

Saint Paul's in-the-Pines

“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 -

Rev'd Lucy Talbot
Gloria
Cheryl French
Elemihl & Louise Strouse
seas
Faith Swick
Brooke Larsen
Mary Lee Shanahan
Dan Ford
Dianna Hamer
Agnes Bally
Lori (Frawley) Buffinton
Mary Vickers
Dianne Helfrich
Saran MicLean-Hasinger
Mr. Billingsleas's daughter
Jimmy Teachey
CJ Wheeler (Gail's nephew)
Kim Jansen (Suzanne Tuttle)
Sydney Finau (Judy Krantz)
Mikey Brown, 4-yr-old with heart
troubles (Larry Frawley)
Jayne Cooper, terminal cancer (Jan)

From Our Rector's Study

Greetings and God's Blessings upon you all,

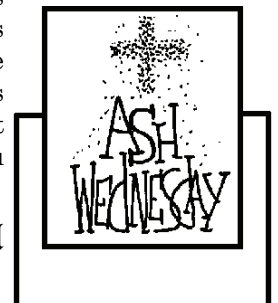
Every Saturday I meet with our parish chapter of the Brotherhood of St Andrew. Last Saturday we finished the last chapter of the Letter from James. It is our custom to read a chapter a week. In wrapping up the Letter from James I expressed to the group how important it is for all families to read or hear this letter. As with all learning, it grows. That growth is made manifest in the addition of two other short books of scripture I recommend: Ruth and Jonah.

These three books contain examples and guides for families as they journey through this world awaiting the heavenly realm. Ruth exemplifies the meaning of true family love connected by a shared spirit, as Ruth was to her mother-in-law, Naomi. After the death of her husband and the deaths of her sons, Naomi urged her daughters in-law to leave and go back to their former lives. *“But Ruth replied, “Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.”* When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.” (Ruth 1:16 – 18). Regardless of blood lines Ruth shared Naomi's God, shared her faith. That's what defines real families – faith.

Even with faith, there are times in our lives we find ourselves angry with God. While Job is a lengthy example of one seeking answers to “why,” I recommend Jonah because of its simplicity (and humor). Jonah was angry because God showed compassion for the Great City of Nineveh. Perhaps none of us would be angry about God's compassion; nonetheless, we do sometimes get angry about what God does (and more often, does not) do. But there are so many things going on, in heaven and in earth, that only God is aware of. Just as God demanded Job to give an accounting, God also reminded Jonah that God loves all people and the animals and that Jonah gets angry about things he only viewed from his narrow perspective. *“But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?”* (Jonah 4:10 – 11) There is always more to God than we can see. We must trust in God.

Lastly, we look at the Letter from James who cautions us to guard our tongues and to strive for pure religion; and he says *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”* (James 1:27) For us at this time it is our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are the orphans and widows that demand our responsive love, our pure religion. Read these stories of Ruth, Jonah and James with your families aloud this Lent. Let these stories be life examples of how to live, love, trust and maintain faith. And then talk about these stories so that you glean from them the love of God.

I pray that the peace of our Creator abides in you all during Lent and beyond, John+



LENT IS COMING!

As you can see from the February Calendar, Ash Wednesday is the 17th day of this month. The Wednesday after that, the 24th, we start our Lenten Study. We will continue with the New Church Teaching Series. We are now on book 5, "Living With History" by Fredrica Harris Thompsett. This short book will be augmented with handouts as we progress. We will meet after the Wednesday Night Healing Service (around 6:45pm). Soup will be provided for our study and our donations will go to our EYC fund as is our custom. There is also a signup sheet in the parish hall for the book and the study. Please fill in your name if you want to attend so that we will know how many books to order. The books will cost \$12.00 each. Thank you, and I look forward to studying with you.



John+

SUMMARY OF VESTRY MINUTES

The following is a summary of the vestry minutes of 19 January 2010

Our Vestry examined various cost-conserving measures regarding upkeep, including grounds-keeping and grants for our Windows. .

- This year's African Team Ministry will again be held in November, as requested by Pam Frawley.
- The Vestry is looking into participation in the Parish Nursing Program. As more information becomes available, decisions regarding this will be made. The Order of St. Luke Healing Ministry was also discussed.
- Lenten Study opportunities were discussed. These include the ECW Lenten Speaker Series at St. John's Episcopal Church. These will begin on Monday, February 22nd at 10:30 a.m. and continue for four Mondays. The study will last for about an hour, and lunch is available afterwards for those with reservations. Cost of lunch is \$8.00, and reservations must be made by the Friday before; call the St. John's church office at 483-7405. St. Paul's-in-the-Pines will have its own evening Lenten Study beginning February 24th-please see the article in the next column for details.
- Our Youth will be making a trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Their December trip went very well.
- Sign-up materials for this year's retreat at Trinity Center will be posted shortly.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The boxes sent by St. Paul's-in-the-Pines were well-received, as this email from Sgt. Andrea Eubanks shows.

Dear St. Paul's,

I received your care package today and I was thrilled!

Please make sure that Fr. John and everyone in your parish knows how much I appreciate your thoughts, prayers and kindness.

I think it's a great ministry that you are doing. I've been in Afghanistan for 11 months and I have seen that cards and care packages boost the morale of U.S. service members more than anything else.

All of the items were great but I think that the wipes and hand sanitizer are probably the most useful. There are still FOBs out here that do not have flushing toilets or running water.

Knowing that you all were thinking of me was very uplifting. Again, thank you.

SGT Andrea Eubanks

KEEP THOSE CANS coming! Rich turned in \$73.00 Worth of cans recently. He is now collecting about one bag a week. It takes about 13 bags to get the best price. Remember this money goes to the EYC for their needs. Thank you and God Bless, Rich

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FRIDAY, FEB 26, 2010,
FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION IN-
ASMUCH (FAOIAM) BREAD 'N BOWLS FUNDRAISER!!!!!!



FAOIAM is hosting its 3rd annual Bread 'n Bowls, a 4th Friday event, at Hay Street United Methodist Church in historic downtown Fayetteville. Tasty Brunswick Stew will be served in bowls handcrafted by local potters or in our famous bread bowls. All proceeds will go towards the daily operation of FAOIAM.

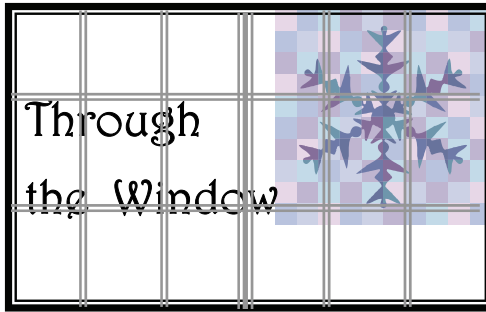
FAOIAM has served this community for fifteen years through neighborhood home repair Blitz Days and now through the opening of a breakfast program. Homeless and struggling in the community are served a hot, nutritious breakfast. In the coming months, in-house training to those served will also be provided, equipping them with tools to gain employment. Lunch will be served 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Dinner will be served 4:30-7:30 pm.

**See/call Jo Anne Lowder for your Bread 'N Bowls
lunch/dinner tickets.**

Bread Bowls, \$7.00

Pottery Bowls, \$15.

Today, through my window – at home, I might add – thanks to the decisions of the Cumberland County school system, I saw snow and ice and dripping leaves and birds flitting about in search of warm places to roost. As I am writing this, It's February 1st and the day after the St. Paul-in-the-Pines official birthday celebration – or rather, the scheduled celebration. It was another casualty of the bad weather. (*But one that was corrected on the 7th. Happy Birthday, St. Paul's!*)



I like that St. Paul's does this. Many churches celebrate benchmark anniversaries, the ones that arrive every five or ten years. Having a celebration every year, complete with food and gifts, brings everyone together and reminds them of how they came to be a part of this church and each others' lives.

And I like that the church receives gifts—I'm eager to see what they are.

In four years St. Paul's will celebrate its 50th birthday. I don't know what might be planned for that year, but I've seen churches write new histories, compile cookbooks, perform concerts, and plant gardens in celebration of special anniversaries. It will be exciting to see what you all cook up for St. Paul's.

Today's weather reminded me of other things, too. I'm originally from upstate New York. Where I went to college receives an *average* of 120 inches of snow per year. A bit more than Fayetteville. The city, Oswego, NY, has more snow removal equipment than any other municipality in the country. 2 inches, 7 inches, 13 inches of snow at a time doesn't get them down. They clean it up and keep going. BUT, unlike Nashville, Tennessee, where we lived for a long time, or even here, people in Oswego would be bowled over at having to deal with tornadoes or even hurricanes. These aren't events they know how to prepare for. And we all deal better with the catastrophes we know.

Which is why we share our knowledge. We show each other how to drive on glare ice, or how to hide out from tornadic winds in bathtubs and basements. We help each other get along. Often we refer to the weather as 'the elements'. So, it's at an 'elementary' level that we establish our response to one another. We help, we show we care, we extend our hands and hearts. As we grow, we reach farther. To those beyond our immediate vicinity, to those in neighborhood, our parish, and around the world. Days like today are a reminder of how simple the concept is, and how necessary,

Blessings, Robin the PA

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

Bea Roraback
 Jan Peters
 Patricia Jackson
 Kendra Seay, breast cancer
 (Christina Barnett)

Bea Freeman's granddaughter, 2-yr old, heart surgery
 Michaela Brown
 Larry Frawley, hip replacement
 Keith Partney, knee
 Rev'd Liz Simmons, cancer treatment, (Ron Huskey)
 Dana and Jennifer Frawley
 Jane Crabill, in the death of her aunt
 The people and families of Haiti, caught in the earthquake and its resultant destruction
 and

Our Service Members serving overseas:

Justin Boyle – Iraq
 Andrea Eubanks -- Iraq
 Tim Williams – Iraq
 John Buffinton – Afghanistan
 Dr. Dominic Strato – Afghanistan
 Adam Hipwell – Afghanistan
 Eric Harvey – Iraq



David Hipwell and David Seay are both safely home from overseas! Thank you all for the prayers you've offered up on their behalf.

Thank you all for your continued support, together we can do this. Blessings, John+

CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND: SHALEM PROJECT

\$7,567.00 GOAL

PREVIOUS TOTAL

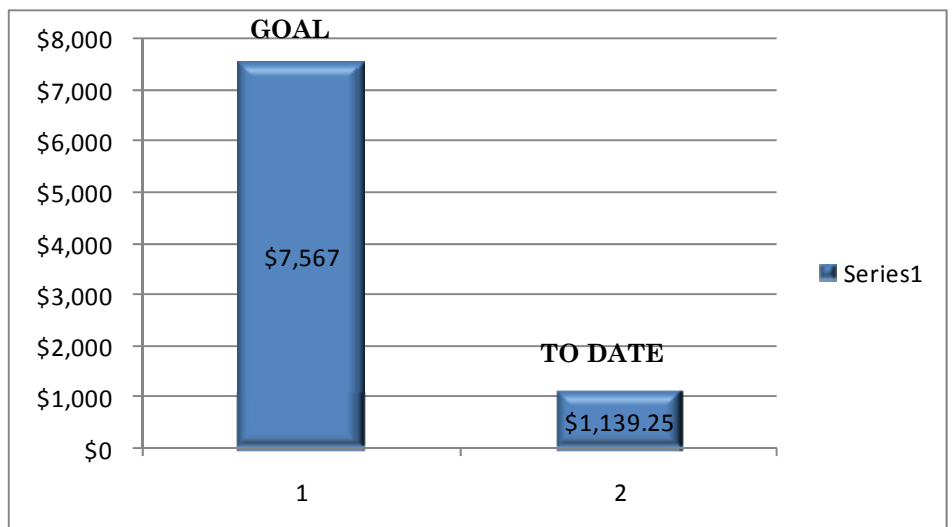
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JANUARY GIFTS

\$100.00
 \$20.00

NEW TOTAL

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	7 February 5th Sunday after the EPIPHANY	14 February Last Sunday after the EPIPHANY	17 February ASH WEDNES- DAY the IMPOSITION of ASHES	21 February 1st Sunday in LENT	28 February 2nd Sunday in LENT	7 March 3rd Sunday in LENT
2010 YEAR C						
8:00AM	D. DeJaynes	R. Burrs	C. Barnett 7am	K. Hasingser	J. Johnson	D. George
Euch.Min.	G. Roraback	R. Burrs	P. Frawley 12pm	D. George	D. Roraback	L. Flom
Chalice	B. Perham	G. Brown	J. Johnson 7pm	D. Roraback	P. Frawley	R. Burrs
Lector	P. Jackson	D. George		J. Crabill	L. Flom	C. Barnett
Crucifer	J. Liebers	J. Huskey		I. Martin	J. Liebers	J. Huskey
Ushers & Greeters & Front Doors	J. Ashford/T. Frantz G. Brown/B. Flom I. Martin/J. Marlow	J. Frantz T. Wethington G. Winder		G. Winder J. Lowder P. Perham	G. Brown I. Martin J. Ashford	B. Perham T. Wethington R. Burrs
Altar Guild	R. Burrs	G. Brown	R. Burrs	C. Swick	D. George	R. Burrs
Tellers	M. Winder R. Burrs	B. Perham G. Winder	G. Roraback L. Flom	G. Roraback L. Flom	K. Hasinger P. Perham	J. Ashford B. Perham
Flowers \$35						
Bread and Wine \$15						
Nursery	Pam/Doreen	Susan/Charity		Susan/Charity	Susan/Suzanne	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. PLEASE UTILIZE THE ILLUMINATIONS FOR THE LESSONS ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY.

February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Morning Prayer 5:00 am	2 Morning Prayer 5:00 am	3 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	4 127th Annual CONVENTION OF DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA	5 127th Annual CONVENTION OF DIO- CESE OF EAST CAROLINA	6 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew "IRYT4Fun" Wkshop 12:00-4:00pm 127th Annual CONVENTION OF DIO- CESE OF E CAROLINA
Boy Scout Sunday	7	8 Morning Prayer 5:00 am	9 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	10 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	11 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Cursillo Reunion Group 6:00 pm	12
7 Birthday Rescheduled Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Ed 9:15 am Children's Chapel 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Girl Scouts 3:00 pm						13 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
14 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Ed 9:15 am Children's Chapel 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am EYC 4:00-6:00 pm	15 Morning Prayer 5:00 am	16 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm PANCAKE SUPER 5:30-7:00 PM MARDI GRAS PARADE @ 6:00	17 Ash Wednesday Services 7:00 am 12 Noon 6:00 pm (No Healing Service)	18 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Cursillo Reunion Group 6:00 pm NEWSLETTER ARI- CLES DUE	19 Deadline for Res- ervations for lunch at St. John's (following Mon- day Lenten study)	20 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Community Watch 10:30 am-Noon
21 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Ed 9:15 am Children's Chapel 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	22 Morning Prayer 5:00 am Lunchtime Lenten Studies at St. John's begin	23 Fr. John at Trinity Center overnight	24 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm Lenten Study begin at St. Paul's 6:45 pm	25 Morning Prayer 5:00 am	26	27 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
28 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am Children's Chapel 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	<p>Birthdays & Anniversaries in February: 1st—Christina Barnett; 2nd—Morgan Pettigrew, Louvina James; 6th—Kenny Axford; 14th—John & Ronnie Frazier (1980); 15th—Cristina Carson; 18th—Pam & Larry Frawley; 20th—Susan Swick</p> <p><i>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 .</i></p>					

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A Diocese in Prayer February 2010

Please pray for the following during the month of February

7th — St. Phillip's, Holly Ridge
The Rev'd Timothy Dols, Supply Priest
Deacon Kay Swindell
St. Thomas, Windsor
The Rev'd Joseph Cooper, Priest in Charge
San Jose, Andres Boca Chica, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Margarita Santana, Vicar
The Rev'd D. Gustavo Uribe, Assistant to the Rector

14th — St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte
The Rev'd David Davis, Rector
Peace Church, New Bern
The Rev'd Malcolm Roberts, Rector
Santa Ana, Mendoza, Dominican Republic

21st — Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders
St. Mark's, Wilmington
Santiago Apostol, Angelina, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Felix Encarnacion, Vicar
La Redencion, Barahona, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Nephtaly Desir, Vicar

24th — St. Peter's, Sunbury
St. Christopher's, Elizabethtown
San Jorge, Azua, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Alvaro Yopez Lopez, Vicar

