



# November

**ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

## Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. In-person and on Zoom  
Holy Communion Service

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



The holiday season is upon us! There is much going on inside the walls of the church this time of year. We just had Trunk-or-Treat, our Rooted IN Abundance pledge campaign is in full swing, Nosferatu Silent Movie, Sue Oddo's funeral, UTO Ingathering, the "In Memory of" memorial service, All Saints' Day, and don't forget St. Paul's Thanksgiving Day potluck and the "Choose Your Own Adventure" Advent classes!

There is also much going on beyond our walls too.

It is a busy time for sure and that's good, however it's also concerning. When we are busy, we often forget to look up and when we forget to look up, we start losing something that is vitally important...connections.

Enjoy the holidays, but don't forget to look up. Look up to see those around you. What might they need and how might you provide it? It is also good to be reminded that someone else might be looking up and seeing a need that you might have. If they connect with you and fulfill an unexpected need, be grateful for the reciprocal gift of connection.

## "In Memory of" Memorial Service November 1st

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 **Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 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 the parish office at  
Office@StPaulsSparks.org, [775-358-4474](tel:775-358-4474).

## All Saints' Day: November 5th

This is a time when we remember our family and friends who have died. If you would like to add a name to the celebration, email those names to [office@stpaulssparks.org](mailto:office@stpaulssparks.org). The deadline to add a name is **November 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon**.

## Christmas Wreath Sales Ends November 5th

Sale runs through 11/5 with proceeds going to Laundry Love. Wreaths will be available at church on Sunday, 12/3. Wreaths are from Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington state and promise to be fresh and lovely. Can be shipped anywhere in the US except Alaska and Hawaii (no PO Boxes). See Linda Devon at church or call her at 775-750-4029 or email at [lsd4764@hotmail.com](mailto:lsd4764@hotmail.com)

## United Thank Offering Ingathering November 5th

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Ingathering will be on Sunday, November 5th. At the service the UTO Boxes and Envelopes will be collected with Offering to be presented at the altar. If you would prefer to write a check, envelopes are in the Narthex for that purpose. You can make the checks out to St. Paul's with a notation for UTO. United Thank Offering grants for 2024-2025 will be awarded for areas of ministries that focus one "the stranger" Jesus mentions, offering welcome and inclusivity.

If you have any questions, please call Kathie Dixon, 775-747-4485.

## Ben's still on Sabbatical

Ben, our organist/pianist, is on a bit of a sabbatical to allow some lingering wrist issues to heal. Please pray that he heals quickly! He will be missed. For the time being, we will be in good hands (and wrists) with Alissa on the piano.

## Park Place Worship Service

Park Place is an assisted living home in Reno. For the past couple of years, lay members from St. Paul's and Trinity have been providing a weekly visit to the residents who are interested. There was a break over the summer, and now it's time to determine if we should restart this ministry.

Are you able to join a team that conducts this weekly outreach?

- Visitations have been on Mondays at 2pm.
- The visit is scripted and takes less than 1 hour. We meet with the ambulatory residents in the activity room, conduct a brief ecumenical service, and serve cookies and tea during a 5-10 minute fellowship. We then visit a few residents who are confined to bed.
- An "every Monday" commitment is not needed. Once or twice per month will make a difference.

There will be an information meeting after church service on Nov. 19th in the lounge off the narthex. If you are unable to make the meeting, but are interested please contact Robin Towne at 775-432-8574 or talk to Father Kirk.

## Funding the Mission



St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
Sparks October 2023

The third quarter financial results for 2023 again beat the budget projections. Operating receipts totaled \$54,637 and operating expenses totaled \$62,239. This gave us an operating deficit for the quarter of \$7,602 compared to the budget's deficit prediction of \$13,037.

However, because of the surplus from the 1st quarter due to pre-paid pledges, the results for the 1st 9 months of the year continue to be favorable. We have accumulated a surplus of \$14,575 compared to the budget's prediction of a \$2,573 deficit.

The budget predicts we will run a deficit in the 4th quarter of \$14,400. If that holds true, we would end the year just about even, but I am still hopeful that we will again beat the budget for the quarter and end the year with a surplus.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity and is posted in the narthex. If you would like me to email you a copy, send me an email at the address below.

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

## Recovery Group at St. Paul's

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

## Closed Captions: Installment Three Even More Lost in Translation

If you have ever joined our worship on Zoom you may have noticed that the closed captions does not always get things correct, and at times it can even be comical.

Mary English has kept track of some of these missed translations. Here are some additional ones from her list:

Leader: God of love and hope,  
People: Yeah, Ok = we lift our prayer to you.

Lovely Old Holy Lord = You are Holy Lord  
Believe in one gun=Believe in one God  
Cleans us from our fences = Cleanse us from  
our offences

World marbles = marvels  
Hero pearl = Hear our prayer  
Oh man = Amen  
Oh yeah = Amen  
Log brain = Lot of praying  
Bring them the phone = Fullness of time  
Ascended to Canada = Ascended into heaven  
Dress for your soldiers = Rest for your souls  
Good news of sins = Forgiveness of sins  
Bring them the phone = In the fullness of time  
Phone Jesus = From Jesus  
One who is Forgotten = One who is forgiven

If you missed last two month's Epistles list of missed translations from our Sunday Worship Zoom Closed Captions, take a look at them under the "newsletter" tab at StPaulsSparks.org.

## Altar Guild

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Altar Guild Team. If you are interested, please contact either Sue Schultz at 775-626-5814 or the church office at 775-358-4474. Training is provided.

## Mid-Week Visits with Fr. Kirk

Would you like some time to visit with Fr. Kirk? This could be in the office, at your home, at a coffee shop, for lunch, etc. If you want such an opportunity, please contact him at 775-358-4474 or [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

## Silent Movie Fundraiser



Have you ever watched a silent movie the way they were originally experienced? Come and experience *Nosferatu* and Dorothy Jean Papadakos within the beautiful architecture of Trinity Cathedral in downtown Reno, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** A reception at 5:30 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and wine is also available. Tickets for both can be purchased by searching St. Paul's Sparks on Eventbrite.com or from the St. Paul's office. **Movie tickets can also be purchased at the door.**

A little bit about Dorothy Jean: She is an American concert organist, composer, lyricist, playwright, and author. She is the former organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City (1990–2003), the first female organist to hold that post. She was also organist for the Paul Winter Consort at the Cathedral's Easter and Christmas services and performed with the ensemble on their Grammy Award-winning album *Silver Solstice*, released in 2005. In 2005, Papadakos co-produced *Pompeii the Musical*, for which she wrote the book, music and lyrics. The production was well-received, breaking box office records when it premiered in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 2017, her first novel, *The Kingdom of Winter*, was published. Using fantasy characters to address climate change concerns, the book is now used in a science and literature curriculum for middle-school students.

## UFO Days November 5-8

UFO Days (UnFinished Objects Days) is three and a half days of fun crafting and sewing held on November 5-8. The cost to participate is \$100. Proceeds go to building improvement fund. Contact Linda Kennedy to register [linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com](mailto:linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com).

Prizes are needed for raffle baskets. What we really need are consumable contributions, for example: coffee, tea, candy, wine, gift cards. Please leave in blue box in Narthex by Oct. 22.

## 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 be sealed in special Laundry Love envelopes and placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions or interest in helping with ministry, contact Linda Devon at [LSD4764@hotmail.com](mailto:LSD4764@hotmail.com).



## Friday Bible Study on Zoom

Come and join Fr. Kirk on Friday mornings from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** We are currently studying the Sunday Gospel lesson for the week. If you would like to join the bible study on **ZOOM**, first email [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) so you can receive the scriptures for the day and then join by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365786953?pwd=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWWRxbSs0d3NaOfIrUT09>

## Three things to know about St. Paul's pledge campaign:

1. A pledge is a response to God's blessings and an outward and visible sign of commitment in support of God's work at St. Paul's. Pledging helps us live generously following the way of Jesus (Matt 6:19-21).
2. Pledging allows Vestry to make a budget for the year ahead and plan for new and existing ministries at St. Paul's.
3. This year's theme, "Rooted **IN** Abundance" from Jeremiah 17:8, reminds us that we give to others because so much has



been given to us. The roots of the tree are a metaphor to remind us that we grow into a faith which nourishes us no matter where we are planted.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Kirk at [kirk@stpaulssparks.org](mailto:kirk@stpaulssparks.org) or Jon Mittelstadt, Stewardship Chair at [jon.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mittel@gmail.com)

### School Supply Drive

Daughters of the King has started its School Supply Drive. This year we have added another at risk school to our giving.

We will supply Robert Mitchell and Agnes Risley Elementary, which have mostly low socio-economic children enrolled. Both schools serve the Sparks Community served by St. Paul's.

With the excitement and joy around getting the new parking lot done now, we felt that the best way to serve the schools would be for the second semester after Christmas. Teachers have told us many times in the past that after Christmas break the cupboards are bare. The need for school supplies is often harder for parents/caregivers at that time of year, and we have decided to fill the need.

We will be accepting school supply donations through January 15th. If there is no designated box in the Narthex, please put them on the bench next to the parish office door, or if you don't shop, we will be happy to shop for you! Please contact Connie Patterson [cp4675@att.net](mailto:cp4675@att.net) or call the church 775-358-4474 for any questions you might have.

Our sincere thanks to everyone for making this School Supply Drive possible. We are so blessed. Connie Patterson

### Donate Your Old Computers

The Lion's Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken trash computer equipment. Working computers will be repurposed for those in need and the broken ones will be recycled.

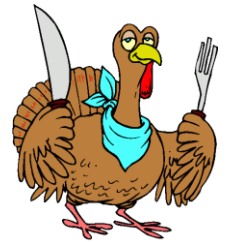
You can bring these computers to the church for pickup by Dick Schori. If you have questions, contact him at [richard.schori@gmail.com](mailto:richard.schori@gmail.com).

### St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to Rita at [honda07rita@gmail.com](mailto:honda07rita@gmail.com) or 775-971-4775. Prayer requests for your special people will be on for about 2 months unless you need a longer date. Your special people will be lifted to our Lord each day. Thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your special people.

### Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck

St. Paul's will be hosting their 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 would like to prepare a turkey or a ham, please let us know...and stuffing, we can't run out of stuffing...and mashed potatoes too... Oh yes and pie, pie is good, don't forget the pie!



There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex (foyer). If you can sign up it would be helpful (so we know how much meat to provide) but if you forget to sign up, or if your plans change at the last minute and you want to join us, please come anyway. The Lord will provide. The parish hall will be open at noon, and we'll eat at 1:00p.m.

**If you want to help with setting up tables, etc.,** please contact John Hannah, or feel free to reach out to him with any questions you might have. [jhannah.church@mymail775.net](mailto:jhannah.church@mymail775.net) or 775-527-9444.

## Advent Class Begin November 26th



**Choose Your Own Adventure Advent Classes! Sundays, 11:30 to 12:30, November 26 – December 17**

If you were the kid who loved the Choose Your Own Adventure books, then our Advent classes at St. Paul's are for you! You can attend one or all of them. Choose what interests you and works for your schedule during this busy season. Just as we carefully select gifts for our children and our loved ones, be sure to give them and yourself the gift of peace and deepening spirituality during this time of waiting for the arrival of the Savior. Classes will be facilitated by Rev. Rick.

- **November 26 – A Charlie Brown Christmas and make your own Advent Calendar!**

This is a great class geared toward kids, but also parents, and all adults! There will be an introduction to Advent Calendars, and then you will get to choose from templates to color and illustrate your own for this year while we watch the classic Charlie Brown Christmas. Suitable for kids from about third grade to kids in their 90s!

- **December 3 — Sharing Advent Poems and Literature**

Everyone will receive a book of poems and writings about Advent. After time to read and think about these, we will get together in groups to share the ones that have special meaning for us in this season of waiting.

- **December 10 — Advent Art & Music**

Sit back and enjoy classic Christian art curated personally for our class by Professor Doug Blanchard of the Bronx Community College, New York. Accompanying the art will be some classic music pieces of the season. We'll end with an Advent hymn sing-along!

- **December 17 —One-hour Mini Quiet Retreat**

This season is crazy busy! Do you need to find some quiet and peace in the middle of all this? Come to our One-hour Mini Quiet Retreat. We will begin together, but then you will have quiet personal time to choose different guided prayers

and activities based on the Four Themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

### Calendar at a Glance

- November 1, 6:00 p.m. "In Memory of" Service
- November 3, 5:30 p.m. Nosferatu Reception
- November 3, 7:00 p.m. Silent Movie Nosferatu
- November 5, UTO Ingathering Sunday
- November 5, All Saints' Day
- November 5, Wreath sales end
- November 23, 1:00 Thanksgiving Pot-luck
- November 26, First Advent Class

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(See Psalm 100) 11-28-2007  
HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE THANKFUL?



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11-23-2005  
I HAVE TO AGREE WITH NANCY ... THE BELT POP IS TOTALLY WHEN YOU TRANSITION FROM THANKFULNESS TO GLUTTONY