



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 -

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From the Rector's Study

Greetings and God's Blessings upon you all,

Well, do you realize February 6th is Ash Wednesday! Why is it so early this year? Is it the man behind the curtain throwing darts at a Spring calendar? No, I am afraid not. We must remember that the date for Easter sets the date for Ash Wednesday. And, the date for Easter is set by the moon; specifically, the first Sunday on or after the first full moon, after the Spring Equinox (March 22). Most Western, Christian Churches follow this calculation. As Episcopalians we have it easy. We just go to the back of the Book of Common Prayer and we can find the Easter date for every year up to 2051 (page 883).

You might say that we work the numbers backward, counting Holy Week and Lent, to arrive on a Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Sunday, as milestone events. We look at the major event that is to take place, and then look at all the little events that must take place so that the major event happens successfully.

The major event in our lives as a Church is to glorify God and bring others to Christ. That's It. We glorify God and bring others to Christ. If we truly wanted to make "Bringing someone to Christ" our major event what would be some of the milestone events leading to that person joining us in worship on Easter Morning?

Perhaps it might be a good idea to look at our parish calendar and invite a prospective newcomer to a parish event. This would let them get acquainted with our parish families who have made St Paul's their home. We have so much going on, particularly in the way of Biblical studies.

But perhaps the very first milestone in bringing someone to Christ is self-dedication. We each must continually give ourselves to Christ before we invite others to join us. In giving ourselves to Christ we must let go of those attitudes and feelings inconsistent with Jesus' instruction to love one another. Wouldn't it have been convenient if Jesus had said, "Love those that you want to love"? But He didn't. He said, *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* (John 13: 34-35 NRSV) In this way we rededicate ourselves as disciples. We can't pick and choose. We can't exclude anyone. The way Jesus puts it, if we see that he or she is a human being then we must set our heart control switch to love, and love them. Love is the only resource we have that will never run out. No matter how much you love, as many people as you can, there will always be enough love remaining in you to love others still. Go ahead; try it if you think I'm kidding.

Love somebody and invite him or her to Church with you. This is a second step to bringing them to Christ. Listen to those who seek your counsel. God has given you a few minutes that are not yours. God has given you 30 minutes to listen to someone who needs to be heard (not judged). Listening is an act of love and another milestone. Wouldn't it be the greatest thing this side of the moon to sit in Church on Easter Sunday with the first fruits of your labor of love - those whom you have brought to Christ? YES!

Blessings for a Holy Lent, John+

From the Senior Warden, Christina Barnett

Hello friends,

I am looking forward to serving as Senior Warden. Filling the shoes of Ann Hagelberger will be challenging, yet rewarding. Please feel free to contact me for any of these reasons: you cannot reach Father John in case of emergency; such as a death in the family. Call me with questions, concerns, comments and/or suggestions to be directed to the Vestry. Or call me to talk: I'm a great listener. Just as important, call me to join you with a cup of coffee. Eagerly I anticipate speaking with each of you.

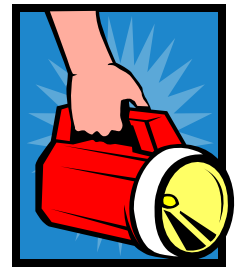


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Christina's Corner *Christina Barnett, Sr. Warden*

Gathering of the Greens

The evening air was crisp and cool. Surprisingly, flashlights were not needed, as in previous years. Light from Food Lion provided us with enough illumination to work. Father John (a self proclaimed amateur astronomer) and grandson Zachary debated which planet could be seen from the sky. The ten of us became intoxicated by the awesome scent of the juniper bushes, as it filled us with the scent of Christmas. Humming to the blues music emanating from Father John's truck, we all worked diligently to fill its eight-foot bed!



Gladly, we cut branches for our annual gathering of the greens for Christ's Mass, 2007.



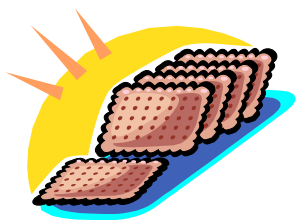
Do we have enough we thought and hoped. Each of us had "gathered" before, but this night we had a newcomer, young Ian. Deb and Robin quickly took Ian under their wings. Robin instructed, "Be careful not to cut low, leave enough for next year's crop" and "make sure the branches have tips". Ian listened, but had just as much fun sliding down the bushy slope! Simultaneously, we could hear Amy and her friend Morgan giggling and singing carols. When the truck was filled, we returned to the church where Ann and Gail greeted us with hot soup and sandwiches.

This yearly event is a long standing tradition at St. Paul's in the Pines. I tried to inquire from the church "elders" just how long it has been. Ron and Ann ruminated, then replied,

"Hmm". Pondering, Father John and others were concerned if this beautiful and meaningful tradition of adorning the sanctuary and church hall would be passed on. They question whether the next generation will gather, create and hang wreaths for Christ's Mass. Also, there are still numerous stories of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ to be told and hymns to be sung to our children.

The gatherers, crafters and hangers were all working together for one common mission. Each one contributing their expertise and interest for the church's benefit. Friend, as you sit and worship next Sunday, take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season. And as you continue to make your new year's resolutions, keep St. Paul's in the Pines Church in mind. Resolve to join us, participate and share your talents in our different projects and committees. Help us to keep our rich traditions enduring through 2008 and on.

Missions, Pam Frawley



Hello again. Here we are entering the coldest part of the winter in North Carolina. It's snowing as I speak, and I'm wondering how the homeless are faring. Thanks to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew: many gave coats and blankets to hold the cold at bay. If you happen to have any extras, please add them to the box in the Parish Hall.

Take advantage of the coupons in the Mission Basket by the couch in the parish hall to take the sting out of buying extra food for the Urban Ministry. Combined with store sales, you can often make purchases for pennies. The buy one, get one free, store cards plus coupons can save many food dollars, enough to help fill the shelves at the Urban Ministry, as well as your own pantry. Try it for yourselves, the few minutes it takes to sort coupons can more than make up for your time in savings.



For February, we are asked to bring high calorie snack packs of: Beanie Weenies, etc., crackers/cookies, fruit/pudding cups, candy/gum, Twinkies, etc, and, of course, anything else you may want to add. As always, thank you so very much!

eyc



Our EYC youth are going to the Winter Jam Christian presentation on Friday, March 14th, at 7pm, at the Crown Coliseum! The actual cost is \$10.00 per person but each youth will only pay \$5.00 and the parish will pay the other \$5.00 from the youth account. All others (parents and other adults) must pay the full price. I am so excited about our EYC and it is so good to see that they are actually getting out and getting acquainted with other faith traditions and ways of glorifying God. You Go EYC! John +

Lenten Study

For our Lenten Study we will be using the third book of the New Church's Teaching Series: *Engaging the Word* by Michael Johnston. The signup sheet is in the Parish Hall on the big table with a copy of the book—cost \$15.00. The study begins on February 13 following the healing service and will meet each Wednesday in Lent at the same time. Books must be ordered by January 30 in order to arrive on time for the study.

Youth Happenings in the Diocese, Gail Brown

New Beginnings #41
March 8-9, 2008
 Grades 7-9
 Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores

Happening #51
March 28-30, 2008
 Grades 9-12
 Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores

Diocesan Youth Celebration
April 11-12, 2008
 Grades 6-12
 St Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort

**Provincial Youth Event -
 Mission Trip**
June 24-30, 2008
 Grades—Rising 10th-Rising
 College Freshman
 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Episcopal Youth Event (EYE)
July 8-13, 2008
 Grades—Rising 10th-2008
 High School Graduates
 Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas

If you are interested in any of these events, see Gail Brown.





From The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Samuel Lloyd, Chapter Director

Greetings, from the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. We are planning the new year's events; breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, etc. We are also considering additional service projects and welcome your suggestions. We will continue our clothing collection for the homeless. We invite men and boys to join us for devoted prayer, fellowship and camaraderie, inspired study of scripture, and dedicated service to our community. The Brotherhood meets each Saturday morning at 8:00 AM here at St. Paul's-in-the-Pines

Worship, Dorcen Delajnes



Just a reminder that Lent begins Wednesday, February 6, 2008. There will be three services on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 6:00 PM. We will also begin using Rite I with the Decolog. Our next Worship Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 1:00 PM. Please attend. We will be finalizing our Lenten Season and Holy Week.



eyc Saran McLean-Hasinger

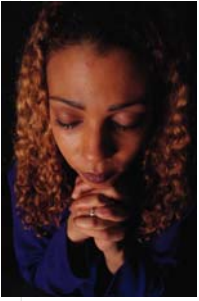


We need volunteers to help feed the youth of Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines. Our next meeting times are February 10th and February 24th. If you are interested in feeding the youth on either of these days, please see Saran or Chuck after church. There will be a sign-up sheet on the board for meeting dates beginning in March.

The EYC is hosting a Valentine's Day party on February 10th from 4-6 PM. This is taking the place of our regular EYC meeting. ALL the youth are invited to come eat, dance and P-A-R-T-Y.

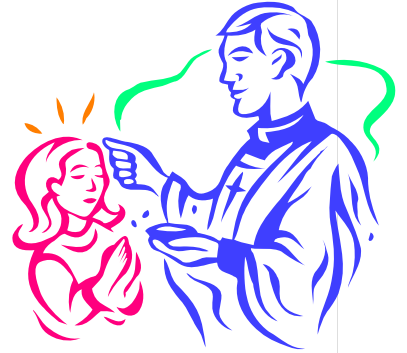


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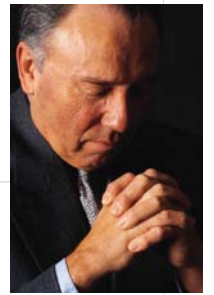


There is no more poignant, unsettling or humbling moment in the church's liturgical year than the imposition of ashes on the first day of Lent. The priest blesses the ashes with these words: "Almighty god, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life." And then as a smudge of ash, in the form of a cross, is traced on our foreheads, we hear the words: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

A colleague has described the experience of Ash Wednesday like this: "In the ash we have the image of ourselves being reduced down to the bare minimum, the stark essentials—and what we are after all the vitality and usefulness have been burned off. The ash speaks of reduction and regression and worthlessness, of disintegration and death—of the ultimate defeat of not only our bodies but of our most hard-won and cherished progress and accomplishments." In other words, Lent serves as a reality check, when we remind ourselves that after years of spending time and money beautifying, priming, deodorizing, dressing up—and vesting—our bodies, they will be reduced to dust.



The purpose of this exercise, and indeed of Lent, is not to make us depressed, but to remind us of our humanness, our mortality. We must remind ourselves of our humanity in all its adequacy and imperfections as the first step towards spiritual growth and development. Indeed, the word "Lent" is an Anglo-Saxon word for "spring" and comes from the same root as "lengthen." It is in the spring that the days lengthen and flowers and trees begin to blossom. So it seems especially propitious that Lent be a time when we employ forms of spiritual discipline to help us to grow closer to God. Lent can be a time when the person God has created us to be can begin to take root and blossom.



Fasting is an ancient spiritual discipline but I would like to suggest that as a Lenten discipline, we engage in a spiritual fasting, as outlined in the following anonymous meditation. As you go through Lent, concentrate on a different one each day.



*Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism, feast on optimism.
Fast from negatives; feast on alternatives.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion, feast on truth.
Fast from gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from worry; feast on faith.*



With prayers for a holy, Lent,

The Rev. Colleen O'Connor, St Mark's, Leroy, New York
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3 February 6 February 10 February 17 February 24 February 2 March

Last Sunday **ASH** The 1st Sunday The 2nd Sunday The 3rd Sunday The 4th Sunday
after Epiphany **WEDNESDAY** in **LENT** in **LENT** in **LENT** in **LENT** in **LENT**

8:00AM C. Barnett D. Roraback 7am G Brown N. Tetterton D. Roraback R. Burrs

Subdeacon D. George R. Burrs 12pm D. Roraback J. Crabill L. Flom R. Burrs

Chalice R. Burrs C. Barnett 6pm L. Flom P. Frawley P. Frawley J. Peters

Lector P. Fleming J. Frantz R. Huskey **B. Roraback** J. Crabill

Crucifer A. Perham J. Flom J. Huskey A. DeJaynes T. Fuller

Ushers and G. Winder A. Hagelberger B. Perham G. Winder
Greeters and A. Ashford R. Burrs I. Martin A. Ashford
Front Doors J. Ashford D. George J. Lowder R. Burrs J. Ashford

Altar Guild M. Winder Winder/Burrs G. Brown C. Swick D. George M. Winder

Tellers B. Perham G. Brown P. Frawley G. Roraback L. Flom
G. Winder A. Hagelberger Lisa Feyen D. DeJaynes K. Hasinger

Flowers \$30

Bread/Wine \$15

Nursery Saran/Jasmine Pam/Doreen Gail/Doreen Pam/Doreen Susan/Ann

Team Leaders-- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR TEAM **PRIOR** TO THE SUNDAY YOU ARE ASSIGNED. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ASSIGNED SUNDAY. INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY BY WEDNESDAY OF YOUR ASSIGNED WEEK. PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING TO Robin Burrs THE DATES YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE. **Lectors**--PLEASE UPDATE THE HYMN **PRIOR** TO YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY. ALSO PLEASE UTILIZE THE ILLUMINATIONS FOR READINGS ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY.

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 125th Diocesan Convention New Bern	2 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM 125th Diocesan Convention New Bern
3 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	4 Fr. John out of the office	5 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 PM Mardi Gras Parade 6:00 PM	6 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist 7:00 AM 12:00 Noon 6:00 PM	7	8	9 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM Worship Committee Mtg 1:00 PM
10 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Baptism 10:30 AM EYC 4:00 PM	11 Fr. John in Greenville	12	13 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study following	14 St Valentine's Day	15	16 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM Vestry Mtg 1:00 PM
17 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Christian Ed 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	18 President's Day Office Closed	19 Fr. John in Kinston	20 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study following	21	22	23 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM
24 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Christian Ed 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM EYC 4:00 PM	25	26 Father John at Trinity Center	27 Father John at Trinity Center Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study following	28	29	

Birthdays & Anniversaries In February: 1—Christina Barnett 2—Louvina James, Morgan Pettigrew; 6—Kenny Axford; 14—John & Ronnie Frazier; 15—Cristina Carson; 18—Pam & Larry Frawley; 20—Susan Swick..

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not included on this list, it is because the information is not in our database. If you would like it included, please notify the office at 485-7098.

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A Diocese in Prayer February 2008

Please pray for the following during the month of February: 3rd—Chaplains of the Armed Forces; Holy Cross, Carolina Beach, The Rev'd Dr. Richard Warner, Supply Priest, Deacon Andy Atkinson; 10th—St. Phillip's, Holly Ridge, The Rev'd Tim Dols, Supply Priest; St Thomas, Windsor, The Rev'd Joe Cooper, Supply Priest; 17th—St James the Fisherman, Shallotte, The Rev'd David Davis, Rector; Peace Church, New Bern, The Rev'd Malcolm Roberts, Rector; 24th—Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; St Mark's, Wilmington.

