

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# EPISTLE

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
**OCTOBER 2010**

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I'd like to begin my reflection this month by expressing my gratitude to the men and women who have graciously accepted the invitation of our Vestry Nominating Committee to put themselves forward as vestry candidates. I also want to express my

appreciation to all of you who were asked and basically said, "Yes, but not now." I want you to know that you were asked because you are perceived as having the gifts St. Paul's Church needs as we grow into the future God is calling us to become. I want to also express my admiration to our vestry nominating committee: Cordell Avery, Michael Gross, Jim Peden, and Dave Whichard, who with their vestry colleagues, have been very intentional and diligent (since before the summer) in identifying what our parish needs when it comes to vestry leadership – and have been in conversation with a wide variety of our members. Thank you! Vestry Elections will take place on Sunday, November 7, at 9:15 AM in the church. Please review the information concerning each of the candidates when you receive it in a special mailing in the next few weeks – and know that you can present yourself as a candidate on November 7. I would ask, however, that you contact one of the vestry members on the nominating committee in advance of November 7 if you feel such a calling. (Cordell: 756-3174; Michael: 864-8322; Jim: 916-0274; Dave: 830-8885)

At our Vestry Retreat this past January, the Rev. Canon Matthew Stockard, our facilitator, expressed three wishes for our 2010 Vestry which I, as rector, have now made my expectations for present and future vestry members. They are: 1. That you intentionally care for one another, including the staff. 2. That you will learn to value what you have and learn to grow what you need. 3. That you will uphold and practice mutual love and respect as a community norm.

Trusting in God; managing the institution of our parish with emphasis on fiscal, responsible stewardship; and sharing with me as rector the gospel mandate to act as a catalyst for the transformation of our community through the various ministries and services we provide are the most important priorities of a vestry member.

This leads to a very important notice concerning a **Parish Meeting** the vestry requested for **Sunday, October 24, immediately following ONE service at 10:00 AM.** I prefer not to change the time in the Sunday worship schedule, but this meeting is so important for everyone to attend that we are asking everyone to do their best to make the 10 am service and remain for the meeting. (No 9:30 Christian Ed. and No 8, 9 or 10:30 service that Sunday.) We are at a crossroads here at St. Paul's and the vestry and I need to speak frankly about our concerns. It has to do with stewardship and finances and the 2011 Operating Budget. Each of us has been received into the household of God through our Baptism. That reception means that we have certain rights and obligations. You are marked as Christ's own forever and called to do your share as members of the church. Sharing means many things, one of which is to help support God's church in Greenville through your parish. Sharing means financial responsibility. We have a certain small portion of our parish that faithfully and generously contribute financially, but, for whatever reason, don't pledge. More than 200 households are not pledging members. Quite frankly, it's a 'miracle' that we have been able to do more (as we keep doing) with less and less financial resources the past few years!

St. Paul's offers a roadmap to many people who hunger and thirst to make God's dream a reality. It's the Good News of Jesus who proclaimed God's unconditional love and forgiveness, a message of healing and hope at the heart of our mission to know Christ and to make him known. We are at a crossroads, presented with an opportunity to

grow. And we all need to financially pledge to subsidize God's dream for us as a parish family. We need you to take a more active role in the life of your parish family. We need you, **ALL** of you. Your pledge, given in thanksgiving for God's gracious blessings, empowers us to **grow together** in our commitment to know Christ and to make him known. Please make every effort possible to attend the Parish Meeting on October 24 and be sure to vote on November 7. Thank you!

Peace,

Bob +

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## Senior Warden

St. Paul's experienced a colossal and energized Ministry Fair Aug. 29 during Homecoming. We give a special thanks to everyone who performed backstage planning! Our parish is vibrant and growing.

Improved communication is key to our continued success. Please check with the church office to make sure they have your current phone, email and address. You may want to e-mail Laura Darner at [office@stpaulsepiscopal.com](mailto:office@stpaulsepiscopal.com) with your information or go to the website and click on "Update Church Record" on the left menu.

There are many service opportunities that really need new commitment from our members. These include cooks for the Wednesday Night Suppers and volunteers for the Pumpkin Patch.


If you have ever spent a Saturday afternoon in the Fall at the Pumpkin Patch, you know it is a time of fellowship and an opportunity to watch families and college-age folks get excited about Autumn. This outreach activity allows our community to know more about us and fulfills our mission to "Make Him Known." Please sign up on the poster board outside the church office.

There will be a special edition before the November Elections featuring pictures and some thoughts from parishioners who have agreed to be candidates for the Vestry serving 2011-2013. The election is Nov. 7, so please get to know these folks. We are grateful they have agreed to run for the Vestry.

In closing, we remind you that the parish meeting is Oct. 24th following a 10 a.m. service. The Vestry plans to present building and grounds renovation plans, a financial update, and some ideas from the Strategic Planning Committee about future growth for St. Paul's. Please plan to take part. If you have additional items to be shared at the parish meeting please let me know at [previll@suddenlink.net](mailto:previll@suddenlink.net).

Peace to you.

Kathy Previll



<b>Parish Meeting</b>	<b>Ingathering of Pledges</b>	<b>Blessing of the Pledges</b>
October 24th	October 31st	November 7 ( All Saints Sunday )

## **Disciplined Proportional Financial Support**

Nearly all of us have a “story” about how we came to where we are in giving to our church. We have all been exposed to annual fund drives, capital campaigns, debt reduction appeals, fund-raising projects and solicitations for special appeals. And most of us have had someone say to us that the Bible sets two “standards” for giving: the tithe, 10 percent, or all that we have, 100 percent. In our hearts we may feel one thing, but from a practical position, “all” seems impossible and from the starting line, 10 percent may seem nearly so.

For most of us it is a journey. Like any journey it makes sense to prepare for it and we do that through daily prayer and corporate worship. We do it by listening more and talking less. It helps to have some “rules.”

### **Don’t give to the church. Give to God.**

The church was ordained by God but it is managed by humans, and thus will never be perfect. If we wait until it is perfect before we support it, we never will. Give to God through His Church, not because it is perfect, but because its ministries are our attempts to live out God’s will. Tithe to God’s work in our world.

### **Get over “grudge” giving.**

At one time I made a pledge to the church because I thought I “had to.” After all, I occupied space, consumed refreshments, took advantage of the baby sitting during church and read the printed leaflets. I grudgingly gave because I thought I had to give to be a “member.”

### **Get over “duty” giving.**

From the grudge giving stage I moved on to giving because it was my duty. My parents gave, my friends were giving, I knew what the church budget was, I knew how many people there were in the church, I had a calculator, so I could calculate what my “share” was. I felt I had a duty to put in my “share” every year. Sadly, I still saw it as “my” share of support.

### **Become a Joyful, Cheerful and Decided Giver**

An experience in my life was like a door opening into a new world. In this new world I realized in the space of a moment that my life was not the result of a biological accident but that God had intentionally created me for a purpose. I realized that all that I have did not come from the accident of having loving parents, a good education and finding opportunities for vocation and recreation. I realized that there were literally millions of opportunities for me to have failed, died, lost all, and suffered indescribable pain. The difference is God. Without God I had nothing. Without His grace and protection I am lost. Without His constant presence life would be death. I have nothing. All is His. How then could I withhold from Him what is His? How could I be arrogant enough to believe that what is His is mine? And how could I learn and believe that what I give away is always mine and what I keep I am certain to lose?

God wants us to return to him a portion of what He has shared with us, but he wants us to do it cheerfully, happily. For when we do it in that spirit we demonstrate that we trust in Him,

that we acknowledge that all we have is his and that our lives are His, to “walk in His ways” or to die. It is our choice, not to be made grudgingly or to fulfill a duty, but based on a firm decision that we will cheerfully and joyfully live into His Kingdom in the here and now.

### How do I do that?

Very few of us start out returning to God the tithe that is His. So if we decide to cheerfully discipline ourselves to do that, how do we start? The hardest step in any journey is the first one for whether we believe we can or whether we believe we cannot, we are right. Believe that you can and you will be right. Take the first step by choosing to give proportionally. Intentionally give a portion, a percentage of your income, to God. When you do, resolve to increase that portion or percentage every year. Do not increase it if you cannot do it cheerfully. Increase it by 1 percent each year. Or increase it by 2 percent each year or by one-half percent in a year, until you reach your goal. And when you do reach your goal, consider how you feel and whether you want to continue to move forward in returning to God what he has given you.

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## Blessing of the Animals

At the St. Paul's Pumpkin Patch  
Saturday October 2 from 10:30am—11:30am

The Animal Blessing Starts at 11:00am  
Located at the corner of Firetower Rd & Arlington Blvd.



### Participating Organizations:

Humane Society of East Carolina  
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SEPTEMBER 26TH - OCTOBER 31ST  
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 2ND

Bring the Family!

Located on the corner of Arlington Boulevard and Firetower  
(Beside Bojangles & The Daily Grind)

Monday through Saturday  
10 am 'til dark  
Sundays  
12 noon 'til dark

!!! SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT AT THE PATCH TODAY !!!

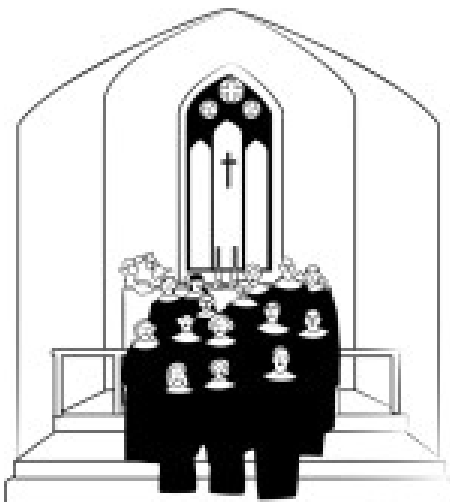
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\*\*\* PUMPKIN ALERT \*\*\*

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The new shipment of pumpkins arrives Saturday October 16, 2010 at 9:00am  
This will be a little over ½ a truck load. We need all hands available to restock  
the patch! If we have a good turn out, this can take less than two hours.

# Music



**CHOIR RETREAT:** Please keep the Parish Choir in your prayers as we prepare to go on Retreat the weekend of October 1, 2 and 3 at the Trinity Center. This annual retreat is a significant time of prayer and preparation for the choir and it is a crucial time to focus on new repertoire that will be heard in worship over the course of the program year.

**CHORAL EVENSONG** continues to be offered monthly by St. Paul's Choir and Clergy.

On **All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010**, Choral Evensong will be sung at **5 p.m.**, and will include music by Radcliffe, Leighton, Bullock, and Harris. Please join us! On Sept. 29, our first Evensong of the term was prayed in celebration

of the *Feast of St. Michael and All Angels*. As an experiment, we decided to offer Evensong on a Wednesday evening in place of the 5:30 Holy Eucharist, and it was a joy to share the gift of Evensong with our congregation. The Icon of St. Michael, given by The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, in memory of the The Rev. Dana Pecheles, was blessed and dedicated at this service of worship. Special thanks to Bishop Daniel for his presence with us on Sept 29. The music sung included compositions by Philip Radcliffe, Basil Harwood, William Harris, and Gabriel Fauré.

**ORGAN RECITAL: Carolyn and John Skelton Oct. 15, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**

We are pleased to welcome organists Carolyn and John Skelton from Boston, Mass. as our first recitalists of the year. The Skeltons were both organ students of the late Austrian teacher and composer, Anton Heiller. The program will include both solo and duo music for the organ and it promises to be an exciting evening. An elegant reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

**JOIN THE CHOIR!** St. Paul's Parish Choir welcomes you! Anyone possessing a pleasant singing voice, and a willingness to commit, can be part of this talented group. No audition is required, and a short musical "interview" with the organist-choirmaster will help to determine where you will best fit in! We are currently welcoming new members on all voice parts: soprano (ability to sing with a straight tone preferred!), alto, tenor, and bass. Please speak with Andrew Scanlon, organist-choirmaster ([music@stpaulsepiscopal.com](mailto:music@stpaulsepiscopal.com))

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**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is off to a great start! We are all very excited about the year and have a lot of fun things planned! However, we are still looking for interested singers who are in second to eighth grades with unchanged voices. We meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:15. If you are interested or have any questions, please e-mail Katie Blackstock at [blackstockk07@ecu.edu](mailto:blackstockk07@ecu.edu).

**ST. PAUL'S SINFONIA:** Anyone (all age groups and ability levels) interested in participating with the St. Paul's Sinfonia, a string/flute group should contact Jon Shaw at: [jonshaw@suddenlink.net](mailto:jonshaw@suddenlink.net) or 355-2737. This community musical group generally plays several times a year at St. Paul's and on occasion at other area churches, and usually has only one rehearsal on the Friday or Saturday before each Sunday service.

**MUSIC WEBSITE:** The Music section of our parish website is continually being improved. Visit our pages to see the music schedule, learn about upcoming concerts and events, view pictures, and hear audio clips of the choir!

**SCHOLA CANTORUM:** Auditions are being held for St. Paul's Schola Cantorum, a 16-voice chamber choir that exists to sing for Solemn Feast Days. Last year the Schola Cantorum served as the choir for four special services: St. Michael and All Angels, All Souls, Epiphany and Ascension. This provided an opportunity to celebrate Feast days that often fall midweek and are not fully observed. This year the Schola will sing for All Souls, Epiphany, and Candlemas. Significant musical skill is required to sing with this group. Please contact Andrew Scanlon for more information or to arrange an audition.

**LOOKING FORWARD:** A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010 at 5 p.m. Music by Howells, Tavener, Ledger, Goldschmidt, Leighton, and all the carols of the season! Mark your calendar!

The 2010-2011 Fisk on Fourth Recital Series

East Carolina Musical Arts Education

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# Carolyn and John Skelton

Boston, Massachusetts

**Organ Recital:** The Skeltons, former pupils of the great Austrian teacher Anton Heiller, will present a diverse concert of solo and duo organ repertoire.

**Friday, October 15, 2010 at 7:30p.m.**

Reception following recital in the Parish Hall  
sponsored by *Friends of the Fisk*.

**Masterclass:** The guest artists will share their experiences as students of the great Austrian teacher Anton Heiller. ECU Students will perform organ works by Heiller in a class setting.

**Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 10:00a.m.**

Workshop Fee—\$20 per person  
Free for students

For more information please visit [www.opus126.com](http://www.opus126.com)

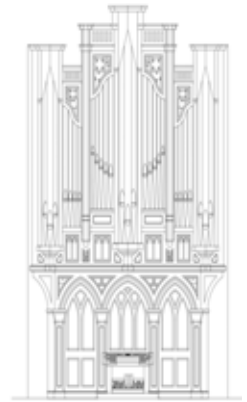
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*The Perkins and Wells Memorial Organ*

### East Carolina Musical Arts Education Foundation

Dear People of St. Paul's,

Those members of the congregation who attend worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30, or at any of the other special worship services we offer, find that our celebration of Christ's saving Grace is aided and enhanced by the sounds of our Fisk Organ. The organ is one of the oldest instruments of the church, associated with music in worship since before the year 1300. In fact, the oldest playable church organ (built mid 14<sup>th</sup> c.) is still in use in a mountain top village in Sion, Switzerland. The unique ability of the pipe organ, by way of its myriad colors and resources, to express the whole realm and depth of human emotion is one of the reasons why it is so suitable to the worship of almighty God. The average parishioner in our pews on Sundays hears the organ and sings hymns by its accompaniment in praise of God, but may not have considered that its ability to function depends on routine care by a highly skilled technician. Realizing this, I've asked our organ curator, Mr. Norman Ryan of Edenton, to contribute the following article to introduce himself, and to help everyone understand the care that our Fisk organ receives several times annually.



Enjoy!

Andrew Scanlon

#### From the Organ Curator:

As a kid I was curious about how things worked. If I couldn't figure out a particular problem on my own, I'd read up on it at our branch library. By the time I became a teenager I had learned how a radio, television and car engine work. Sitting in church trying to figure out the organ, I was stumped, having found nothing at the library. I asked the organist if she could point me to something that would satisfy my curiosity. She lent me an organ exercise book that had a brief illustrated description of an organ mechanism. I was truly fascinated and by age 19 had found my vocation. I began work at AEolian-Skinner in my hometown, Boston, which led to a career that literally took me around the world.

Some of you at St. Paul's also must wonder how those sounds are produced and controlled. There are 3,119 pipes in this organ on four floor levels. The playing mechanism is pure mechanical in that the organist has total control over the keyboard touch: a note is pressed and a direct mechanical linkage guides the motion to a valve in its note channel. The stops are controlled electro-mechanically, enabling combinations of stops to be changed instantly.

Tuning is a necessary and recurring process. Fortunately, most of the pipework needs infrequent attention. This applies to the flues which have no moving parts and can hold their tune for years. The reeds require more frequent attention and can be gone over in just two to three hours. We usually check them before major concerts or services. The mechanism here is very well engineered and requires only occasional adjustment.

All of this work requires skill, good judgment and careful attention to detail. I feel I have done my job well if I am the last person anyone thinks about at the end of a well-played service or concert. It's when things go awry that one thinks of me. Thankfully, that happens very rarely!

Norman Ryan



Greetings to all!

Above is one of my favorite quotes. Among the words are delightful images that many of us can create in our minds.

During these last few weeks these images have filled our hallways; we were hearing the laughter of our young

and young at heart. As the New Year begins with multiple opportunities for education and fellowship, we have experienced a transformation once again – from empty rooms to holy ground. Our children and youth go to their classes where storytellers, music makers, and “crafty types” are waiting to engage their imagination – inviting God to surround them as they grow in faith.

We are blessed with people willing to offer themselves and their own faith as witness to our children and their families. Sunday morning education is growing in many ways. While classes are forming and being led by committed volunteers, we are inviting others to consider offering their own time and talent for a few weeks during the year. It’s a way to see what’s happening with our children and to experience the joy of teaching them and learning from them. Our year has just begun! If you have an interest or are just curious as to what “offering a few weeks” really means – please contact either myself at [christianed@stpaulseiscopal.com](mailto:christianed@stpaulseiscopal.com) or Blair Reeves at [blair\\_reeves@yahoo.com](mailto:blair_reeves@yahoo.com).

October promises to continue enriching our lives through faith formation. Godly Play welcomes more than fifteen 3- and 4-year-olds as they learn the stories of our heritage and experience the liturgy of our tradition. The Choir Room will fill at 9:30 Sunday mornings with children (K-5<sup>th</sup>

grade) as Old Testament stories are told of God’s work in the lives of our ancestors and in people such as St. Francis, who reminds us of the importance of caring for all of creation. Our RITE13 class and J2A will continue to grow in their knowledge of God and in fellowship. Along with these offerings for our children and youth, our adult opportunities are also growing – Sunday mornings will provide a variety of studies and conversation (see below). Education for Ministry (EfM) begins in October. We ask that you pray for our mentors, David Crean and the Rev. Carrie Craig (me!), and our participants as we re-introduce this theological and spiritual program.

It is hard to keep up with everything happening in this parish, as Fr. Bob and I often realize. Our worship is rich and our faith formation is diverse. From 8 on Sunday morning through 10:30, we gather to pray, learn, listen, receive and give. It is the work of the people – liturgy – in every way it can be defined. One of the most exciting places to experience this “liturgy” is during our 9 a.m. service for families and children. The chapel is filled with the energy of small spirits seeking the knowledge of God through all of their senses. There is story and prayer, music and the breaking of bread, all in 30 minutes! If you have the opportunity, we welcome you to worship with us at that time. You will find much blessing in the midst of wondrous chaos – and isn’t that the definition of God’s Spirit?

God’s Spirit is defined in many ways – join us as we together grow in our understanding and faith.

In peace –

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

# Education for Ministry

The EfM group for 2010-11 comprises Linn Klitzkie, Sarah Klitzkie, Mary LaFrance, Marylee Lannan, Gerrie Sanchez and Jon Yuhas. Your prayers are requested for these as they embark on this spiritual journey, and for their mentors, Carrie Craig and David Crean.



## EYC

### EYC and Halloween Fun

October brings us more opportunities for gatherings and fun! This year we will be joining St. Timothy's Episcopal Church youth for our Halloween Party, planned by a combination of St. Paul's and St. Timothy's youth! See below for upcoming events:

**Sunday, Oct. 3** – Musicians Bob Clyde and Mike Hamer: Naming the Animals

**Sunday, Oct. 10** – Lucille Gorham (First African-American woman to serve on the School Board) -- Life experiences and faith journey

**Sunday, Oct. 17** – Kacem Sebti: -- Understanding Islam

**Friday, Oct. 22** – Corn Maze (5--9 p.m.) - Meet at lower church parking lot promptly at 5 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 24** – Derek Maher and Jill Jennings Maher: Journey to an Indian Slum

**Sunday, Oct. 31** – Halloween Fun with St. Timothy's Youth Group (location and time to be announced)

**Note:** All EYC events are held at the Parish Hall, 5--7 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

Contact info: Susan Vickery-Mercer, Youth Minister,  
youth@stpaulsepiscopal.com or 551-9189.



# Adult Ed / Family & Children Services



## Sunday morning adult education opportunities:

We will begin October with the last of a three-part series on Christian Fundamentalism with Dr. Calvin Mercer. When this series ends the following classes will begin on Sunday, Oct. 10:

- Adult bible study will kick off under the leadership of Rev. Canon Phil Craig in the Guild Room.
- Our rector, Bob Hudak, will join interested parents who wish to talk more about the week's scripture after the 9 a.m. service in Friendly Hall.
- Carol and Tom Williams will begin a series, "Families Forever: Together and Apart in the Parish Hall."

All of these Sunday morning offerings will enrich our faith and friendships – see you there!

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## Music at the Family and Children Service – 9 a.m. Sundays in the chapel

We are excited to see the growth in our Family and Children Service. During the summer there was much work done to prepare for the expansion of this service. With the help of Erin Scully, Kippie Griffin, Cathy Palmer and Bert Powell—songs have been chosen for this time of worship and a CD made for families to play at home or in their cars.

The music is easy to learn and lead! This was our goal as we looked for creative ways to include more people in leadership for this service. We are still working on a schedule for this fall and are looking for someone (or ones) who could assist in leading our children in song. If you can play an instrument, beat a drum or "hum a few bars," we invite you to join us. We are asking for two or three Sundays during this fall and into next year. The music is already available and very user friendly. The more we teach these children, the more they will lead us!

Please prayerfully consider this important ministry. Those who are interested please contact the Rev. Carrie Craig at 752-3482 or e-mail at [christianed@stpaulseiscopal.com](mailto:christianed@stpaulseiscopal.com).

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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

For the past three years, the lectors of St. Paul's, and other interested persons, have read the Gospel for the following liturgical year in one session. We begin the cycle anew with a reading of St. Matthew's Gospel in the Chapel on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.

To experience a Gospel read in its entirety is an awesome spiritual experience. One gets the whole sweep of Jesus's earthly ministry, which does not happen in the snippets read Sunday by Sunday, valuable though they are.

We invite parishioners to come to the Chapel to experience this, and we strongly emphasize that one does not have to come for the entire session. We also invite lectors and others who wish to participate to do so by contacting David Crean at 756-0808 or by e-mail at [davidcrean@embarqmail.com](mailto:davidcrean@embarqmail.com). The deadline for this is Nov. 1.



Greetings from St. Paul's Preschool!

We have had a wonderful start to the 2010-2011 school year and look forward to lots of great learning opportunities, fun activities, field trips, and awesome art projects throughout the year. We love our children and parents and strive to be the best program possible.

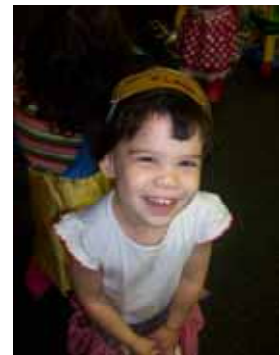
We had an early release at 11 a.m. for the first week of preschool. We believe this helps ease the children from a summer schedule into the routine of a school schedule. It

went very well and we are now full swing into the 9 a.m. – noon schedule. For those parents who are interested, we do have an early drop-off program for those children enrolled in the preschool age 2 and over that begins at 8 a.m. The location is the 2-year-old room. Please contact me if you are interested.

We ask that parents who pick up their children at dismissal time from the playground remain outside the playground. It is necessary for us to control who enters and leaves the playground at all times. The children have a specific routine to do before they are allowed to leave with their parents/guardians. This is to ensure that teachers know who is picking up the child. The children have to let the teachers know that they are leaving, retrieve artwork, show-and-tell, etc.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. We promise to provide a safe, nurturing environment for your child's journey through preschool!

Gretchen Ewen  
Director  
752-3482



# Saints Alive

Thank you to the newly formed Liturgical Dance Guild: Katie Johnson, Hilary, Meredith and Bronwyn Weismiller; and to the leaders, Lynette Johnson and Louise Hudak.

In gratitude for her loyalty to St. Paul's Church and for her leadership of St. Lydia's Guild, the ladies of St. Lydia's have made a donation to the Houston Library in Friendly Hall in honor of Mable Wolcott on the occasion of her seventy-fifth birthday.



We would like to thank all of the people that have graciously given their time and talent to our Pumpkin Patch! It's because of folks like you, it's possible to do these things!

Special thanks to our youth: Cayla Palmer, Madeline Ewing, Lenox Gossett, Austin Jowers and Ricki Oeters for the time, energy and ideas shared with clergy and adults in several summer meetings which have contributed toward the start of a new Youth Ministry Planning Council and the fresh, exciting start of the new EYC season!

*“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@stpaulsepisopal.com](mailto:office@stpaulsepisopal.com) Subject Line “Saints Alive”.*

## Wednesday Night Suppers

Greetings Fellow Gourmands,

Wednesday Night Dinners have resumed and we are looking for a few good cooks, actually quite a few good cooks! Charlie and I started the season off with Spaghetti 3-ways and it was good to get back into the swing of things. We have dates for most of October filled, but we do need a gracious volunteer for Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Chris and Beth Ulffers are cooking on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Judy Whichard on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Cyndra Gasperini on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, and our wonderful Episcopal Campus Ministry group is going to cook on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>! It's sure to be spooktacular!

I want each of you to think about cooking for WND. Grab a friend or your ministry group and sign up for a night of good food and fellowship. It is easier than you might think it is and Charlie and I are here to help with any questions, set-up, clean-up and close-up. We can reimburse cooks up to \$100.00-\$125.00 for the meal. Bring your receipts and we will pay you back the same night! Meals need to be simple: an entrée, including a small vegetarian entrée, a side or salad, usually bread of some sort, and last but certainly not least, dessert.

It is hard to fill Carlisle Windleys' shoes ( I 'll bring some extra wine for the cooks, I promise!), we miss him terribly, but lets make him proud and step “up to the plate” to sign up to cook! You can contact me through e-mail: [preschool@stpaulsepisopal.com](mailto:preschool@stpaulsepisopal.com) or call me at home: 757-1975. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Gretchen Ewen

The office wishes to apologize for an error in the September Epistle (*printed copies*).  
The Spirituality piece on John Henry Newman was incorrectly titled Pope Benedict XVI

## Forward Movement

*Submitted by David Crean*



Most Episcopalians are familiar with the Forward Movement tract racks in our churches, stocked with pamphlets on a variety of ecclesiastical and spiritual topics. Many regularly use the quarterly devotional aid, *Forward Day by Day*, as part of their spiritual discipline. Fewer know the origins of Forward Movement, presently celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Forward Movement was established in 1934, during the Great Depression. A historian writes: “A sense of weariness and resignation prevailed as the 51st General Convention of the Episcopal Church convened ... in Atlantic City. Loyal church people were anxious and fearful. Distrust of church leaders was pervasive. Revenues for the previous three years had fallen far short of projections ... the decline in giving seemed to signal a spiritual exhaustion throughout the church.”

The question that the Convention faced was: “How could church morale be revived?” Earlier, two lay deputies to the Convention, Charles Taft and Harvey Firestone of Ohio, proposed a special offering to wipe out the debt, using the slogan “Hold the Line.” This was hugely successful, erasing the debt, but then a new challenge presented itself: How might this impetus be sustained?

The Convention, spurred on by a deputy from Tennessee who cried: “This church needs more than a campaign to ‘hold the line.’ We need to *move forward!*” created a Forward Movement Commission, chaired by the Bishop of Southern Ohio, Henry Wise Hobson. Hobson was an excellent choice, being not only energetic and visionary but also having access to substantial funding through the wealthy layman William Cooper Procter.

The twenty members of the Commission met in Chicago later that year. Hobson brought in a member of his staff, Gilbert Symons, to read an essay in which he claimed that “reinvigorating the life of the church would become possible only when church members began to take their discipleship seriously...” He suggested seven steps: “Turn, Follow, Learn, Pray, Serve, Worship, Share.”

After a night’s sleep and considerable prayer, the Commission quickly hammered out four specific actions:

- “Appeal to the whole church to renew its discipleship along definite lines;”
- “Publish a devotional manual on discipleship for Lent of 1935 to unite the church in Bible reading and prayer;”
- “Use every possible means to restore confidence and loyalty to the church’s national leadership;” and

“Appoint associate members of the Forward Movement Commission to carry out its work throughout the church.”

This was speedily done. For that Lent the Commission published nearly 700,000 copies of a booklet titled *Discipleship* (still in print!). Further, “members of the Commission contacted the bishop of every diocese and meetings were held throughout the church to exchange ideas, explain the purposes of Forward Movement, discuss discipleship, rebuild trust, and generally ‘to reinvigorate the life of the church.’”

The ball was rolling: “The sleeping church began to stir.” Lent had hardly begun before Bishop Hobson began receiving requests for devotional material for the Easter season. A second booklet, *Disciples of the Living Christ*, was hastily put together and distributed by Easter Day. Another, *Follow On*, based on the Book of Acts, was produced and distributed for the summer. The fourth booklet, *Forward Day by Day*, comprising a devotion for each day of the year based on the Daily Office Lectionary in *The Book of Common Prayer*, proved immensely popular and “has been a resource for Christian disciples, Episcopalians, and others, for over seven decades.”

This impetus continues. Forward Movement’s mission “to reinvigorate the life of the church and to rehabilitate its general, parochial, and diocesan work” remains in effect and has been a source of inspiration and strength to millions.

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## Interfaith Alliance of Eastern Carolina

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**Oct. 25** - New Interfaith Chapel at PCMH, Hospital Chaplains hosting

**Nov. 21** - Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

**Jan. 24** - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Feb. 28** - Greenweavers CUUPs chapter at UUC, "What is Paganism"

**March 28** - Congregation Bayt Shalom

**April 25** - KTC Greenville Buddhist Group, at UUC, "Meditation"

### **Interfaith Alliance of Eastern Carolina Mission Statement:**

*We promote peace and justice through open communication and understanding of various faith traditions. We share religious values of harmony, compassion, human dignity and mutual respect. We celebrate diversity through shared worship, fellowship, service and education.*

# From The Sexton's Workbench

It's October 2010

The year's not over, Fall just began,  
There's still plenty of time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends,

Smoke from a chimney is a scene now quite rare,  
But still a few columns might fill the air,  
The smell of the smoke makes our memories race  
Back to the times we all still embrace,

As Fall begins here you never know,  
Will it be hot till Christmas or will there be snow.  
In North Carolina the weather is a mess,  
You and I know it is anyone's guess.

The poor weatherman does try his best,  
To lay all the confusion about the weather to rest.  
For the best answers about the weather your guess is like mine  
You're bound to be right at least part of the time.

We love the fall with all the colors it can bring,  
Then comes winter and we can't wait till it is spring.

This poem dedicated to the childhood memories of my crew and myself.

As you may or may not know, the honey bees that were nesting in the wall and ceiling of the top floor of the Administration Building have been removed by a professional Bee Keeper. About 65,000 bees were removed so that the failing brick works above one of the windows could be repaired.

The brick work has also been completed with a minimal amount of disruption to the normal routine here at St. Paul's. I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and their patience during this period of much-needed repairs.

Charlie Alexander  
Sexton



## ECW District Meeting!!

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

**YOU'RE INVITED** to the Fall Meeting of the Pamlico District ECW of the Diocese of East Carolina. This year we meet a scant 20 miles away in Grifton at St. Mark's, the home church of our district chairperson, Sandra Garrison. The meeting begins at 9:00 with registration and fellowship and concludes around 1:30 following lunch. There will be a Eucharist service celebrated by The Reverend Jim Cooke and the program will be ***Stop Human Trafficking Now*** presented by Greenville's Pam Strickland.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact Barbara Vickers or Joan Gennings. We will coordinate transportation and forward responses to Sandra. The luncheon will be \$12.00 which you can give to us now or pay on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make any checks out to St. Mark's ECW. Reservations required by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you can join us!!

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## Parish Directory Update

What began as a simple initiative quite some time ago to create a new Parish Directory has, in the past year or two, run into several snags, the most recent of which was the realization during the month of August that calls made by the Stewardship Ministry team to all our members in preparation for Homecoming Sunday had many inaccurate phone numbers. Evidently many folks nowadays are using cell phones as their primary means of phone contact. The combination of several factors, including inaccurate phone numbers and a directory that would have less than 30 percent of our members' pictures, as well as the time that has passed since this initiative started, has led to my looking into a more current, effective and cost-efficient way of making a pictorial directory available.



I have talked with the vestry liaisons for Parish Life and Communications, Jim Peden and Wanda Bunch, as well as our staff, and we have looked into our tech support services to begin a process of putting together an on-line directory with access to members only. We plan to use as much of the material as possible gathered for what would have been the "Olin Mills" version. This initiative will be able to keep the directory current at all times and provide those without computer access a printed copy so that all our members can have vital information about who's who in our parish family. I know that more than a few of our members are disappointed that this project has not been completed. I share that and because of it am determined to move this project along as quickly as possible. I intend to work closely with our Parish Life and Communications Committees, as well as our staff, in getting this project implemented and will give an update in next month's Epistle.

Thank you,  
Bob+

## Offering Envelopes

You will be receiving pledge cards for the 2011 year soon. As you consider your pledge, please note that you may request pledge offering envelopes on your pledge card. Offering envelopes are only necessary if you contribute in cash so that we know whom to credit it to. To be good stewards of our resources we only order enough envelopes for those that have made requests for them.

You may also express an interest in having your pledge drafted, or continuing your draft; on your pledge card. The office will contact you about the appropriate paperwork to accomplish this once we are notified.

Thank You,  
Jenifer Gregory

# October Birthdays

Nancy York	10/1	Becki Orr	10/15	Alex Hudak	10/27
Katherine Burke	10/2	Dot Horne	10/16	Ivey MacKenzie	10/27
Ted Gartman	10/2	Tammy Somerset	10/16	Patsy McPherson	10/27
John Palmer	10/2	Barbara Vickers	10/16	Becky Sweet	10/27
Dori Teglas	10/2	Nada Ann Cheek	10/17	Sandra Vincent	10/27
Katherine Pollard	10/5	Ashley Bost Evans	10/17	Harrison Gaskins	10/29
John Whichard	10/5	Joy Perry	10/17	John Browning	10/30
Mark Brinson	10/6	Margaret Rogers	10/17	Roy Carawan	10/30
Larry Graham	10/6	Manning Exum	10/18	Martha Engelke	10/30
Wilkes Barber	10/7	Kimber Roché	10/18	Jim Clement	10/31
Leah Anderson	10/8	Jewell Ruff	10/18	Dru York	10/31
Leigh Fanning	10/12	Burrell Montz	10/19	Jon Yuhas	10/31
John Farley	10/12	Gavin Sundwall	10/19		
Susan Williams	10/12	Burney Warren	10/21		
John Dougherty	10/13	Lamont Wooten	10/24		
Edward Harper	10/14	Martha Whyland	10/25		
JoAnna Rohrbaugh	10/14	Janet McGlohon	10/26		
Tim Barber	10/15	Diana Siessel	10/26		
Elizabeth Martin	10/15	Kemper Warren	10/26		



# October Anniversaries



Jeff & Elaine Foeller	10/8
Charlie & Gretchen Ewen	10/12
JP & Denise Walsh	10/12
Howard & Beth Burtnett	10/13
Brian & Suzanne Pecheles	10/13
Alex & Kippie Griffin	10/23
Carl & Melissa Rees	10/24
Henry & Debra Mascarenhas	10/27
William & Ellen Wilkerson	10/27

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.

## October

Leader: Sylvia Smith  
Team #3 De-Fe

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*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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June DeAndrea  
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Jill Doyle  
Marc Dudley  
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Martha Elmore  
Kara Emmy  
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Martha Engelke  
Melissa Engleman  
Carissa Ethers  
LaRue Evans  
Paul Evans  
Ann Evans  
DeLyle Evans  
Charlie Ewen  
Gretchen Ewen  
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Meredith Exum  
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Leigh Fanning  
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Laura Farley  
Jane Farley  
Janey Ferguson



Hosts and Helpers is a group comprised 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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The Rev. Carrie Craig, Director of Christian Ed. & Formation  
The Rev. James Smith, Deacon  
The Rev. Scott Luce, Deacon  
The Rev. Lawrence P. Houston, Rector Emeritus

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8:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Weekday Schedule

Wednesday - 5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II

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