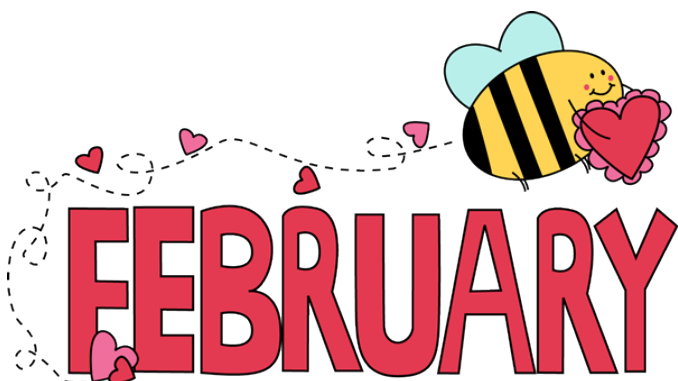


The Epistle



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February 2016

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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...



Rector's annual report in 2 minutes or less.

In 2015 we continued to grow into our mission statement which became evident in the recent parish survey. The results of the survey show that 97% of those who answered this question (90 of 93) believe that we are living into our mission to be a place of belonging for all people.

In Luke 4:21-30, God sent Elijah and Elisha to feed and heal people who were different and considered unclean (non-Hebrews). God did the same through Jesus and Jesus is sending us out to do the same task...letting all people know there is church where they belong.

To do this we need to better understand the historic shortfalls of Christianity. The particular shortfall we will look at during Lent is racism. This will be difficult, but join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. following the soup supper at 5:15.

We will also learn how to get out of our space and follow Jesus through our Sunday 3:00 p.m. book study: Crazy Christians written by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

We, as a congregation, believe our mission statement...now let's go out and live it.

Kirk

Do you have last year's Palm Frond?

Did you take home a blessed palm frond from last year's Palm Sunday service? If so, bring them to the church between now and Sunday, February 7th and they will be burned and used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

Funeral for Gene Carse

Gene's funeral will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 11:30 a.m. There will be food and storytelling after the service. Please come and celebrate Gene's life.



Please continue to keep Sharon, Lynne, Dave and the whole community in your prayers.

Found Money Jar

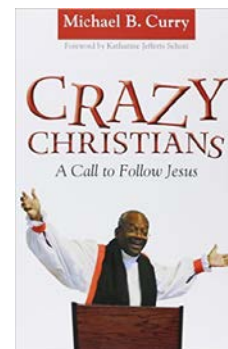
In 2015 we raised \$256.85 in our "found money" jar. If you expectantly find some money in the couch, in an old coat, under the seat of your car, or in the parking lot of the grocery store, please consider donating it by putting the cash/coins in the found money jar located on the wall in the narthex.

At the annual parish meeting, the congregation voted to donate the \$256.85 to **Honor Flight Nevada**. This organization transports America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

Crazy Christians Lenten Book Study

The Sunday afternoon Lenten Book Study begins February 14th, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The book will be "Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus" by The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry. Fr. Kirk has 8 copies available first come first serve. Price \$14.50. (First Assignment Chapters 1-2) Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org



Ash Wednesday Worship

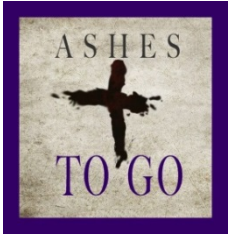
February 10th,

12:10 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."



Ashes to Go



Can't make it to one of the Ash Wednesday Services? Get your Ashes to Go!

February 10th:

1:30 pm. to 2:30 p.m.

Just south of 12th and Oddie

Blvd. in front of the Sparks Public Library

Stations of the Cross on Thursdays

St. Paul's will hold Stations of the Cross (also called The Way of the Cross) each Thursday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 11th.

Wednesday Lenten Soup and Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in Lent, February 17 through March 16.

We eat at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall and the study begins at 6:15 in the church.

There will be a sign up in the narthex (foyer) for those who want to bring soups, bread, or a dessert.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

Beginning February 17th (5 weeks)

6:15 p.m. in the church

Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice. (Trinity Institute)

Each week will be a different video presenter:

Week One: Spirituality and Racial Justice,

The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Week Two: Whiteness and Racial Justice,

The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas.

Week One, Bishop Michael Curry discusses ways in which Christians can work toward racial justice. He focuses on the spiritual elements of the problem: on the spiritual

failings that lead to racism and the ways in which spiritual tools are necessary to help us build a more just world. He discusses racism as one of the many results of the pride that separates people from God, and fighting racism as a first step toward reconciling all of humanity. He also goes into ways in which "wickedness in high places" can cause us to view appalling injustices as inevitable -- and some human beings as expendable.

Bishop Curry specifies moral and social reforms to help us work for racial equity -- and offers hope that racial oppression can be conquered.

Outreach Report



On January 10th, a check in the amount of \$1057.48 for St. Paul's Christmas Offering was presented to Lynette Eddy of Eddy House. After this check was presented, we received additional Christmas

Offering money. Another check for \$45.00 will be sent to Eddy House. Youth Ministries wreath sale totals are finally in. After paying the invoice from Sherwood Forest, a total of \$789.60 will be transferred to the Youth account to be used for Church School activities. Other outreach donations for the month include \$355.00 to the Food Pantry, \$60.00 to Prayers and Squares quilt ministry, and \$200.00 to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

Patti Stine, Outreach Committee

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.



Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

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

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

Hill Gang



The "Hill Gang" is an informally structured men's fellowship group open to all male members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The "Hill Gang" holds "once-in-a-while" quarterly meetings.

The next meeting of the "Hill Gang" will be Monday evening February 22nd, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Boulevard Pizza, 1076 North Rock Boulevard in Sparks. The meeting agenda is to have fellowship, eat, drink, lie and brag for about an hour and a half and then skip on over to a nearby theater to view an exciting, class "B" movie. You know, something like an action/adventure film that your wife, girlfriend, or significant other would rather not see.

For more information, please contact Steve Smith at 626-3307.

Funding the Mission

January 2016

For the 2016 year, our pledges and expected unpledged income is estimated to be \$214,346 and should average \$4,122 per week from those sources.

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| 03-Jan | \$3,664.00 | 10-Jan | \$3,211.00 |
| 17-Jan | \$2,120.00 | 25-Jan | \$2,837.00 |
| | | Online | \$5,195.00 |
| January Totals | | | \$17,027.00 |

For the period, our budget target was (4 x \$4,122) \$16,488 so we are \$539 over the

projection for this period, and \$539 over for the year.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains details 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@stpaulsspark.org)

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

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



Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in grades 6-12 are invited to come and participate. The focus will be different each week, but you can count on whatever the EYC is doing it will stimulate our growth with God and with each other, and our growth in serving Christ in the world. We invite you to come join us for food, fellowship and fun! If you are new to St. Paul's we welcome you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Woodliff at triciawoodliff@hotmail.com or Tia or Jon Mittelstadt at 775-722-3469 or by email at tia.mittel@gmail.com.

EYC will meet in the youth room from 10:15 AM until 12:15 PM unless listed differently in the schedule. Please join us for the following activities:

February 7: Youth Group Superbowl Party at Tia and Jon's House at 3:30 PM

Meet at Tia and Jon's house at 3:30 PM (address will be sent in the monthly email.) Join us in cheering on the Panthers or the Broncos in the big game! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will provide drinks and chili. Parents are welcome to join the fun! **6th graders are welcome to attend.**

Tuesday, February 9: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Youth Fundraiser

This dinner is a fundraiser for the youth group to support the roof project on the new Christian and Social Training Center in our sister Diocese of Makueni in Kenya. The dinner will be from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Last year we served close to 100 people. Help is needed before, during and after the dinner. Youth and parents will be asked to help. We will have two shifts and will be contacting you soon! If you have a griddle we can borrow, please bring it with you.

February 14: President's Day Weekend/Happy Valentine's Day- No meeting

No meeting today. Enjoy time with your family!

February 21: Growing with God- Lunch and Discussion

Meet in youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch, watch a video and discuss. Games to follow! **6th graders are welcome to attend.**

February 28: Bowling at Coconut Bowl

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will carpool to Coconut Bowl/Wild Island to bowl. We will eat lunch and return by 12:30 PM. Bring \$5 for bowling and extra money for

snacks and drinks if you like. **6th graders are welcome to attend.**

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

Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Contact The Rev. Mike Margerum for more information. mgoodmarge@gmail.com or 775-229-2695

We Are Thankful...

But thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and who makes known through us the fragrance that consists of the knowledge of him in every place.

2 Cor 2:14

Watch this space in the Epistle each month for stories of gratitude and belonging. This month we are thankful Deacon Mike Margerum shared his reflections.



How long have you attended St. Paul's?

Attended for 5 years.

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

For me joining a group of people at the church is important. Sunday morning worship by itself does not make the church a home. It is in the active involvement with others that brings the church alive. The food outreach distribution and the two Lectio Divina groups for me have brought a closer relationship with certain people. I am searching for Christ in the world,

that is just part of me. I begin to see Him when I am with others, especially because of others.

How have you experienced God's grace in your life?

God's grace shows in my life by the people I meet in Church and by the gift of searching. Grace doesn't mean (to me) that God gives me something like health or wealth. God has given me a searching heart. I am never completely satisfied when I learn something new. I need to see what is around the next corner. That has been God's generosity to me. There are many corners.

What is one thing about St. Paul's you are most thankful for?

I am very thankful that the community of St Paul's understands that reaching out to others here in Sparks is so much of what the church is about. God is in our relationships with the ones we come in contact with. There is a spirit here at St. Paul's that starts from the vestry and Father Kirk's leadership that shines through. How do we extend that spirit to many others?

Thanks for sharing your reflections with us, Mike!

Pinterest Interest Group

Come join us in the Parish Hall on February 1st, the first Monday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun crafts!



Click on this link to RSVP <http://doodle.com/poll/x8e8t62e8de3sre3> If you don't RSVP, come anyway. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please send an email to Barbara Monroy at bmonroy0216@gmail.com

Prayers of the People



Prayer Requests

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.

Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Philip, Nanette, Preston, Jameson Walker, Jaemie, Rev. Bill, Fiona, Robert, Bill, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Diana, Curt, Patricia, Sophia, Paul, William, Amber, Brian, Eileen, Connie, Sarah, Bev's family, Sixten, Mike, Scott, Victoria, Shannon, Jeannine, Graham, Ryan, Amanda, Cathy, Stan, Bobbie, Lorraine, Sharon, Jaime, Rev. Ken, Gene's family & friends, Bill's family, Jan, Wendy, Emma, Holly, Adrienne, Susan, Lucia, the Marcel family, Gill, Charlie, Shirley, Ashley, Sally, Marlys, Nancy, Bob, Tricia, Danny, Christopher, Matthew, Kathy, Vernice, Jack & David's family.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Jordan, Evanne, Carl, Alex & Suzanne.

February in the Food Pantry

Breakfast is Served!

We need breakfast goods, such as cereals, both hot and cold, and other breakfast goods.



Meditate at the Lake

Nourish your Body, Mind and Soul at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center March 18-20. Use this last weekend in Lent for de-stressing and inner reflection by trying out different meditative practices including yoga, T'ai Chi, labyrinth walks, guided meditation, art, and music. Participate in as much or as little as you want. The weekend begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. All

adults, singles or couples are welcome and no experience is necessary! Contact Beth Osborne for more information or for a registration form. Email: beth-osborne@hotmail.com or 775-846-9414 OR find the registration form online at <http://galileetahoe.org>.

Galilee Campership Fundraiser

Make your way to the Jungle (146 W. First Street, Reno) on Friday, February 26 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for a fun evening of guitar music by local musician Kate Cotter. Tickets include

appetizers and two beverages. All proceeds allow children to attend summer camp who might otherwise not have the chance. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Raffle tickets will be sold for a night in Frensdorff Lodge at the camp the weekend of May 14-15, for up to 11 people! Tickets are available in the church office or contact Beth Osborne. Email: beth-osborne@hotmail.com or 775-846-9414.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 9th

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

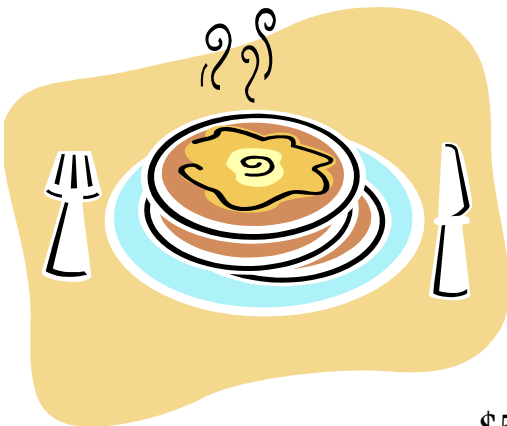
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks

Menu:

Pancakes and Eggs
Bacon and Sausage
Orange Juice and Coffee

Suggested donation of

\$5 per person or \$15 per family.



Sponsored by the EYC.

*Proceeds will go to support the roof project
on the new Christian and Social Training Center
in our sister Diocese of Makueni in Kenya.***



SAVE THE DATE!



Announcing the 13th Annual Ron Peterson Memorial African Dinner

When: Saturday, March 12th

Where: California Building located at Idlewild Park in Reno.

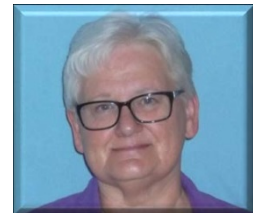
The event, co-sponsored by International Development Missions (IDM) and the Student Association for International Water Issues (SAIWI) includes a fun night for all ages with a **gourmet buffet of African food, entertainment, raffles, and auctions**. Your participation supports the mission of IDM and SAIWI. We will be adding South American cuisine and Latin entertainment at this year's event.

This annual event honors the late Ron Peterson, a member of St. Paul's who was one of the co-founders of International Development Missions (IDM). IDM is a ministry that began as an outreach project of St. Paul's. It has continued to undertake mission projects in Kenya and

Latin America by providing medical care, clean water projects and education. IDM also supports the education of UNR students through scholarship, technical and leadership assistance. For more information on the event or to purchase

tickets (the event sells out every year!), please contact Deb Stiver at

stiver@unr.edu or 356-6474.



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(See John 8:1-11)

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BUT TECHNICALLY IT'S A MINERAL ... OK
TO CAST?

Coming Events



February 2016

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| Monday | Feb. 1, 2016 | Pinterest Interest Group | 6:00 pm |
| Saturday | Feb. 6, 2016 | D.O.K. | 10:00 am |
| Saturday | Feb. 6, 2016 | Funeral: <i>Gene Carse</i> | 11:30 am |
| Monday | Feb. 8, 2016 | Vestry Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Feb. 9, 2016 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb. 10, 2016 | Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent | |
| Wednesday | Feb. 10, 2016 | Ash Wednesday Service | 12:10 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb. 10, 2016 | Ash Wednesday Service | 5:30 pm |
| Thursday | Feb. 11, 2016 | Stations of the Cross | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | Feb. 13, 2016 | Prayers & Squares | 9:00 am |
| Sunday | Feb. 14, 2016 | No EYC this Sunday | |
| Sunday | Feb. 14, 2016 | Lenten Book Study | 3:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb. 17, 2016 | Lenten Soup Supper | 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb. 17, 2016 | Lenten Study: (in the church) | 6:15 pm |
| Thursday | Feb. 18, 2016 | Stations of the Cross | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | Feb. 20, 2016 | D.O.K. | 10:00 am |
| Monday | Feb. 22, 2016 | “Hill Gang” Men’s Group at Blvd Pizza | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb. 24, 2016 | Lenten Soup Supper & Study | 5:30 pm |
| Thursday | Feb. 25, 2016 | Stations of the Cross | 5:30 pm |
| Thursday | Feb. 25, 2016 | Epistle Deadline | 12:00 pm |

Recurring Events

Winter Worship Hours in effect - Worship times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Rector’s Sabbath is every Tuesday

AA on Mondays no longer meets here @ St. Paul’s, call 355-1155 for other meeting venues.

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays 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 Thursday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

*Fourth Wednesday of the month in the morning is the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck **ONLY**.

*Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month the Pantry is open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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
Thur., 6:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion