

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

March 12 • Daylight Saving Time • Spring Ahead

March 21 • Vestry Meeting • 5:15 p.m.



**2023**  
*Downtown*  
*Lenten Series*

Feb. 23 • St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Mar. 2 • Central United Methodist Church  
Mar. 9 • First Presbyterian Church  
Mar. 16 • St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Mar. 23 • First Baptist Church  
Mar. 30 • First Christian Church

**12:05 p.m. on the above Thursdays**  
Each service will last approximately 30 minutes. Lunch to follow.

Join us for St. Paul's second annual

# Agape Meal

Maundy Thursday, April 6  
following the 5:30 service

*Traditional Greek and  
Mediterranean fare along with  
wine will be served.*

\$10 per person

Volunteers needed! Please contact  
Mallory for more information.  
601.513.1775



# EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 8TH AT 7:30 PM

*Hot Cross Buns and  
Joyful drinks to follow*

## Spring Blooms With Events at St. Paul's

Well, Punxsutawney Phil got it wrong this year... Spring has sprung in Meridian! While the temperature is mild and the sun is shining, I find myself in my car with the windows rolled down blaring Kacey Musgraves' song "Oh What a World." My favorite lyrics are "Oh, what a world, don't wanna leave, all kind of magic all around us, it's hard to believe. Thank God it's not too good to be true. Oh, what a world..." Because Spring is magic! The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing and the birds are singing. All of these things are so special because they're beautiful signs that God gives us that signify LIFE in our world.

There are also beautiful signs of life at St. Paul's right now. Over the past few months, families have gathered together to celebrate the life in our church. We had a successful Epiphany drawdown in January that raised more than \$14,000 for our EYC members venturing to Cody, Wyoming, for their pilgrimage. We observed Shrove Tuesday with a kitchen full of youth making pancakes and a lively parish hall full of people squeezing in one more night of celebrating before Lent began. We even had a second line led by Tim Hanschke and his trumpet! Both of these events were full of joy and laughter and fellowship and life.

Just like the signs of Spring all around us, our church is full of vivaciousness and excitement that you don't want to miss out on. We have several events in the coming weeks and months that I encourage you to put on your calendar and make a priority to attend.

Holy Week is coming, and we invite you to walk along with Jesus through the many opportunities and services that will be offered.

Palm Sunday is April 2, and it's always a special day to kick

off the week. Children are asked to help line the pathway outside of the courtyard with purple cloths prior to the 10:30 a.m. service and everyone is invited to process into the Nave with palms.

Maundy Thursday is April 6. We will have a service at 5:30 p.m. that will include the sacred ritual of foot washing. Our second annual Agapé meal will follow the service. You don't want to miss this! This ancient tradition is also referred to

as a "love feast," similar to the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples.

Traditional Greek fare, along with wine, will be served family style by candlelight. There will be a children's table with activities on this night as well.

Volunteers needed! Please contact me if you'd like to get involved.

Good Friday is on April 7 with services at 12 p.m. and at 5:30 pm.

Our Easter Vigil is on April 8 at 7:30 p.m., just as the sun sets. Join us for the most sacred service in Christendom with hot cross buns from 601 Bakery and joyful drinks to follow.

Easter is on April 9 with services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with an Easter celebration in the Parish Hall in between. Children are invited to bring flowers from home to flower the cross in the Nave before the 10:30 a.m. service begins. This is the perfect place to take an Easter photo!

Our Mission and Music Festival is on Saturday, May 6, this year. This is such a fun day for everyone — young and old — to join together as St. Paul's to give back to our community. There will be a fish fry, live music, a bake sale and several auction items. Look for more information on this coming soon.

I look forward to seeing you all this spring. Enjoy the beautiful LIFE around you!

— Peace, Mallory Davis. Director of Children & Youth



**EYC'S**  
**SPRING PALOOZA!**

*join us for all things spring!*

**CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**  
**4 - 6 PM**

# Vestry Retreat

*Vestry members — new and old — gathered at the Boone's farm to learn about St. Paul's and map out the future. Thanks to David and Joe Benson for providing lunch.*



## We Remember in our Prayers

*For our Parish family:* Andrea Carver, Cliff Odom, Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Ducky McCormick Elliott Street, Eve Morrison, Jo Van Devender, Larry Nowak, Margaret Van Dyke, Marsha Miller, Mary Dunn, Peggy Carrico, Susan Hamilton, Tadley, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

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

*Extended family and friends:* Adele Whitlock, Anne Rice Wooley, Ben Avara, Betty Perry, Bill Selman, Brooke, Charlotte Chaney, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, David & Gina Brown, Dee Dee Peoples, Diane Dunn, Donna Polizzi, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Freddie Bea Watson, George Farr, Hays Monsour, Henry Beard, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jo Nell Brown, Jim Thompson, John, Katie Schaffer, Ken Fisher, Kennedy Grice, Kylie Temple, Leland Tew, Lisa Primeaux, Lou Dubose, Martha Hudson, Martha Mazingo, Michael, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mize, Nick, Norman, Pat Carver, Patrick Leach, Poky Murphy, Randy Moore, Richard Graham, Rick, Roger, Sandy Carrier, Stefanie Lynn Roman, Thomas Little, Tom Schram, Tony Sansone, Trent Hartzog, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Willie Spencer, Zack Martin, Stella Carew and Matt White.

*We pray for those who have died especially:* John Dean; William "Bill" Bond Compton Jr., brother of John Compton; Dean Goins; sister of Kay Reich; Heidi Carrico, daughter of Peggy and Lee Carrico; Todd Coffin; brother of Bob Coffin; and Jerry Greene.

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

*We pray* for our Bishop Brian and for our Rector Austin.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Mar. 1 .....Rob Arline, Caroline Lewis                               | Mar. 19 .....Arlyn Grace Sanders                                |
| Mar. 2 .....Hannah Hamilton Anderson,<br>Tricia LaBiche              | Mar. 20 .....Garry & Dana Lawyer                                |
| Mar. 8 .....Nick Perry   | Mar. 21 .....Judy Dohan   |
| Mar. 10 .....Anne Harris Crowe, Tadley Hamilton                      | Mar. 23 .....Bill & Harriet Simmons,<br>Jeffrey & Andrea Carver |
| Mar. 11 .....DJ Wells  | Mar. 24 .....Jo Benson, Ed Broome                               |
| Mar. 12 .....Mary Lee Bowen  | Mar. 25 .....Tom Greer  |
| Mar. 13 .....Graham Martin   | Mar. 27 .....Lee & Peggy Carrico                                |
| Mar. 16 .....Claire Calcote, Robby & Sylvia Dreyfus                  | Mar. 28 .....Patty Vinson                                       |
| Mar. 17 .....David Benson, John Compton,<br>Sara Mason, Shep Sanders | Mar. 29 .....Mackenzie Carver                                   |
| Mar. 18 .....Linda Denney, Jerry Wayton                              | Mar. 30 .....Walker Rea, Justin & Jamie Smith                   |



*AND THE WINNERS ARE — St. Paul's and the Mediator won a city-wide dodgeball tournament hosted by St. Patrick's. Enjoying the good times were, from left: Sellers Breaux, Lucy Van Veckhoven, Ann Revere Davis, Joseph Brooks, Landon Smith, Tucker Dunn, Jack Martin, Hayes Lancaster, Olivia Lewis, Molly Honeycutt and Lucy Simmons.*



*SHROVE TUESDAY FUN — Pictured from left (the back row): Franklin Davis, Maggie Martin, Caroline Lewis, Remy Stump, Simmons Davis and Libby Davis. Those two cuties in the front row: Rosemary Stump and Maurie Simmons.*



### SON OF OUR FIRST SEMINARIAN

*St. Paul' was pleased to welcome Ted Mollegan to a recent service. This 86-year-old is the son of St. Paul's first seminarian — The Rev. Albert Theodore Mollegan. Ted was excited to spot his father on our hall of fame.*



*PANCAKE EXTRAORDINAIRE! — EYC enjoyed making pancakes for everyone for our Shrove Tuesday celebration! Pictured from left: Rowan Hanschke, Maurice LaBiche, Reese Stump, Payton Hanschke, Ann Revere Davis, Lucy Simmons and Ava Hughly.*

## Services

	MARCH 5	MARCH 12	MARCH 19	MARCH 26
8 A.M.				
CHALICE	Malcom Gee	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee
READER	Malcom Gee	John Carrier	Polly Covert	Malcom Gee
USHER	Malcom Gee	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee
10:30 A.M.				
READER 1	Rob Calcote	Meredith Roberts	Jerome Kittrell	Rick Barry
READER 2	Sally Gray	Wayne Wuestefeld	Katie Simmons	Melissa Calcote
PRAYERS	Bobbie Rea	Kay Reich	Joan Moore	Stacey Harwell
USHERS	Lisa Howell John Howell	Melissa Love Sara Mason	Scott Hudson Rose Hudson	Graham Martin Joey Martin
ACOLYTES	Anne Revere Davis William Davis Britton Dunn	Payton Hanschke Rowan Hanschke Reese Stump	Wyatt Bond Hamp Little Hayes Lancaster	Annie Martin Jack Martin Simmons Davis
ALTAR GUILD	BJ Ray Bobbie Rea	BJ Ray Bobbie Rea	Gayle Yochim Kay Reich	Gayle Yochim Kay Reich
CHALICE	Gary Jones	Stephen Wilson	Edie Simmons	Jo Benson