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

January 2014 — The Season of the Epiphany

PARKING NEWS

Note that we have added additional "Senior" parking, and additional parking spaces for those with disabled/handicap plates or tags, in our rear parking lot, close to the Bonner Tower and Key-Andrews Hall entrances. We have retained our seven-day-a-week Guest parking spaces at the Bonner Tower as well. Please note that no weekday parking is available in the lot between the Church and the Gold Building — not even for funerals. Our lot adjacent to the Church and Key-Andrews Hall is available for evenings and all major holidays.

2013 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS

Year-end tax statements for 2013 will be USPS mailed by January 31, 2014. Please contact Gail Winterbauer at 602-5662 or winter@stpaulschatt.org if you do not receive your statement by this date or if you have questions. It is advised that you do not file your 2013 tax return until you receive a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the Church.

EXUM GALLERY SHOW

The Exum Gallery Committee invites you to the exhibit *Analogy and Exaggeration* by local artists Lolly Durant and Bradley Wilson, featuring drawings and prints, opening Friday evening, January 31.

YAMS THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH

St. Paul's Young Adults head out to Community Pie on January 19. We'll gather in Key-Andrews Hall after the 10:30 Eucharist and carpool to Community Pie for great fellowship and a tasty meal! Contact The Rev. Andy Olivo: olivo@stpaulschatt.org.

From the Rector

The Year of our Lord 2014 — our best ever?

Thanks and blessings on all those who have done so much in this Christmas Season to brighten the lives of so many people — including the ones we love most, our neighbors, and strangers we have served and with whom we shared the Good News of the birth of Jesus. They are strangers no longer, and we are all recipients of God's great gifts.

As we anticipate the Epiphany Season there's no reason this new year can't be the best year ever for this parish, founded in the 1850s and worshipping in the "new" church building since 1888.*

We have a wonderful, growing congregation and we have emerged strong and healthy from the Great Recession. We are in a Diocese to be proud of and we have a dedicated staff. Longtime members welcome newcomers, and we continue to stretch in our outreach ministries to those in need in the community and around the world. We are a GreenFaith parish and we are doing remarkable things as a church in the stewardship of God's creation, our facilities, and utility usage. We are stewards of the Gospel and stewards of the riches of God's grace in every aspect of our lives.

Thank you for your pledge of time, talent and treasure to the ministries in and from this church in 2014. As you prayerfully consider your giving to and through the church, please pray that we will be empowered to call a full-time lay or clergy Youth and Family Minister in 2014 (to fill a vacancy on staff created when The Rev. Bob Leopold left us for a new ministry a year and a half ago and when The Rev. Sam Payne retired last February). This will take extraordinary giving and prayer.

On January 5 and 12 we distribute the Adult Education highlights for the winter and spring. January 5 at 9:15 features a special worship experience (see inside) and January 12 is our Kickoff Sunday with events for all ages and featuring The Rev. Brad Jones, Executive Director of Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center. Youth and parents especially will want to be with him at 9:15.

These days we honor Peggy Lane, the Ayai family, and all who lead and serve. See inside!

I highlight two events:

First, all adults are invited to a *Candlelight Banquet* to begin the Epiphany Season. Join us at Six o'clock Monday, January 6 for this celebration sponsored by our Legacy Society. Chris Andersen, President of the national Lutheran Community Foundation, is keynoter and conversation starter. At this special event we honor Debbie Martin, the late Bill Slaughter and two dozen parishioners who have made known to us planned gifts to the parish through estate planning, or gifts of life insurance, real estate, or other assets. We also honor all capital campaign donors and all those who have served on Vestry here (or whose spouse did). And we welcome new members of our congregation! You will be home by kick-off time! This is a ticketed event. Please reserve your tickets right away — not later than Sunday, January 5. \$15 per adult. Call Amy Sandy any time at 602-5660 or amy@stpaulschatt.org. (Necessary nursery reservations also through Amy.)

Finally, here's a preview of a very special weekend at the beginning of February: The Bishop of Aberdeen, Scotland invites us into a **special Bible study opportunity**: a Quiet Day with him here on Saturday, February 1. He will lead meditations on Matthew 26:36-46 ("Stay awake with me"), Luke 24:13-35 ("Stay with us"), and John 4:1-45 ("Come and see"). All adults are invited. And Bishop Bob Gillies also preaches here three times the following day.

