



# the CHIMES

WORSHIP ✠ MINISTRIES ✠ OUTREACH

The Newsletter of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in the City of Chattanooga and The Diocese of East Tennessee

November 2013 — The Season after Pentecost

## REMINDER: 'FALL BACK'

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 2, as Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 3 (All Saints' Sunday).

## ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND

What in heaven's name are we to do about violence between people of faith — in the Middle East and around the world? How do we work against such violence in the US and in our own community?

Are you confused and frustrated by the violence in the Middle East, including the violence between some people of faith — Christians, Muslims and Jews — in the Middle East and in Syria in particular?

We have opportunities on All Saints' Weekend and Monday, November 4, to learn from the only Syrian-born Church of England priest in the world. See the back page of this issue of *Chimes* for more information.

## EXUM GALLERY SHOW: OPENING NOVEMBER 15

The Exum Gallery Committee invites you to an exhibit of the works of sculptor John McLeod. Born and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, John McLeod graduated from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi in 2001, with a principal focus on sculpture. His work has been exhibited in multiple galleries throughout the southeast as well as in New York City with numerous pieces in private collections. Involved in many mediums John has worked as props master for The Mississippi Opera, was co-creator, set designer and actor in *The Land of Shadows* and acted in several web series. John resides and maintains a studio in Chattanooga. **All are invited to an opening reception on Friday, November 15 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The show runs through December 29.**

## From the Rector

### An increase of faith, gratitude, prayer, commitment — and celebration!

**In October our Membership and Stewardship Ministries** invited new adult members of the congregation to my home for the New Members Supper. We invite about 120 new adult members each year.

And under the leadership of Membership and Stewardship Coordinator Cheryl Gaillard, and Stewardship Co-Chairs Shelley and Don Andrews, we invested much thought and prayer in October to build up our faith, express our gratitude (in “thank you notes” to God and in other ways). And on the last Sunday of the month many of us made a written commitment to invest our time, talent and treasure in the ministries here and beyond the walls of St. Paul's. All this ended in a celebration in worship at Christ's altar and at the breakfast and lunch tables. This spilled over into the Open House at the new St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children. The excitement about that reinvigorated ministry was the subject of a large article with photos in the daily newspaper.

**We've made huge progress on Children's and Youth Ministries** since our June *Ministry Assessment* involving more than 50 parishioners and the creation of a Design Team to strengthen these vital ministries. This is one of the most important grass roots initiatives in my six years with you — and its rewards could carry on for a decade and more. The *Ministry Assessment* by a professional team reveals we are severely understaffed for family ministries. Our Design Team of parishioners and staff has come to our Vestry to ask that in mid-2014 we put in place an Associate Rector for Family Ministries to join our present staff. The Design Team continues to reshape and strengthen our ministries with children, youth and families.

**Music and the visual arts** are in high gear in the *Icons in Transformation* exhibit and in our special worship series and concert series. Be sure to take advantage of these offerings November — before *Icons* closes November 9. A wonderful event is set for 7 till 10 p.m. November 1. Among the gifts St. Paul's receives from the exhibit are the gift of the new gold leaf and blue cross at the font, the “Old Testament Trinity” icon in our chancel, and “Eyecon” in St. George's Chapel. (Our portion of proceeds of sale benefit St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children — so far more than \$10,000 has gone to that operating fund.)

**Don't miss All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1: Eucharist at 12:05 and Compline at 9 p.m. Details inside.**

**All Saints' Sunday, November 3: A Syrian-born Episcopal priest, Nadim Nassar,** returns to St. Paul's to preach and teach — and to enlighten us on being Christians in a world with confusion about Islam and Judaism. Nadim has lately been at Trinity Wall Street and on Fox News. At St. Paul's he will preach and teach on All Saints' Sunday. A special Evensong that afternoon is followed by a fundraising dinner for Nadim's international ministries — see [www.awareness-foundation.com](http://www.awareness-foundation.com) The mission of the organization is to empower Christians everywhere to be a counter force of love and peace to the intolerance and aggression that now prevail in so many of our communities. Tickets to the 5:30 social time and dinner begin at \$10 each. Donations in support of the work of the foundation will be accepted at the close of dinner. Interested? Please contact me, or call Amy at 602-5660 right away for dinner reservations. Nadim also introduces the Awareness courses after lunch Monday. See inside. Come, and be changed.

**What's on the horizon? The Rev. Zach Drennen of Kenya returns to us in December.** He writes, “All of us at Elewana Education Project, particularly those who spend time in Nairobi, are coming to terms with what terrorism means for us and the country where we work.” He returns to preach December 15.

**On January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany,** we offer a special dinner event focused on financial planning for our later years as individuals and couples.

**In late January and early February the Bishop of Aberdeen, Scotland** will be with us to lead a quiet day, to preach and teach the first Sunday morning in February and to be with us for a Candlemas Procession in the afternoon as we continue to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. (All of these internationally known artists and theologians come to us at little or no expense to our Ministry Budget.)

Blessings in faith, prayer, gratitude, and commitment. I celebrate what you bring to God in ministry here including Habitat Houses, Family Promise, Metropolitan Ministries leadership, Hosanna House and so much more, including our Pastoral Care teams. I thank God for you.

Blessings, *Donald*

# WORSHIP . . . at the heart of all we do

## WORSHIP AT SAINT PAUL'S

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist, breakfast following.  
10:30 a.m. The Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

### Weekdays (Monday - Friday)

12:05-12:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist.

## Thanksgiving Day Worship

**New Time!** St. Paul's Thanksgiving Day Service will be moved back 30 minutes. **The new service time is 10:00 a.m.** We hope this will be more convenient for Grateful Gobbler walkers and Thanksgiving Day cooks.

## All Saints' Sunday: November 3

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated at the 10:30 Eucharist.*

During our worship together on All Saints' Sunday, banners decorated by the children of the Parish bearing the names of members of the St. Paul's community who entered the larger life since All Saints' Day 2012 will be carried in the procession and displayed in the nave. As a part of the liturgy on that morning, their names will be read aloud as we offer special prayers for all the faithful departed. Be sure to join us for the Evensong Service of Remembrance: Saints in Glory at 4:00 p.m. and the reception which follows in Key-Andrews Hall.

Our special guest on All Saints' Sunday is The Rev. Nadim Nassar, who returns to St. Paul's to teach and preach, and for a Social Time and Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

**Remember, the time 'falls back' one hour the morning of November 3!**

## MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

### A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**All Saints' Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Saints in Glory.** St. Paul's Senior Choir. A service of music and lessons for All Saints' Sunday featuring music by Gorecki, Nowakowski, Pärt, Stravinsky and Tavener inspired by the Orthodox tradition. Offerings support St. Paul's outreach ministries. Reception follows.

**Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Choral Concert.** UTC Chamber Choir, directed by Kevin Ford. Including Vierne: *Messe Solennelle* with Keith Reas, organ.

**Wednesday, December 4 at 12:30 p.m. (followed by lunch, \$5)**

**Advent Concert.** Chattanooga Girls Choir; LuAnn Holden, director.

**Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Advent Lessons & Carols.** St. Paul's Senior Choir.

**Wednesday, December 11 at 12:05 p.m. (followed by lunch, \$5)**

**Advent Concert.** Bryony Stroud-Watson, Violin & David Dunn, Clarinet.

**Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Choral Arts of Chattanooga.** Keith S. Reas, conductor. Handel's *Messiah*, Parts 1 & 2.

**Wednesday, December 18 at 12:05 p.m. (followed by lunch, \$5)**

**Advent Concert.** CSO Woodwind Quintet.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GIFTS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS



To donate poinsettias for Christmas (\$20 per name), please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's, and indicate *Poinsettias* on the memo line. No telephone or email orders may be placed. Names (not donors) will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Thank you! **Orders must be received by Noon, Friday, December 6.**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by making a gift to help provide the special instrumental music for our Christmas Eve Services, your gift will be most welcome. Please complete the form above and on the memo line of your check indicate *Christmas Eve Music*.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS: SUNDAYS AT 9:15 A.M.

### November 3, All Saints' Sunday — Being a Faithful Christian in a Pluralistic World

The Rev. Nadim Nassar is the Director and co-founder of the Awareness Foundation. He established the Awareness Foundation in 2003 with Bishop Michael Marshall in response to the growing need to study the Christian faith in the context of the 21st century. The Rev. Nassar lectures, speaks and teaches in the Middle East, Europe and the US and leads diocesan conferences in the US, UK and Hong Kong. He was born and raised in Lattakia, Syria and is the only Syrian priest in the Church of England. Key-Andrews Hall.

### November 10 — Meet the Nominees for Vestry

For all adults. Hear the Vestry nominees in preparation for the November 12 Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Key-Andrews Hall.

### November 17 & 24 — Benedict and Ignatius of Loyola: Living By a Rule of Life

Two-part Series. The Rev. Andy Olivo explores the lives of two of the most popular monastics in western Christianity, St. Benedict and St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. This class will explore their rules for living spiritually in everyday life as participants explore how they too can develop a rule of life. Huckabay Hall.

### December 1 — First Sunday in Advent: Intergenerational Sunday

Advent Wreath Making. Key-Andrews Hall.

### December 8, 15 & 22 — Jesus Didn't Really Mean That, Did He?

Three-part Series. The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Wright, School of Theology at The University of the South, Sewanee. People who have heard me before probably expect that I will put "social" issues under this heading, and you are right. But I also think we need to start with the foundational statement Jesus makes to disciples and potential disciples: "Follow me." The four gospels report his saying it at least seventeen times. What did he mean? What would our obedience to that command look like today? It probably would have been easier if he had said, "Believe in me" or even "Believe the Creeds." But, alas, that's not what we have in Scripture. And yes, we will probably get to some specific social issues. Huckabay Hall.

## Vestry Highlights

### At its regular October meeting, your Vestry:

Heard a report from the Nominating Committee [Vestry members Robin Miller (Senior Warden), Herb Knowles, Larry Reich and Rick Lee (Junior Warden); also parishioners Amy Arrowsmith, Kelley Elliott, Mardi Longley, Joyce Miller, Mary Lou Sherrill, Marie Williams Cleary and Chair Billy Tiller] that work continues to recruit nominees for Vestry who are to stand for election to five positions at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Nave beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12. Nominations from the floor will be in order at that meeting.

Vestry heard a report from Vestry's Outreach Committee Chair Amy Thomas that St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children is ready to reopen here, and: The Outreach Committee was allocated \$27,000 from the church Annual Ministry Budget in 2013. Grant requests are carefully considered and were made this year to: Chattanooga Community Kitchen, Family Promise, Metropolitan Ministries, St. Catherine's Shelter, Project Canterbury, Volunteers in Medicine and Hosanna Community. In addition, the Committee set aside \$4660 for discounted food vouchers distributed by the church, and \$2400 for Wal-Mart cards given through the clergy to people in need who come to the church for assistance. A full committee report is in the Annual Reports to the Congregation.

Vestry heard details of several pre-opening and grand opening events for Saint Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children on campus. (The shelter operations had been moved to Community Kitchen during full renovations here this summer and fall.) Saint Paul's Church provides the facility, utilities including HVAC, phone and TV; maintenance, risk management and insurance, some volunteers and some supplies. Community Kitchen operates the shelter, screens and cares for clients; screens, schedules and supervises volunteers; and bills the church for agreed upon operating costs of approximately \$16,000 a year. Details of the opening are printed in this newsletter.

Vestry also heard a report from Vestry Member Janet Hale, our Lay Pastoral Care Minister, on the extensive visiting by lay pastors including Flower Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers, as well as “bread visitors.” Vestry members are invited to meet with this Pastoral Care Team Third Thursdays at Three for prayer and to write cards to members. Janet endorsed this year's Annual Giving ministry and the report of the Design Team on pastoral care and spiritual formation ministries with families with children and youth [see below]. The Rector invited Vestry members and others to several events in the upcoming visit of The Rev.

Nadim Nassar of Syria and London: preaching and teaching All Saints' Sunday morning and afternoon, a fund-raising dinner for the Awareness Foundation early that evening, and a workshop Monday afternoon featuring adult education courses available here at Saint Paul's Church from the international Awareness Foundation. Fr. Nassar is the Rector's guest in his home November 1 through 8 and also speaks at the School of Theology at The University of the South and at Emory University. All events are open to parishioners and to members and leaders of other churches. For more information: <http://stpaulschatt.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Nassar-Handout.pdf>

The Rector also reported on a two-hour retreat of our staff team, which is working on clarity of roles and position descriptions. It also appears that health care costs for the parish in 2014 will be held to the same level as 2012 and 2013. All eligible staff members who opt into our Denominational Health Plan administered nationally by the Episcopal Medical Trust converted in 2013 to a high deductible health care plan. That is the only plan we offer in 2014, through our diocesan participation. The Rector also reported slow progress on our new website, and lamented that we are having email server issues that are impeding our pastoral and administrative ministries. A team is at work toward solutions.

Vestry Member John Woody and *Icons in Transformation* Exhibit Coordinator Cheryl Gaillard reported for the Icons team of the Arts Committee that more than 1000 persons have made purposeful visits to the exhibit. A dozen pieces of art have been sold, realizing more than \$9,000 to the operation of St. Catherine's Shelter. Another \$1,500 from candle sales will follow, and additional sales are possible. The Vestry accepted the gift of *Eyecorn* from Lynn Hodge and Barbara Seals to follow gifts of two other works that were accepted by the Vestry on behalf of the congregation last month. The latest gift will remain in St. George's Chapel at the close of the show. The exhibit will cost the parish Ministry Budget nothing in that all direct costs are being covered by gifts and grants!

A new exhibit featuring the sculpture of John McLeod opens in Exum Gallery here November 15. That exhibit runs through December 29. See <http://www.johnmcleod.net>

**Capital Projects Chair Suzanne Barels** reported on continuing cost-saving measures in our heating and air-conditioning systems. Our new efficient boilers (*Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego*) that replaced failed boilers are now operational. The Children's Ministries Building (one of our five

buildings) is now largely unheated during the week, and a state of the art HVAC control system and energy management system is being installed to control that building as well as the Nave, the Music Ministries Building, Key-Andrews Hall and the King Building. Half the cost of that system was received in a matching grant from our Diocese, which also provided a grant of \$6,166 for operation of St. Catherine's Shelter here through the end of the year and beyond. A smart electric meter installed last winter will give us a year's worth of detailed data on EPB usage by March, likely moving us to change our rate plan for potential savings. We now have one gas meter rather than two, resulting in astonishing savings. Upcoming projects from the Capital Campaign Projects Team include restoration and protection of the Conversion of Saint Paul window in 2014. (The Rector hopes the Team will agree to proceed with plans to designate additional senior and handicapped spaces in the rear lot.)

Membership and Stewardship Coordinator Cheryl Gaillard reported on the New Member Supper and on the **Annual Giving ministry** described in the October and November Chimes. A full report to Vestry will be made by Co-Chairs Shelley and Don Andrews at the November Vestry meeting the third Monday in the month. (Another Vestry meeting is tentatively scheduled, if needed, for the Monday following.)

Vestry gratefully received a full report from Deacon of Outreach Ann Weeks on her ministries and ours in the community. Junior Warden Rick Lee's report cited improvements to St. Catherine's Shelter (he donated his services as architect) and the work we are doing with TDOT consultants toward construction along our rear property line beginning as early as 2015. The Treasurer's Report reveals continuing cost savings by staff but a continuing lag in giving by “regular givers” who do not pledge. Any deficit at year end this year will be chiefly attributed to decreased revenue from these members. Facilities Coordinator Amy Sandy continues to market weekday parking spaces for rent.

**One of the most important reports of the evening was that of the Design Team on Family Ministries**, calling in 2014 for a new Associate Rector for Family Ministries. This priest would work with education and pastoral care teams as well as our existing staff to strengthen ministries with parents, children and teens — from before the cradle to college. Funding this position by summer would depend on increased pledging and giving by members to the Annual Ministry Budget.



# Vestry Nominees for 2014-2017 and Election Process

Annual Meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave (No Dinner)

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation opens with prayer and singing on Tuesday, November 12 in the Nave. Infant nursery by reservation only; please make reservations with Amy Sandy, 602-5660 or amy@stpaulschatt.org.

## Why no Dinner on the 12th?

We have no dining room available November 12 in that packing the Icons exhibit takes one more day than we first planned. Have a look in Key-Andrews Hall on the 12th! Why did we not move this to Thursday night? Because we have published this date consistently since June. Why not move it to a Sunday morning? Same reason, plus having the meeting between Eucharists or after the 10:30 Eucharist presents greater challenges to voters.

## Annual Meeting: Agenda

Annual Reports and election of five new Vestry members are among the items on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. We will review the 2013 Annual Ministry Budget (Operating Budget) to date and preview the 2014 Budget (which will be built as Annual Giving Pledges come in).

## Nomination and Election of Your Vestry

**Sunday, November 10:** A Preview Event: Meet the Vestry Nominees Forum at 9:15 a.m. in Key-Andrews Hall. (Absentee Voting\*\* begins after the Forum.) Members of the Nominating Committee will assist with absentee voting in Key-Andrews Hall November 10 beginning after the Forum closes.

**November 11-12:** Absentee Voting\*\* continues 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Church Office.

## Who may Vote?

Baptized, Confirmed Communicants in good standing in Saint Paul's Church who are sixteen years of age or older ("who have for the previous year been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God"). This means you would have been Confirmed or Received by the Bishop into this parish or have been transferred from another congregation by Letter of Transfer. "Giving" supposes an Annual Pledge or the equivalent. If you have been at St. Paul's during the last two years, and have not come to the Parish by confirmation or transfer, or if you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact the Rector. All voting members vote for exactly five candidates on the first ballot at the Annual Meeting.

**\*\*Absentee Voting** should be used only if necessary when it is impossible for a qualified voter to be present at the Annual Meeting, because absentee voting on the first ballot eliminates any possibility of casting votes in subsequent ballots. Persons confined by reasons of health to home or hospital may request in advance a hand delivered ballot. The Parish Canons read: "Any parishioner entitled to vote at an Annual Parish Meeting may request an absentee ballot to vote for the election of Vestry members. Such absentee ballots shall be counted as votes only on the first ballot of voting for election of Vestry members at the Annual Parish Meeting."

## What is the Vestry?

The Vestry, Chaired by the Rector, has 15 lay leaders elected by the congregation. Vestry members are spiritual leaders and constitute the corporate board.

## Who is retiring from Vestry? Who is continuing in office? Current Members:

<i>Term expires 2014</i>	<i>Term expires 2015</i>	<i>Term expires 2016</i>
Hath Harvey	Lee Culpepper	Brad Pope
Robin Miller	Lori Govan	Clay Patton
David Padilla	Janet Hale	Amy Thomas
Larry Reich	Herb Knowles	Katherine Betts
Jenny Wright	John Woody	Rick Lee

*The Rector is Chair of the Vestry. Hugh Sharber is Chancellor.*

## VESTRY NOMINEES?

**By press time on October 30** The Rector and Vestry had not received from the Nominating Committee the required slate of no fewer than 10 qualified nominees for the five Vestry seats that will be vacated in early 2014 by Senior Warden Robin Miller (an attorney), Secretary of the Corporation Jenny Wright (law enforcement), and Vestry Members Hath Harvey (physician), David Padilla (educator), and Bro. Larry Reich, (business/tourism, also Brotherhood of St. Gregory).

The names of the slate of no fewer than 10 nominees will be published as soon as possible and each nominee will be invited to be introduced (and speak briefly if he or she desires) on November 10 and 12.

## Legacy Society Event: Wednesday, November 20 Retirement and Estate Strategies Workshop

Please join us for a Legacy Society event at 8 a.m on November 20 in the Huckabay Lecture Hall. Don Knoernschild, a Wealth Advisor from Thrivent Financial with over 30 years experience, will be speaking on retirement and estate planning. The event is open to anyone interested, but invitations are being sent to those age 50 or older (if we have your birth date in our records) directly from Thrivent on behalf of Donald Fishburne, Rector and Cheryl Gaillard, Membership and Stewardship Coordinator. Thrivent Financial is a faith based, not-for-profit membership organization with nearly 2.5 million members. RSVP for this workshop to Kathy Rinchuso: 1-877-222-2379 or kathy.rinchuso@thrivent.com.

# ANNUAL GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP



**Thanks to everyone who participated in the Commitment Sunday celebration on October 27!** Adam Webb and EYC did a wonderful job on the pancakes and sausage for breakfast and a large crowd filled Key-Andrews Hall to join together for a fried chicken lunch. Thanks also to the children and youth who assisted in passing out the pledge cards during both services. 103 pledge cards were turned in for a total of over \$240,000 in pledges and many of you pledged your time and talent to various ministries at St. Paul's and throughout the community!

**Thank you!** Lists will be compiled from the time and talent page and passed along to the appropriate group leaders. If you signed up for a ministry for the first time, someone will contact you soon!



**Pledge cards will be mailed** out the week of October 28 to those of you who were not able to be with us on Commitment Sunday, and cards will also be available at the church.

**Questions?** Contact Cheryl Gailard, Membership and Stewardship Coordinator, 602-5663 or [steward@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:steward@stpaulschatt.org).

# ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION



*Holy Trinity*

There has been tremendous turnout for the *Icons in Transformation* exhibit — over 1200 visitors to date, plus parishioners and guests who sit among the exhibit during our Sunday services, concerts, weddings and funerals. We have sold 12 pieces of artwork, with 30% of the proceeds going to the 2013-14 operations of St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children. Candles depicting six different pieces of Ludmila's art are being sold with all proceeds going to St. Catherine's and they have been very popular! On Sunday, October 27, a check was presented to St. Catherine's representing the total raises so far by the sale of art and candles and was in the amount of \$10,400.



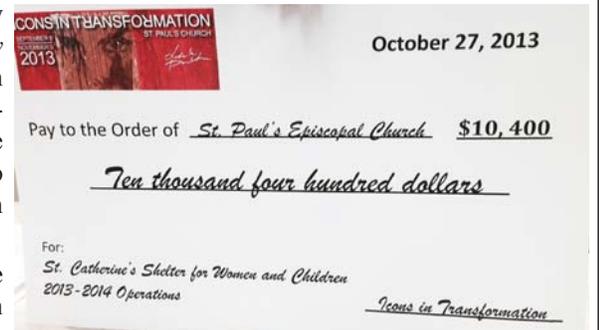
*Eyecon*

Three pieces of the 12 purchased are being donated back to the church to remain on display. *Door to Paradise* (#23), behind the baptismal font, was purchased by Carlos Baleeiro and Jennifer Keates-Baleeiro. *Eyecon* (#35), located to the right of the St. George's Chapel altar, was purchased by Lynn Hodge and Barbara Seals, and the traditional icon *Holy Trinity* (#41), located in Chancel, was purchased by John and Ann Woody. St. Paul's has been blessed by the generosity of these parishioners, so that we will be continue to be surrounded by the Icons that have become important to so many of us during these past months! A special dedication will be held later on after the close of the *Icons* Exhibit.

**If you have not taken time to walk through the entire exhibit, including the 41 pieces at Second Presbyterian Church, don't delay! Time is running out. The Icons in Transformation exhibit closes to the public on Saturday, November 9. Docents will be on hand after services on Sunday, November 10, but at 9 a.m. on the 11th, the exhibit comes down and will be packed up to move on to St. Boniface in Sarasota, Florida.**



*Presentation of Icons Check to St. Catherine's Shelter*



*Icons Check to St. Catherine's Shelter*



*Door to Paradise*

## **FAST**olday **It's Worth Giving Up a Meal and More: Fast Day Sunday, November 24**

This year St. Paul's will observe Fast Day on Sunday, November 24, in support of the Chattanooga Community Kitchen. Please consider making a gift to help the 350+ men, women, and children who come to the Kitchen each day by using the envelopes available in locations throughout the church. Or you may drop into the offering plate your check payable to the Community Kitchen. On the morning of the 24th cereal for children will be offered (no other breakfast items available), and all contributions normally directed to the cost of that meal will go to the Fast Day effort. Look for a Fast Day Contribution envelope in your Sunday bulletins! **With a goal of \$700,000, the Fast Day Campaign is the single most important fundraiser for the Chattanooga Community Kitchen.**

### *Did you know?*

365 Days a Year The Community Kitchen provides food, shelter, employment assistance, clothing, housing, health care, case management, phones, mail, showers, restrooms, laundry and supportive services. . . and above all compassion.

At least a dozen of your fellow parishioners volunteer serving meals at the Community Kitchen each month.

St. Paul's is one of the Community Kitchen's founding sponsor churches.

**For more information contact Community Kitchen Board Member and St. Paul's Liaison Debbie Martin: martinrm914@comcast.net or 265-0857.**

## **Planning for Christmas Eve?**

### *Please Note the Shift in Worship Times at St. Paul's*

Christmas Eve overflow worshipers at our earliest service have prompted a necessary shift in worship times for this year. Ushers and clergy had to turn away more than 50 worshipers at the early service in 2012 after seating over 700 people. We are hopeful that shifted service times will help avoid that problem this year.

People have told us that the previous early evening service did not allow for dinner with family and so we follow recommendations of our parishioners and other large churches in moving our middle service later in the evening.

### *New Service Times for Christmas Eve 2013*

#### **3:00 p.m. Festival Family Eucharist with children's choirs**

This will continue our tradition of a service for families with young children and other afternoon worshipers. St. Andrew Choir, St. Nicholas Choir, Kool Chimes and WindRingers will participate. We expect to fill all overflow seating but hope not to turn worshipers away this year. This service moves to 3:00 to allow a break in the day for musicians, clergy, altar guild, sextons and others who serve multiple times on Christmas Eve.

#### **8:00 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist with Senior Choir and Instruments**

##### **7:30 p.m. Prelude music**

This 8:00 p.m. service will be nearly identical to our late night Festival Choral Eucharist with prelude concert beginning at 7:30. This is a new option for families with older children, high school and college students and all who love the beauty of the Christmas Eve Eucharist. Worshipers will leave the church well before 10:00 p.m. College students and young adults will be able to gather in town for social time together before heading home for the night. Other worshipers will just be glad to be home by bedtime.

#### **11:00 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist with Senior Choir and Instruments**

##### **10:30 p.m. Prelude music**

We continue the long tradition of our "Midnight Mass" with this Festival Choral Service. Choirs and carols, instrumentalists and Midnight Mass and heading home in the early morning of Christmas Day continues the wonder and mystery of this long tradition.

### *Christmas Day 2013*

#### **10:30 a.m. Christmas Day: Christ's Mass, Rite I**

This lovely quiet service of congregational carols and morning Holy Eucharist continues at its traditional time.

## **Thank You from Family Promise**

*Family Promise* is done for this year, and we appreciate all of you who have helped us in this important ministry. *Family Promise* supports families in Chattanooga who are trying to avoid homelessness and are hoping for stable living conditions and jobs. *Family Promise* also requires those parents to meet with them for a year after they get settled into housing to be certain that they do not fall through the cracks again. What better way can we at St. Paul's help these who are less fortunate than we? Your support of this ministry shows all the members of St. Paul's, as well as the community beyond our walls, that we follow the teachings of Jesus to love those less fortunate than we are. **Our next dates are January 26 - February 2.** Please keep this wonderful ministry and these families in your prayers and plan to help out when those dates roll around!

— Shannon Mowrer, Volunteer Coordinator



## **GreenFaith Sunday: November 17**

Associate Rector Andy Olivo preaches. Scripture includes songs of joy and prophecy at the goodness of God's creation and the promise of new creation and re-creation. For more information about our partnership with GreenFaith, see [www.GreenFaith.org](http://www.GreenFaith.org)

## **Grateful Gobbler Walk**

St. Paul's Church in partnership with the Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition will again *walk, stroll and roll* to help those in need by encouraging participation in the 14th annual Grateful Gobbler Walk on Thanksgiving morning, November 28. The Grateful Gobbler is a 3-mile walk that raises funds to assist persons in our community experiencing homelessness. **Come walk with us on Thanksgiving morning beginning at 8 a.m. in Coolidge Park! You can register on line at [www.grateful-gobbler.org](http://www.grateful-gobbler.org). Come to worship at 10:00!**

## **The Rev. Ann G. Weeks to Speak at Mizpah Congregation**

The Rev. Ann G. Weeks will address Mizpah Congregation on the evening of Friday, November 29. The theme of the Shabbat service will be *Thanksgiving*, as well as the lights that illuminate the holiday of Hanukkah. The evening begins with "Oneg" (Joy) Shabbat refreshments at 5:45 p.m., with the Service beginning at 6:15 p.m. Mizpah Congregation is located at 923 McCallie Avenue. Parking is behind the building.

## St. Catherine's Shelter for Women & Children Re-Opens



On October 4 the long awaited renovation of St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children was completed. A dream for several years the renovation was made possible by the generosity and effort of many caring people. Major funding came in the form of grants from several foundations including Benwood, Chrysalis, Community, Grandview, Generosity Trust, Maclellan, and Osborne with additional donations from the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, Good Shepherd Episcopal, Unity Church, the Chattanooga Rotary, Jat Oil Company, Unum and several individuals.



A parish committee which met for several months participated in the planning and chose architectural plans designed and donated by parishioner/architect Rick Lee while Parishioner John Coffelt donated his services as contractor. A parish group led by Clay Patton took charge of the move out and move in that was completed October 27. A committee from Outreach including former chair, Sally Durand, has worked diligently on the refurbishment of the shelter and the four open houses that took place this week. Many parishioners have given gifts using the virtual shower online at Target so well organized by Amy Thomas, new chair of Outreach. Much staff support was given the project by Susan Cardwell who worked with liaison Deanne Irvine to bring in grants totaling \$170,265.97

for meeting the original \$180,000 budget. The final total for expense was \$195,775 according to Suzanne Barels who chairs the Capital Campaign Project Committee.

A special blessing of the new shelter space given at the October 27 10:30 service by the rector, Donald Fishburne, set the tone for a time of celebration and rejoicing as the parish filed down for its first viewing. We gratefully give thanks for many prayers answered and faith rewarded as witnessed in the reopening of St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children, a clear example of God's love for all in action.

### Prayer and Card Ministry

Are you looking for a ministry to participate in at St. Paul's? The Pastoral Care Team invites you to join with them in a card ministry and prayer time. **Beginning November 21 the team led by Janet Hale will meet the third Thursday of every month at 3 p.m.** They will gather in St. George's Chapel to pray for all the needs of the church community. Following the prayer service, the group will write cards to be sent to persons in the church who are ill, homebound, in grief recovery, and other foci of our prayers. This time of prayer and fellowship replaces the current card ministry efforts and will give a specific time for those who wish to join to participate.

So, join Janet and the members of the Pastoral Care Team for community prayer and card writing ministry. They look forward to beginning this new needed ministry. If you have questions, please contact Janet Hale: meganit1@yahoo.com or (423) 364-5210.

### YAMs Third Sunday Lunch

**The Young Adults of the parish will head out to Taco Mamacita on Sunday, November 17 following the 10:30 Eucharist.** Plan to gather in Key-Andrews Hall after the Eucharist and we will carpool to Taco Mamacita for great fellowship and a tasty meal! Contact The Rev. Andy Olivo: olivo@stpaulschatt.org.

## Lessons and Carols at Sewanee: Saturday, December 7

For more than 50 years, people have been coming to the mountaintop campus of Sewanee: The University of the South to attend the Festival of Lessons and Carols. The service is based on one that has been sung annually since 1918 at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. It features the University Choir under the direction of University Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Robert Delcamp and Dr. Jason Farris, assistant university organist. The radiant music of the choir singing carols for Advent and Christmas is complemented by scripture readings by members of the university and Sewanee communities.

**This year St. Paul's will partner with Christ Church in providing an opportunity to participate in the service of Lesson and Carols to be held in All Saints' Chapel on Saturday, December 7, at 5 p.m. central time.** St. Paul's will have 25 spaces available on a first come first served basis for transportation via bus, seating in the Chapel, and a meal following the service at the refectory of Saint Andrew's Sewanee School. The bus will depart promptly at 3:30 p.m. eastern time from the rear parking lot at St. Paul's. The cost of the trip is \$40. Please make your reservation by signing up in Key-Andrews Hall. **Then on Sunday, December 8, join St. Paul's in celebrating our Advent Lessons & Carols service at 4:00 p.m.**

### Christmas Sharing

This year for Christmas Sharing, St. Paul's and Metropolitan Ministries are again partnering with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. Please consider adopting one of angels from the tree that will be located in Key-Andrews beginning November 10! We ask that you spend at least \$50, including toys as well as clothes for the children. If that is too much, maybe you could get with friends and do it together as part of your Christmas giving. Just watch for the tree and choose an angel or two! Please return your gifts in the bag provided by the Salvation Army by December 8. Be sure to sign in the book indicating the return of your unwrapped gifts.

**Another important way you can help our clergy and the Outreach Committee in assisting others is by providing Wal-Mart gift cards (\$25 denomination preferred) to help those in need.** The cards will be distributed to those seeking help with items ranging from clothing to fuel and other necessities. We ask you to please take a WalMart Card tag from the small tree in Key-Andrews Hall and provide your contact information in the notebook. Please return the gift cards to Key-Andrews Hall on Sunday or to the Church Office.



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Find the Order of Service at [www.stpaulschatt.org](http://www.stpaulschatt.org). **Are health issues keeping you away from church on Sundays?** Perhaps you might join in our weekday Eucharists in the chapel at 12:05 Monday through Friday. The brief daily service can be a good option when you do not have the stamina for an hour's worth of church. Come join us there, or let us know if you need Communion at home.

Send your email address to [steward@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:steward@stpaulschatt.org) to receive *eChimes*, our weekly email newsletter! Deadline for the December issue of *The Chimes*: November 15. Send news to [stpaulspubs@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulspubs@gmail.com)

## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY . . . *The Rev. Nadim Nassar Returns to St. Paul's***

Syrian-born Episcopal priest Nadim Nassar returns to St. Paul's to preach and teach — and to enlighten us on being Christians in a world with confusion about Islam and Judaism. Nadim has lately been at Trinity Wall Street and on Fox News. Nadim is the Director and co-founder of the Awareness Foundation, and co-author of the Awareness Course. He established the Awareness Foundation in 2003 with Bishop Michael Marshall in response to the growing need to study the Christian faith in the context of the 21st century. He is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group, the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on International Religious Freedom, and he advises the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Nadim Nassar lectures, speaks and teaches in the Middle East, Europe and the US; he leads diocesan conferences in the US, UK and Hong Kong. Nadim was born and raised in Lattakia, Syria and he is the only Syrian priest in the Church of England. He has lectured in different universities in London, including the American Intercontinental University where he taught world religions, and London Guildhall University where he developed the 'Faith and Citizenship' seminar.



### **All Saints' Sunday, November 3**

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education. Guest Speaker: The Rev. Nadim Nassar. 'Being a Faithful Christian in a Pluralistic World'
- 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: The Rev. Nadim Nassar, Preacher.
- 4:00 p.m. Saints in Glory: A Service of Music & Lessons for All Saints' Day. Reception with The Rev. Nassar follows.
- 5:30 p.m. Social Time & Dinner to Benefit The Awareness Foundation. Reservations required (see below).

### **Monday, November 4**

- 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Special Teaching Event with The Rev. Nadim Nassar. Introduction to the Awareness Course by its founding author. Nadim Nassar launches lay and clergy leaders into the Awareness Course. Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. in the Chapel (optional). Lunch at 12:30 p.m. (optional, donations accepted). These courses will be introduced at the event: Speak Out! How to Articulate your Faith, and Why; Living in a Global Village (5 session module); and The Diversity Code (8-session module) For an introduction before November 4, see [www.awareness-foundation.co.uk/index.php/course](http://www.awareness-foundation.co.uk/index.php/course)

**Tickets to the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Social Time & Dinner with conversation about the work of the international Awareness Foundation begin at \$10 each. Reservations required. Donations in support of the Awareness Foundation will be accepted at the close of dinner. Contact Amy Sandy: [amy@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:amy@stpaulschatt.org) or 602-5660 for dinner reservations and Monday lunch and course reservations.**