I know that the recipients and the congregation enjoyed seeing them. Thanks, too, to Father Chip for giving such great and meaningful blessings for Robin and Barbara at the end of the kids' programs.

Kindergarten through 2nd graders had been adding construction paper feathers to a sugarpine cone "turkey" all month. Each feather had the name of a family member, a friend, and/or

a pet written on it. On the 4th Sunday of Nov., they added feathers for God, faith, and St. Paul's. Then during the offertory, they proudly placed their turkey at the altar.

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders worked on their community service project. Sheri arranged the field trip to Hancock Fabrics where the kids selected their fabric and then went back to church for pizza and to make their fleece blankets. The blankets will be donated to Renown Hospital's Children's Center in the near future.

As Sunday School coordinator I am so thankful for our teachers Erin, Sheri, Chelsea, Jeri, Heather, Nancy, Ellen, and Leigh. AND now ... we are in the season of Advent. Whew! Blessings Jeannine Funk

Lectio Divina Bible Study

Come and join us in the parish hall for this Holy Spirit guided study of scripture. (no homework required ☺)

Combined Men's and Women's Group

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Men's Group

This group is starting up again. So join us Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Contact Rev. Mike Margerum for more information or about setting up a new group, mgoodmarge@gmail.com or 775-229-2695

Actors Needed for the Epiphany Play

We need Actors for our NEW Epiphany Play which will be on Sunday, January 4th!

We need at least 9 people, so if this interests you at all, we need YOU.

Come on...it's FUN too.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or email Fr. Kirk at Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org See Mary English, Rev. Chip, or Fr. Kirk for more information



Pinterest Interest Group



Come join us in the parish hall on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun crafts!

We Are Thankful...

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:2)

Watch this space in the Epistle each month for St. Paul's stories of gratitude and belonging. This month we are very thankful that Bob and Julia Stoddard shared their answers to the following questions.



What about St. Paul's makes it a church home for you?

For the last four years we have been members of St. Paul's, and are so thankful for the warm & welcoming congregation.

How have you experienced God's generosity in your life? In your church?

God has given us an abundance of food, shelter, health, family, education and faith allowing us to be able to share with St. Paul's and five other congregations since we married.

What is one thing about St. Paul's you are most thankful for? We have found friends, most especially, among those who attend the 9 am service. We both are a part of the Praise Team and spend time, when needed, with the children teaching music. Julia also has come to

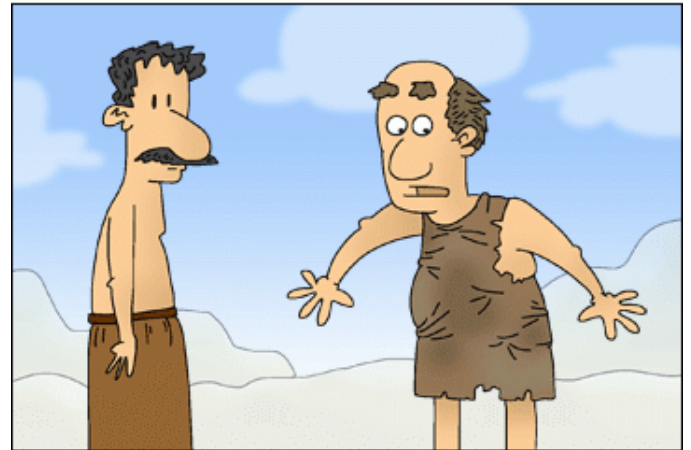
experience God's generosity through the Daughters of the King and Prayers and Squares. Father Kirk and Bishop Dan call on

the Daughters of The King to provide meals for many Diocesan functions. Prayers and Squares provide "prayer Quilts" and raise money for outreach including the "food Pantry".

Please share a favorite story about your time at St. Paul's and/or tell a little about one of your favorite church activities. Our activities with the children and "All God's Critters" and "Benny the Diocesan Bear" have been some of our favorite times at St. Paul's.

Thanks for sharing with us **Bob and Julia!**

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OH MAN ... THIS SACKCLOTH TOTALLY FIT ME THE LAST TIME I WORE IT

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mondays: AA Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Gama-Non Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
and Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Is Christmas time hard for you?

Blue Christmas

Sunday,
December 21st
5:00 p.m.

Is Christmas time hard for you?

There are numerous reasons why so many people struggle during this time of year.

If you are someone that experiences more pain than joy around the holidays, you are not alone.

Come and worship the Christ Child with others in the struggle.

Come to our Blue Christmas service and invite those you know who might want to join you.

Special Advent and Christmas Worship Times

Sunday, December 21st

10:00 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

5:00 p.m. **Blue** Christmas Service

Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Praise Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Traditional Rite II with Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion (No music)

Sunday, December 28th

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

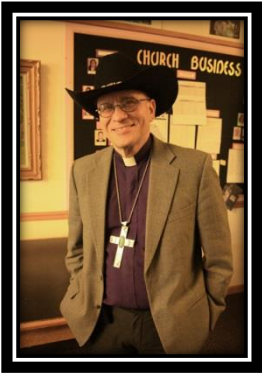
5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, January 4th

10:00 a.m. Epiphany Play with Holy Communion

(NO 5:00 service on this day)

Bishop Dan's 9th EPISTLE TO THE NEVADANS



The Grace of Conflict

There is a familiar story meant to illustrate the key to happiness. It is a story about heaven and hell. Hell is a great banquet hall with a scrumptious feast set on the table. All of the people are holding forks but their arms are strapped to planks. They cannot bend their elbows. Consequently, everyone is starving. Heaven is exactly like hell in every respect, except one: the people are feeding each other, so everyone is enjoying the feast very much.

The Church exists first and foremost as a place where we learn to feed each other, and - this is even harder - be fed by each other. These are not easy lessons because an unfortunate twist in human nature gets in our way.

The first congregation I served as a priest was Christ Church, Macon, Georgia. In the mid-19th century, the rector, Mr. Reese, was of the Protestant persuasion; until he spent a sabbatical studying with Bishop Onderdonk. When Mr. Reese returned to Macon, he put candles on the altar. The uproar was -- well -- uproarious. In the end, Mr. Reese and half the congregation left Christ Church and set up shop as St. Paul's across town. The plot line is too familiar to be of interest, except for the endnote. By the time I got to Macon in 1990, Christ Church had become the relatively high church in town, and St. Paul's was rigidly Anglo-Presbyterian. It was enough to make one wonder what the fuss had all been about.

We were playing that same uproar game in the 1550s when Bloody Mary had the Protestant-leaning bishops burned at the stake. We were playing it in the 17th Century when Archbishop Law was torturing Puritan clerics, and then when Cromwell returned the favor by having Archbishop Laud beheaded. "When will we ever learn? When will we ever learn?"

In recent years, the battle lines have not been high versus low as often as left versus right. But it's the same game. We heat the pot up to a level 4 or 5 conflict boil. In the Alban Institute ranking of conflicts (Speed Leas) Level 4 means someone has to leave. Level 5 means after they leave we track them down and kill them. So we ratchet up the emotionality of the argument. Then someone stomps out of the room in a melodramatic imitation of Martin Luther, as if their stomping proves their integrity. And the other side says "good riddance."

I challenge anyone to seriously read the Epistle to the Philippians or 1st Corinthians, either one, but Philippians is more explicit. Read Philippians and explain to me how this mutual intolerance for each other accords with Apostolic Christian Faith.

I appeal to you, make my joy complete by being of a single mind, one in love. . . . Let your behavior be free of murmuring and complaining. . . . I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. And I ask Syzygus to really be partner and help them. . . . Have the same mind in you that was in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but humbled himself

In Galatians, Paul lists "partisan spirit" as a "work of the flesh," which corresponds to Ego or "concupiscence," which in Augustine equates with "original sin." That is the twist in human nature that makes our church project of learning how to feed and be fed by each other such a challenge. From Paul's and Augustine's perspective our dogmatic convictions look like pretexts for the assertion of our own egocentric wills. Our certainty that we are right justifies our aggression against our brothers and sisters in Christ. High and low, left and right are all equally susceptible to that partisan spirit. Nor is partisan spirit limited to ideological controversies. I have watched churches divide up and fight over electronic versus tracker organs, wafers versus loaf bread for communion, mulch versus gravel in a corner of the lawn, paper versus Styrofoam cups at coffee hour, whether to put the nametags in the narthex or the fellowship hall - no issue is too small to divide the Body of Christ into factions.

This Fall I am watching my own seminary self-destruct as students are caught in the crossfire of power plays. We prepare for General Convention by drawing battle lines over who gets power over what piece of turf. In any fight, each side marshals arguments as to why it is "right" - when being right may not be what really matters. In fact, the very notion of being "right" is sometimes questionable.

Our church squabbles like all our other squabbles in life are mostly exercises in futility. No one really wins. We have closed fighting churches in Nevada. We have seen Churches dwindle away from conflict. One new priest went around the small town introducing himself as the new priest of the Episcopal Church there. People responded, "Are they still fighting?" Our wrangling over things, especially power, does not make us much of a light of Christ. We don't bear witness to the Jesus who humbled himself, taking the form of a servant, and being found in human form, humbled himself even more, even to death . . . on the cross. Trying to get our way while proclaiming Christ Crucified doesn't work.

The Church is a crucible in which our egos are ground up and we are over time changed to become like Jesus. That would be the Jesus, "who humbled himself taking the form of a servant." That would be like Jesus, who we set our differences aside, so that we can be of one mind in him.

The inveterate obstacle to our becoming the Body of Christ is the power of sin to skew our view of the very nature of Truth itself. We take the irreverent and arrogant view that truth is something we can grasp and use as a weapon to assert our wills over someone else.

The poetry of Jorge Luis Borges, however, celebrates the way ideas bounce against each other striking sparks in the darkness. To Borges, no idea in itself captures truth. Truth is the spark struck when ideas collide. More accurately, ideas are at best partial truths. But when we strike them against each other like subatomic particles in a nuclear reactor, the collision emits a light, the light of Christ.

While reading Goldstein's very clever book, [Plato At The Googleplex](#), I finally got it that Plato and Socrates were not Platonists. "Platonists" were subsequent philosophers who didn't get what Plato was on about. Socrates and Plato did not intend the things they said to add up to a comprehensive system. They were striking ideas off against each other like flint and steel.

This is the axiomatic Epistemology 101 that runs from Augustine and Dionysius the Aereopagite to Marin Heidegger and Paul Ricoeur. Once we get this, all sorts of things fall into place. Religious ideas are linguistic constructs that contain only partial truths. The big truths don't fit inside our human

minds. They sure don't fit inside any human language and but ideas are made of language. So religious ideas are at best partial truths, but the interplay of ideas sheds a larger light.

There are several simple, straightforward, easy to understand versions of Christianity. We call them heresies. Now I like heresies. I myself am a Pelagian. But let's be clear what heresies are. In most cases they are not false. They are partial truths pretending to be total truths. The Truth of Christ, the Truth that sets us free, cannot be reduced to an ideology.

That's why the Hebrew Scriptures do not present a sustained religious teaching but rather, as Walter Brueggemann says, they are an ongoing argument between conflicting visions of God and human life.

That's why Jesus didn't come out and say, in some direct, comprehensible way, "This is how it is" - but rather spoke in zinger stories that leave us scratching our heads. If someone can read the even one Gospel - not to mention read all four - and find a coherent ideology that was taught by Jesus, please tell me what it is. But Jesus didn't teach an ideology. Instead of propositions he gave us parables. His teaching was about jokes, stories, and unexpected gestures like foot washing that expressed people caring for people. Jesus didn't teach an ideology. He instilled an attitude of appreciation, humor, kindness, and caring. It was an attitude that honored the poor and the outcast more than the rich and the inbred. But it wasn't something you could reduce to a doctrine.

And speaking of doctrines, the flint and steel nature of religious ideas is why we find eight different doctrines of the atonement in two pages of Romans. The Body of Christ is, to use a phrase from contemporary business leadership, "a learning community." We learn from the interplay of multiple viewpoints, not from monotonous groupthink conformity.

Look at the disciples Jesus assembled -- Zealot rebels and Roman collaborator tax collectors, sinners and Pharisaic moralists, Greeks, Galileans, Judeans, and Canaanites. It was an assembly of the mismatched and wrongheaded, all of whom called Jesus "Rabboni," "Teacher," not because he told them how it was but because he made them think fresh thoughts, and see the world through new eyes.

Jesus did not lay dogmas on the backs of his followers like burdens to be borne. He challenged dogmas with his parables, so they killed him; much as Athens killed Socrates for asking too many questions. We need the cross, the stake, and the vial of hemlock to prevent, at any cost, the interplay of ideas that will light the world up.

The concupiscent partisan spirit, that drove Catholics and Protestants to torture and kill each other in centuries past, is desperately anxious to keep the subatomic particles segregated in their own safe silos, lest they collide and emit the disturbing light of truth.

You see, friends, the easy harmony of like-mindedness does not challenge our egos. The easy harmony of like-mindedness will not sanctify us. When St. John of the Cross said, "God has so ordained that we be sanctified through the frail instrumentality of each other." He meant we are sanctified by learning to love those who are the most disturbingly different from ourselves. We need each other. We need each other for the sake of our own sanctification. We need each other in order to be the Body of Christ.

I confess I did not always like my seminary class. Most of us did not want to be there. Most of us wanted to be at a different seminary that was more pure from the perspective of a particular faction of the Church. The liberals wanted to be at EDS. The conservatives wanted to be at Trinity. The Anglo Catholics wanted to be at Nashotah. The Low Church folks wanted to be at VTS. But their bishops had not let them. So there we were - thrown up against each other in my class.

My own bias, having grown up as a Southern Baptist, was against fundamentalism. Sure enough there was a died-in-the-wool fundamentalist in my class, a fundamentalist with all the conviction of a new convert, which she was. Her presence made me very uncomfortable and I don't think she was any happier to have me around. We did a lot of small group work in those days. And sure enough, "God so ordained" that she was in every single one of my small groups for three years. By the end of the third year, we understood each other a little better and liked each other a great deal. I am glad she is in the Church, not just so we can learn to feed each other, but because she can bring to Jesus people who wouldn't give me the time of day.

In the 1970s a lot of young Americans became enamored of a Russian mystic teacher named Gurdjieff. He formed communes who followed him, sat at his feet, and studied his teachings. You paid good money for the privilege of hanging out with Gurdjieff. In one such community of disciples, there were a host of sincere amiable young people, but there was also one particularly disagreeable old guy. He was a jerk and a grouch. To make matters worse, he didn't bathe, so he stank. Eventually, his irritability got the better of him and he quit, stomped out, washed the dust from his sandals. The remaining disciples said "good riddance" and breathed of a sigh of relief. But Gurdjieff followed the old grouch, tracked him down, begged him to return, and finally paid him - yes, that's right, paid him - to return to the community. The other disciples were appalled and said "What is this?!!! We are paying you to teach us and we behave well. But you pay this cantankerous old SOB to stay here!!!" Gurdjieff answered, "Without him, there will be no enlightenment."

This is about different ideologies, different opinions about musical instruments and communion bread, and also just personal differences. The differences are difficult but good - more than good - they are essential to the process of our sanctification, essential to turn our Egocentric nature into Jesus "who though he was found in equality with God did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but humbled himself" to become the servant of all.

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a great net that catches all kinds of fish I suppose the angels may sort us out some day. But not now. And it will never - never ever -- be our job to do the sorting, either by driving someone out or stomping out ourselves. For us, our calling is just to be all kinds of fish, caught up together in the net of grace -- all of us good, all of us bad, all of us essential to one another.

Church is the place where we are free to speak our minds openly, but where we don't get our pride stuck to our ideas. This is where relationships are more important than being right. This is where we let ego take the back seat while love drives.

Blessing Always, Bishop Dan

Coming Events



December 2014

Monday	Dec. 1, 2014	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Saturday	Dec. 6, 2014	Daughters of the King	10:00 am
Monday	Dec. 8, 2014	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	Dec. 13, 2014	Prayers and Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Dec. 14, 2014	Northwest Mission District Dean's annual visit	
Saturday	Dec. 20, 2014	Daughters of the King	10:00 am
Sunday	Dec. 21, 2014	Lessons and Carols 10:00 a.m. service	10:00 am
Sunday	Dec. 21, 2014	No EYC	
Sunday	Dec. 21, 2014	"Blue Christmas" Service	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 24, 2014	Christmas Eve	
Wednesday	Dec. 24, 2014	Contemporary Praise Service	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 24, 2014	Traditional Service w/Holy Communion	10:30 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 24, 2014	No Food Pantry	
Thursday	Dec. 25, 2014	Christmas Day w/Holy Communion	10:00 am
Thursday	Dec. 25, 2014	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	Dec. 27, 2014	No Food Pantry	
Sunday	Dec. 28, 2014	No EYC	
Sunday	Dec. 28, 2014	Sunday Service w/Holy Communion	10:00 am
Sunday	Dec. 28, 2014	No 5:00 p.m. Service this date	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 31, 2014	No Food Pantry	

Recurring Events

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday

AA meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays or (Check with your Choir Director)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

AA (Women's group) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Alanon meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Lectio Divina – Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. &

Thursday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study Thursday evenings @ 7:00 p.m.

Food Pantry is open every Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

However, the pantry will be closed, Dec. 24th through and including Jan. 3rd 2015.

Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

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Walking Together in Faith

- Sun., 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Contemporary*
- Sun., 9:05 a.m. Children's Sunday School*
- Sun., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Traditional*
- Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music*
- Wed., 12:30 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion*
- Thur., 6:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion*