

St. Paul's Epistle

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From the Rector -

The parish celebration of Christmas was beautiful, thanks to the participation of so many of our members. Our family joined their vocal and instrumental musical talents, their decorating talents, their cleaning and polishing talents and their dramatic gifts to provide us with a wonderful remembrance and tribute to God's perfect gift of his Son born to us. We completed our Christmas celebration with both the Epiphany and last Sunday's retelling of the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple and the revelation of Jesus as God's anointed to both Simeon and Anna.

Winter seems to have quite a hold on Delmarva, and while we have escaped much of the snow and ice, we certainly have not missed the bitter cold. On some Sundays we have missed some of our members who wisely chose to stay safely in their homes, but we have been checking in on each other to assure each other's well being. Please know that we do care for all our members and include them in our prayers whether you are with us or need to stay home.

Our parish annual meeting went beautifully and we have thanks to offer to all who assisted with the hospitality and presented a wonderful luncheon. There was much to eat, great company and time to share fellowship with longtime and newer members of our parish family.

Karen Swartout, Gene Quaciari and Libby Stevenson have completed their term of service on the vestry and we are grateful for their service. We also give thanks to Bobbie Quillen, who sadly had a fall and subsequent broken bone(s) and in order to focus on her physical rehabilitation has needed to resign as vestry member and junior warden. The vestry selection process resulted with Mary Ann Torkelson and Judy Dean receiving three year terms and Libby Stevenson selected as alternate should in the coming year any vestry member not be able to complete their term of service.

This year the Diocese of Delaware annual convention will be held in Newark, Delaware on February 21 and 22, 2014. Our parish will be represented by Libby Stevenson and Jayne Sheahan as delegates and Maureen Leary and Karen Swartout as alternates and I (Fr. Rushton) will be the clergy delegate.

In the March newsletter we will lay out our Lenten opportunities.

For now stay warm and I'll see you in church.

In Christ,

-Joe Rushton



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.

Our next distribution date is the week of March 2nd.



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

Thanks to everyone who helped our parish to enjoy the holidays by bringing in side dishes and desserts throughout the holiday season. We are indeed blessed to have a parish that enjoys participating in our weekly fellowship here at St. Paul's.

Many thanks to all who brought in canned goods for the homeless, and to Gene Quaciari who is distributing the food.

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.

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, February 2 – Discretionary Sunday

Loose plate offering and checks will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help people in need.

This also "**Super Bowl Soup Sunday**"
Bring in a can(s) of soup for the Food Bank. Also, enjoy a bowl of Emily's homemade soup at the 10:30 coffee hour.

Sunday, February 9 A Visit with The Bishop

Bishop Wright will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and preach during the 10:30 service. Everyone is invited to join him at a luncheon in his honor after the service.

Sunday, February 16 – Anointing with oil and prayer for healing at both services. Celebrated at the 10:30 coffee hour are birthdays for the month of February.

Wednesday, February 12 and 26 – Supper and Study 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend a time of fellowship around the dinner table and then study in the library. You may attend supper or just study or both. Currently, our study includes a video which looks at the bible from a historical perspective.

Friday and Saturday, February 21 & 22 – Diocesan Convention – This year delegates are Libby Stevenson and Jayne Sheahan. Alternates are Karen Swartout and Maureen Leary

Meal on Wheels – St. Paul's turn to deliver meals are during the week of February 2nd and March 2nd.

Vestry Meeting on Wednesday, February 19th.
Remember, any parish member may attend vestry

meetings. If you've ever wondered what the vestry really does, please come and join us.

NOTE: Coming in March – Pancake Supper on March 4th and Ash Wednesday on March 5th, and St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Look for your Wednesday E-Mails and Sunday bulletins for more information.



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.



February Birthdays

2/1 Jo Dryden
2/13 Rachel Driscoll
2/17 Chris Bennett
2/23 Hannah Goebel
2/23 Maureen Leary
2/24 Scott Allen
2/25 Lit Dryden
2/26 Karen Swartout

March Birthdays

3/7 Nick Codd
3/9 Al Montefusco
3/12 Karen Baker
3/15 Douglas Myers
3/18 Maynard Mires
3/19 Betty Cogswell
3/19 Rebekah Goebel
3/23 Isabelle Morris (G'town)
3/25 Russ Henk



February Anniversaries

None

March Anniversaries

3/1 Shelly and Mary Lou Ewell
3/29 Karen and Allan Baker

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.

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



The Christmas Eve Pageant and the Midnight service were both beautiful. Many parishioners gave of their time, talent, and donations to make this a wonderful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is impossible to thank everyone by name but we do say thanks to all of you and to:

Karen Baker director for the Altar Guild and all those who helped with the Greening of the Church and all those who donated poinsettias.

Bill Quillen. and Scott Allen for replacing the Sanctuary=s lights.

Amanda Goebel for making the pageant costumes, Chris Bennett for directing and filming the pageant and those who participated in it.

The musicians, both instrumental and vocal, and their respective directors, Libby Stevenson. and Mary Ann Torkelson (This is the first time in awhile that we have had both a bell choir and vocal one performing on Christmas Eve. It was wonderful and greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all) And, of course, to Fr. Rushton for the celebration of the Eucharist and sermon and who lets it all happen

Thanks also to those who helped make The Way Home Christmas project a success - Jessica Clark, who chaired the project with help from Judy Dean Emily Peterson, those who brought in gifts, cooked turkeys or sides for the dinner, and those who helped in the kitchen. It was a wonderful event with approximately 80 people attending.

Our thanks also go to Russ and Cindy Henk for donating their time share condo for a fund raising raffle. You'll hear more about this in the days to come.

Thanks also go to Libby Stevenson and Chris Dryden for joining the Meals on Wheels team.

And a special thanks to Maureen Leary, our secretary, who always gets more work during holiday times and does such a good job.

Karen Swartout



The First State Community Action Agency's Second Annual Health Fair will be held on Monday, February 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the First State Community Action Center at 308 N. Railroad Avenue in Georgetown. Representatives from 14 health and wellness organizations will participate. Included are free glucose and blood pressure screenings, and much more.



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 (Interim)
Fred Dean, Treasurer
Jayne Sheahan, Scribe
Ruth Myers – 2015
Bo Richardson – 2015
Nancy Whelen – 2016
Maureen Leary – 2016
Chris Bennett – 2016
Judy Dean – 2017
Mary Ann Torkelson - 2017

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Sunday

✠ Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

✠ Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the March newsletter is Tuesday, February 25th

