

Saint Paul's in-the-Pines Episcopal Church

“As a diverse family we seek and serve God through joyful worship, love and respect for creation, promotion of social justice, and growth into the image of Christ.”

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We are the Church... ..

Let us hold in our prayers our government leaders and our Armed Forces on deployment; Hurricane Katrina's victims and their families; the millions of refugees worldwide in need of help; and our young people growing up in a challenging world.

For our families and friends who need our prayers ~
Martin Levy (Iraq), Gay M., Jimmy Fields, Patricia, George and Bea Roraback, Faith Swick, Mary Louise Murphy, Dana Frawley Godfrey, Dan Moreno, Jessica Kellerman, Ronnie Frazier, Barbara Shove, Lucy Talbott

From the Rector's Study

I invite all who read this article to reflect on how God is active and moving in your life. February is the month in which our country celebrates the contributions made by African Americans. There are many contributions and in many cases they open up a larger picture of how God is active and working in all of our lives. To assist us in this reflection let us review the story of two Anglicans.

Absalom Jones was a slave who was sold to a Philadelphia storeowner. He taught himself to read using the Bible and attended a special education program for slaves conducted by Quakers. Jones learned the meaning of hope, not from an historic God that only lived in the pages of the Bible, but from the works of an active, living God at work in the ministry of the Quakers. Using the same sad market system that held him captive as human property, he bought the freedom of the young lady he married. Later, he also purchased his own freedom.

Jones viewed the Christian Church as liberating but not inclusive in his day. While he was able to use the standard business practices of the day to secure his family freedom, he was not able to retain a seat in a house of worship. When asked to move to a non-white section he and others walked out and later formed their own place of worship.

Absalom Jones worked with other African Americans forming a church where they could worship within the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. He was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church and later a Priest. While his cure was for that of his African American mission, his ordination was nothing less than full membership into the sacred order of priests in our one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. One does not get from slave to priest without the intervention of an active, living God.

God moved Absalom first through the messages in the pages of scripture, then through the fellowship of the Quakers. The Holy Spirit then inspired Jones to lead his people to a promised land, a place where they could praise the living God without fear or resentment. God, living and active in the Episcopal Church and specifically in the conscience of Bishop William White, who knew a thing or two about patience was compelled to ordain Jones. White himself was consecrated bishop by English bishops - bishops of a nation that just suffered a defeat to the Colonies of America. Yes, White surely recognized something of himself in Jones. Moreover, You and I can see something of God's hand at work in both of these men our Anglican brothers. Nothing is impossible for God, Nothing!

Now for reflection. It is February, 2007. Some of us are not where we wanted to be. Some of us are in situations that only divine intervention will get us through. Well, you're in luck. God is alive and is acting **right now** in your life. Just as we can pull away from the trials and tribulations of Absalom Jones and William White and see God working, so too if we stop and look at our own situation we will be able to see God's hand at work. We come to church and hear scripture read every Sunday. Bible stories are not dead stories. Absalom Jones' story fits well in the liberating Hebrew stories as well as the account of the apostles in the New Testament. As for the Gospels, well, Jesus is the same Risen Lord who is still working in each of us every day. However, like Jones and White, we must believe that he is acting in us, and for us, and then follow him wherever he leads us.

God Bless you all, John+

From the Senior Warden, Ann Hagelberger

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul tells us that if we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. And if we sow generously, we will reap generously. This brings me to the dreadful topic of tithing. Now that is a touchy subject. I remember after asking for donations towards the priest's fund, being worried that I would not be able to fulfill my part of the commitment that I had asked of others. But, I managed with very little change in my lifestyle. That is when I decided to make the commitment to tithing. It has not been nearly as difficult as I imagined it to be. I found that if I pay God first, that I always have enough to meet my other needs.

St. Paul's is no longer the church with a bare-bones budget. At the parish meeting we learned of what it takes to not only keep the doors open, but to have programs that meet the needs of our congregation. All of these commitments will require funding. Please prayerfully consider how you can help meet those commitments as well as meet Paul's request to sow generously.

Worship, Dear George

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday (or aka Fat Tuesday) will be on February 20 starting at about 5:30 pm. Come and join us for pancakes, sausage and juice cooked by our very own fine men of the Parish!! Goodwill donation

Ash Wednesday services will be held on February 21 with Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes at:

7:00 am

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

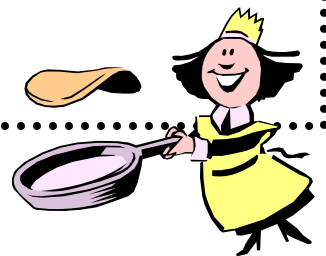
Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent which is when Jesus went 40 days and nights into the wilderness to pray, reflect and be tempted. Now is the time for our own walk into Lent—either by sacrificing something or growing more fully into the space of God. Please use this time wisely either by physically giving up something, ie, gum, coffee, meat, etc...or growing more fully by picking up the Bible or the Prayer Book and deeply experience all of your faith as you know and understand it. Lent is meant for inward reflection. Just do the walk.

Wednesday Lenten Study

Starting on February 28, there will be a Holy Eucharist/Healing service at 6:00 pm followed by "bring your own food for dinner" and then our Lenten study "Opening the Bible" by Roger Ferlo at 6:45-8:00 pm. A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall if you want a book at \$15.00 (see Fr. John) and you will also need a bible.



In England, Shrove Tuesday or "Pancake Day" brings on its own traditions... The most famous pancake race, at Olney in Buckinghamshire, has been held since 1445. The contestants, traditionally women, carry a frying pan race to the finish line tossing the pancakes as they go. As the pancakes are thin, some skill is required to toss them successfully while running. The winner is the first to cross the line having tossed the pancake a certain number of times. The tradition is said to have originated when a housewife from Olney was so busy making pancakes, that she forgot the time until she heard the church bells ringing for the service. She raced out of the house to church while still carrying her frying pan and pancake.



Altar Guild, Charity Swick

I would like to thank the ladies on the altar guild for a wonderful job that was provided through the advent and Christmas seasons. As always the church was filled with sparkling brass and silver, and the addition of all the candles made the church look very nice. It was a warm place to share the holiday season with our church family.

I continue to thank each one of you because you are a part that helps make the church what it is to all who enter. If you would like to join the altar guild, please see one of our members.

Pastoral Care, Gail Brown

Our Trinity Center parish retreat is September 14-16, 2007. We have reserved 30 rooms and fifteen are already taken. The sign up sheet is in the parish hall on the back wall. If you are new to St. Paul's or you have never been to Trinity be sure to ask someone about it. You don't want to miss a weekend at the beach filled with fun, study, music and fellowship. If you would like to start making payments you can do so now. Just be sure to mark your check with "Parish Retreat" in the memo line. Full payment needs to be in by Sept 1. Start saving now....

Cost for Trinity are as follows (Includes lodging and meals):

Double Occupancy Adults—\$67 per person/per night (\$134 total for the weekend)

Single Occupancy Adults—\$87 per person/per night (\$174 total for the weekend)

Kids—ages 15-17 \$38 per night (\$76 for the weekend) ages 1-4 \$12 per night (\$24 total)

Kids Under age 1 are free! Scholarship Funds will be available, please see Fr. John if needed



Youth Corner, Zachary Sargent

My Baptism

My baptism happened at St. Pauls in the Pines Episcopal Church. It was really neat because my grandfather is the rector of the church, and it was nice to get baptized by my grandfather. I was kind of nervous about going up in front of the entire church but I felt like I was around my family so the butterflies went away after a few minutes. My mother, brother, and grandmother were up in the front to keep me company so I wasn't alone. My little brother Jobe was also going to be baptized the same day as I was. My grandfather read his lines and I did mine. It ended up all going really well, I did my greetings and was welcomed into the church by my new family and friends. I am still going to the same church every Sunday to listen to my grandpa preach the gospel.

Mission, Pam Frawley

Happy New Year everyone! We have finished the year 2006 in fine fashion, filling the shelves at the Urban Ministry with good food (with the help of others, of course). Christmas has an amazing way of opening hearts and wallets.

Actually, there is room left for our Feb. contributions of Pop Tarts and sugared chewing gum. We may need to shut off our better impulses to look at sugar free gum, remembering that the sugar helps energize cold muscles and also choose the frosted Pop Tarts and add these to our shopping trips and keep that warm Christmas feeling throughout February.

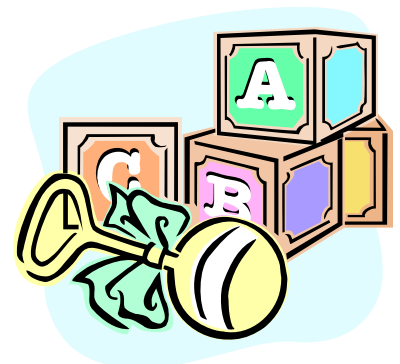
As always, thank you so very much, and God Bless.

Nursery News, Charity Swick

What a great time these kids are having in the nursery, and getting the best of care too. We now have 7 teams of two who take turns herding these young people and I am very pleased!!!! The group is filled with excitement as we watch our church grow there are more children, and that makes a happy and joyous time for us all.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!!!

If you would like to become a team, just find a friend and let me know.



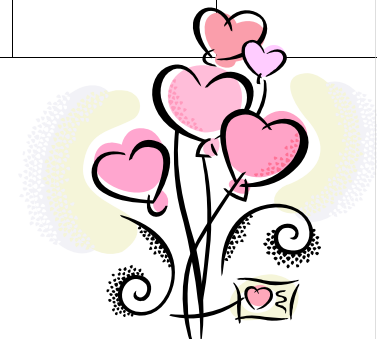


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir Practice 7:00 PM † Emmitt McEvilly	2 <i>Morgan Pettigrew</i>	3 Worship Comm. 1:00
4 Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	5	6 <i>Ken Axford</i>	7 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	8 Choir Practice 7:00 PM Diocesan Convention	9	10 Br. St. Andrew 8 AM
11 Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	12	13 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00 \$6 per plate Feb 14th	14  Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:00 PM Frazier's Anniversary † Bill Gilkenson	15 Cursillo Eucharist 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM <i>Christina Carson</i>	16	17 Br. St. Andrew 8 AM Vestry 1:00
18 Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM <i>Frawley's Anniversary</i>	19 President's Day Office Closed † <i>David King</i>	20  Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00 <i>Susan Swick</i>	21 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes 7 AM, Noon, 7 PM	22 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	23	24 Br. St. Andrew 8 AM
25 Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	26	27	28 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study 6:30 (Bring Your Own Supper)	MARCH 1 Fr. John Out of the Office		

Names in *italics* designate parishioner's birthdays and anniversaries.

Preceded by † designates death anniversary.



	4 February 5th Sunday af- ter the Epiphany	11 February 6th Sunday af- ter the Epiphany	18 February Last Sunday af- ter the Epiphany	21 February ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm	25 February 1st Sunday in LENT	4 March 2nd Sunday in LENT	11 March 3rd Sunday in LENT
Subdeacon	R. Huskey	R. Burrs	D. Roraback	R. Burrs D. George	J. Crabill	R. Huskey	R. Burrs
Chalice	L. Flom	J. Peters	D. George		J. Peters	D. George	L. Flom
Lector	G. Roraback	P. Fleming	P. Frawley		D. DeJaynes	C. Pettigrew	G. Roraback
Crucifer	A. Perham	J. Leibers	I. Martin		A. DeJaynes	T. Fuller	J. Flom
Ushers/ Greeters	B. Perham G. Winder	D. George P. Perham	G. Winder A. Hagelberger		G. Brown J. Lowder	A. Carson G. Winder	B. Perham A. Hagelberger
Altar Guild	M. Winder	G. Brown	C. Swick	ALL	D. DeJaynes	D. George	M. Winder
Tellers	L. Flom G. Winder	D. George G. Brown	J. Lowder P. Frawley		G. Winder G. Roraback	G. Brown L. Flom	R. Burrs M. Winder

Flowers \$25
Bread/Wine

Nursery Gail/Charity Nancy/Patsy Pam/Doreen Saron/Jasmine Susan/Vickers Cindy/Amy

Team Leaders-- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR TEAMS PRIOR TO THE SUNDAYS YOU ARE ASSIGNED. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ASSIGNED SUNDAY. PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING TO Robin Burrs THE DATES YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. ALSO PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY BEFORE WEDNESDAY OF YOUR ASSIGNED WEEK.
LECTOR--YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGING THE HYMN BOARDS.

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A Diocese in Prayer

Please pray for the following during the month of February: 4th— The 124th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina; Chaplains of the Armed Forces; Holy Cross Carolina Beach; Rev. Dr. Richard Warner, Supply Priest; Rev. Amy Atkinson, Deacon; Feb 11th—St. Phillips, Thomas Landing; St. Thomas, Windsor; Rev. Joe Cooper, Supply Priest; Feb 18th—St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte -Rev. David Davis, Rector; Peace Church, New Bern; Rev. Malcolm Roberts, Supply Priest; Feb 25th— Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; St. Marks, Wilmington.

Good People of St. Paul's, here is the Most Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, our 26th Presiding Bishop.

If you would like to know more about her please visit
www.episcopalchurch.org/presiding-bishop-htm

