



## From the Workbench

Last month's note got lost in cyberspace when my computer malfunctioned, so this month I want to extend a warm welcome to Robin and Carol.

Our stained glass window is slowly growing and more questions are being asked about how to be a part of St. Paul's history. I'll talk to any of you on a personal basis to answer questions and concerns about this large project.

A HUGE thanks to each of you who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a big success. Over \$350.00 was made after expenses. Yeah!!

*Peace, Penny and Rich*

## Greetings From the Worship Committee

*Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

Lent is here and while many of us have our eyes turned towards Easter and Spring Break, there are great things happening in the liturgical life of St. Paul's. We hope you will all review the calendars in the next newsletters, mark our special Holy days and come as often as you can.

Special thanks to all who completed the liturgy survey on the church's birthday. Worship is a special part of our congregation's life, and you all had important suggestions to offer. Worship and the Vestry have reviewed the results.

Children's Chapel is coming! Praise God. St. Paul's is growing; our church is filled with the echoes of young people. Children's Chapel will be offered during the 10:30 Sunday service. We are still in the planning stages. If this is a ministry you feel called to, please contact Saran McLean-Hasinger or Leslie Flom.

The Worship Committee will meet on Saturdays. All members of the church are welcome at these meetings. Join us Saturday, March 13 at 11 AM for our next meeting. We will be planning Holy Week and Easter.

In the meantime, please practice our new response to the readings:

*Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

*Leslie*

## Christina's Corner

### Christina Barnett, Senior Warden

**Note: Our Senior Warden, Christina Barnett will be out beginning Monday, due to surgery. She will be out approximately 4 weeks. Please refer all Warden business to our Junior Warden, Penny Fleming.**



## A Word From Saran...

*Thank you* to all who have given to our "children of hope". The children are benefiting from all that has been given...they are very proud of their new items.

Some of the things that are still needed...

- toiletries (lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc.)
- small toys (for a prize box and end of year festival)
- white polo shirts and/or T-shirts (not undershirts) any size
- white and/or black socks
- baby wipes
- underwear
- black and/or brown belts
- khaki/black/navy shorts
- any individualized snack foods or drinks (including water)

*Thanks Again to All,*

*Saran McLean-Hasinger*

## From Judy: a view of Convention

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February I had the privilege of traveling to New Bern with two women from Holy Trinity to attend the opening of the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina. We arrived at the Convention Center in the early afternoon and were immediately immersed in the noise and excitement of hundreds of Episcopalians gathered together to explore their decisions for the coming year in relation to God, the church, and the local and world community.

The first place we went was a room full of happy people preparing packages of food for the *Stop Hunger Now* campaign. There were people opening bags of rice, soy, and dried vegetables and putting it into tubs for use in the preparation of the packages. There were tables filled with teams of four who prepared the actual bags of food: one person held a plastic bag under a funnel into which the others added a cup of soy, a huge multivitamin tablet, dried vegetables, and topped it off with a cup of rice. The reason the rice was last was that the bags had to weigh a certain amount and rice was either added or removed to achieve the correct weight. There were runners who picked up trays of full bags and brought them to the next area where they were weighed, sealed and boxed. Then those with muscles (Fr. John was one of them) loaded the boxes on carts for final disposition. It was a wonderfully busy, joyful operation with an opportunity to work together to do something good, but also to commune with each other and meet new people. I was a rice pourer and worked with Jill Biemchek from Holy Trinity and a couple from Southern Shores. Next to me was a Cursillista I served on team with last fall.

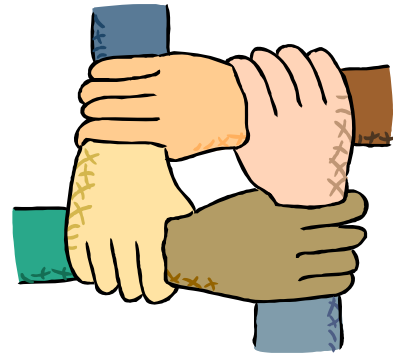
After completing this project (almost 35,000 meals), we moved on and checked out the information tables that were there for so many groups: prison ministry, towel ministry, EfM, Cursillo, Spanish ministry, just to name a few, as well as stopping to visit with others we knew from different areas. Then we went to a delicious meal at Morgan's Tavern, a block or so from the Convention Center. I could not help but compare our sumptuous meal with the bags of food we had packed for those who are struggling just to find something to fill their empty bellies at the end of the day. The contrast of the wealth we have in comparison to so many others in the world is a humbling realization. I don't know why we are so blessed and I am very grateful to be among those who are blessed, but it reinforces the need to share our blessings with those less fortunate.

Our evening was completed with the Opening Eucharist at historic Christ Church in New Bern. What an inspiration to see Fred Brown, Holy Trinity's seminarian (I don't know about you, but I sort of claim him for Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines, too) toward the beginning of the procession followed by the ordained priests and deacons (Father John was very impressive in his ecclesiastical finery) and then the bishops.

It was the first time I had seen Bishop Daniels and to find that the bishop was such a warm human being who did not hold himself above his parishioners was a joyous discovery. His sermon and his general demeanor of inclusiveness for all children of God was refreshing and a delightful epiphany in a world where conflict and divisiveness in religion seems to often be the norm. You may want to take the opportunity to check out his sermon on the Diocesan website and see what your bishop has to say. The Opening Eucharist was concluded with the recessional and the singing of a hymn that joyfully proclaims "all are welcome in this place!"

As you may be able to tell, I really am grateful for the opportunity to share in another aspect of the Episcopal Church. Maybe next year you'll take a few hours and learn more about the operation of your church, too. I'm sure you'll be glad you did. As for me, I hope to be sitting in the Opening Eucharist as long as I am able and sharing God's joy as he observes his children living the conviction that "all are welcome in this place!"

*Peace to all of you, Judy*



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As I was reading Judy's account of the convention, I was reminded of something I wanted to share with all of you.

One of the aspects of working at St. Paul's-in-the-Pines is the opportunity for me to work for and with people who understand and appreciate the importance of diversity, not only in a theoretical sense in the world at large, but in this little community. I have been so impressed with the way the people here try to live up to the mission statement. When people have asked me how I like my new job – the first I've held working for someone else in a very long time – I've been glad to say that I love it.

*Blessings, Robin, the P.A.*

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**REMEMBER**  
**This year's**  
**Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day**  
**will be**  
**April 4, 2009**

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*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



Spring 2008, St. Paul's in the Pines Episcopal Church's Brotherhood of St. Andrew's members along with several women and children, participated in the Annual Neighborhood Blitz with Operation In As Much. Parish members did extensive home repair, along with household cleaning inside and out for a disabled senior. – J. Ashford

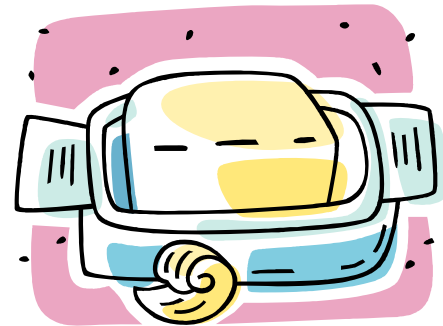
We are again gearing up to increase our neighborhood footprint by participating in the upcoming "BLITZ" this spring. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

**Thanks to all who has already signed up to participate Saturday, April 4, 2009 -**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Save for the Grace of God, There go I**

**Don't forget our Potluck Lunch on the 5th Sunday,**



**March 29!**

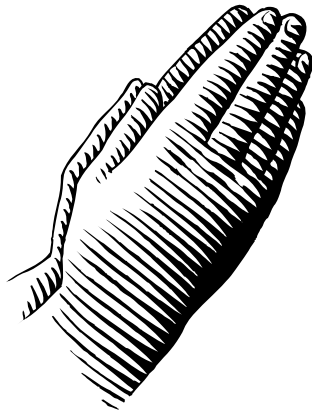


**Lenten Study and Soup**

During Lent on Wednesday nights there will be a Lenten study on the "Practice of Prayer".

Our EYC will arrange to have soup available for a donation to the EYC fund. The kids will help with serving the soup each Wednesday but we are looking for people to provide the soup or donations to help make the soup. Meat and vegetarian options will be available.

See Debbie Liebers for details.



### We are the Church... ..(cont'd)

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 -

Sheryl Lopes  
 Brenda Adelson (Robin Minnick)  
 Christina Barnett  
 Bob Walborn  
 The Hanan family  
 Rosemary Btrooks, Nikki, Jonathan, David  
 Terri Williams  
 Tammy Wheeler's mother  
 Bill and Lola Hales  
 Cindi Pettigrew  
 Miss Hope, Amy Perham's teacher  
 Tina Huskey's (Jessica Kellermann)  
 nephew for upcoming heart surgery

Hi Everybody,

I just wanted to ask all of you to keep Christina Barnett in your prayers as she recovers from surgery. Christina is our Senior Warden and is terribly missed. Thanks. I also ask you to keep Larry Frawley, Brooke Larsen and Dian Gantt in your prayers. We must never take surgery for granted. I pray that all of our people have speedy recoveries so that they continue in the work the Lord has given them to do.

I am excited about our Lenten Study. We are using "The Practice of Prayer" by Margaret Guenther. We will be served soup for which donations go to our youth fund. The study starts right after the 6 pm Healing Service on Wednesday evening, about 6:45 – 7pm.

*Blessings John+*

The season is Lent  
 time to prepare for Easter  
 by adding faith.

Sarah Good Year  
 &  
 Ed Weissman

## When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

others, where all we could do was to put one foot in front of the other. Yet, it was there that we found God. He was living with us, walking beside us, lifting us up and carrying us through the difficult times.

It's hard to describe what we felt, or the miracles we were part of as God acted to help us raise our children and keep food and shelter intact. We discovered so many people who needed help, and so many who looked for ways in which to provide help.

There was one instance in particular, where a teacher at the middle school our children attended, offered to buy us groceries. When I declined, he urged, "Just let me know if you need it. I'll bring over a couple bags of groceries anytime." Then there was the monetary gift 'Santa' mailed to us a couple weeks before Christmas. We never did find out where that came from.

We counted on God to do what we could not, and He put people in our lives to help. We were at our wit's end, and He was there.

This saying, originating someplace on the Internet and shared with us by Jo Anne Lowder, struck me as being so pertinent right now.

So many people are currently at their wit's end. Our family was, for many years. We went on a journey like many

*Blessings, Robin, The PA*

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**8:00AM** R. Burrs D. George N. Tetterton G. Brown J. Johnson

**Eucharistic Minister** D. George J. Crabill D. Roraback R. Huskey R. Burrs

**Chalice** G. Brown D. DeJaynes B. Perham D. George J. Frantz

**Lector** R. Burrs P. Fleming J. Frantz J. Flom K. Hasinger

**Crucifer** T. Fuller I. Martin J. Liebers J. Huskey A. Perham

**Ushers and** D. George G, Winder J. Lowder G. Winder G. Brown

**Greeters and** J. Lowder B. Perham P. Perham B. Perham J. Ashford

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

**Altar Guild** C. Swick P. Perham D. DeJaynes G. Brown C. Swick

**Tellers** G. Roraback B. Perham P. Frawley D. George L. Flom  
 D. DeJaynes G. Winder J. Lowder P. Perham DiDi Lucas

**Flowers \$30**

**Bread/Wine \$15**

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

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.

# March 2009

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Birthdays & Anniversaries in March: 2—Christine Flores; 3—Ann Ashford; 8—Leslie Flom; 9—Chuck Liebers; 13—Bea Roraback, Nancy Tetterton; 15—Bill Perham; 24—Robin Burrs and Susan Lees; 30—Jan Peters

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](mailto:office@stpaulsinthepines.net).

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## *A Diocese in Prayer* March 2009

Please pray for the following during the month of March: 1st—St. Peters, Sunbury, The Rev'd John Eberman, Supply Priest; St. Christopher's, Elizabethtown, The Rev'd. J. Robert Spainhour, Supply Priest; 8th—Christ Church, Elizabeth City, The Rev'd Brent Melton, Rector; 15th—Emmanuel, Farmville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville; 22nd—St. Paul's, Washington; St. Philip's, Southport, The Rev;d Barry Kubler, Rector, Deacon Henrietta Williams; 29th—St. Joseph's, Fayetteville, The Rev'd Augustine Joseph, Rector.

