



PLANNING MEETING
FOR: 2009 Church Leadership (especially) and all church members.
WHEN: Saturday, January 10th, 9am* - 1pm
WHERE: Huie Hall
SPECIAL GUEST: District Superintendent Jim Cantrell
SPECIAL TRAINING: for church leadership, by Phil Schroeder
***Come early...say at 8 am...and help the Altar Guild put away Christmas Decorations.**

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FROM THE PASTOR

What a year we just completed! As I look back across these 365 days, the thing that strikes me most clearly is the amount of change that we have experienced in such a short span of time. Think about it for just a moment. This time last year:

The price of gasoline was around \$4.00 per gallon.

Neither Barak Obama nor John McCain appeared to be the candidate who would lead his party.

Who outside Alaska even knew the name Sarah Palin?

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was over 13,000.

Almost anybody could get a loan!

We have experienced many personal changes. Some of us have gotten new jobs and some of us have lost the only job we had. Some have experienced the joy of new life and some have known the pain of loss of those we hold dear. Some have moved to a new home and some wonder how long we can afford to keep the house we now have. Some are excited about the election of Barak Obama and some still cannot accept the possibility.

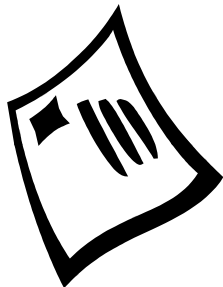
We could go on and on citing examples of how life has changed and is changing. Some of the changes we like and some we don't. Some changes bring a level of comfort and security, while some changes bring us fear and confusion. Some changes bring hope and some changes cause us to cringe. That pretty much sums up how life is.

I don't know about most folks but I approach 2009 with a sense of optimism and hope. Frankly, the possibilities for the New Year excite me. More than likely, we will continue to experience financial uncertainties. More than likely, we will continue to be challenged by social, political and cultural change. But can you think of a more exciting time in history to be alive than today? Perhaps I am just too simple of mind but I can't wait to see what happens next! I can't wait to get in the middle of life and be a part of it all. My faith in Jesus Christ reassures me that, even in times of confusion and change, or perhaps especially in times of confusion and change, God is with us. God loves us. God calls us to love each other and love this life which we have been given as a gift. I intend to do just that. I hope you will, too.

May God bless St. Paul Church in 2009!

The Epistle

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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 James Chitika ('00)
Mike Woodworth ('84)
- 3 Sherri Scott
Josh Noblitt
- 6 Donna Ruggles
Jessica Boyette
- 11 Rich Nanista
- 12 Paige Seymour (03)
Sam Johnson
- 13 Mary Ella Johnson
Linda Smith
- 14 Paul Bowman
- 15 Zander Scott (04)
- 16 Sigrid Sirmans
Bill Dougherty
Cameron Wolfe
- 17 Rick Brooks
- 19 Tom Sweeny
Alina Butler
Michael Goodman
- 20 Betsy Riser
Stephanie Warner
- 21 Ethan Harrington
- 22 Bryan Russell
Peggy Mackenzie
- 25 Nikki Toler
Katalin Ritz
- 26 Lisa Roberson
- 27 Michelle Schroeder
- 28 Kati Ritz
- 30 Michelle Belt
- 31 Corbin McKinnon ('89)
Gail Henry

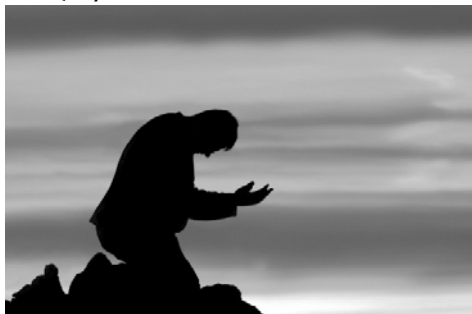


St. Paul UMC January 2009 Planning Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year! OFFICE CLOSED 	2 5p Allen-Dunn Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6-11p Scrapbooking Workshop (Huiet Hall) Vanderbilt Un Alternative Winter Break (3rd Floor)	3 2p Allen-Dunn Wedding/Reception (Sanctuary/Chester Commons) 5p AGE (Huiet Hall) Vanderbilt Un Alternative Winter Break (3rd Floor)
4 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast 11:15a-11:45a Children's Church (3rd Floor) 12:15p First Sunday Fellowship Lunch (Huiet Hall)	5 12:00p ADOX District Clergy Lunch	6 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	7 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AND ACTIVITIES RESUME	8 9:30a GAC	9	10 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor)
11 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Parenting Class 12:15p Administrative Council	12 7:00p Worship Committee	13 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	14	15 9:30a GAC 7p-9p GPCP Board Meeting (3rd Floor)	16	17 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor) 
18 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Choir 	19 February Epistle Deadline	20 8:30a Staff Meeting (Highland Bakery) 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	21	22 9:30a GAC 7p-9p AEF/APS Public Affairs Meeting (Huiet Hall)	23	24 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor)
25 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast hosted by What's the Word?	26	27 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	28	29 9:30a GAC	30	31 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor)

January Prayer Calendar

The December Prayer Calendar, "Prayers for Healing," is available to download at www.ngumc.org under the "Resources" drop-down menu. Prayer Calendars are the work of our parishioner, Sybil Davidson.



Every Sunday:

- 8:30-9:30a Worship First (Chester Commons)
- 10:00a Sunday School Classes (Youth and Adult)
- 10:00-10:45a Children's Sunday School (3rd Floor)
- 10:55a-Noon Morning Worship
- 5-7:30p Disciple I (Adult Sunday School Room)

Every Wednesday:

- 5:30-6p Little Angels (2-4) Choir (3rd Floor)
- 6-6:45p Fellowship Supper (Huiet Hall)
- 6:30-8p Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 6:45-7:15p Little Saints (5-7) Choir/Jr. Saints (8-12) Choir (3rd Floor)
- 6:45-7:30p Joyful Noise (Choir Room)
- 6:45-7:45p Book Discussion Group (Office Conference)
- 7:00p Companions in Christ: The Way

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Susan, Dave and Joy Allen Grady
 - Sam Bangura (Sierra Leone missionary)
 - Sue Barnard (Elizabeth Hartman's friend, cancer)
 - mother of Greg Barron
 - John Beauchamp (Larry Johnson's friend, leukemia)
 - Betty Bishop (Becky Wellman's mom, moving in with Becky)**
 - Ted and Dan Bogner**
 - Joy, sister of Becky Boyette
 - Georgette (Becky Boyette's niece, expecting twins in May)
 - Eric, cousin of Andy Brown (cancer treatment, poor prognosis)
 - Dean Brown (Van Brown's uncle, lung cancer, congestive heart failure)
 - Family of Audrey Clark (Vanessa's mother's friend who died after long battle with cancer)**
 - Beulah Cockrum (Terry's mother, age 93)
 - brothers-in-law of Terry Cockrum
 - Dottie Copeland (Lana Hardy's mother)
 - Mabel Couch (Tim's mother)
 - Stuart Crenshaw (Mark's brother, managing epilepsy)
 - *Patrice and Langston Daniels
 - Charles Davis's brother-in law (in treatment for addiction)
 - Ronnie Davis (Teresa's uncle, heart and kidney failure)
 - Maxine Eberly (Will Gaines's aunt, cancer)
 - Harriet, aunt of Carolyn Fleisher (cancer)
 - Steve Frashier (Lana Hardy's friend, cancer)
 - John Fuqua (cancer)
 - father of Will Gaines
 - Ralph Garner (Bryan's father, inoperable lung cancer)
 - *Tom Gazaway
 - *Gracie Gazaway
 - Matthew Thomas Gazaway (Tom's son, redeployed to Iraq)
 - Dorie (Allen Graham's step-grandmother)
 - Ed Greene (Kelly's father, prostate cancer)
 - Keenon Griffin
 - Greg and Susie Gunn (Becky Boyette's friends, spinal cancer)
 - Helen Hagermeier (Golden Age member, COPD)
 - Franco Hain (Brian Russell's friend, cancer)
 - Peggy Hamil (Paul Bowman's friend, chemo)
 - father of Lana Hardy
 - Stella Hardy
 - Betty Hasan-Amin (chronic kidney disease)
 - Rev. Jack Heinsen (Leslie T's friend, hospital)
 - Wendy Herbert (Zxelema Howard's friend, MS)
 - Cammerlyn Herport (Mandy Palmer's infant niece, apnea)
 - Hicks family**
 - mother of Joan Hildebrand
 - Sandy Hinton (cancer)
 - Carol Howard (Zxelema's mom)**
 - Ben Huiet, III (chronic health problems)
 - Anne Hunter (cancer)
 - Irene Jackson (Vanessa's mom)**
 - *Vanessa Jackson
 - Rev. Rex Kaney (cancer)
 - Kate and her family (Rachel Wayte's friend, who committed suicide)**
 - Nate, friend of Jonathan Kidwell (deployed to Iraq)
 - Linda Lee (Seymours' and Donna Mayer Todd's friend, cancer)
 - Erica (Lou Lindic's niece)
 - Mary Lou, sister of Lou Lindic
 - Francil Lorenc (stroke, mother of Yan Lorenc, Marcus' co-worker, decisions about care)
 - Diane Lowry and Christy (Donna Ruggle's friends, cancer)
 - Kathy and Chuck Mallow (Terry Cockrum's sister and husband)
 - Jim Mason's aunt (advanced cancer diagnosis)
 - Karen Matthews and daughter Rayna (Vanessa J's friends)
 - Ed McCoy (Mark Crenshaw's co-worker, prostate cancer)
 - Jack McCollough (Candace and Celeste's dad)**
 - Kody McEachin (Becky Boyette's friend, back injury due to fall)
 - Marsha, friend of Karen Merritt (divorce)
 - Glenda Nesbitt (Vanessa Jackson's cousin, needs kidney)
 - Jim Nelson (James Palmer's uncle, myopic muscular dystrophy)
 - Cynthia Combee Nipper's Aunt Kay (pancreatic cancer)
 - John Pearce (Cockrums' friend, death of wife)
 - Peggy Peek (Anjie Woodworth's grandmother, pacemaker)
 - Eleanor Peterson (John's mother, congestive heart failure, multiple myeloma)**
 - *David Pettis (1st of 2 hip replacements 11/18)
 - David Pettis's friend Quentin (loss of eye sight)
 - Pat Phillips (Mark's mother, cancer)
 - Se'Varius, Se'Vunye and Se'Ven Raines (Vanessa J's nephews)
 - Shintika Raines (Vanessa Jackson)
 - father of Erica Ray
 - Zxelema Reese (Zxelema Howard's aunt)
 - *Lisa and Marshall Roberson and family (house fire)
 - Jeff Rogers (Vanessa J's friend, pituitary tumor)
 - co-worker of Sherri Scott (age 53, in LA hospital, terminal)
 - Arlene Smith (Wells' friend, pancreatic cancer, special needs adult child to care for)
 - friend of Robin South (tonsil cancer)
 - Martha (friend of Robin South, depression)
 - *Anne Spealman
 - Hyde Talbot (20 month old son of Rachel Quartarone's friends, rare, serious blood/kidney disease, facing decisions about surgeries)
 - Malinda Teel (Lana Hardy's friend, cancer)
 - Heather (friend of Leslie Truman, stage 3 cancer)
 - Virginia Vickery
 - *Su Watson and Bob Vermillion
 - *Becky Wellman
 - Jennifer Wellman (Becky's daughter, concerned about layoffs at work)
 - Talley Wells's mother
 - Andrea Wilson (Gretchen Garrett's friend)
 - Rev. John Winn (Lane's dad, hip broken in fall)
 - Myrtle Zappa (Elizabeth's mother, breast cancer)
- General Intercessions:
- world peace
 - our national leaders
 - our troops, especially those in harm's way
 - those struggling with addiction and depression, especially during the holidays
 - all those with cancer
 - those seeking work
 - those suffering the effects of natural disasters
 - the economy
 - all children!



