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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**March 9th, 2011**

**7:00am**

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
Chapel

**12:10pm**

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
Church

**5:30pm**

Family & Children Service  
Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
Chapel

**7:00pm**

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
Church

*(Choir will sing at this service)*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
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# Rector's Corner



For as long as I've been here, I've often referred to our deacon, Jim Smith, as our 'Senior Clergy person!' Jim was in the first class of deacons ordained for our Diocese of East Carolina during Convention here in Greenville in 1988. Serving as deacons do, at the discretion of the bishop, Jim has spent his diaconal ministry here at St. Paul's. He even did his diaconal school classes here! In the 'early days,' he worked with Marty Gartman in campus ministry. He worked with Pat Houston and Mid Wootten – and Jack Banks who was interim rector following Pat's tenure as rector. He worked with Tom Midyette and Tom Cure, Charlie Dupree and Pat Thomas – and Randy Green who was interim rector following Tom's tenure as rector. And he was here to welcome me and Ann Bonner Stewart – and now Jill. Sylvia and Jim came to St. Paul's in the early 80's, thanks to an invitation Jack Thornton extended to them. I enjoy Jim and consider him to be a special friend and confidante of mine in our diocese. Given the wide array of 'clergy characters' he's served with through the years (yours truly included!), his versatility and flexibility is a real gift. We clergy can easily get our egos inflated if we take ourselves too seriously, and the gift I suspect Jim has given to all of us clergy is his humor and genuine sense of compassionate care and service to others. In my role as a member of the Greenville Human Relations Council, which serves at the discretion of the City Council, I asked if Jim would use his skills as a mediator to facilitate an open forum with the Muslim community. He graciously accepted and did an excellent job. He'll be facilitating

another community dialogue in the next few weeks with the Greenville Youth Council on 'Bullying.' His professional expertise as an ECU professor in the School of Business has helped him in his life of service to our community, church and civic. The time has come, however, for him to embark upon a new diaconal venture. Bishop Daniel is in the process of discernment with Jim concerning where he best might serve the needs of the church. In the meantime, Jim's last Sunday in his formal role as our deacon will be Sunday, March 6. He will preach at the 8:00am and 10:30am services. And, because I could not persuade him to let us honor him with a reception following the 10:30am service, he suggested that we do so at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the youth of our parish. This will be on **Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.** Taking time in the spirit of Mardi Gras and raising funds for a good cause is Jim's idea of formally floating out of St. Paul's on an imaginary Krewe! He's quick to note that Sylvia isn't going anywhere! This is her parish and she plans to continue doing what she loves to do as coordinator of Host and Helpers and working with Larry Barbour on our Parish Life Committee. Please come and eat some pancakes and sausage and share in our celebration in thanksgiving for the diaconal ministry of Jim Smith on Shrove Tuesday.

And speaking of the pancake supper, this is an event sponsored by our youth ministry. The youth depend upon a host of adult helpers to help them prepare the meal, and traditionally any money raised, helps support our youth ministry. This year's funds will be dedicated toward the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) *pilgrimage* which will be taking place at the end

of the 2012 school year. We are in the third of what will take six years to have our J2A spiritual formation program up and fully running here at St. Paul's. The "pilgrimage" is a very important part of the journey and it comes at the end of the fourth year, which is the second year of J2A following two years of 'Rite 13.' (You'll be hearing more about this in the weeks and months to come.)

It's an unusual week! I'm off in the morning to Chicago where I'll 'catch up' with our senior warden Murrell McCloud! We're participating in 'Smart Networking Sessions' sponsored by the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Churches. He'll be at the Wardens sessions while I meet with Rectors and Deans. I'll be staying on for a conference entitled *Changing Church. Making a Difference.* We both plan to bring home new insights helpful for us as a parish as we continue "Living the Solutions," a plan the Vestry presented at the Annual Meeting.

*Changing Church. Making a Difference.* It sounds like Jim Smith's experience the past 23 years! He certainly has made a difference for many of us here in the changing seasons of St. Paul's life and ministry. And for this I give thanks to God – and look forward to acknowledging him at our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. I wish to extend a very special 'thank you' to Sylvia for her support and faithful devotion all these years. Thank you, Sylvia, for clearly stating that it's Jim's 'call,' not yours, to the diaconate. I, for one, am glad that you will continue to be a part of our parish family. We look forward to you bringing your husband here from time to time!!

Bob +

# Associate Rector



“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church to the observance of a holy Lent,....”

Our observance of Lent begins this year almost as late as it can (Easter isn't until April 23, and its latest possible date is April 24). Usually we're already in Lent by the time

March begins; this year we have more than a full week of March before you will be invited, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent,....” (Ash Wednesday liturgy, Book of Common Prayer, p. [265](#))

Lent is an important season in the liturgical year. We need the opportunity Lent offers us to reflect on our lives and on our relationships with God and with others. We need the space Lent offers us to consider how to be reconciled with God and each other. And the Church is here to help.

We begin with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 12), a reminder that without God's grace we have no hope of life beyond what we're living now. As the priest marks the cross on foreheads with ashes, (s)he repeats again and again “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” It is because God came among us, died on the cross, and was raised from the dead that we share in the promise of eternal life.

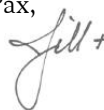
During Lent, our worship has a more somber tone. We enter in silence, and begin our worship with the Penitential Order and Decalogue (the recitation of the Ten Commandments) (BCP, pp. [350,351-353](#)) The confession of sin is more prominent, occurring at the beginning of the service instead of after the sermon and the Creed. The silver patens and chalices are put away and replaced by ceramic vessels; the shiny brass offertory basins are replaced by baskets.

Some people adopt Lenten disciplines, more commonly giving something up for Lent. This is not a bad idea, but I encourage you to consider taking something on—more time to pray, to read the Bible, to reach out and make a difference in our hurting world. What matters about Lenten disciplines is that they should help you turn to/return to/refocus on God. If giving up chocolates does that, go with it. But if the underlying motivation for giving up sweets or alcohol is that it may help you lose a little weight within the convenient time-frame of Lent, you might want to re-think that discipline. If you have questions, or want some help in sorting through options for Lenten discipline, let me know.

Another way the Church can help you have a holy Lent is the Liturgy of the Reconciliation of a Penitent (BCP, pp. [447-452](#)). This is the Episcopal version of the Catholic Confession, and it is one of the less-known treasures in our Prayer Book. No one is obligated to use it, but it can be really helpful in “put[ting] away all your sins” (p. [448](#)), and it may be especially useful during Lent as we consider how sin has separated us from God and from one another. I am always willing to hear confessions; if you'd like to use this liturgy, or to talk about it, please call or e-mail me.

Observing a holy Lent can be a rich and deep (and appropriate) lead-up to a joyous celebration of the Paschal victory, Christ being raised from the dead on Easter Day. The contrast between the somberness of Lent and the exuberance of Easter is dramatic—the Church makes it this way intentionally. Make your Lenten observance intentional, too.

Pax,



## *St. Paul's as One Community*



Service on our vestry has led me to know all of St. Paul's as one community. A passion of mine is community. There are many communities of interest at St. Paul's within our one parish community. For instance, Kaki and I focus on the communities of: Vestry, 8 a.m. service, Campus Ministry, Compline, the Epistle and ushering. I have not thought about all of them as essential to my spiritual life, but I have been mistaken. I am learning how we are all related, regardless of our interests. Regardless of age. Regardless of our participation or lack of it. We are all related.

By way of example, we do not have a college student in Greenville. But that does not exempt me from caring strongly about our outreach to the college students St. Paul's has offered for more than 60 (?) years. Each of us might find it interesting to look at an area of St. Paul's and see how the quality of our spiritual life is tied to that venture, even though at first look we say: "That does not involve me. Why should I care?"

Well, I am not a college student, so why should I care about ECM, in this instance? My suggestion is that we try this contemplation for any outreach of St. Paul's where we do not think we are involved. We are.

I have seen the gratitude that parents visiting Greenville to be with their student daughter have for the work Matt Scully has done for years. In this example, Matt is an employee of the Diocese, not St. Paul's. We have provided outreach/ministry for a long, long time. These students have a safe place to be. And they count on it. Matt goes quietly along, generally without any supervision, singing, playing the guitar, organizing Compline, cooking, arranging trips and activities and much more. All the while creating a community that some of us may not even be aware of. These young people are being led in their growth toward adulthood by the activities in our community of Episcopal Campus Ministry.

And then imagine if that ministry you are focusing upon, that community, were not there. How would the warp and woof of the spiritual fabric of your St. Paul's be affected? As we live into our mission—To Know Christ and To Make Him Known—we realize that we are one community, are we not?

Best,  
Murrell

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# Director of Christian Education

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*The fullness of joy is to behold God in all. — Julian of Norwich*



Greetings, dear brothers and sisters:

This quote from Julian of Norwich speaks directly to the life and work of our teachers and leaders in Christian formation. Over and again, people who gathered to learn and pray have experienced the fullness of joy.

Within the pages of this Epistle you will read articles that describe classes woven throughout our weekly schedule that enrich the lives of our children and our adults. We are blessed with committed and creative leadership. Below I will highlight upcoming opportunities that grow out of this leadership and provide rich diversity in the midst of this faith community. Before the next newsletter, we will have begun the season of Lent. Devotionals from Episcopal Relief and Development will be available for personal use, and information concerning Lenten programs as described below will be circulated by e-mails and through classrooms. May God bless you in preparation for this season and being near as it begins.

Please take time to read what is being offered through education and faith formation—now and in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, ideas, and interest in offering a helping hand – you can contact me [christianed@stpaulsepiscopal.com](mailto:christianed@stpaulsepiscopal.com) or 752-3482.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie".

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## Youth Confirmation

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Classes began Feb. 20 for St. Paul's youth in preparation for confirmation. These young people are in eighth grade (rising to ninth in the fall) and those who are now in ninth grade and above. The classes are held in Friendly Hall 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The clergy of St. Paul's are teaching the youth confirmation classes. David Crean and Sylvia Bjorkman lead the adult confirmation class on Sunday afternoons. Confirmation offers both young people and adults an opportunity to make an intentional commitment to Christian discipleship. With both classes in progress, we ask the St. Paul's community to hold all involved in your prayers.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and every. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, page [261](#))

# Confirmation Guest Speaker



We are blessed at St. Paul's to have within our midst Sandra Swan. Sandra is the former president of Episcopal Relief and Development. She brings with her an unparalleled experience of both ERD and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

For the second year, Sandra will share her vision and insights with the confirmation classes. (Those who heard her last year will recall her bravura performance.) This will take place Sunday, March 27, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## Christian Education Opportunities

### Current & Upcoming

- **Mothers of Young Children:**

This group of women meets at 5 p.m. each Wednesday in Friendly Hall. Recently they have been pursuing a study about "Mystics." They have learned what is unique about the life of a Mystic through particular people in Christian history. As the season of Lent begins, the theme will continue with a more in-depth study of how different types of personal discipline and prayer are practiced. These five weeks will be a time to learn more about the life of a monastic, the practice of prayer and the diversity of devotion. If you are interested please contact Nikki Blount at [nikkifever@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkifever@hotmail.com) or Carrie Craig at [christianed@stpaulsepiscopal.com](mailto:christianed@stpaulsepiscopal.com)

- **Sunday morning adult study:**

Beginning March 20, Dr. Calvin Mercer, professor of religious studies at ECU, will offer a five-part series on "Religions of the World—and Our City." This class will be in St. Paul's parish hall from 9:30-10:15 a.m. During this series, the adult Bible study will not meet separately but join this class. More details are included in this newsletter and on our website.

- **Lenten Program:**

As is tradition at St. Paul's, we look forward this year to a special program during the season of Lent that teaches our young people and whole church more about our world and its need for the basics and life: food, water, shelter and loving care. This year we will use a series from Episcopal Relief and Development called "The Abundant Life Garden Project." This project engages children with Bible stories focused on water, seeds, soil, animals and harvest. This program gives children and parishes a way to be involved with the promises tied to our baptismal covenant. We look forward to the creative ways this project will be reflected at St. Paul's. If you are interested in learning more about the program, visit Episcopal Relief & Development's website at <http://www.er-d.org/children>

# Dream Group



You are invited to join an ongoing Dream Group on either March 12 or March 19. The group meets in Friendly Hall on Saturday evenings from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for an optional pot luck dinner, and the group dream work begins at 6:15 and lasts until 7:30. The process that the group uses to get more in touch with the unconscious part of our minds is non-threatening and safe for folks who are newcomers to dream work and folks who are experienced in “looking at” their dream for meaning. All of us are respectful of each other’s privacy. This group is open to folks of any religious faith or of none. The dream work process is based on the psychology of C.G. Jung. For further information, contact Carol Williams at [carolclawsonwilliams@earthlink.net](mailto:carolclawsonwilliams@earthlink.net) or 252-353-4934.

# Preschool



We are having such a wonderful time in the Parents Morning Out class this year. Our Monday/Wednesday class consists of eight children who range in age from 9

months to 2 years. We have been able to witness some of these children conquer some pretty big milestones, and we are so thankful for the opportunity to be involved in their precious, little lives.

As we transition to the Spring term, we hope to get our older tots prepared for the 2-year- old class. Our plan is to set aside some time each day to instruct them in Circle Time. We hope to have them sit together on the rug, sing a song, hear a story, and maybe even learn with some interactive music.

Our little ones are so bright and enjoy creating with Play-Doh, finger painting and reading books. Here are some pictures of our 2010-11 Monday/Wednesday Parents Morning Out class.



East Carolina Music Art Education Foundation

# Please join us

East Carolina Musical Arts Education Foundation

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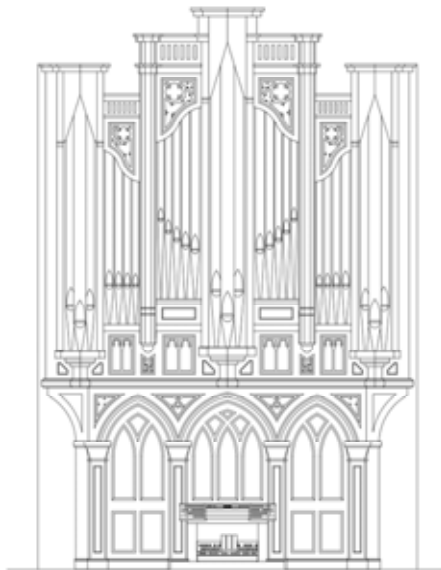
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# Music



**CHORAL EVENSONG** Sunday, March 27 at 5 p.m.; the Rev. Carrie Craig, officiant. The St. Paul's Choir will sing music of Tomkins, Byrd, Richard Lloyd, and also the haunting "Miserere Mei" by Gregorio Allegri. You won't want to miss this service. Because of the late date of Easter, this will be our final Choral Evensong of this program year.

**JOIN THE CHOIR:** We are always welcoming new members. Singers need not be professionals, which is a common misconception about our Parish Choir. There is no audition. Those wishing to sing must obviously

be able to match pitch and possess a pleasant voice; and a simple and short "musical interview" with the choirmaster is all that is required. Get in touch with Andrew Scanlon at [music@stpaulsepiscopal.com](mailto:music@stpaulsepiscopal.com)

**SCHOLA CANTORUM:** We regret that this year's offerings have not gone forward as planned. This has mainly been due to scheduling glitches, and we plan to continue the Schola Cantorum's offerings next year.

**ORGAN RECITALS:** A number of opportunities to hear our Fisk organ will be available, thanks to students in ECU's organ program. All are free and open to everyone.

Here are the dates:

- ◆ Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.: Douglas Blackwood
- ◆ Saturday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.: Samantha Koch
- ◆ Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.: Tim Price
- ◆ Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.: Chris Pharo

**JON GILLOCK** comes to Greenville March 25. See the ECMAEF advertisement on the adjoining page. All are welcome. There is a \$10 admission fee for this concert.

## **SPECIAL CONCERT:**

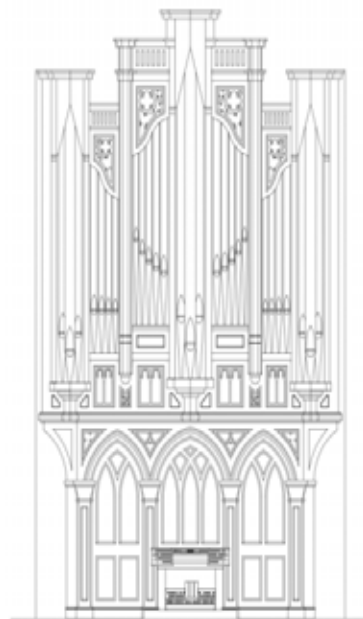
ECU School of Music Recital: Christopher Ulfers, bassoon  
Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

This recital, performed by St. Paul's parishioner Christopher Ulfers, is part of ECU's New Music Festival and will include music for bassoon, piano and percussion. As it is the season of Lent, all of the selections will have a meditative theme and mood and have been especially chosen with the generous acoustic of St. Paul's in mind.

# East Carolina Musical Arts Education Foundation

Our Fisk pipe organ is an enormously complex instrument. It is infinitely more than an ingenious system for blowing air through 3,000-plus organ pipes; it is, in fact, a mechanical and electronic marvel. It was built with the finest workmanship and is intended to last for many generations—and it will, provided we take great care of it. This month's article will take the form of a short story that I believe will illustrate the seriousness with which The East Carolina Musical Arts Education Foundation takes its responsibility for the care and maintenance of this fine instrument.

About two years ago, we installed instrumentation throughout the organ case that measures and records temperature and humidity once every 15 minutes, 24/7. This gives us a picture of the instrument's vital signs, much like your family physician taking a reading of your blood pressure, pulse, temperature etc. It provides a snapshot of your general health, and that is what our instrumentation does for Opus 126. At the end of each month, we clamber around in the organ case to retrieve the instruments and download the data contained therein. Over the past month or so, we've noticed very low humidity readings in the organ case. Now at this time of year, the relative humidity is usually at its lowest, corresponding to the lower winter temperature; however, we have a humidifier installed that is supposed to correct for this. In investigating, Mike Bell discovered that the water line feed valve to the organ had been turned off. The line had frozen and then burst; subsequently, someone had closed it off thinking that it served only the lawn and shrubbery irrigation system. It's been repaired now at ECMAEF's expense, and we should begin to see corrected humidity readings from now on. Without our instrumentation and diligent review of the data, we would not have detected this problem.



Separately, and although not strictly a maintenance issue, Andrew Scanlon is working with the Solid State Electronics company to resolve a computer malfunction within the organ which has been with us for a long time; all efforts to find the glitch have so far been unsuccessful. The fix is likely to be expensive, and again, it will be underwritten by ECMAEF. The good news for St. Paul's is that these expenses are borne by the foundation; the bad news for the foundation is that our budget does not provide for these extraordinary expenses, and we will likely finish the year with a deficit in our operating account.

As we look ahead, we must find ways to generate sufficient income to balance our budget. There will always be unanticipated expenses—that's the way things are—but we need to build our balance sheet so that we can absorb unanticipated costs such as these with monies that have been accumulated in the previous, financially favorable, years.

Thank you!  
Robert S. Gennings, president  
ECMAEF

# EYC Youth Report

Since September, the EYC youth, grades 6-12, have met for 18 Sunday programs and six special events outside of the Sunday gatherings. Approximately 16-18 youth attend each of these Sunday programs, which include a time for gathering and games, a program, and shared dinner. Various people in the community and our church have led the EYC programs with topics such as fostering understanding and respect among those of varying religions, cultures and races; celebrating and respecting creation; promoting community and respect among the youth; Ulster Project; ministry to Indian slum children; and music and faith. These programs include having some of our church staff and clergy members lead some of these interactive EYC programs.

Service projects that the youth will be involved in this spring include cooking a meal for the Ronald McDonald house, participating in the Pamlico Tar River Clean Up, making and delivering Easter baskets to University Tower residents, and hosting the Mardi Gras pancake supper. We will plan other service projects as the year progresses.

Our St. Paul's EYC group joined with the EYC youth of our sister church, St. Timothy's, for a joint Halloween party, which was a great success. Plans are to join again with St. Timothy's EYC youth to have an end of the school year party. Our EYC youth will join the youth of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church for our church ski weekend this coming February. Plans are to continue having various events throughout the year where our EYC youth can enjoy activities with youth of other churches.

Events outside of the Sunday EYC gathering times have included movie nights, corn maze trip, hay ride/ghost stories/nature walk at Bray Farm, and Christmas caroling at University Towers. Some of the EYC nights in the spring will include off-site programs, such as a tour of the new Interfaith Chapel at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and tour of the Ronald McDonald House. These tours are designed to expand knowledge and understanding of various ways that ministry happens here in Greenville. Other special events will be planned as the year progresses.

Communication about the EYC programs, special EYC events, and Diocesan Trinity youth conferences is primarily done through mailings, flyers, church announcements in TWASP and Epistle, website, and verbal announcements. Scholarships are offered to youth who might need financial assistance to participate in summer missions, church ski trip, or Trinity youth conferences.

The EYC program is fortunate to have Cathy Palmer to coordinate the EYC dinners, which are graciously hosted by various parent and church volunteers. We are also grateful to Carol Williams, Calvin Mercer, Martina Jones, Lynn Carlisle, and Wanda and Jon Yuhas for their frequent help in assisting with programs and special events.

The EYC welcomes new members and adults who wish to share in our youth ministry. Please contact Susan Vickery Mercer, our Youth Minister, for more information at [youth@stpaulsepiscope.com](mailto:youth@stpaulsepiscope.com).

- ⇒ **Sunday, March 6:** Martina Jones: “Celebrating Lent”
- ⇒ **Tuesday, March 8:** Youth help with Lent pancake supper, 5:15-7:30, Parish Hall
- ⇒ **Sunday, March 13:** Sarah Klitzkie “How to be an Acolyte and Have a Ball”
- ⇒ **Sunday, March 20:** Susan Vickery-Mercer: “Celebrating Creation”
- ⇒ **Saturday, March 26:** Prepare dinner for the Ronald McDonald House, followed by pizza dinner outing. (2:30 – 7 p.m.). Meet at lower parking lot of St. Paul’s promptly at 2:30. Will return to church at 7 p.m. Bring \$5 for pizza dinner.
- ⇒ **Sunday, March 27:** Teenager Casey Sokolovic: “Taking Care of Creation – Love a Sea Turtle Project”

*(Regular EYC Sunday schedule: 5-5:30, gathering and games; 5:30-6:30, program; 6:30-7, meal)*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### ☞ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - MARCH 8th**

We will have our annual Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Youth will be asked to work a shift before, during and/or after the supper.

### ☞ **First Lenten Service: Ash Wednesday - MARCH 9th**

Ash Wednesday, as a day of special devotion, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Join us in worship on this day of holy obligation:

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes, Chapel
  - 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes, Church
  - 5:30 p.m. Family & Children Service-Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes, Chapel
  - 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes, Church
- ( The Parish Choir will sing at this service )*

In the Ash Wednesday service, ashes are lightly smeared onto the forehead to remind us of the frailty and uncertainty of human life. We also pray for the desire to amend our lives in order to more fully follow Christ.

### ☞ **Daylight Savings Time Begins - MARCH 13th**

Remember to “Spring Forward” March 13 to mark the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. You move your clocks one hour ahead. (If you don’t, you miss Sunday services.)

### ☞ **Vacation Bible Study ( VBS ) - JUNE 13-17th**

We will have our VBS at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church June 13th – 17th at 9:00am – 12:00noon. For more information please email Jamie Kirby at [ekirby1@suddenlink.net](mailto:ekirby1@suddenlink.net).

# Wednesday Night Supper



Thanks go to Nikki Blount for saving a WNS by ordering pizza for those who attended. Charlie and I had to attend an upcoming freshman orientation at J.H. Rose High School, and no one had come forward to cook for that night. We also had no one to cook Feb. 16, but our wonderful sexton, Charlie Alexander, cooked hotdogs for us. We had baked beans, potato salad, chips and all the “fixins” for hotdogs, from slaw to chili—yummm! Members of the vestry will cook Feb. 23, and

again thanks to Nikki Blount for organizing this delicious dinner of spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. The Mothers of Young Children are up for their second round of WNS March 2, and we are really looking forward to that.

**Please consider signing up to cook one of the suppers.** Grab a friend, come cook, enjoy the company and know that you have done a wonderful thing for our fellowship. It is much easier than you think to cook for a crowd, and we reimburse you up to \$125. I know that everyone is very busy, but if we can't fill the spots, the dinners will stop. Call me or e-mail me with your thoughts or observations. We do try to make this as easy as possible for you.

The season of Lent is almost upon us. Dinners will be simple: soup and salad, or soup and sandwiches. It doesn't get much easier than that. There will, of course, be no WNS on Ash Wednesday. But don't forget the pancake supper the night before.

Gretchen Ewen | [preschool@stpaulsepcopal.com](mailto:preschool@stpaulsepcopal.com) | 752-3482

## Assisted Listening Device

Do you sometimes find it difficult to hear the words of our 10:30am worship? There are now assisted listening devices (with fresh batteries) at both doors of the church that amplify the spoken words. Feel free to borrow one to use as you come in and remember to return them after the service.



## Saints Alive



In appreciation of our members at Cypress Glen who hosted a lunch for Rev. Bob Hudak and Rev. Jill Beimdick. We thank you.

We would like to thank the children's choir for singing at the service on Feb 13. A job well done.

Thank you to the J2A mentors and leaders for serving our youth: Wanda Yuhas, Cathy Palmer, Michael Driscle and Charlie Ewen.

*“Saints Alive” is an Epistle column that gives thanks for non-staff St. Paul’s members who give of themselves in ways that enrich our life together. Is there someone who you would like to see thanked? Send an e-mail to [office@stpaulsepcopal.com](mailto:office@stpaulsepcopal.com) Subject Line “Saints Alive”.*

# Celebration of Women's Spirit



*How does God's spirit work through you?*

We extend an open invitation to church women of all ages. On Saturday, May 14, the women of the church will come together in the "St. Paul's Coffee House" to celebrate our gifts with one another. Join us and learn how the spirit moves within us to create the beauty of the written word, music, dance, framed art, fabric art, edible art, yarn art, metal art and more. We will turn our parish hall into a coffee house and provide a program in which we can all participate, either actively or as an enthralled audience. Some refreshments will be available (edible art?) as well as coffee and tea, of course. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted and will be directed to the Rev. Jill's discretionary fund. Child care will be provided. Transportation arranged.

Please put Saturday, May 14, on your calendar. Doors open at 5:30, and the program begins at 6 and ends at ..... Start thinking about how the spirit moves you. We have a place to display your talent (God's gift to you). If you would like to participate, please call Kara Emmy (364-1909) or Joan Gennings (329-0970) for more information.

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## St. Lydia's & Sts. Mary, Martha & Ann's Guild



Don't miss this—St. Lydia's Guild and Sts. Mary, Martha & Ann's Guild are joining forces to sponsor a spring bazaar/bake sale/plant sale tentatively set for Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m.-noon, in the parish hall. Shop on this Saturday before Palm Sunday for charming Easter crafts made by St. Lydia's or baked goods, frozen casseroles and a few plants furnished by Sts. Mary, Martha and Ann's. A new shipment of cookbooks should be available, if you are interested. Mable Wolcott (756-2438) heads St. Lydia's effort, and co-chairs for the bake sale are Kippie Griffin (353-5646) and Melanie O'Donahue (412-2779). Both groups welcome any contributions you might like to make in any category (crafts, plants or food). Details will follow in the April Epistle.

# Sexton's Workbench

When you think of March,  
What do you see?  
Is there snow on the ground,  
Or buds on the trees?

When you think of March  
As each year I do,  
I think a new season  
Soon will break through.

Through the cold and the snow  
And harsh winter winds,  
Spring always comes  
Just in time for winter to end.

A new beginning for life  
As spring marches in,  
It makes people happy  
When March does begin.



Happy Spring to us all!

Charlie Alexander, Sexton  
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March 1, 2011

P.S. I was asked when I am going to write a poem about my beard, so:



It's made of hair,  
And mostly gray.  
It may at times leave my face,  
But it's never far away.

Today it can be long and full,  
And tomorrow gone away,  
But it never seems to stay gone,  
For more than a day.

I use it for warmth on cold winter days,  
And as shade from the sun's hot summer rays.  
But mostly I guess it does nothing,  
Nothing at all but patiently wait  
For the food crumbs to fall!



## Pelagius

*Submitted by David Crean*



It is interesting that several individuals in the early Church who, together with their teachings, were condemned as heretical are currently being re-examined. One such was the monk Evagrius Ponticus, who wrote on the sin of acedia; another was a Celtic monk and theologian named Pelagius. Pelagianism, the heresy named for him, is defined as the belief “that man can take the initial and fundamental steps towards salvation by his own efforts, apart from Divine Grace.”

We know very little about Pelagius, as his writings were largely destroyed by his opponents. He may have been Welsh. He was born around the year 354. Around the year 380, he moved to Rome where he wrote and taught (one of the charges that was brought against him later was that he taught women!). When Alaric the Visigoth sacked Rome in 410, Pelagius and many of his followers fled to Carthage. Later he appears in Palestine.

Pelagius disputed Augustine’s doctrine of Original Sin, which is why he was subsequently condemned by the Catholic Church. (Interestingly, Augustine admired Pelagius, and they maintained a personal friendship.) Pelagius came from an ascetic tradition and was shocked by the moral laxity he found in Rome, which he held derived from Augustine’s teachings on divine grace. He further argued that this theology led to humans being regarded simply as automata. For example, Augustine wrote in his “Confessions”: “Give me what you command and command what you will.” This, said Pelagius, denied the doctrine of free will.

He also denied the doctrine of infant baptism as a means of washing away the sin in which the child was conceived and born. As one modern writer observes: “Which one of us is prepared to

say with the historical church that the newborn child we hold in our arms is essentially sinful? ... Yes, of course, even at birth, an infant carries within herself, in her body, mind, and soul, some of the infections of her family and environment.

But when we hold her in our arms, we know at a deep level within ourselves that she is sacred.” Moreover, this concept of goodness extends to the whole of the created order, which the Creator God proclaimed not just “good” but “very good.” However, original sin was a doctrine very helpful to the kind of control that both Church and Empire sought, especially in the subjugation of alien peoples.

Pelagius was therefore a menace and had to be stopped. In 418 he was banned from the Roman Empire on a charge of disturbing the peace. Prior to this, in 415, Pelagius was summoned to a synod in the Palestinian town of Diospolis. This synod pronounced him innocent: “since he gives his assent to sound doctrines but condemns and anathematizes those contrary to the faith of the Church, we adjudge him to belong to the communion of the Catholic Church.” This wasn’t good enough for the authorities. Two synods in North Africa (Augustine’s territory) condemned his teachings. Despite the refusal of two popes to ratify these conclusions, Pelagius was convicted of disturbing the peace and banished.

Pelagius traveled east, dying in obscurity in Palestine around 420 (some hold that he returned to the British Isles). For a flavor of Pelagius, consider the following: “There is no creature on Earth in whom God is absent ... When God pronounced that his creation was good, it was not only that his hand had fashioned every creature: it was that his breath had brought every creature to life.”

# March Birthdays

Frederic Salle	1st	Lauren Burke	9th	Charley Goodman, IV	21st
Wanda Bunch	2nd	Maureen Garrison	10th	Mary Holland	21st
Jason Ryncarz	2nd	Sharon Whitehurst	10th	Jim Kittrell	22nd
Sawyer Averette	2nd	Harper Miller	10th	David Smith	22nd
Ashley Healey	2nd	Alex Scanlan	11th	William Gartman, IV	22nd
Jack Karns	3rd	Joey Gossett	11th	Caroline O'Driscoll	22nd
Ava Palmer	3rd	Mary Warren Mann	11th	Helena Shepard	22nd
Mairin McGlohon	3rd	Dardie Longino	12th	Lori Lee	22nd
Harrison Coffman	4th	Gene Lanier	13th	Charlie White, Jr.	23rd
Josh Mitchell	4th	Patty Woolard	13th	Evelyn Crawford	23rd
Barden Browning	4th	Nancy Perkins	13th	Erwin Hester	24th
Julia Gasperini	4th	Don McGlohon, Jr.	14th	Henry Mascarenhas	25th
Lisa McNamee	4th	Wilson Pou	14th	Rachel Filler	25th
Jay O'Donahue, Jr.	6th	Ella McGowan	14th	Edward Newton	26th
Thomas Stoughton	6th	Jim Holland	15th	Joseph Coughlin	27th
Jo Ann Moore	6th	Charles Hoggard	15th	Mary Beth Corbin	27th
Ashby Johnson	7th	Jackie Hutcherson	15th	Dylan Klitzkie	28th
John Powell	7th	Nancy Turcotte	15th	Michael Lavin	28th
Kathy Collins	7th	Gray Graziani	16th	Laura Frelove	28th
Chelsea Gregory	7th	Louise McNamee	16th	Will Payne	29th
William Bjorkman	8th	Mary Beatty	16th	Ruth Exum	29th
Alan Kindig	9th	Elaine Foeller	17th	Cyndra Gasperini	30th
Anthony Beebe	9th	Conor Harrison	18th	Heather Jenks	30th
Ann Evans	9th	Evyn Riddle	18th	William Martin	31st
Connie Hastings	9th	Amy Scanlan	19th	Mary Green	31st
Caroline Garrett	9th	Kathleen Previll	20th	Alexandra Smith	31st
Cheryl Hendrick	9th	Dave Whichard, II	20th	Gretchen Kemmer	31st
		Madeleine Engleman	20th		

# March Anniversaries



Sam Uzzell & Mary Holt Faircloth  
March 12th

Mark & Bridgette Uvalle  
March 17th



We would like to recognize everyone on their Anniversary & Birthdays, if we have missed yours please email the office at [office@stpaulsepiscopal.com](mailto:office@stpaulsepiscopal.com) with your information so we can add you on our list for next year.

## March

Leader: Beverly Queen  
Team #8

*Hosts and Helpers is currently looking for monthly leaders!* There are many months that a leader spot is vacant! If you are interested or want more information about what it means to be a leader please contact Sylvia Smith at 355-0407 or e-mail to [ssmith410@suddenlink.net](mailto:ssmith410@suddenlink.net).

Thank you!

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Carolyn Powell  
Clarine Powell  
Jerry Powell  
Mary Meade Powell  
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Hosts and Helpers is a group consists of all members of the church. Serving on a monthly rotation schedule by name, they provide help for church receptions for funerals, bishop's visits and other events. If you are new to St. Paul's and would like to participate in this important ministry, just contact Sylvia Smith at 355-0407 or e-mail to [ssmith410@suddenlink.net](mailto:ssmith410@suddenlink.net).

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# To know Christ and make him known.



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### Sunday Schedule (Winter Schedule)

8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II - Chapel  
9:00AM - Children & Family Service - Chapel  
9:30AM - Christian Education  
10:30AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church  
10:30AM - Children's Church (*Ages 3 to 2nd grade*)  
5:00PM - Episcopal Youth Community - Parish Hall  
9:00PM - Compline - Church

### Weekday Schedule

Wednesday - 5:30PM - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
6:00PM - Parish Supper - Parish Hall

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