

# **Parish Announcements**

## **UNITED THANK OFFERING 2024**

**May 5 – November 3, 2024**

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in 1883 to raise funds to support mission and ministry sites of The Episcopal Church that were without funding. The women of the church began by asking the assembled groups to make a thank offering for all the blessings of their past year.

100% of these offerings are then given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry projects around the globe. Currently all grants awarded in the next three years are within the focus of Mathew 25, welcoming the stranger.

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Campaign will begin May 5 and May 12 with  
**UTO BOXES**

featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday November 3.

The UTO Blue Boxes offers St. Paul's parishioners a chance to express Gratitude for Blessings large or small.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon, 774-747-4485.

## **Pentecost Sunday**

**May 19th: 10:00 a.m.**

This special Pentecost celebration is held outside if the weather permits. We encourage everyone to wear lots of red, which is the color of the Holy Spirit. If it's hot, wear a hat!

We will need some extra set-up helpers that morning.

If you are interested, please contact

Fr. Kirk 775-358-4474 [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

## **St. Paul's Potluck Picnic/Camping**

**Saturday September 14, 2024**

Davis Creek Regional Park (RV Group Site) by Washoe Lake

Arrival Time: 2:00 pm

Potluck: 3:00 pm

Signup sheet in Narthex

Camping: Friday and Saturday Nights – 1- or 2-nights RV or tent

Questions: contact Jon Mittelstadt at 775-7223469 or [jon.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mittel@gmail.com)

## Paint Party @ Hot Spot

**Paint a Bowl on May 19, 2024**

at the Hot Spot - 1180 Scheels Drive  
(across from the IMAX)

Bowls are \$12 or \$20, depending on the size.

All ages are welcome.

Instructions will be available on site to assist with your masterpiece.

Bowls will be auctioned at

The Empty Bowls Fundraiser on September 18, 2024,  
supporting The Community Food Pantry.



The poster features a colorful border of multi-colored circles. In the center, the text 'PAINT PARTY 4' is written in a stylized, hand-drawn font. To the right is a circular logo for 'EMPTY BOWLS' with a red banner below it that says '2024 - 15th ANNUAL'. Below the main title, the date and location are listed: 'MAY 19TH @ THE HOT SPOT'. A green box highlights 'BEGINNER FRIENDLY!' with the text 'Artists on site for ideas or to help bring yours to life' and 'No RSVP'. To the right, a list of details includes 'Plan 1-2 hrs to paint', 'Between 2-6 PM', '1180 Scheels Dr.', '#B107 Sparks, NV', and 'Across from the IMAX'. At the bottom, a yellow starburst says 'ALL AGES', and a blue paint tube graphic displays '\$12-20 Per bowl' and 'All Supplies Included! Snacks and drinks Will Be Served!'.

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[Episcopal Night at the Aces](#)

July 26th @ 6:35 p.m.

Reno Aces -vs- Las Vegas Aviators

Join the other Episcopal Churches of Northern Nevada for a night at the ballpark during Faith and Family Night

The combination of a pregame concert, testimonies from players and coaches, and fireworks after the game creates a wonderful atmosphere for families and fans to come together and enjoy a memorable experience.



# Faith Night

**7.26**  
6:35 P.M.

VS. **LAS VEGAS AVIATORS**



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### [Our Church home needs some TLC](#)

Like most of our homes, our church home also needs some occasional routine maintenance. If you have expertise in helping with any of the following projects, please contact

Jr. Warden, Mark Sawdon (707) 327-9125 or email: [MVSawdon@gmail.com](mailto:MVSawdon@gmail.com).

- Cross on southside facing the school needs sanding/paint and reattached.
  - Garden planters' wood: sand/paint.
  - Garden planters' tiles – some need reattachment.
- Roof beam end caps (garden side) need sanding/painting and reattach metal protection.
  - Door behind southside cross needs prep and staining/paint.
  - Lynch Gate - whole unit needs paint (after pre-arranged repairs.)
    - Gazebo - whole unit needs paint.
  - North Narthex Doors – needs threshold/weather stripping.

### [Friday Bible Study with Zoom Option](#)

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 in multiple translations. This study is now hybrid in-person and Zoom. If you want to join on Zoom, email [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) so you can be added to the Friday Bible Study email list to receive the scriptures for the week and the Zoom link.

### [Do You Have A Church Key?](#)

If you have a key to the church, please consider parking in the back/west side of the church. For security reasons, those glass doors by the trash cans remain locked at all times. If you are able to park on that side Sunday mornings, this will keep others from having to walk all the way around the building to get into the church. Thank you.

### [Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free](#)

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified. All chalices continue to be intinction only.

### [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).