

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

October 20, 2024

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### Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

*The Altar Flowers are presented in memory of Seth Kitange by Neema Kitange and family.*

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 day(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

October 20th Pastor Jan Huntley  
October 27th Pastor Amanda Highben

### Growing Thru Grief

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

### Fall Schedule

October 22 "Transforming Through Grief" with Mandy Murphy

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

October 20 Dwelling in the Word: **Light** with Vicar Ashley  
October 27 **Reformation** with Morris Casper  
November 3 Dwelling in the Word: **Lament** with Pastor Jan Huntley

### Save the date! October 30th Trunk or Treat!

Hot dog supper at 6pm and Trunk or Treating at 6:30pm.

### Cherokee, NC Food Bank Support

St. Paul's is helping to re-supply a food bank in Cherokee, NC which was impacted by Hurricane Helene. Please consider helping by donating cereal, canned meat, and/or peanut butter crackers by October 27.

### Help the Duke Lutherans Assemble Flood Clean-up Buckets

On Sunday night, October 27, the Duke Lutherans will be assembling Hurricane Clean Up Buckets for our Western North Carolina neighbors in need...and we'd love your help! Please consider purchasing an item (or two!) from our Amazon Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PABU8L77MCKG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PABU8L77MCKG?ref=wl_share)

Because the buckets will be distributed through Lutheran Disaster Response in the Carolinas, all items adhere to their guidelines and will be sent where they are needed most. Please reach out to Pastor Amanda (amanda.highben@duke.edu) if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping us to be the hands and feet of Christ for our neighbors!

### Souls to the Polls!

Did you know that since the last presidential election in 2020, North Carolina has implemented voting laws that can present barriers to some citizens? For many years, our friends at St. Joseph's AME church have organized a "Souls to the Polls" event on the first Sunday of early voting. This festive parade raises awareness about early voting and helps spread information about voting requirements and opportunities. You are invited! Please join other St. Paul's members on **October 20th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** when, with flags waving, the car caravan will travel from St. Joseph's to NCCU's School of Law early voting precinct. (Since it's Early Voting, you can cast your ballot without worrying about being at a specific precinct.) This caravan helps promote the importance of voting in such a polarized and dynamic election. If you would like more information or have questions please reach out to either Bee Ellertson ([bellertson@icloud.com](mailto:bellertson@icloud.com)) or Megan Cunningham ([mcunni16@gmail.com](mailto:mcunni16@gmail.com)). Hope to see you there!

**Children's Sunday school** is meeting each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, downstairs in the Genesis room (near the downstairs kitchen). All children are welcome and encouraged to join us for a time of Bible stories, crafts, cooking, and fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carole Ostrowski or Betty Hinshaw.

## **A Journey Towards Reconciliation**

“A Performance Exploring Race, Justice, and Equity

The members of “More Than Neighbors”, A racial reconciliation group, of Mount Sylvan United Methodist Church invites you to an educational, engaging, and empowering performance, “The Talk” by Legacy Heirs Productions. “The Talk” is a one-man show developed by Dr. Sonny Kelly based on his personal experience as an African American father talking to his son after the deaths of Trayvon Martin and Freddy Gray. Dr. Kelly embodies over 20 characters to deliver thought-provoking storytelling and invite courageous conversation. This eclectic live experience weaves together interactive theater, poetry, and a multimedia production with American history and literature that aims to spark understanding, foster empathy, and inspire action towards racial reconciliation within Durham’s churches and communities.

**Saturday, October 19 at 3:00 PM**

**Mount Sylvan United Methodist Church**

**5731 N. Roxboro St. Durham, NC 27712**

**Admission: \$5 donation (may be paid online or at the event)**

All are welcome! Reserve your seat today to assist with building a more united Durham. The event is expected to be approximately 2 hours including the Q&A.

To register: <https://forms.gle/buwGoyaGeZnu7lWo9>

## **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.

## **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! 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](mailto:music@stpaulsdurham.org)

**Our Afghan family support team** is so grateful for your generosity in providing diapers for the past several months. We are once again requesting diapers in size 3, 4, and 5 for one of the families. In addition, we are looking for a few more women drivers to help with getting families to their medical appointments. The families we support live just a few blocks from St. Paul’s. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sally Hart, [sallyshart1@gmail.com](mailto:sallyshart1@gmail.com) (or by phone, see church directory).

## **UMD (Urban Ministries of Durham) Volunteer Update**

Four volunteers are needed, the fourth Saturday of each month from 11:30am-1:30pm. We’ll help with meal prep before serving lunch.

**Volunteers MUST sign up online to participate:** [https://bit.ly/UMD\\_Signup](https://bit.ly/UMD_Signup)

Questions? Contact Amanda: [andersona1129@gmail.com](mailto:andersona1129@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **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 continue in Mark 13-15. Notes will be emailed early in the week. Note: We will not meet on October 31.

### **Youth Group:**

The youth group is having an afternoon Sunday Fun Day on November 10th, 2024. We will be heading to Box Car Durham after the 11am service for pizza lunch and playing arcade games and returning back to St. Paul's around 3pm. If your youth would like to join in all middle school and high school age youth are encouraged to come. If your youth would like to come please let Megan Cunningham and Joan Albright know via RSVP to the youth email at [youth@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:youth@stpaulsdurham.org). We continue to look forward to another fun year for all middle and high school youth.

### **St. Paul's Readers Book Club**

**November 16. The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood, 2020.**

The fictionalized story of Emily and Washington Roebling, the real couple who took on the immense Brooklyn Bridge construction project. Emily's involvement was not intentional; she intends to join the suffragist movement, but a series of tragedies besetting the bridge project interferes. Emily finds herself thrust into a pivotal role, serving as intermediary between the builder, fractious workers, investors, and corrupt politicians. Her most trusted ally, showman P.T. Barnum, helps her develop confidence and public speaking skills.

### **Working Adult Group:**

Potluck Dinner and Game Night - Saturday November 16th, 2024 at 6pm

The working adult group will be enjoying a fall in night with a potluck dinner and game night on Saturday November 16th at Nicoline Strom-Jensen's house starting around 6pm. If you would like to join in on the fun please RSVP to Megan Cunningham ([mcunni16@gmail.com](mailto:mcunni16@gmail.com)) by Saturday November 9th, 2024 with your dish of choice and headcount. This will be a nice evening of food, fun, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there and address to be provided closer to the date. And as always everyone is welcome.

### **Parktown Food Hub is hiring!**

The Parktown Food Hub's founder and director has decided it is time to say goodbye. The Board of Directors is looking to hire two passionate individuals, a Program Director and an Officer Manager, who want to continue the Hub's great work while bringing their own ideas, energy, knowledge, and skills. Both positions are part-time but salaried and do not include benefits. We hope to attract serious applicants who respect, value and understand the importance of this work. For more information, go to the following link:

<https://soduco.org/job-descriptions>

## **Giving Statements**

We will mail annual statements of 2024 giving to St. Paul's in early January 2025. If you would like a statement of giving through September 2024 please contact one of the Co-Financial Secretaries Phil Hart or Rod Runestad.

## **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>

**Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.** Send devotions to [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto: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#/>

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

## **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**

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### **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 Freundt, Anna Snyder, Fran Whitfield, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, Amanda Highben, and Nancy Dewhirst.

### **Prayers of the Church (Friends)**

The family of Pat Casper, whose aunt Ruth passed away this week; 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 Huntley), Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, 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), 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), Sarah Jolly (sister of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman).