

St. Paul's Epistle

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I wish you a wonderful Christmas Season, joyful times with family and friends and many blessings in the New Year.

In Christ,
-Joe Rushton



From the Rector:

The annual celebration of the Birth of Jesus is upon us. God has come among the creation, Love has come for the world to see, and we choose to follow the Love of God as shown to us in His Son Jesus. We remember and hear again from the Evangelists, Matthew and Luke the inspired Word and testament of how the Birth of Jesus came about. We celebrate with Story and Song: Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, the Wise travelers from the east and the star they followed – as each contribute to the coming of Jesus to be born as a human being, one like us. And we believe that all this came to pass for the benefit of people like you and me. Jesus comes into the world as the perfect embodiment and revelation of the love which God has for God's people.

We have come to believe that God is the giver of all good gifts which we have received by way of talent, abilities, and sensibilities. We have learned from the teachings of Jesus and the practice of his life that we can make our lives and the lives of those around us better, happier and more comfortable when we practice what Jesus preached. We have come to believe that by gathering with like minded believers in Jesus that we can be strengthened in our following His path for us. We have found that when we gather in the Lord's name that God is present in our midst and we are better for that. We have come to know the joy associated with both giving and receiving with thankfulness in our hearts.

We will come together this Christmas Season as our Christians have for centuries, to remember, celebrate and believe – what God has done for us in sending His Beloved Son. Please make every effort to join us as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, and God with us in the parish celebrations of Holy Eucharist. (Services are listed below)

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. †† Holy Eucharist and youth pageant
10:30 p.m. Christmas carols, choir, hand bells and organ
11:00 p.m. †† Holy Eucharist with choir, hand bells and organ

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas day

9:00 a.m. †† Holy Eucharist with Christmas hymns and organ



We as a church still need to complete paying down our Diocesan line of credit, which amounts to \$500 a quarter. The vestry counts on your Capital Fund pledges to meet this obligation. Please don't forget to pay your Capital Fund pledge. Of course, even if you didn't pledge, one can contribute to the Capitol Fund at any time!



Food Bank Maureen Leary

Please remember to bring in breakfast and lunch items for the children attending Primeros Pasos as well as non-perishable food items for the Georgetown Food Pantry. There is still an emphasis on meat products and all items can be placed in the basket by the baptismal font. Your food donations may be brought in at any time and they will be distributed throughout the month. Thank you for caring.

And thank you to Bill and Bobbie Quillen who graciously give their time and energy by collecting the donated food and distributing it, as well.



Meals on Wheels

One of our ministries at St. Paul's is Meals on Wheels. St. Paul's has been faithful in providing a very basic need to the elderly and homebound population in Sussex County.

Currently, there is a need for another person to deliver meals on Wednesdays, from January through May.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please call Judy Dean. If you're not sure, you may ride along with someone who is delivering to see if this is something you'd like to do.



Can Tabs?

Yes, we are still saving can tabs and bringing them to St. Paul's for collection.

Judy Dean is still collecting the tabs and sending them off. So bring in whatever tabs you have saved. There is a jar by the baptismal font, or just leave your bag of tabs by the jar.

Thank you.



From the Kitchen – Emily Peterson

The first Sunday in January is "Clean out your pantry Sunday." Anything you may not want or need you can bring to church for use here.

The first Sunday in February is Super Bowl Sunday and we are asking everyone to bring in a can of soup for the Food Bank. That Sunday, will also be "soup" Sunday and homemade soup will be served for coffee hour that day.

Book Club Janet Jones



St. Paul's Book Club

Our book club is open to anyone and everyone and we meet at St. Paul's the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the church library. Many of us also go to lunch together after our discussion which is also fun. We have just finished our series for 2013 and have chosen the books we plan to read for the next six months.

If any new members are interested in joining us, please get in touch with either Emily Peterson (302) 933-7329 or Janet Jones (302) 629-5354

The books we will read and discuss in 2014 are the following:

January - "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman
February - "Noon At Tiffany's" by Echo Heron
March - "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty
April - "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus
May - "The Obituary Writer" by Ann Hood
June - "The Hidden Garden" by Kate Morton

Please consider joining us. Our discussions are very lively and thought provoking.



Sunday, December 15th – Holy Eucharist and healing with oil. Last day to bring in wrapped gifts (hats and candy) for The Way Home.

Thursday, December 19th – The Way Home dinner at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, December 21st - YELL will meet from 5 until 8:30 p.m. This month will feature "A different look at Advent and Christmas" as well as preparing for annual youth group presentation (pageant) on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd – "Greening of the Church" following 10:30 service.

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. (Christmas carols at 10:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29th – Regular church services with caroling at 10:30 a.m. service.

Sunday, January 5th – Discretionary Sunday – loose plate offering and designated checks for Rector's Discretionary Fund. (The need for funds always increases during the winter months).

Wednesdays, January 8th and 22nd Soup and Study group will resume its regular schedule.

Vestry Meeting on Wednesday, January 15th. Remember, any parish member may attend vestry meetings. If you've ever wondered what the vestry really does, please come and join us.

Sunday, January 26th – Annual Parish Meeting with lunch following 10:30 a.m. service.



Monday

Friends in Faith – 1 p.m. in the library

Bible Study – 7 p.m. in the library

Wednesday

☩ Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.

Dinner and Study
Second and Fourth Wednesday

Friday

Office is closed

Saturday

Men's Group - 8 a.m. in the upstairs hall

Sunday

☩ Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

☩ Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.



December Birthdays

12/1 Amanda Goebel
12/3 Karen Sam
12/16 Nancy Whelen

January Birthdays

1/3 Ed Wolfe
1/6 Kathy Driscoll
1/10 Jessica Clark
1/12 Bill Quillen
1/17 Connie Yakish
1/19 Jim Boyer
1/25 Ed Rohlfing
1/31 Dan Myers
1/31 Gene Quaciari
Randy Ramirez



December Anniversaries

- 12/12 Bill and Nancy Whelen**
- 12/12 Robert and Carol Atallian**
- 12/21 Peter and Debi Goebel**
- 12/29 Ed and Jane Rohlfing**
- 12/31 Joe Rushton and Nick Codd**

Birthdays/Anniversaries – If you don't see your name(s) listed in the birthday or anniversary list, please let Maureen know so you can be added to the list



The Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families has developed a newsletter, "In Faith and Health." Beginning in February, these newsletters will be available for the public on their website. The purpose of the newsletters is to provide monthly health information and tips based on the national health awareness topic of the month.

We will also include a few additional articles regarding other current events related to health and wellness.

Please take the time to read and share. The website is www.deccf.org.



A big thank you from all of us goes to Chris Bennett who has faithfully worked with our youth for a number of years. He has been a spiritual example, an educator, inspiration and friend to many who have spent and are spending their school years as part of our Parish Family.

Thanks also to those who served on the Stewardship Committee, Gene Quaciari, Karen Swartout, Lit Dryden, and Ken Duke. Also thanks go to Fred Dean. researched the figures we needed for the 'Did You Know' fact sheet, and to our secretary Maureen for printing the sheet each week.

A very special thank you goes to Doris Hickman who has been the coordinator for this ministry for many years. Thank you, Doris.

And thanks to Judy Dean who has volunteered to be the new coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

As this year comes to an end and a new one begins we give thanks to God for our wonderful parish family and all the blessings we have received this year and for the ones to come.



Organizations using the Facilities

Primeros Pasos

First Monday Noon – 3 P.M.

A.A. Meetings

New group – Every Monday 8:00 – 9:00 P.M.
A.A. Inner Group. 1st Thursday 6:00 -7:30 P.M.
Saturday Women's Group -11 AM

NA Meeting

Thursday 6 - 8 P.M.

Girl Scouts

Friday Troops 1272 & 1012 - 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

I-Adapt

Third Tuesday 3:00 P.M.

The Way Home

Second Wednesday 8:30 AM - Noon

Foster Parents Support Group

Fourth Wednesday - 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden - Karen Swartout – 2014
Junior Warden - Bobbie Quillen – 2015
Fred Dean, Treasurer
Jayne Sheahan, Scribe
Gene Quaciari – 2014
Ruth Myers – 2015
Bo Richardson – 2015
Nancy Whelen – 2016
Maureen Leary – 2016
Chris Bennett – 2016
Libby Stevenson - 2014

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Sunday

✠ Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

✠ Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the **February** newsletter is Monday, January 27th.

