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“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; 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 Our Rector

Greetings and God's Blessings upon you all,

The disciples asked Jesus, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'" (Matthew 18: 1 - 5)

While we adults might be concerned about who is the "greatest" in the kingdom, our young ones just come trusting that they will be taken care of, and occasionally, listened to. Jesus tells us that unless we change, and just come trusting that we will be taken care of, we'll never make it.

Here is what we might say to Jesus. "Jesus, this life is so hard for us. Way too many of us are falling victim to fraud, robbery, murder, assault, identity theft, bait and switch tactics, and the list goes on. You just don't understand Jesus; you don't understand what it's like living in this world today." Does this statement kind of sum up what you think you would say to Jesus? Well, in prayer, you can! And I think Jesus would respond to you in this way: He would put a vulnerable child with you and say to you that unless you change and become vulnerable like this child and trust that I will take care of you, you will spend your whole life saving yourself from what your neighbor might do to you, and in the process, never learn to love your neighbor or me.

I sometimes think the word "sucker" is written on my forehead. I say this because from time to time one of the least of our brothers or sisters from outside our parish will walk in and ask for just a little money for one thing or another. I think more often than not I comply. I listen carefully to what they say. I ask questions. And, in my heart I ask God if this something that God is calling me to do. The little child that Jesus put inside me sometimes says "I think you should help this person." And there you have it. Jesus' little child in me, leads me. There is no room for worrying about whether the person was honest or just running a scam. There is no thinking about whether or not I (or we) was taken advantage of. Jesus knows even better than we do what it is like to live here and now, in this present time. Still, he says, unless we change and become like [listen to] the small child he placed inside us, that we might protect ourselves from every human threat possible as we sink ever farther away from the kingdom. In trying to protect ourselves we isolate ourselves. Yes, from time to time we will be "used." It is sad that in trying to help people we will be taken advantage of. The good news is that we will not be lost. Jesus knows where he puts the little children, and he will not leave them orphaned. Let those with ears hear the message. Love your neighbor, welcome and listen to the child in you, trust Jesus. Remember, Jesus said "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

The Gospels proclaim that in giving life

We shall have life,

John+



Christina's Corner

Christina Barnett, Senior Warden

A Brief Look at 2009

Happy New Year from the Vestry of St. Paul's in the Pines. The first vestry meeting for 2009 was held on January 21, (also Stewardship Robin Burrs' birthday) and we welcomed newly elected members Dee Dee Lucas, Pastoral Care, Leslie Flom, Worship and Pam Perham, Missions and Outreach leader.

The meeting commenced with a prayer, then we all excitedly shared ideas and planned some of the parish's annual events. Collected goals focused on building and maintaining our current missions and ministries ~ the foundation for our future. Through prayer, worship, fellowship and empowering retreats, etc. we resolve to strengthen and keep these avenues for our being and for our parish's growth. As an integral part of the community, we will continue to support the neighborhood Evergreen Town Watch. And most importantly, participate with the Brotherhood of St. Andrews in April on the Annual Operation Inasmuch Work Day. What an awesome blessing that was last year!

As you know, the vestry is striving to maintain the structural part of St. Paul's in the Pines; as well as, the spiritual essence. Penny Fleming, Jr. Warden remains optimistic that ALL of our beautiful stained glass windows for repair will be adopted. Our next large endeavor to orchestrate is the driveway's repaving. Many, many thanks to those parishioners who have contributed to these projects.

For easy access of our events and missions, please use our monthly planning form to create a refrigerator reminder calendar. Also, it is NEVER to late to complete your time and talent package. Your contribution to ministries, and teams will allow us to accomplish our goals.

Looking forward to seeing you at worship and our numerous gatherings.

*Your sister in Christ,
Peace, Christina*

Cursillo

Calling Fellow Cursillistas.....



*DeColores.....*We have started a Cursillo Reunion Group on Thursday nights at 6:00 here at St. Paul's. Feel free to bring a sack dinner. The meeting is usually an hour but the time together lasts forever. Please invite fellow Cursillistas to join us. See Donna with any questions or call her at 578-7029.

To keep the line of communication open, please email DonnaEC74@aol.com with your address and phone number so that she can inform you of any upcoming Cursillo events. Please pull your cross and wear it to church every 1st Sunday of the month to help bring awareness of Cursillo to our fellow parishioners. The next Cursillo weekend is in April. If you would like to attend or know more about it, there are pamphlets in the parish hall or seek out a Cursillista here at St. Paul's.

From Robin, the (new) Parish Assistant

Sometimes the nicest gifts God gives us are the unexpected ones.

When I started job-hunting, I had no idea I would wind up as a Parish Assistant. I didn't know what a nice surprise was in the offing. A job. A job with the schedule I needed. A job doing tasks that I enjoy. At a church with a mission I can believe in and share.

I've been here about four weeks now, and I want to thank everyone for being so helpful and so very, very friendly. It's good that Judy has been a good teacher, for she is a tough act to follow. She and everyone that I've met has been terrifically patient about my learning the ropes. Everyone has had a kind word or a welcoming hug. I hope more of you will stop by the office when you can, so that we can get to know each other.

I am originally from upstate New York, but my family has spent the last 24 years in Nashville, TN. My husband, Dave, and I have six children and one son-in-law. Three of the kids are still at home. Dave is a civilian working at Ft. Bragg. We live near Cross Creek mall, and the kids attend South View High School's International Baccalaureate program.

One of the things I enjoy about this position is working on the bulletin and newsletter. I'm a writer (in many genres), and I also like desktop publishing. Among other things, I like to read, sing, and remodel. I like almost anything creative, and if I can't do it, I like to hear about it anyway. I love the stained-glass windows at St. Paul's, especially since you made them!

I don't know what else God has in store for us with this unexpected gift, but I hope to be here – and to be helpful to you -- for a good long time

Blessings, Robin

From the Brotherhood

Views of the Brothers of St. Andrew (St. Paul's people) after their visit to Mepkin Abbey at Monck's Corner, SC -- by Ron Huskey

Put simply: Mepkin Abbey is a community of Roman Catholic monks established in 1949 on the site of the historic Mepkin Plantation, located on the Cooper River, north of Charleston, SC. It was founded by monks in Gethsemani, Kentucky (World-wide Order of Cistercians of Strict Observance). Cistercians developed their own character at Citeaux in 12th century France, then renewed their tradition at the Norman abbey, La Trappe, in the 17th century, becoming known as Trappists.

Mepkin Plantation became Mepkin Abbey in 1949 when Henry and Clare Booth Luce donated the plantation to the monks.

The allee of gargantuan Live Oaks speaks loudly the history and legacy of the abbey. The allee says what some sense: How well kept this land was over the centuries. This property was owned by Henry Laurens (1761-1792) who grew rice and made his fortune at Mebken. The name Mepkin may once have been Mebken, an early form of an Indian name.

We saw the parade of monks going to their Midday Prayers. We were allowed to sit in the church through the Service of Midday Prayers, enjoying, if you will, the song or Psalms sung and young priests playing guitars. Readings by guest priests or the monks allowed us to get a feeling of participation in the service such as we do at St. Paul's.

There is nothing more spectacular than the church itself with its weathervane shaped like an anchor and two crosses, and a ball below which represents "the world". These can be seen by sailors on the Cooper River, and the other cross can be seen by travelers along the road.

Unity and simplicity of natural materials, a hallmark of monastic architecture, is in full evidence at Mepkin Abbey. The remnants of the "serpentine wall", all that is left of the Luce Family Home, wind through the complex to remind the monks of the earlier plan of the estate upon which the monastic plan was imposed.

We were not able to take the garden tour due to our time limit, but we did take in the sculpting of Christ on the cross, the sculpture done with a chainsaw. We were rewarded with some excellent photos of this work.

The father of monastics was St. Benedict, who lived in a cave in 6th century Italy. He was one of the first martyrs who say "don't feel bad if you feel your calling". We wanted to discern why people would become monks and to live the life of serenity with 22 monks sharing one library with 43,000 volumes. One person said the parallel would be "joining the Army to get away from it all."

Then there is the reception area and the gift shop where items are sold to help finance some of the Brothers' projects, or the gardens with oh-so-many different plants, flowers, and vegetables.

Not mentioned before but worthy of accolades is the Bell Tower. There are four bells stacked one on the other to a height of 50

feet. They make the musical notes C, D, F, and G and are rung at the beginning of each office, at the Angelus three times daily, at the Eucharist, and at the death of a monk. The Tower is called the Tower of the Seven Spirits to honor the communities of people who lived on the Mepkin land and who are interred here: the Indians, the Henry Lauren family, the African-Americans who worked the land, the Henry Luce family, the friends of the Abbey in the secular cemetery, the monastic community in glory, and the monks who still remain on this earthly journey.



From Judy:

"Au revoir"

I can't even begin to describe the blessing that I've received from Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines by being able to serve as your Parish Assistant for the last two years. There is no question in my mind that I was led to you by God for both our benefits. It was a difficult decision to decide to leave the position, and I was very ambivalent about it for a long time, but Father John finally helped me to make the decision. Even then, I wasn't sure that it was what God wanted me to do despite a lot of prayer and meditation, but I can see now that I am following the right path.

I've had a lot of fun since I left the position. I've traveled to Florida twice: once to visit dear friends and their young sons that I hadn't seen for over a year and once on a senior bus tour to a place in Orlando called the Holyland Experience. Both experiences brought me in close contact with God and with people. Sunny, warm Florida failed to be so sunny and warm, but did bring wonderful friendship, companionship and entertainment. I even worshipped at a church called St Paul's Lutheran in Citrus Springs and arrived back in Fayetteville in time to enjoy our winter wonderland. God works in mysterious ways!

I am very excited about all the possibilities there are out there for me to serve in our community as well as travel. I'll continue to volunteer at the Care Clinic and have plans to become involved as a Hospice volunteer and hopefully also be able to rock the babies in the preemie nursery. I will be serving in my Cursillo group as the representative to Secretariat and have started knitting again and will be making baby caps and booties for the new babies at the hospital. And, last, but not least, I hope to become a more active communicant at Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines and continue to serve in whatever way I can and where I am needed. It is very freeing to no longer be part of the administrative staff and just be one of you.

Thank you all so very much for sharing my journey with me. I hope we will travel together for a much longer time, but whatever time God gives us will surely be in keeping with His plan for all of us. I leave you in Robin's (Robin Minnick, our new Parish Assistant) very, competent hands.

Peace to all of you, Judy

Of Interest... events, fundraisers, dinners

Operation Inasmuch will be holding their annual "Bread and Bowls" Fundraiser on February 29, 2009 at Hay Street United Methodist Church. Local potters are donating hand-sculpted bowls and they are beautiful. *You pick your own bowl to keep.*

Funds raised will be used to complete the kitchen in their new building located on Hillsborough Street.

Tickets can be purchased from Jo Anne Lowder at 484-6870.

Are you interested in helping to maintain our stained glass windows?

Our expert in that field, Ron Huskey, is willing to teach adults 18 and up who would like to learn the craft on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested, contact Ron at 425-7427 or Judy Krantz at 864-7483



Wednesday February 11, there will be a Spaghetti Supper. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

A donation of \$6.00 covers the spaghetti plate, bread and salad. Those who dine in will also receive a beverage and dessert.

Help is needed. Volunteers will find a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall.

Bread 'n Bowls

A Fourth Friday Event
To Benefit
Fayetteville Area
Operation Inasmuch

**\$15.00 Meal Served
In A Handmade NC
Pottery Bowl**

**\$5.00 Meal
Served In A
Bread Bowl**

When: February 27th, 2009
Where: Hay Street United Methodist Church
 320 Hay Street (Corner Hay Street & Ray Avenue)
 In Historic Downtown Fayetteville
Time: Lunch Service: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
 Dinner Service: 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

All proceeds from Bread 'n Bowls will be used to support our breakfast program.

Thank you for supporting this life changing ministry!

Pottery Bowls Provided By-

Seagrove Potters:
Owens, & O'Quinn Pottery

<u>Millhouse Potters</u>	<u>Cape Fear Studios</u>
Greg Hathaway	Myrinh Dang
Romi Gibbs	Doty Johnson
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Bobbi Curris	FTCC Ceramic Students
	Jill Dieffenbach
	Darlene Cote
	Nancy Edge

In Association with Empty Bowls

For more information please call (910) 433-2161 or email sue@faolam.org

Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, February 24th the men will sponsor a Pancake Supper, serving pancakes and sausage.

All donations cheerfully accepted.



A Little More about Operation Inasmuch

What follows is an article written last year by Ron Huskey for St. Andrews Cross about St. Paul's-in-the-Pines experience with Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day. This year's Blitz is scheduled for April 4th.

Brothers of St. Andrew at St. Paul's-in-the-Pines Episcopal Church were looking for a special project to supplement the projects they'd already been involved with.

One project was helping a man known as the Bicycle Man and his Christmas giveaway program for kids. Another was helping local police provide blankets and warm coats during the colder months for homeless people.

We invited Operation Inasmuch director Sue Byrd to come and give us the lowdown on that project. She is a dynamic person and convinced us that the Brothers should get involved in the Blitz April 19. It turned out to be a nationwide operation.

"In As Much is derived from Matthew 25:30 (you already knew that, didn't you?)

Fayetteville had about 2,000 people involved in the operation with more than 30 churches working on as many different homes in need of repair. Our priest The Rev. John Frazier gave the benediction and our own Lesley Flom sang two great hymns. One of them – "Is It I, Lord?" – to get the crowd into high gear.

St. Paul's-In-The-Pines had 13 Brothers involved in the repairs plus there were four wonderful women and four children who helped. The house belonged to paraplegic James Lesesne whose grandson Michael was his only provider. His kitchen needed two repairs due to rotting wood under the refrigerator and in front of the sink. The linoleum had to be completely removed and new linoleum installed after the floor was repaired.

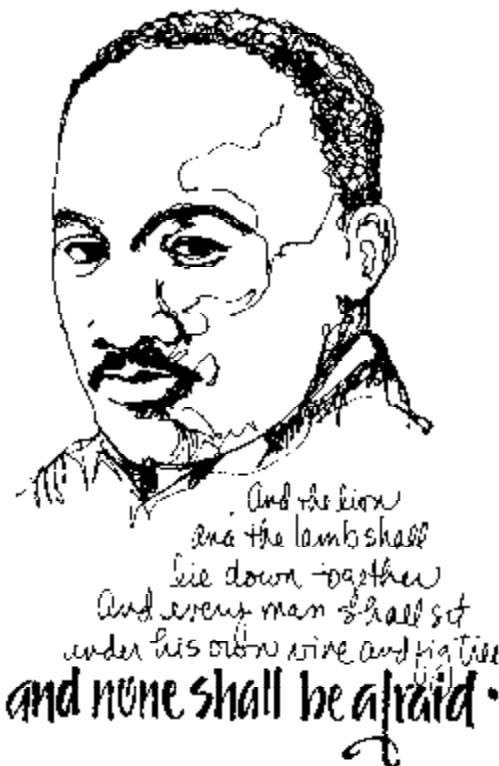
The bathroom had a torn-up linoleum or tile floor, ruined due to the wheelchair Mr. Lesesne used. The seal of the commode had leaked, thus the floor was getting warped. The linoleum had to be entirely replaced and new sealer put in the floor for the commode; the commode was removed, then replaced after the new linoleum was installed.

Finally, the ramp at the rear of the house had to have clear sealer applied to keep it from warping or deteriorating too soon. The children helped with the job but three men finished it, applying some wood cement to parts of the railing that had broken or chipped.

It was estimated that the Brothers put in a combined total of 100-plus hours. Women spent their time cleaning out areas that needed a broom or dust rag. John Ashford helped in the coordination, aside from Fr. Frazier's directions, and Larry Frawley provided labor expertise and most of the tools for cutting away the floor which needed replacing. Two gallons of water seal were used on the ramp and rails of the back deck.

The Exchange Club provided flounder dinners with hush puppies and

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was celebrated in January. February is Black History Month.



baked beans. Snyder Memorial Church brought baked spaghetti with bread and brownies for Mr. Lesesne's supper.

REMEMBER

This year's

Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day

will be

April 4, 2009

1 February 8 February 15 February 22 February 25 February 1 March
 4th Sunday 5th Sunday 6th Sunday Last Sunday ASH 1st Sunday
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 Epiphany Epiphany Epiphany Epiphany

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

Eucharistic Minister J. Crabill L. Flom R. Burrs R. Huskey R. Burrs 12pm D. George

Chalice G. Brown J. Peters D. DeJaynes P. Frawley L. Flom 6pm G. Brown

Lector J. Peters P. Fleming R. Huskey J. Frantz R. Burrs

Crucifer A. DeJaynes J. Huskey I. Martin A. Perham J. Flom 6pm T. Fuller

Ushers and G. Winder J. Lowder G. Winder G. Brown 6pm D. George

Greeters and B. Perham P. Perham B. Perham J. Ashford M. Winder J. Lowder

Front Doors D. George R. Burrs C. Brunson A. Ashford R. Burrs P. Perham

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

Tellers G. Roraback D. George L. Flom B. Perham G. Roraback

D. DeJaynes P. Perham DeeDee Lucas G. Winder D. DeJaynes

Flowers \$30

Bread/Wine \$15

Nursery Pam/Doreen Susan/Charity Saron/Jasmine Leslie/Donna Gail/Charity

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 BOARDS PRIOR TO YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY. ALSO PLEASE UTILIZE THE ILLUMINATIONS FOR THE LESSONS ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY.

February 2009

1 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Christian Ed 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM EYC 4:00 PM	2 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	3 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM	4 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	5 Diocesan Convention	6 Diocesan Convention	7 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM Diocesan Convention
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22 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM 45th Birthday celebration EYC 4:00 PM	23 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	24 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Pancake Supper 5:00-7:00 PM	25 Ash Wednesday <u>Services</u> 7:00 AM 12 Noon 6:00 PM No Holy Eucharist & Healing Service this evening	26 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	27	28 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM

Birthdays & Anniversaries in February: 1—Christina Barnett; 2—Morgan Pettigrew; Louvina James; 6—Kenny Axford; 14—John and Ronnie Frazier (1980); 15—Cristina Carson; 18—Pam and 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 or email office@stpaulsinthepines.net.

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A Diocese in Prayer February 2009

Please pray for the following during the month of February: 1st—Chaplains of the Armed Forces; Holy Cross, Carolina Beach, The Rev'd Dr. Richard Warner, Supply Priest, Deacon Andrew Atkinson; 126th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina; 8th—St. Phillip's, Holly Ridge, The Rev'd Timothy Dols, Supply Priest; St. Thomas, Windsor, The Rev'd Joseph Cooper, Priest in Charge; 15th—St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte, The Rev'd David Davis, Rector; Peace Church, New Bern, The Rev'd Malcolm Roberts, Rector; 22nd—Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; St. Mark's, Wilmington.