Sharing with you in the joy of Jesus Christ's ministries,

Donald

* A bit more history: the stained glass window depicting the Conversion of Saint Paul was designed and fabricated the Heaton, Butler and Bayne Studio of London in 1925. (That studio closed in 1955.) The priceless ninety-two square foot window will be removed in the Season of Lent for repair and a complete restoration by the best conservator we can find: Scott Taylor. We hope for its return before Christmas this year. If you would like to make a gift toward its restoration please speak with me. The cost will be about \$125,000 and will be followed by a continuing long-term program of restoration and conservation of all of our windows.

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. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Weekdays (Monday - Friday)

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

Adult Christian Education in the New Year

Christian Education Classes resume January 12, Kick-Off Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Classes for all ages meet then. A Winter/Spring Christian Education Poster will be available on Sunday, January 5. Highlights include the Bishop of Aberdeen on February 2, the Outreach Fair on February 23, Theological Education Sunday, and presentations by Profs. Paul Holloway, Deborah Jackson, and Ralph Hood.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on Sunday, January 12. If you are interested in Baptism on that day or in our worship on another day, please speak with the clergy and contact Susan Cardwell cardwell@stpaulschatt.org for receipt of materials.

Jesus, Jammies and Jeans: Sunday, January 5 at 9:15 a.m.

Come one, come all, come casual to wind up the Christmas Season with worship in the Yo Room on Sunday, January 5 at 9:15 a.m. Wear your new Christmas PJs or your gifted acidwashed denim and join in fellowship and fun! Holy Eucharist, singing, storytelling, snacks and more! Adorable pictures from this year's Children's Christmas Pageant bring added joy to this service. Come and see.

Bread and Blessings of Christmas

During the week prior to Christmas, thirty of your fellow parishioners received homemade bread, cards made by the children of the parish, along with your best wishes. Thanks to baker Sharon Ludwig and the team of parishioners; Julia Cronin, Suzanne Barels, Jane Edgy, Barbara Seals and Lynn Hodge; led by Pastoral Care Coordinator Janet Hale, for this important ministry! If you would like to be a part of the pastoral care team's ongoing ministry, consider joining them for prayers and card writing this month on January 16 at 3 p.m. in the Miller Conference Room. All are welcome! For more information: Janet Hale meaganit@yahoo.com or 364-5210.

Feast of Lights Pageant: Sunday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m.

All youth are welcome to be part of the Feast of Lights Pageant. The annual Pageant will once again: *Present the Christmas Story, Celebrate the Saints, Take The Light into the World, and Feast on King Cake* all on one night! **Rehearsal for participants on Saturday, January 11:** Mary and Joseph — 9 a.m.; Angels — 10 a.m.; Characters, candle lighters, senior crucifer and narrator — 11 a.m. **For more information please contact Pageant Director Julia Cronin:** julia-cronin@utc.edu or 756-7528, or Adam Webb.

30th Annual Diocesan Convention: February 7-8

Diocesan Convention meets in Knoxville with closing Eucharist at St. John's Cathedral. An excellent program is planned featuring Tom Boomershine, an internationally-known speaker and author in the interpretation of the narratives of the Bible as oral story in antiquity and in the communication systems of the digital age. St. John (Johnson City), St. Columba (Bristol), and St. Thomas (Elizabethton) co-host the Convention.

Joe Woodfin is one of our new Field Education Seminararians



Seminarian Joe Woodfin with his wife Carly and their children Maggie and Luke.

Joe Woodfin is a second-year seminarian at The School of Theology of The University of the South. He is a Postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee centered in Nashville.

His wife, Carly, is finishing a masters degree in education this year, in addition to being a wonderful full-time mom to Luke (3) and Maggie (16 months).

Joe grew up in South Pittsburg, so he is familiar with the Chattanooga area. He remembers seeing Bonner Tower from the highway frequently, and he is excited to be working in its shadow this year! Say hello in person — and contact Joe at woodfjr0@sewanee.edu

Family Promise: Ministries with Families

What is Family Promise and why do we help them? Do you know that homeless families are the largest growing homeless population in Chattanooga — and the whole country? Can you imagine living in your car with your whole family or trying to live in the doorway of buildings or sleep on the floor of the Community Kitchen with 200 people? That is the plight of many of our poorest neighbors this time a year. For many it just took the loss of a minimum wage job or a critical illness or the inability to pay the rent to get them into that situation.

Family Promise presents one of the answers to that problem. It helps young parents get their GED and learn to be better parents. It gives children a stable place to live -- one church at a time. They can see doctors, get to school regularly, learn to play with people, and get help doing homework while their moms work on job skills and finding a place to live. We at St. Paul's provide that safe environment four weeks a year. We greet the families when they get off the bus at 5 p.m., play with them, tutor when it is needed, feed them a delicious meal, entertain them, and get them off to bed. A couple of us spend the night and get them on the bus at 6:30 a.m. There are also some behind the scenes jobs, like buying snacks and breakfast foods. There are also volunteer jobs that can be done for Family Promise on Baldwin Street. I answer the phones and other things one morning a month. They need furniture because families cannot move into housing without a bed for each child and then they need other furniture, bedding, and things for their kitchen. A donation is always welcome.

It costs Family Promise about \$3400 to move a family from homelessness to permanent housing. They only employ two full time staff members and a part-time caseworker. Families are kept in the program for a year while they get on their feet, and sometimes they come back to stay at churches and work some more on their family living situation. The safety net is there for them when they need it. — Shannon Mowrer

Please consider volunteering for this wonderful ministry this year. **Dates are January 26 - February 2, April 27 - May 4, July 27 - August 3, and October 26 - November 2.**

Peggy's Purse Benefits Members of our Community in Need



Parishioner Peggy Lane has retired from the Board of Metropolitan Ministries after many years of servant leadership. In honor of her ministries, Met Min has established a new fund to assist persons whose needs exceed the typical resources Met Min can offer in one day. *Peggy's Purse* got a boost from our offering at Advent Lessons and Carols.

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offerings go to the human needs fund at Metropolitan Ministries. Other members of St. Paul's on the Board of Met Min are Sally Durand (Chair), Sarah Fishburne, Jenny Smith Wright, and postulant for Holy Orders Ben Thomas. See www.metropolitanministries.org for more information.

The Ayai Family's Habitat for Humanity House *Breaking Ground at the End of January*

We are off and running raising money and adding volunteers for the Habitat house for Kual, Adut, and their girls Aboijang, Anyang and Nyanweer. The Ayai's are refugees from war-torn Sudan and have been part of our St. Paul's family for several years. The Rev. Ann Weeks, our Deacon for Outreach, has formed a leadership team from St. Paul's, Second Presbyterian and a foundation to raise the \$100,000 needed and recruit volunteers to help build this house.

Make your check payable to St. Paul's with *Ayai Habitat House* on the memo line and mail to Gail Winterbauer. To volunteer to build contact Pat Daniel at (423) 521-3398 or danielp1345@yahoo.com. Other inquiries contact The Rev. Ann Weeks at (423) 802-0939 or weeks305@gmail.com.

Vestry Highlights

Your Vestry at its regular meeting December 16 passed a resolution in appreciation of long-time parishioner and leader Bill Slaughter who left a bequest to the church for ministry with the elderly. The resolution will be published at the Epiphany Banquet sponsored by our Legacy Society at Six o'clock on January 6.

Vestry accepted the report of the Nominating Committee for Churchwardens and Officers (Lee Culpepper, Br. Larry Reich, Rick Lee, Senior Warden Robin Miller and the Rector). The Committee is unanimous in presenting this slate for consideration for one-year terms, eligible for re-election: Secretary of the Corporation and Clerk of the Vestry, Vestry member Katherine Betts, who agrees to serve; Treasurer, to continue in Office, former Vestry member Bobby Crates, who agrees to serve; Junior Warden Rick Lee, to continue in Office, Vestry member who agrees to serve. For Senior Warden, Vestry member Hank Hopping, who served a full term on Vestry here in prior years, and who agrees to serve. Hank has been active in Stewardship, education, youth ministries and worship/lector ministries. He and Margaret have a daughter Lily, 14 and a son Will, 16. Vestry elects at its January meeting.

Stewardship Co-Chairs Don and Shelley Andrews presented an Annual Giving report showing that pledges for ministries in 2014 are coming in at a rate faster than last year, with more new pledges, and a number of increased

pledges. They urge members who have not yet made their time, talent, treasure pledge to do so right away.

The Design Team on Family Ministries made a report on six months' work and asked that a position be created and filled for a new lay or clergy person to strengthen our ministries with children, youth, parents and families. This is a high priority for the Rector and Vestry. Vestry encouraged the Design Team to meet again with our young people to refine a proposed position description. The position cannot be advertised until funding is made possible by new or increased Annual Ministry Fund gifts or by a special gift.

The Treasurer reported excellent controls on spending – and sluggish giving by some households in 2013. It is important that parishioners make gifts before the close of the year for 2013 and make pledges now to support our ministries in 2014.

The Adult Christian Education Committee, Thorne Sparkman School Committee, Arts Committee, Capital Campaign Committee and Outreach Committee will report in January.

The Rector's Report includes progress on staffing, seminarians, parking, Vestry Retreat and Commissioning in January, and Diocesan Convention.

The Rector's Report, Deacon's Report, and other reports are available on request from the Rector. The Vestry meets the third Monday in January.

Year Round Stewardship at St. Paul's

We are accustomed to thinking of stewardship in terms of the annual "pledge drive", but stewardship is not just when we gather money and pledges during the fall. Stewardship is a concept that should drive everything that we do throughout the calendar year. Stewardship teaches us that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We are the stewards — not only of our financial resources, but also of this created earth, our time, our talents, our families, our relationships, but most importantly God's word. Christian stewardship is using these gifts that God has given us, to do the work that God is calling us to do.

Beginning this month, St. Paul's is embracing a **Year Round Stewardship Calendar** as a way to help us, God's people, be Christ's hands and feet in the world. The calendar gives suggestions and resources for practicing year round stewardship and takes it out of the "annual occurrence" category and places it where it should be — right in front of us, all year round.

Each month, the church season will be explained and a theme identified around which activities might take place in five recurring categories: *Spiritual Growth, Ministry Spotlight, Financial Health, Outside Ourselves, and God's Creation*. Under each of these categories, suggestions will be offered for an individual activity as well as a congregational activity. It is not the intent to ask you to take on each suggestion, but they are a starting place for us to enrich our lives and the lives of others through Year Round Stewardship.

The monthly worksheet can be found each month in the *Chimes*, on the website or at the usher tables at the rear of the church. If you have activities that you would like to suggest or other ideas, please contact Cheryl Gaillard, Membership and Stewardship Coordinator at 602-5663 or cheryl@stpaulschatt.org.



Souper Bowl of Caring 2014

The Souper Bowl of Caring to support the Chattanooga Area Food Bank is underway! Our Youth have won the Souper Bowl the past 7 years and they hope to keep the coveted trophy, but the real winners are the needy families who will receive your donations. Place your non-perishable food donations in the bins in the Bonner Tower and the Narthex, or make your check payable to St. Paul's marked *Souper Bowl* (\$1 = 1 pound of food).



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Our Sunday service is broadcast live each week at 10:30 a.m. on 95.3 FM WPLZ. Listen online at: catcountry953.com. Click on *Listen Live*.

Find the Order of Service at www.stpaulschatt.org. Are health issues keeping you away from church on Sundays? You might join 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 to receive *eChimes*, our weekly email newsletter! Deadline for the February issue of *The Chimes*: January 15. Send news to stpaulspubs@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS . . . at St. Paul's Church and around the Diocese

EPIPHANY BANQUET AT ST. PAUL'S

The Rector invites all Vestry members serving from 2007-2017,

All former Vestry Members and Churchwardens,

All 2007 Search Committee Members,

Saint Paul's After Hours Members, Capital Campaign Donors,

Legacy Society Members, All Adult Parishioners including spouse, partner or guest

SUPPER AT SIX O'CLOCK — MONDAY, JANUARY SIXTH
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY — KEY-ANDREWS HALL

Come as you are from the office or come wearing holiday attire.

Leading our Charitable Conversations:

Chris Andersen, President of a Minneapolis community foundation with a national impact.

Menu: citrus salad, pork tenderloin, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, coffee and dessert. Wine bar. \$15 each.

Please let us know of dietary needs. Carpool and designate a driver. Nursery and child care by reservation.

Saint Paul's After Hours members may be seated together at reserved tables if you wish.

RSVP to Amy@stpaulschatt.org or 602-5660.

CHORAL EVENSONG
THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Sunday, February 2 — 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Senior Choir. Choral Evensong with Candlemas Procession. The Bishop of Aberdeen Scotland preaches.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S ARTIST SERIES
Friday, January 24 — 7:30 p.m.

Adam Hayes, Trumpet; Joel Treybig, Trumpet; Andrew Risinger, Organ

Works by Jean Thilde, Johann Pezel, John Hingeston, Samuel Ducommun, Bernhard Krol, and the world premiere of *Lux et Lapis* (Light and Stone) by Kevin McKee. Adults, \$10; Students, \$5. Reception follows.