

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

September 22, 2024

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God.

If you would like to make a recognition through the altar flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium for a form in the lower box. Sign-up for the days(s) you would like and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin. Payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to a staff person.

Upcoming Pastors

September 22 Pastor Jan Huntley
September 29 Pastor David Sloop
October 6th Pastor Amanda Highben
October 13th Pastor Jan Huntley

Growing Thru Grief

Offers grief support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Meetings are at 4-6PM, all are welcome.

September Schedule

September 24 “Entering into Grief” with Mandy Murphy
October 1 “Engaging with Grief,” with Mandy Murphy
October 8 “Surrendering to Grief, Part 1” with Mandy Murphy

St Paul's Financial Health Explained

This Sunday, Sep 22, John Foreman will be in Trinity Hall giving a presentation on St Paul's financial health. This presentation will begin at 9:45 and will cover our budget situation and how our finances are looking as we head towards the end of the year. We hope you plan to attend this important message from our finance committee.

PASTA for PARKTOWN!

Help Stock St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!

Donate boxes of dry pasta to the bin beneath the bulletin board in the Atrium. These boxes are given to hungry families at the Parktown area by the Food Hub. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative and it is accomplished through your generosity.

Thank you, Joy!! We are so grateful for everything that our office assistant, Joy, has done behind the scenes to keep things running these past few months. We wish her the best at her new workplace.

Working Adult Group Upcoming Events

- **“Dancing in Lughnasa”** St. Paul's very own Amanda Anderson will be starring in “Dancing in Lughnasa”! The show runs Sept. 19th - 29th at the Firebox Theater in Wake Forest. Tickets are on sale now at <https://fireboxtheatre.com/>. *Tickets are general admission and seats only 65 people, so get your tickets fast. If going as a group would be preferred, please let me know and I can get you in contact with anyone else that would be interested.*
Located at The Graham: 306 S. White Street, Suite 200, Wake Forest NC 27587
- **“Fall Fest: Pumpkin carving with goats at Spring Haven Farms in Chapel Hill”** Oct. 19th 10-12pm Location: 5306 Homer Ruffin Road, Chapel Hill NC 27516 Cost: \$14.95 + tax (ages 4+)/person & \$8-\$16/pumpkin per size (small, medium, or large). You can either venmo/zelle Megan Cunningham for tickets or visit this link to purchase yourself: <https://www.springhavenfarm.com/copy-of-events-1>
- **October 19th, 11AM - 12 PM or later if wanted. Once we are in at 11AM, we can stay until close if we want!**

Dropped Stich: Meetings resuming starting September 27th

On the last Friday of each month at 1 pm in the church atrium where the sofas reside.

Pastor's Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

Thursday Mornings at 10:30am! This week we will be in Chapter 13-14. Notes will be emailed early in the week.

Tongue and Thimble

Our quilting group creates small quilts which are distributed to nurseries at local hospitals for critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/ Music room in Genesis Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Save the date! October 30th Trunk or Treat!

Hot dog supper at 5pm and Trunk or Treating at 6pm

Volunteers needed: Help with creating and printing weekly bulletins

We need assistance with two tasks: creating the weekly bulletin packets online using Canva (which can be done from the comfort of your home if you prefer), and printing/copying the bulletins and announcement sheets at church using our Risograph machine. We can provide training! Please let Vicar Ashley know if you are available to assist. We are hoping to get 4-5 volunteers who can each help for one Sunday a month.

Durham Pride event

Vicar Ashley is looking for volunteers to join her at St. Paul's table at the Durham Pride event in downtown Durham on Saturday, 9/28. If you have time available and would like to volunteer to help staff this table for a one-hour time slot between 12-4 PM, please let Vicar Ashley know. If you are attending the event, make sure to stop by our table to say hello and receive a glitter blessing!

Save the date! Wednesday, October 16th: OKTOBERFEST

St. Paul's Readers Book Club

Our next book is *Humankind: A Hopeful History* by Rutger Bregman, for our next gathering on October 17.

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of most months at 3 pm. It is an informal gathering to talk about our book for the month, led by a facilitator. We try to select books from different genres to stretch our horizons and extend our appeal. For questions or more information, please contact Katherine Trexler katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com

Young in Spirit - Sunday, September 29th at 3 PM

After a lazy, hazy summer we are ready to get together again for Young in Spirit. The September activity will be "Dancing at Lughnasa" a play by Brian Friel presented at the Firebox Theater, Wake Forest. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Our very own Amanda Anderson will be a main character.

Sign up on the bulletin board and reserve/pay for your tickets by September 8 to Marcia Redman. We will carpool from church. Dinner will follow.

The Women of the ELCA is offering some information to consider this election year.

As we prepare for this election year it is good to think about our role in politics. If you are interested please go to this link: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Calledtobepolitical.pdf>

Attention, calling all potential children's Sunday school teachers.

This will be our last year as lead Sunday school teachers (September 2024-May 2025). To ensure the future of children's Sunday school and a smooth transition, we would like some interested volunteers to assist this year. Come get acquainted with the youngest members of St. Paul's and see what Sunday School is all about. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this vital ministry of the church you can contact Betty Hinshaw and Carole Ostrowski for more information.

Fall 2024 Adult Sunday School (Trinity Hall 9:45am-10:30am)

September 22 24-25 Finance & Stewardship Q&A Session - finance & Stewardship Committee leaders
September 29 Using Biblical worldview and curriculum to discuss struggles kids face - Stephanie Knudsen
October 6 Social Ministry Updates and Outreach Q&A Session - Bee Ellertson
October 13 Dwelling in the Word: **Prayer** with Bill Dahl

Jewelry Making with Joyce Veazey (supplies provided)

Just bring yourself! If you are interested, contact Joyce to set up a time meet with her. Please refer to the church directory for contact info.

Join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's!

Interested participating in worship or learn more about music? You should join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's!

Choir and handbell ensembles will be resuming on August 28th and September 4th respectively. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, handbells from 6:30-7:15 and choir from 7:15-8:30. Ensembles normally perform at the 11:00 service but occasionally at the 8:30 service. Ability to read music not required. If interested, contact Ted Turner, director of music at music@stpaulsdurham.org

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.

Devotions: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Send devotions to vicar@stpaulsdurham.org

Sign-up Genius Links

Please consider volunteering to assist in worship. Click the link to sign-up.

Sunday Worship: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/)

Available Opportunities: lector, worship assistant, altar guild, communion assistant, and usher.

UMD Volunteer Update

Moving forward, we're back to the original time frame, 11:30-1:30 pm. We'll help with meal prep before serving lunch just as we did previously, **only four volunteers are needed**. To accommodate our monthly Habitat for Humanity volunteer shift, I changed the UMD shift to the fourth Saturday of the month starting in September.

Volunteers MUST sign up online to participate. You can Sign up here:
https://bit.ly/UMD_Signup

As always, please reach out to me with questions about the logistics of volunteering,
andersona1129@gmail.com.

Our **Afghan family support team** is so grateful for your generosity in providing diapers for the past several months. The 2 families have a good supply for the time being, so we will let you know when that changes.

We could use help with funding school supplies. Six of the children are already back in school at Hope Valley Elementary, which shifted to a year-round schedule this year. We purchased supplies for them but foresee more expenses ahead when the other 6 return to school (Githens Middle and Jordan High) at the end of August. As always, thank you for your generosity in sharing with these families.

If you would like to contribute, you may do so through the pew envelope in offering plate or send a check to the church office, designating "school supplies for Afghan families".

PRAYER REQUEST EDITS

To streamline the process and help reduce errors, please visit the following link to add/remove people on the prayer list. <https://forms.gle/28wAjDpzQhEufuXu8>

PRAYER LIST

Prayers of the Church (Members)

Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazy, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Pat Casper, Karl and Otti Freundt, Anna Snyder, Fran Whitfield, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, Amanda Highben., Rick Lischer, Ron Brown, Marilyn Hawley, and Dean Redman.

Prayers of the Church (Friends)

Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner (Tony Perotte's Mother and Uncle), Diane Johnson (Penni Perotte's friend), Tim and Sue Williams (Friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (Sister of Anna Snyder), Sayge Lindsay (Grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), MJ Chevalier (Sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (Mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (Friend of Robin Winfree), Jacki, Stevens, and daughter (Friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (Cousin of Kathy Anderson), Armenia and Artsakh (Friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (Parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (Mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (Brother of Bob DeVries), Gini Rinkus (Friend of the Dominicks), Elaine Williamson (Sister-in-Law of Hudgins), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Hunley, Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck and Ruth Parker (Aunt of Pat Casper), Holly Cashwell (Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (Friend of Waughs), George and Pat Rose (Friends of Debbie Fulbright), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Jack Taylor (Cousin of Dean and Marcia Redman), Debra Jetton (Sister of Bill Wilson), Penny Wagner (Niece of Marcia Wilson), Lynn Hladak (Grandmother to Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Cole Cashwell (Grandson of Pat Cashwell), Dirk Davis (By Debbie Fulbright), Scott Duncan (Stepfather of Bill Elkin), Dave and Missy Pepper (Brother and Family of Joan Pepper), Chuck Johnson and Family (Husband and Family of Leslie Johnson), Vernice Knudsen (Mother of Ken Knudsen), Olga Niktin (By Patrick Chappel), Joan Mayfield (Aunt of Pat Casper), Vera Wiggins and Tony Jeeter (By Amy Elkin), Wini Robison (Aunt of Megan Cunningham), Harvey Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Linda Larson (friend of Marcy and Ron Brown), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman).