

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

Sept. 4 • Labor Day • Parish office closed

Sept. 5 • 1 p.m. • Volunteer orientation at Crestwood Elementary School

Sept. 10 • 9:20 a.m. • Formation begins for all ages

Sept. 13 • 5:30 p.m. • Wednesday Night Supper begin

Sept. 19 • 5:15 p.m. • Vestry meeting

Acolyte Training

is set for Sunday, Sept. 10, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be served. Acolyte training is open to ages 10 years old to adults.

Sunday School

returns Sunday, September 10 at 9:20 a.m.

There's an App for that!

It feels like there is a smartphone app for just about everything these days. Want to know what the weather is like in Auckland, New Zealand? There's an app for that! Want to play the entire archive of New York Times crossword puzzles? There's an app for that too! There are tons of apps geared towards devotions, praying and liturgy as well. As we get back into the rhythm of the school year, I invite you and your family to make use of these apps to develop a family practice of prayer.

Two apps that I really like are sponsored by the Episcopal Church: d365 and Venite. The d365 app is a daily devotional experience that follows a five-step format of pause, listen, think, pray, go. It's easy to use and each member of the family can take turns reading during the devotional. The Venite app puts the services of the Book of Common Prayer daily office and the scripture readings all at your fingertips. You can select the liturgy you want to pray from Morning Prayer to Compline, and just follow the automatically generated service. It is essentially the BCP in app form!

I hope these apps can serve as tools that allow you and your families to take a break from the busyness of the world and draw closer to God through prayer and scripture.



—Mtr. Katie

Volunteer Opportunity

St. Paul's has in the past provided volunteers to read with and/or tutor third grade students at Crestwood Elementary School. Principal Dana Bell and her four third grade teachers will be offering an orientation for volunteer prospects Tuesday, September 5 at 1 p.m. at Crestwood.

The orientation covers the goals for the children, the materials used and the logistics for volunteers. Volunteer time has been shifted from early morning to 2 -2:40 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are hopeful to assemble a committed team of volunteers to help. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information contact Sally Gray, 662.401.3897

A New Beginning!

By David Benson

The St. Paul's Music Series has been a part of the musical life of the Meridian community for many years. The Series was established decades ago by the late Albert Weems, and the performances by talented performers over the years has been a part of a parish musical outreach program. However, with the onset of the pandemic, musicians were prevented from sharing their talents with our parish family and friends in our area.

The good news is we are planning to remedy that — beginning in October the first St. Paul's Music Series program will return.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 12, noon, and be sure to come to hear Impromptu Piano Quartet. One of the more popular groups performing for us in recent years, this group always presents the highest caliber of chamber music for piano and strings. Their musicianship never fails to excite the listener and some of their performances have left audiences breathless.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., the Series will present "Music of Thanksgiving." This event, held in the

church, will feature a number of soloists and a community choir; and the audience will join in singing some of our favorite hymns of thanksgiving. Although the music will be sacred, this is not a St. Paul's parish service, but rather a community wide celebration of our tradition of Thanksgiving.

To round out the calendar year, we are pleased and excited by the return of Capital Brass Thursday, Dec. 14, at noon. Capital Brass has long been one of our annual Music Series presentations and

this December event always puts us in the spirit of Christmas.

In the new calendar year of 2024, more programs will be announced. As we do not have performances during Lent (and Lent comes very early next year), we are setting our sights on one event in January and a concluding gala to round out the season.

We are grateful to be able to renew this wonderful ministry of St. Paul's. You should receive a letter soon confirming this announcement; for now, please mark your calendars for these exciting events in our parish and community life.



Expanded Worship Offerings

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1Thessalonians 5:16-19)

Beginning the week after Labor Day, St. Paul's will offer more worship offerings.

- Morning Prayer will be held Tuesday and Thursday Mornings beginning at 8:30. The service is about 20-minutes long. We will read the assigned lessons of scripture for the day and pray for our church and for the world.

- Wednesday Eucharist with healing will resume at 12:05 p.m. Bring your lunch to enjoy following the service.
- Finally, with the change to the time of Wednesday Night Suppers beginning at 5:30, we will finish each Wednesday evening with Compline in the chapel. Above all, Compline is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Continual prayer keeps the soul attentive to God, entrusting all things to the one who holds us and loves us all.



*St. Paul's EYC
officially
welcomed
Ava Hugely,
Isabelle Polson,
Caroline Lewis
and Remy Stump
August 20 at the
EYC Crossing Over
Dinner.*



Episcopal Relief: How Can We Help?

We know many of our neighbors are hurting from recent natural disasters. We may feel overwhelmed or even helpless by the devastation we see after wildfires, hurricanes, or floods. There are many ways we can offer support and relief for our neighbors in times of need: prayer, donating goods, lending a helping hand, and so on. This month, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry of the Episcopal Relief and Development organization. This is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides short-term relief and long-term support for communities around the world after disasters. They work with local churches and organizations to love and serve those in need. Learn more about how you can help at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/>



We had quite the crowd at our recent "Blessing of the Backpacks" ceremony.



WNS is Coming, WNS is Coming, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

That's right, you heard it here... Wednesday night suppers are starting back Wednesday, September 13. The people spoke and we listened — a NEW start time, 5:30 p.m. PLEASE sign up to volunteer! We need three-to-four people every Wednesday night. Duties are easy. NO dishwashing required! Reservations are REQUIRED. Depending on the night, little kids will be served chicken nuggets/mac and cheese or pizza. Prices are \$5 for children 11 years and under, \$10 for 12 years and older. To ensure dinners are affordable for all, no family will pay more than \$40. Payment will be check, cash or through your Abundant app on your phone. Any questions? Contact Lynn Waddle! Y'all come!

We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Andrea Carver, Cheri Barry, Chip Harwell, Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Elliott Street, Eve Morrison, Jerry Wayton, Jo Van Devender, Kay Dickson, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Dunn, Mary Weems, Peggy Carrico, Susan Hamilton, Tee, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

In our senior living communities: Joyce Welsh, Lora Jones, Elinor Quick and Nita Neville.

Extended family and friends: Alisha Crowell, Betty Perry, Bill Selman, Bill Slay, Brooke, Charlotte Chaney, Christy Covert, Christopher Alexander, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, Diane Dunn, Donna Polizzi, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Gail Richardson, George Farr, Hays Monsour, Jacob Neely, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jo Nell Brown, Jim McGinnis, Jim Thompson, John, Kamie Wert, Ken Fisher, Kevin Williams, Kylie Temple, Lanier McCullough, Leland Tew, Lou Dubose, Martha Hudson, Martha Mazingo, Marti & Will Sorey, Mason, Matt White, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mize, Norman, Pat Carver, Patrick Leach, Penny Purnell, Rachel Neely, Randy Moore, Richard Graham, Rick, Sandra Gray, Sandy Carrier, Shirley Hunter Croft, Steve Waddle, Susan Nichols, Thomas Little, Tom Schram, Travis Sadler, Trent Hartzog, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Willie Spencer and Zack Martin.

We pray for those who have died especially: Stephen L. Richard, stepfather of Marcy Polson; Johnnie Mae Wilkerson, grandmother of Chad Tibbetts; and Merry Rea Thomson, sister of Bob Rea and Chuck Rea.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Cody Blackwell, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Luke Graham, Zack Hendericks, Nick Mullen and DJ Robinson.

We pray for our Bishop Brian, for our Rector Austin and his family and our Curate Katie.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 1	Garry Lawyer	Sept. 20	Amy Cady, John Carrier, Hardy & Monica Graham, Holly Morgan
Sept. 2	Debby Cress, Hardy Graham Jr., Terry Ivy	Sept. 21	Dixie Tibbetts, Geoff & Marty McIntyre
Sept. 4	Judy Wood	Sept. 23	Helen Abraham, Melissa Love
Sept. 7	Rick Hasselle, Lee Loeb	Sept. 24	Gina Dunn
Sept. 9	Linda Carrier	Sept. 25	Poo & Gloria Chancellor, Graham & Joey Martin
Sept. 11	Ruthy Vinson	Sept. 26	Ned McCormick, Marcia Via
Sept. 12	David Ray	Sept. 29	Tim Hanschke
Sept. 14	Tom & Kay Milhorn	Sept. 30	Lynn Waddle
Sept. 19	Maggie Martin, David Ray Sr., Katie Sorey		

Services

	SEPT. 3	SEPT. 10	SEPT. 17	SEPT. 24
VESTRY COUNTERS	Gloria Chancellor & Lynn Waddle			
8 A.M.				
CHALICE	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier	Bob Covert
READER	Polly Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier	Polly Covert
USHER	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier	Bob Covert
10:30 A.M.				
READER 1	Rick Barry	Katie Simmons	Lloyd Gray	Mallory Davis
READER 2	Melissa Calcote	Gary Jones	Jo Benson	Malcom Gee
PRAYERS	Stacey Harwell	Joan Moore	Candy Ward	Bobbie Rea
USHERS	Perrin Burchfield	Larry Nowak	Ann Compton	Gary Jones
	Chris Burchfield	Susan Nowak	John Compton	Wayne Wuestefeld
ACOLYTES	Lucy Simmons	Payton Hanschke	Ann Revere Davis	Wyatt Bond
	Olivia Lewis	Rowan Hanschke	William Davis	Reese Stump
	Caroline Lewis	Landon Smith	Simmons Davis	Remy Stump
ALTAR GUILD	Gayle Yochim	Gayle Yochim	Candy Ward	Candy Ward
	Edie Simmons	Edie Simmons	Rainey Breaux	Rainey Breaux
CHALICE	Edie Simmons	Gary Jones	Rob Calcote	Barbara Boone