



November

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WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you belong here. Our understanding of belonging extends to those who are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered. Belonging here has no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we. You are worthy, so come as you are.

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



Gratitude Challenge

Whether it is the month of Thanksgiving or the weekly reminders from our church gratitude committee, November gives us lots of reflection time about the things for which we are

grateful.

Due to a string of recent things/events/situations/etc for which I am NOT grateful, I personally need the reminders. It's too easy for me to get overwhelmed in those challenging struggles and lose sight of the goodness in my life. I'd bet the same is true for you.

In order to change our focus away from those negative challenges, **I challenge you to a month of gratefulness.** I challenge you to name three things each day for which you are most grateful.

If you live with others as a family unit, I encourage you to gather together either at your evening meal, or prior to the first one of you going to bed, and share with each other your three things. If you live alone, maybe name one thing for which you are grateful, at each meal, or make it a part of your close of the day rituals.

There is no pressure for these to be "big" things. Gratefulness comes in all sizes and I have found that there is so much to be grateful for within the little things...I just have to be reminded at times to look for them.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Kirk" with a small cross symbol at the end.

Last Chance Phantom Gala Tickets

Did you miss the chance to buy a ticket to the Gala dinner with Dorothy Papadakos at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th?

Do you really want to attend?

If so, contact Connie Patterson at cp4675@att.net. She has some open seats at her table that she is offering at a reduced rate.

What's Our Response?

Would you would like to give input into what our Christian response to the neighborhood homeless might look like? If so, please join Fr. Kirk in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **November 10th at 12:30.**

Collecting Hats, Gloves, Etc.

St. Paul's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will be collecting new adult and children's hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves over the next few weeks. These items will be given to people waiting in line to receive Thanksgiving food items from the Community Food Pantry. There will be a box for donations in the Narthex, so please bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 17th or drop them off at the church office on or before November 22rd. If you'd rather give money, just earmark it for this project. Thank you!

"In Memory of" Memorial Service

There are often times when we are unable to attend the funeral or memorial service of a friend or family member. There are also times when there is not a public service at all. When we are unable to attend such a service, we may struggle to find a sense of closure, or allow ourselves to begin the healing process.

On **Sunday, Nov 3rd at 5:00 p.m.** we will have an "In Memory of" memorial service. During this service we will remember and celebrate those family and friends. We will have a special table for pictures if you would like to bring one for that service.

If you would like to have the memory of a loved one included during this service, please contact Fr. Kirk at Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org, [775-358-4474](tel:775-358-4474).

Daughters of King Reading Program

The Daughters of the King are collecting gently used books for children in grades 1 thru 6. These books will be donated to children in our area through the program Spread the Word. As an incentive to promote reading, the children will win prizes after completing a certain number of books. Last year Spread the Word gave over 30,000 books to children in Nevada. Won't you please support us in our book drive? Every book donated is a book a child can treasure as their very own. There is a donation box in the narthex. For more information, contact Connie Patterson at cp4675@att.net or 775-771-1264.

Blood Drive: November 10th

Hi there, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be hosting another blood drive on Sunday November 10th from 8:45am-12:15pm.

If you are interested in donating, you can sign up in the narthex on the sign-up sheet, or you can email me sallysue1219@gmail.com and I will schedule you. Just let me know which time slot you would like (appointments are every 15 minutes).

Every donation is so important, and always appreciated. They are always in need, even one person can make the difference.

As a reminder, there are no longer any restrictions on tattoos; as long as your tattoo has healed, you can donate! No more waiting a

year! Thank you all for your help, and hopefully donation. See you on November 10th :)

Sarah Lightfoot

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.

Diane, Pat, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Ernesto, Preston, Jameson Walker, Ella, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Steve, Ruthie, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Vickie, Matthew, Alex, Ken, Patti, Susan, Ann, Sue, Ruth, Baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Allan's family, Ted, Sharon, Stan, Jaemie, Bonnie, Jeff, Mike, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael, Eileen, Lance, Bengt, Connie, Lyndsay, Randy, Leon, Pinkie, Joe, Natalie, Cheri's family, Jim, Ron, Victoria, Debbie, Charlie, John, Teresa, Ben's family & friends, Pat's family, Mary Lee, Sandy, Terry, Jan, Michelle, Garry, Dalton, Beth, Bliss, Peter, Julia, Bob's family & friends, Susan's family, Dave, Alex, Carolyn, Linda, Kyle, Nick, Brittany Nicole, Leona & family, Wally, Ken & family, Binh, Jacky. **Military:** Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Bria, Evanne, Alex, Suzanne, Mason, David, Paul, Roger, Shylo, Alberto, Tristan.

United Thank Offering

Our UTO Ingathering will kick off on Sunday November 3rd and continue throughout the month of November.

Please place your blue boxes (mite boxes) in the offertory plate when it is passed to you.

If you don't have a box and would still like to donate, there are UTO boxes and envelopes in a basket on the northeast table in the narthex.

Remember that every penny donated to this wonderful Episcopal mission is given in grants to very worthy causes!

If you have any questions, please contact Jori Trimbell at easteregg103@gmail.com

Thank you!

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\$15 for AARP members | \$20 for non-members

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
November 11, 2019
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Parish Hall**

Entrance to Parish Hall is located on the south side of the building through the black iron gate to the left of the large wooden gates. Call Lorrie: 775-583-8208

AARP
Driver Safety

TOYOTA
This program is supported by a generous grant from Toyota to AARP Foundation.

*Upon completion you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your agent for details.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mon, Tues, Fri: Spanish Ala-non @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Gam-anon Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

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 Tia or Jon Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 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:

November 3: Picking Up Garbage around the Church Property

Daylight Savings is today, so set your clocks back or you'll be early! Meet in the youth room at 10:15 am. We will walk around the church property and pick up garbage. Please bring work gloves. We have work gloves in the youth room if you forget. We will eat lunch and play some games also.

November 10: Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch, watch videos and discuss. Games to follow.

November 17: Bagging Food for Community Food Pantry *Meet at 1:00 PM Today*

Meet in the youth room at 1:00 pm. Trinity Episcopal EYC will be coming to the Food Pantry to work with us on pre-bagging food for the Thanksgiving food give away.

Saturday, November 23: Help with Food Pantry Thanksgiving Dinner Food Giveaway

Meet at 8:45 am to help with The Community Food Pantry Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway. We will be helping with the turkeys and serving hot chocolate to those in line. Bring hats, gloves, scarves and mittens for kids and adults to give to people in line.

November 24: No Meeting Due to Helping with Food Pantry Yesterday

December 1: No Meeting- Happy Thanksgiving!

Laundry Love

This once a month ministry helps people do their laundry so they can use their limited funds on medicine, rent, etc. Doing a load of laundry is expensive, so we continually collect quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters). Monetary donations can either be handed to Linda Devon or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

If you have any questions or interest in helping with ministry, contact Linda Devon at LSD4764@hotmail.com.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers & Squares meets in the Parish Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month, where quilts are cut out, sewed, and prayer threads inserted. Knowing how to sew is not necessary as there are many other tasks involved in making the quilts. When the quilts are completed, they are placed in the new Quilt Cabinet in the Narthex. Anyone can view and select a quilt for someone in need.

To request a quilt, contact Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com, Peg Bibby at

ragladypeg@att.net, the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

Thank you for your support.
Margaret Bouzek, Team Leader

November in the Food Pantry

“Holiday Trimmings!” Items that make the Thanksgiving Dinner complete. Stovetop Dressing, gravy mix, canned veggies, cranberry sauce.



Thank You Donna!

A big thank you to Donna Margerum for her many years of service of publishing our monthly Epistle. Donna has “retired” from this ministry...now it’s time to find her something new to do.

Want Something in the Newsletter?

Email it to Office@StPaulsSparks.org and Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org by the 25th each month.

Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Toy Angel tags and Senior Silver tags will again be available for gift selection from the tree in the Narthex beginning November 17th. We will need the **UNWRAPPED** tagged gifts back to St. Paul's no later than Dec. 1st, for the Seniors, & December 15th for the toys. There will also be a few tags to support St. Paul's Laundry Love, Food Pantry & Building Projects.

If there are any questions, you can contact Barbara.jee.papadakos@gmail.com or (775) 750-1575.

Thank you,
Barbara Papadakos

New Renter in the Building

We are blessed to have a new Monday-Friday renter of the nursery and classroom space. We have a long history of renting that space to schools and day care facilities, but due to zoning changes we have been unable to rent to those types of businesses.

Beginning November 1st, we welcome Helix Behavioral Services to St. Paul's. Helix is a small company that provides applied behavior analysis (ABA therapy) for children with disabilities and particularly kids age 2-10 with autism.

This will bring some changes in how we maneuver the education wing during the week, but we are confident that St. Paul's, The Community Food Pantry, and Helix, will grow and blend nicely together within our shared space. The income from this agreement will be designated to our roof and parking lot projects.

Baby Shower: November 24th

We are thankful a little pumpkin will soon be here!



Join us for a baby shower honoring Brittney and Denise Oliver-Stergiou. Sunday, November 24th after the 11:00 service in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to Tricia Woodliff at triciawoodliff@hotmail.com or (775) 200-6677.

By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

The following donations were received in October:

Prayers and Squares	\$65.00
Laundry Love	\$337.45
Community Food Pantry	\$325.00
Memorial Fund (received for Bob Stoddard)	\$ 50.00
Clergy Discretionary	\$ 20.00

Patti Stine
Assistant Treasurer

Thanksgiving Day Potluck

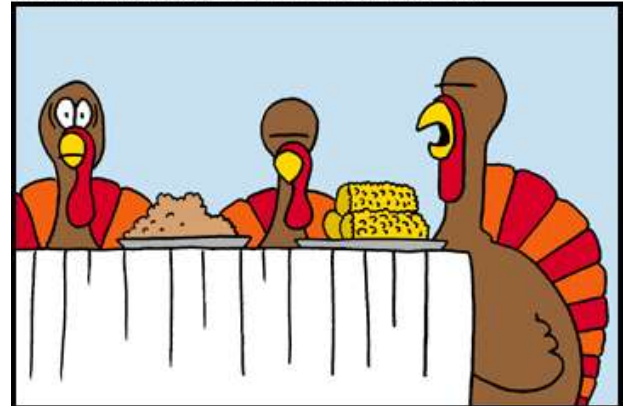
St. Paul's will be hosting their 12th Annual Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck Luncheon in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. There is absolutely NO expectation for you to come. However, everyone in the parish is invited.



This gathering is intended for anyone who does not yet have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, as well as for those who simply would rather make a mess somewhere other than their own home. So, for those of you who might want to skip the local buffet line this year, bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and/or dessert and enjoy a feast with other members of the St. Paul's community.

If you plan on joining us, please sign-up in the narthex (or email Robin@StPaulsSparks.org and she can sign you up) so we can have a general head count and make sure we have a good variety in our feast together. If you don't sign up and want to join us, please do! There is always enough. If you have questions about the day, contact John Hannah at jhannah.church@mymail775.net or 775-527-9444.

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Coming Events



November 2019

Saturday	Nov. 02, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Nov. 03, 2019	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
Sunday	Nov. 03, 2019	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	Nov. 03, 2019	Rector's Book Study	3:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 03, 2019	"In Memory of" Memorial Service	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 06, 2019	Phantom Gala Dinner (Trinity)	6:00 pm
Thursday	Nov. 07, 2019	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 09, 2019	Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Reception (Trinity)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 09, 2019	Phantom of the Opera (Trinity)	7:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 10, 2019	St. Paul's Blood Drive	8:45 am
Sunday	Nov. 10, 2019	Neighborhood Homeless Response Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	Nov. 10, 2019	Rector's Book Study	3:00 pm
Monday	Nov. 11, 2019	AARP Smart Driver Course	12:00 pm
Monday	Nov. 11, 2019	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	Nov. 14, 2019	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 16, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Nov. 17, 2019	<i>Ingathering Sunday</i>	
Sunday	Nov. 17, 2019	Rector's Bible Study	3:00 pm
Thursday	Nov. 21, 2019	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 23, 2019	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Nov. 24, 2019	Rector's Bible Study	3:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 24, 2019	Baby Shower for Brittney and Denise	12:15 pm
Monday	Nov. 25, 2019	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Thursday	Nov. 28, 2019	Thanksgiving Day Luncheon (doors open at noon)	1:00 pm
Thursday	Nov. 28, 2019	Laundry Love (<i>Oddie Blvd. Laundromat</i>)	6:00 pm

Recurring Events

Worship times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

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

Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday

Bible Study every Thursday @ 12:00 p.m. (Starts back up in September)

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays 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

Spanish Alanon group meets, Mon. Tues. & Fri. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Last Thursday of the Month, Laundry Love Ministry – Laundromat on Oddie Blvd. 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**

NEW*Food Pantry Mobile Unit, Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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

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Sun., 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Praise
Sun., 11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Traditional
Sun., 5:00 p.m.	Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music
Wed., 12:15 p.m.	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist