

# The Epistle



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## January 2017

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### WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

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



The Christmas star gives us hope. We know where it is leading us, to an encounter with God incarnate, the Word made flesh, that which saves us.

In the written story, our knowledge of this guiding light ends at Epiphany, once the magi reach the holy family and they offer their gifts to Jesus. As Christians, paying attention to the Christmas star can't end with the magi offering their gifts. That sacred light continues to shine on us as we follow it through the year, offering our gifts and ourselves to Christ...not to the passivity of a baby, but to the incarnate actions of the Jesus we follow in the Gospels.

As we follow the Jesus of the Gospels and encounter the hope given throughout those sacred pages, let us, together, chase the light and be the light as we share our gifts with those who need them.

Peace,

Fr. Kirk

## New Vestry Members Needed

Do you love St. Paul's and actively participate in worship and ministry? Do you have a desire for the mission of St. Paul's to expand and grow in the years to come? Are you able to make decisions for the future of St. Paul's?

If you answered yes to these questions, please contact Fr. Kirk to discuss what it means to be on the Vestry of the parish. 358-4474 [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org)

New Vestry members will be elected during on Annual Parish meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

## 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> during a combined 10:00 a.m. service.

## January in the Food Pantry

**"Let's baby that baby!!"**

Baby needs things such as diapers, wipes, powder and baby goods.



## Food Pantry Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Countdown to Christmas Food Drive!

What a success, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Monroy



## St. Paul's Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares will meet on January 28th at 9 am in the parish hall. Linda Kennedy will teach us a new quilt pattern. If you wish to participate in the lesson, please bring a ruler to cut squares 3 1/2" or 4 1/2" and a rotary cutter and small mat, if you have them. We will provide the fabric. We have quilts in several stages of finishing for those of you who don't sew. Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring a lunch as we sew until about 2 pm.



Margaret Bouzek

*Note:* A St. Paul's parishioner was told by a recipient of a Prayers and Squares quilt just how much it meant receiving the quilt and that it will be treasured always. This is a gift that means more than words can express.

## Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in grades 7-12 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](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com) or Tia or Jon Mittelstadt at 775-722-3469 or by email at [tia.mittel@gmail.com](mailto: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:

January 1: No Meeting- Happy New Year!

January 8: Make Your Own Pizza and Epiphany Party

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will make our own pizza and then discuss the meaning of Epiphany and other church calendar happenings. Games to follow.

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend- No Meeting

January 22: Bowling at Coconut Bowl

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will carpool to Coconut Bowl to bowl and eat lunch. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost.

January 29: No Meeting Due to Annual Meeting

## Karaoke Night: January 21<sup>st</sup>

2016 was rough. We lost too many people we love. Let's start this year with some fun! In tribute to Evie Arnold, a lover of great fun and karaoke, we'll gather in the parish hall on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for St. Paul's Karaoke Night. This event is for all ages and is open to more than just Karaoke. Do a dance, read a poem, juggle, tell jokes, play an instrument... No hidden talents? Well then just come and be entertained. You really don't want to miss this night. It's sure to be a blast!

## 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.

Forrest's family, Diane, Russ, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker, Bill, Trudy, Lori,



### Prayer Requests

Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Sixten, Mike, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Donna, Carol, Alyson, Penny, Pam, Victoria, Peggy, Mary, Frank, Chris, Matthew, Danny, Beau, Karen, Sven, Grace, Robert, Tammy, David, Duane, Jill, Dorothy, Sharon, Donna & family, Trina, Harry, Stan, Stephanie, Joe, Jack, Shirley, Ellie, Bob, Kathy, A.J., Lani's family, Theo & family, Susan, Jacquie, Char, James, Charlie, Karin, Ruthie, Sue, Eileen, Mark, Bella, Vedda, Steve, Michelle, Ava, Richard's family, Debbie, Naoma, Brent, Tonya, Mia, Randy, Merry, Everett, Elva, Amy, Jeannie, Doris, Josiah, Sara, Jamie, Chip's family, Bill's family, Lynne, Angela, Denise, Linda, Scott, Marge.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Evanne, Carl, Alex, Suzanne & Mason and David.

## NO Pinterest Interest Group

**No Pinterest Group in January.** Please come join us in the parish hall in February on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun crafts! Here's how it works: someone brings dinner, someone else brings dessert and someone brings the craft.



## Calling all card players!

Our next night for card games is January 7th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. There is no set game for the evening. All are welcome. Bring a beverage and light snack to share.

## Altar Kneeler Repair

A big thank you to Meg Bell, Pattie Stine, Peg Bibby and Margaret Bouzek for replacing the foam in the cushions at the altar rail.

## Angel Tree Thank You

Thank you St. Paul's for contributing the many Angel Tree Toy gifts and Silver Senior gifts this year for the Salvation Army. It is heartwarming how generous our community has been toward these families during the Christmas season. We made three trips to the Salvation Army distribution center; and they couldn't believe the number of gifts we brought. Thank you again. Barbara & Peter Papadakos

## Senior Holiday Meal

Sherryl Netzler, Mary Lou Console and Margaret Bouzek cooked and served a holiday meal to 50 residents of a nearby apartment complex. Thanks to Fr. Kirk, Dan Bouzek and Serwind Netzler for their assistance as well. The residents were most thankful for our generosity.

## Refugee Dinner Thank You

The Welcoming Dinner for all ten refugee families in the area was a success thanks to everyone at St. Paul's. All of the families have jobs and are on their way to being self-sufficient. The parish hall was filled to the brim with joy and people.

## The Daughters of the King



Ladies - Ever wonder just what Daughters of the King actually do? Are you interested in spending a little bit of time in study and prayer a couple of times a month? Are you interested in laughing and sharing in a safe environment? Are you looking for a way to be more involved with St. Paul's ministries, but haven't quite figured out what that way is? Please come and learn about this ministry tradition for yourself. We can't wait to share with you.

Contact Connie Patterson or Margaret Bouzek for information.

## 2017 Budget Review

Please join us on Sunday, January 15th at 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

The vestry will be presenting the 2017 budget for review and discussion.

We do this prior to the Annual Meeting on January 29th.

This allows people more time to ask questions and understand the deficit we will have for operations.

## Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

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

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

Thursdays: Gam-anon Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

## Funeral: Capt. Bill Arnold

Please join us on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. as we celebrate the life of Bill Arnold.



## Monthly Receipt Summary



### ***Funding the Mission*** **December 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.

27-Nov	\$2,563.00	4-Dec	\$5,419.00
11-Dec	\$3,394.00	18-Dec	\$2,923.00
		Online	\$5,353.00
<b>December Totals</b>			<b>\$19,652.00</b>

For the period, our budget target was (4 x \$4,122) \$16,488, so we are \$3,164 over the projection for this period, and \$14,342 over for the year.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity, and is posted in the narthex. You can also direct questions personally to any Vestry member, Roger Towne, or Patti Stine. Or contact us by email at [Treasurer@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Treasurer@StPaulsSparks.org)

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

## By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

Prayers and Squares held their annual Christmas craft sale. Proceeds from this event totaled \$439.00 and will be used to purchase quilting material and supplies. Prayers and Squares also received donations of \$72.00. Other donations for December included \$250.00 to The Community Food Pantry, \$17.29 to United Thank Offering (UTO), and memorials for Jan Enzler of \$475.00. I will report on the Christmas Offering and wreath sales in the next Epistle.

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

## Classic Cinema Trivia Night

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Presents  
Classic Cinema Trivia Night

Save the Date! **February 25th, 2017**

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Trivia begins at 6:00 pm

Dress as your favorite star or movie character, and decorate your team table for prizes.

The 2 top scoring teams will receive prizes. Teams will consist of up to 6 players.

So get your friends together and start a team.

Teams are encouraged to bring food, snacks, beer or wine for their team table.

There will be 8 rounds of general trivia and 2 bonus rounds of cinema trivia. Each round will consist of 10 questions.

Cost is \$5 per person. Soda and water will be available to purchase.

All proceeds from this night of fun and fellowship will benefit St. Paul's Youth who will attend the Episcopal Youth Event in Oklahoma, summer of 2017.

Keep your eyes and ears open for sign-up details...

For questions, contact Susie Piasecki,  
775-470-9081, [susiepia@live.com](mailto:susiepia@live.com)

## Thursday Bible Study

Come and join us in the parish hall for this Holy Spirit guided study of scripture. Make new friends and find new ideas and ways of looking at scripture. No homework required ☺

The combined Men's and Women's Group meets Thursdays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Contact The Rev. Mike Margerum for more information. [mgoodmarge@gmail.com](mailto:mgoodmarge@gmail.com) or 775-229-2695.

## Coming Events



### January 2017

Sunday	Jan. 01, 2017	Lessons & Carols	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 01, 2017	<b>NO</b> 5:00 p.m. service tonight	
Monday	Jan. 02, 2017	<b>NO</b> Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 07, 2017	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 07, 2017	Card Games Night	6:30 pm
Sunday	Jan. 08, 2017	“Epiphany-The Magi” A reader’s theatre	9:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 08, 2017	“Epiphany-The Magi” A reader’s theatre	11:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 08, 2017	“Epiphany-The Magi” A reader’s theatre	5:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 08, 2017	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	Jan. 09, 2017	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 15, 2017	Budget Preview	10:15 am
Sunday	Jan. 15, 2017	Prayer Team Meeting	12:15 pm
Monday	Jan. 16, 2017	Stewardship Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	Jan. 21, 2017	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Jan. 21, 2017	Karaoke Night	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan. 25, 2017	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 28, 2017	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	Jan. 28, 2017	Funeral: Capt. Bill Arnold	2:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 29, 2017</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Sunday	Jan. 29, 2017	<b>NO</b> 5:00 p.m. service tonight	

### Recurring Events

**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**

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

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

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

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist Thursday Evening at 6:00 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. **Unless otherwise noted.**

\*Fourth Wednesday of the month in the morning the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck are her

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*Walking Together in Faith*

*Sun., 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Contemporary*  
*Sun., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Traditional*  
*Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music*  
*Thur., 6:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion*