



# February

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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...



I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual meeting a success! If you were unable to attend, you can listen to my annual report here.

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Thank you all for helping St. Paul's be a reflection of Jesus in the world.

*Kirk+*

## Book Study Begins Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**What:** The Orthodox Heretic: And Other Impossible Tales by Peter Rollins

**When:** Sundays, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Paul's Youth Room

**Cost:** The Book can be ordered from Amazon: Paperback \$19.99, Kindle \$8.69

In this bold book, Peter Rollins presents a vision of faith that has little regard for the institutions of Christendom. His uncompromising critique of religion, while often unsettling, is infused with a deep and abiding love for what it means to genuinely follow Christ.

## Donations Needed for Blessing Bags

The EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will once again be collecting items for "Blessing Bags" and we need your help! A blessing bag is

a Ziplock bag stocked with food, toiletries, and other items one might need while living on the street. The youth will distribute some of the bags to people in need in downtown Reno. On a future Sunday, the youth will also help the



congregation assemble bags to take to their cars and be handed out when needed.

We are doing the donations similar to the tags we pull at Christmas for toy donations. Tags with suggested donation items will be on a tree in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, February 9**. You can pick a tag and then bring your donation back to the church by the deadline of **Sunday, March 8**.

Toiletries should be travel or hotel sized, and food items should be in small, individually wrapped packages. The point is for them to fit into a gallon sized Ziplock bag.

Some of items that will be listed on the tags are: gallon sized Ziplock bags, granola bars, cereal bars, snack crackers, small peanut butter packets, small beef jerky packets, small almond packets, small boxes of raisins, applesauce or fruit cups/pouches, juice boxes/pouches, packets of trail mix, gum, small and regular sized bottled water, pop top meat or sausages, hand sanitizer bottles or wipes, baby wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, wash cloths, shampoo, lotion, combs, nail clippers, deodorant, socks, lip balm and travel sized tissues.

Thank you!

## Next Baptismal Days: April 11 & 12

Are you or a loved one seeking the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? If so, contact Fr. Kirk at 358-4474 or [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

Our next baptismal days will be Easter Vigil, April 11th, and Easter Day, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## “Hill Gang” Meeting: February 19th

The “Hill Gang” is an informally structured men’s fellowship group open to all male members of St. Paul’s and their guests. The “Hill Gang” holds once-in-a-while quarterly meetings. The next meeting of the “Hill Gang” will be Wednesday evening, February 19th, (not February 26th,) at 5:30 p.m. at Boulevard Pizza, 1076 North Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV The meeting agenda is to have fellowship, eat and drink for about an hour and a half, and then adjourn to a local movie theater to view an action/adventure or similar film. For more information, please contact Steve Smith at 626-3307.

## Electric Skillets/Griddles Needed

If you have a large electric skillet/griddle that we can borrow for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, please email [Kirk@Stpaulssparks.org](mailto:Kirk@Stpaulssparks.org) or 775-358-4474.

We don't need a ton of them, so contact Fr. Kirk before you bring them. Thank you!

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us Tuesday, **February 25th** from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will serve pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee. A suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.



## 2020 Offering Envelopes

If you indicated that you wanted 2020 Offering Envelopes, you have not been forgotten! We had some trouble obtaining these envelopes, but now we expect them to arrive in a couple weeks.

## Meditation Days: February 14 & 28

You are invited by the Outreach Committee and the Prayer Walk team to an opportunity of meditation at the Buddhist center across the

street from St. Paul’s. We will be led by Somchai (the monk) on:

February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

February 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We will gather together in their parking lot 15 minutes before and enter together as a group. For more information please contact Patricia Unruh at (775) 856-9779 or Deb Cusick at (775) 830-1425.

## Donate Last Year’s Palms

Did you take home a blessed palm frond from last year's Palm Sunday service? If so, bring them to the church on a Sunday, now through February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be burned and used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

## Ash Wednesday Services

**February 26th** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

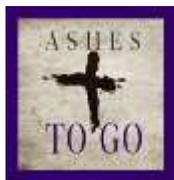
Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

The Ash Wednesday liturgy begins the season of Lent with Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. The smudge of ashes across the

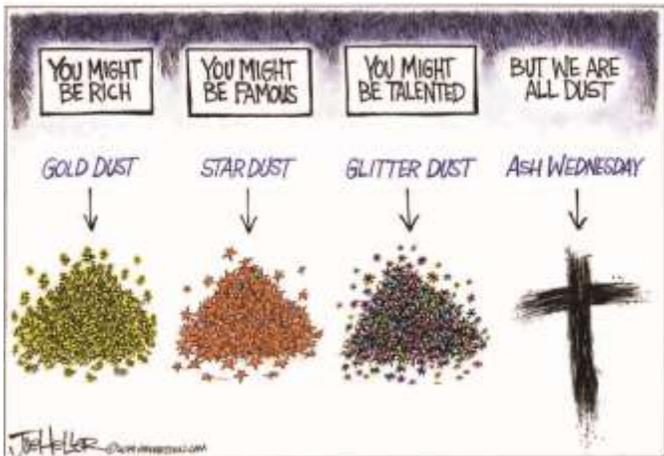
forehead is such an arcane thing. It may even be hostile to the sensibility of one who hears the words, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Do you think you are dust? Do you ever even consider the possibility? To be reminded of our mortality feels like someone is pointing toward a failed aspect of our personhood, as if to say, “You are king no longer.” The ashes are a mark of the fraud of our life, the sad realization that our kingdoms don’t come and our will is not done, at least in any lasting way. The open secret, because it is a fully known reality, is that we are ash and to ash we shall return. It is a yearly re-entry into a conversation about our souls, which is to say, about our eternal relationship with God.



## Ashes to Go: Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>



1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
On the sidewalk by the Library.  
If you just can't make the  
Ash Wednesday services but you  
still want to receive imposition of  
ashes, come and see us out on 12th Street.



## Stations of the Cross

Beginning February 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Each Thursday during Lent, The Stations of the Cross (The Way of the Cross) will be offered from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This service moves the participants around our worship space (Nave), listening to and experiencing the scriptures from the arrest of Jesus to his crucifixion.

## Capital Campaign To Launch Soon

St. Paul's will launch a capital campaign this spring to raise funds for critical repairs to our roof and parking lot. The campaign will start with a Kick-Off Party tentatively planned for a Sunday in April of 2020. Two goals of the campaign will be raising funds for our future and sharing a vision for how our infrastructure supports God's work. If you are feeling God's call to join the capital campaign team (a 9 month commitment), please contact chair Jon Mittelstadt at [jon.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mittel@gmail.com) or 775 771 8356.

## Gratitude Corner

**Verse:** My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:1-4)

**Quote:** "Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it" -- Helen Keller

**Gratitude Exercise:** Imagine that a positive event or relationship in your life did not happen. This may sound depressing but it can instead be a way to beat our tendency to take things for granted. Think about a positive event in your life such as a special trip or when you met a good friend. Think about the circumstances which made this event or meeting possible. Now consider ways in which this event might never have happened. Imagine how your life might be right now if you hadn't enjoyed this positive event or met this special person. This gratitude exercise should give you a renewed sense of appreciation for some of your positive memories and relationships.

## 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 this ministry, contact Linda Devon at [LSD4764@hotmail.com](mailto:LSD4764@hotmail.com).

## Irish Band on March 13th

We are having an Irish Band on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The name of the band is Ceili Band, which is a traditional Irish gathering for fun, fellowship and laughs. The music will be from 6-8 and we will be having green food and green drinks. More information to follow on prizes. Tickets will be \$15.00 for adults and children 18 and under are free. Come and join the fun!

## 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](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com), Peg Bibby at [ragladypeg@att.net](mailto:ragladypeg@att.net), the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

Thank you for your support.  
Margaret Bouzek, Team Leader

## 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, Preston, Jameson Walker, Ella, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Steve, Ruthie, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Vickie, Matthew, Alex, Ken, Patti, Susan, Sue, Ruth, Baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Ted, Sharon, Stan, Jaemie, Jeff, Mike, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Michael, Eileen, Lance's family, Bengt, Randy, Leon, Pinkie, Ron, Victoria, Debbie, Charlie, Sandy, Jan, Michelle,

Garry, Julia, Alex, Carolyn, Linda, Jeanette, Derek, Elizabeth, Rita, Veronica, John, Ana, Rori, Shanna, Val, Ross, Jane, Keith, Cleta, Brad, Brennan, Bernie, Dave, Jim, Patsy. **Military:** Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Bria, Evanne, Alex, Suzanne, Mason, David, Paul, Roger, Shylo, Alberto, Tristan, Hunter.

## 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](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:

**February 2:** No Meeting Today

**February 9:** Go to A Movie

We will meet directly after church at 10:00 AM and travel to Victorian Square Galaxy Theater to see a movie. We don't know which movie yet, but hopefully a good one will be playing! EYC will pay for the movie. Please bring your own money for snacks.

**February 16:** Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat pizza and decorate heart shaped sugar cookies and have a discussion. Games to follow!

**February 23:** No Meeting Today

## 2019 Tax Giving Statements

The 2019 tax have been emailed. If we don't have an email address for you, then it has been mailed. If you did not receive your statement by email, or if you need a hard copy, please notify Robin at 775-358-4474.

## Building Improvement Program Update by Linda Kennedy

Together from event proceeds, personal donations, and rent from the Helix organization \$62,022 has been raised as of December 31, 2019. \$9,200 of this was raised at the Phantom of the Opera Organ Concert. Dorothy Papadakos has agreed to come back again this November for another concert, so watch for more details and spread the word.



With the funds collected, additional events in the planning, and a capital campaign planned for later this year, we have started the process to fix the roof and its auxiliary projects. Jeff Devon, Roof Project Manager, has been working diligently with our project engineer, Dave Kennedy. They have determined that the following components must be completed as part of this project. Since the air conditioners must be moved off the roof to fix it, more practical solutions to putting them all back on the roof are being investigated. The gas pipes on the roof need to be relocated so they can be secured correctly. Since we want to address everything that goes through the roof, they are working on a solution for the issues with the range hood in the kitchen. The fascia boards that hang down from the edge of the roof must be replaced and repainted. In addition, all the gutters on the entire church building must be properly sized and replaced with the addition of more downspouts. And of course, finally, the roof on the older back wing must be completely replaced.

Contractors have already been here to meet with Jeff and Dave. More are planned soon. Our goal is to complete the roofing, etc. project during the early fall of 2020. A special thanks goes to both Jeff and Dave for their efforts so far, and we look forward to more exciting things to come. We will begin planning the replacement of the parking lot in early 2021.

## Funding the Mission

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks  
Funding the Mission January 2020

If you missed the annual meeting in January, I reported that our receipts for the year exceeded our expenses by \$7,483. This was the 3rd year in a row where we ran a surplus, thus beating our 2019 budget which projected an \$18,803 deficit. This surplus went into our "rainy/day savings" account which as of 12/31 carries a balance of \$37,853.

Our budget beating year was almost entirely due to higher than budgeted offerings. Existing members and a significant number of newcomers gave generously throughout the year. Routine month to month expenses only rose modestly in 2019 and we only dealt with a handful of unexpected repairs.

In summary, I would say our church is on a financial footing that is the firmest it's been in over ten years and I hope to see continued stability in 2020.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity, and is posted in the narthex.

You can direct questions personally to myself (Roger Towne) or to any Vestry member or contact me by email at [Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org](mailto:Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org) IMPORTANT NOTE: By all your gifts, we are blessed. For your gifts we are grateful.

## Coming Events



### February 2020

Saturday	Feb. 01, 2020	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Feb. 02, 2020	No EYC today	
Sunday	Feb. 02, 2020	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Thursday	Feb. 06, 2020	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Monday	Feb. 10, 2020	AARP Smart Driver Course	12:00 pm
Monday	Feb. 10, 2020	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 13, 2020	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 15, 2020	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Wednesday	Feb. 19, 2020	Hill Gang Meeting (Blvd. Pizza)	5:30 pm
Thursday	Feb. 20, 2020	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 22, 2020	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Feb. 23, 2020	No EYC today	
Sunday	Feb. 23, 2020	Book Study-The Unorthodox Heretic (Youth Room)	3:00 pm
Tuesday	Feb. 25, 2020	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 25, 2020</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>	<b>5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</b>
Wednesday	Feb. 26, 2020	Ash Wednesday Service	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 26, 2020	Ashes to Go	1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 26, 2020	Ash Wednesday Service	5:30 pm
Thursday	Feb. 27, 2020	Thursday Bible Study	12:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 27, 2020	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Thursday	Feb. 27, 2020	Laundry Love ( <i>Paradise Laundry Oddie Blvd.</i> )	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 29, 2020	Annual Vestry Retreat	9:00 am

### 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.**

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