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Pray for Vestry Members Daily.

"Lil' Red Wagon Collection"

Sundays, March 4 and April 1 will be collection Sundays for the Pee Dee Coalition. Thank you!!!

"FLC on the Third"

The Third Sunday of each month, the DOK will collect cleaning supplies, paper products and gift cards for Family Literacy. Our next collections will be March 18 and April 15

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We are always in need of Social Saints! If you would be willing to help with the refreshments after the 10:00 service, please contact Vicky Armes or the office at 479-2252 or stpaulepisch@sc.metrocast.net

St. Paul's Prayer Chain

Please call Edith Furman (497-2304) with your prayer requests! Edith will start the prayer chain in motion.

Prayer requests for the Bulletin

Please call the office to add or remove prayer requests from the bulletin.



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March/April 2012

Dear People of God,

(Feb. 22, 2012, Ash Wednesday)

Lent has begun. Most people think about this season as a time to live a more disciplined life. In the spirit of Lent, we take on some new responsibility which we believe will lead us to a more fulfilling life.

And there is great good to be had in observing the sacrifices of a holy Lent. I think this must have been what Paul was writing about in chapter 3 of his Second Letter to the Corinthians. In that passage, Paul describes what it really means to be faithful Christians, faced with both honor and dishonor, living our testimony both in ill repute and good repute. He warns us that as Christians, we will come to know what it is to be treated as impostors by this world, all the while remaining true to our faith. A Christian at some point in his/her life will come face-to-face with what it means to be regarded as unknown, a "nobody." Yet the truth is, you and I are well known to the only one whose opinion truly counts in this universe. To follow Christ means to be always dying to the things of this world, and yet to be forever alive with Christ. The courageous Christian learns on his own skin what it is to suffer and yet to endure; to confront sorrow, yet to be always rejoicing; to be poor, yet making many rich; to have little of this world, and yet possessing riches beyond all measure *(You may wish to read what Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:8-10).*

Last night we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a traditional meal of sweet pancakes and rich sausage. According to the old Anglican traditions of our mother faith, these rich foods would not have been permitted during the 40 days of lent. So it was necessary to clean out the larder of all rich foods and consume them before Lent began. With the start of the Lenten season, the early Anglicans had to make space on the pantry shelves for the foods of lent – fresh fruits and vegetables, simple breads and broths, the clean, lean, fresh foodstuffs that would be their daily nourishment during this special, reflective season.

It is my hope that this will be our goal in these forty days which are upon us. Let us truly clean out the spiritual larders of our lives. Let us remove from the shelves of our heart all those heavy, dissipating thoughts and pastimes that weigh us down and keep us from being the joyous, lively, people bubbling over with joy – the people that God would have for His children. Lent is a time to wipe away the cobwebs of our lives. Let us sweep clean the pantries of our souls this Lent, so that we can nourish ourselves with the Word of God in all its vibrant, renewing power.

Let us all make this a truly Holy and Blessed Lent.

In Christ,

James T

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper was a great success!

A total of \$1,600 was raised to help with the outreach and missions of St. Paul's! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event successful.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Special Activities and Meetings upcoming for St. Paul's

- March 4 11:45 ECW meeting
- March 10 Diocesan Convention
- March 11 11:45 a.m. Vestry Meeting
- March 25 11:45 Altar Guild
- April 1 7:45 & 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Services
- April 5 5:30 p.m. Agape Supper
- April 5 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- April 6 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- April 8 7:45 & 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Services
- April 15 11:45 a.m. Vestry Meeting



Those in Need of Prayer
Parishioners

Julian Drake, Chris Montrose, David Montrose, Wade Kalinowsky,
Frank Townsend, Harriet Gibson, Dot Rogers

Family and Friends of the Parish in Need of Prayer

Bart West and family, Janet Sherbine, Margaret Whetstone (Julie Avent's mother), Georgia Satterfield (Shawna Collins' step-mother), Jo Evans (Woody's Aunt), Allen Rogers, Fred Rogers, Theren and Regenia Nester (Sandra's parents), Miriam Kalinowsky (Wade's mother), Margaret Principino (Breta's sister), Beth Rubio (friend of Carla's), Patricia Lowery (friend of the Collins), Gilbert McLaurin, Christy Hagen and family, Collins Elizabeth Coffey, Rick Archer (Dick Archer's son), Leroy & Betty Manlove, Marlboro County Family Literacy Program, Pee Dee Coalition & victims of domestic abuse, & Marlboro County Schools.

Church Staff and Leaders

James Barnhill, Sandra Widejko, Carolyn Andrews, Mary Cook,
Deborah Wimberly, Lyle Miller, Ella Reese Hinson, Mike Winburn, and Trisha Collins

Special Prayer Request for our Diocese

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence and The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin
Rev. Tabitha Wang, Diocesan Missionary to The Peoples Republic of China

The Prayer list is prayed over daily and is cared for with extreme love and compassion. If you have made a request and it is time to remove that name, please let the office know. Thank you.



EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

If you are providing an Easter lily on Easter morning, in honor or in memory of someone, that information needs to be to the church office **by Monday April 2.**

**If you are going to order your lily from the Ivy Shop—you need to contact them early as they purchase a limited supply.

ST. PAUL'S AGAPE SUPPER

The annual Agape Supper will be Thursday night, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. We will serve the traditional items of dried fruit, bread, bean soup, and cheese.

Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to help with this special meal.

Maundy Thursday services follow at 6:30

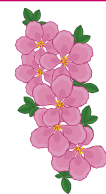
The Website is better than ever!

Much work has been done recently, on the St. Paul's Website. Go to www.stpaulssc.org and see all the new ways to access information!!!

- ** The weekly Bible Study - Look under "News/Info" at the top of the page. Each week's Bible Study Questions and Reflections are posted there.
- ** The Newsletter - Published bi-monthly, it is also under "News/Info." You will be notified when to look for the latest edition.
- ** The Calendar of events—including the Lay Ministry schedule - Look under "Calendar" at the top of the page and then in the middle of the next page go to "Click Here" to see what is coming up in the near future!!!

Flowering the Cross

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Morning to "Flower" the cross. The cross will be located in front of the Sanctuary doors.



ECW Meeting

The next ECW meeting is Sunday, March 4, at 11:45. Please be thinking and praying about possible fundraising ideas to conduct this year. We will discuss those at the meeting

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES !!

- Helen Gibbs - 2
- Margaret Hollis - 6
- Elizabeth Jackson - 7
- Craig and Marcia Warner - 17
- Scott Winburn - 20
- Quintin Hollis - 22
- Andy Winburn - 29

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES !!

- Carla Horry - 4
- Julie Avent - 6
- Everett McInnis - 8
- Jim McInnis - 10
- Anne McInnis - 15
- Fletcher Lee - 18
- Julie and Barry Avent - 27

FAMILY LITERACY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR PARENTING WORKSHOPS

Family Literacy is seeking volunteers to assist with their series of workshops for parents of children from birth through five years old at Bennettsville Primary School. The workshops are designed to support parents in being the best first teachers of their children. Volunteers are needed to assist in the actual workshop, to help with registration, to work with the food, to babysit the children while the parents are in the workshop, etc.

To volunteer or for more information, call Family Literacy at 843.454.2030.

The workshops are held at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, 21 February----Helping My Child Become a Better Reader

Tuesday, 6 March -----Helping My Child Be the Best that He/She Can Be

Tuesday, 20 March -----Reducing Stress & Avoiding Burnout in Parents

Tuesday, 3 April -----Good Health & Nutrition/Getting Resources for My Child