HANDBELL DIRECTOR NEEDED

St. Paul is looking for a musically inclined volunteer to lead the Adult and Children's Handbell groups for this Spring and next Fall Seasons. If anyone is interested, please contact Sherri Scott at sherriscott1@bellsouth.net. The Children's group has had a lot of interest from potential players and the current group is very focused and learns very fast! What a fabulous time to take this group to a new level of participation in the services!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS RESUME JANUARY 7 @

\$6/adults, \$3/children 4-10, under 4 free. Make reservations by Tuesday morning to stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net or 404-688-7501.

F.E.A.S.T. GROUPS (*Friends Eating And Sharing Together*) are

reforming for the new year. Groups of six participants (single, couple, or family) will form and meet together once a month January-June for the purpose of getting to know each other! Only food and fellowship are on the menu. Sign up on one of the clip boards around the building or by sending an email to lrappold@gmail.com.

JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	Preaching	Altar Guild	Ushers	L: Liturgist C: Children's Time A: Acolytes	Nursery	Sound Board
1st Sunday, Jan 4 Epiphany Communion	Rev. Steve Fazenbaker	Bill Ericson	Don Wallace (Head Usher); Bob Vermillion; Robin South; Louis Lindic	L: Talley Wells C: Doug Hollis A: Donna Mayer Todd and Colin Seymour	Katherine Moore, Jenny Stevens, Tori Lutkowski	Don Wallace/A.J. Seymour
2nd Sunday, Jan 11 Baptism of the Lord	Doug Hollis	Paul Gardner	Bryan Russell (Head Usher); Jim Mason; Susan Johnson; Bill Ericson	L: Talley Wells C: Stephanie Warner A: Bryan and Joel Garner	Robin Bley, Jim Mason, Sybil Davidson	Lindsey Brown/Collin Seymour
3rd Sunday, Jan 18 Epiphany +2	Rev. Laura Rappold	Langston Daniels	David Hardy (Head Usher); Rob MacGregor; Gretchen Garrett; Collin Seymour	L: Talley Wells C: Bryan Russell A: Zxelema and Kiwani Howard	Bryan Russell, Angela Russell, Patres Hillis	Tom Sweeny/ Langston Daniels
4th Sunday, Jan 25 Epiphany +3	Paige Matthews	Jessica Gaines	Marc Gowan (Head Usher); Talley Wells; Marcus Merritt; David Hardy	L: Talley Wells C: Jenny Stevens A: Amir, Cathy and David Carlock	Don Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Tori Lutkowski	Tom Sweeny/ Langston Daniels

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