



The Epistle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

December 2010 Issue

Wait and Watch

Count Down

As I write this Susan and I are counting down the days until we can travel out to Castle Rock, Colorado to see our kids. In 5 days 19 hours and 14 minutes we hope to be on our way (but who's counting?). We check the long-term weather on line and with each newscast. We have had multiple telephone conversations with our family to talk about when we come. In short, we are excited. This is waiting with expectation and anticipation. It's fun. But there are other times of waiting that are not fun.

There is the open ended waiting in the surgical waiting room in which family and friends hope and pray for a good outcome. Even worse is the waiting for test results to come back. The report could send us to yet more excruciating waiting or lead to a happier future. There is a lot of fear in this kind of waiting.

There is waiting with a loved one who is dying by degrees. If we are lucky in this waiting, we have the luxury of remembering good times and the love we have shared. But it is heart breaking to watch and wait as the life seems to seep out of the one we have loved for so long. And finally we are left alone. While it is true that we are offered considerable hope and consolation in our faith, the raw emotion we share at the time is devastating loss and sorrow.

Waiting to hear from a prospective employer about a job that is absolutely essential for any kind of economic future can be nerve racking. It is especially difficult when it is the last of a long list of applications that have ended badly. There is a strong sense of hopelessness in this kind of waiting. And yet there is enough hope that we keep looking and asking and knocking on doors.

A Better Waiting

However there is a kind of waiting and watching that transcends all of these experiences. This waiting incorporates all of our human dilemmas into its very essence. Let's call it waiting for the one who comes. Of course you have beat me to it, haven't you? You know I'm talking about the promised one, the Messiah. For us Christians we have learned to simultaneously search for the one promised in the prophets realized in the life of Jesus of Nazareth and expected in some moment in the future. What I am learning is that this is the same Lord who continues to come into our every moment. Our waiting is full of expectation because Jesus is always coming to us in every moment of our lives. We simply need to be aware, alive to the presence in and with us. This is the most expectant kind of waiting, and it fills all our waiting moments with hope.

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This Advent I urge you all to take those odd moments when you are waiting to remember the one who is always coming. Greet the Savior in every moment of your waiting. Have a blessed Advent. May it lead to a joyous Christmas.

Fr. Tom



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SERVICES



Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

7:00 p.m. Family Service

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass



Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion.

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 26

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

No 8:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. H. C.

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31

5:00 p.m. A Service for New Year

The Feast of The Holy Name

Saturday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



HOW TO REACH US

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STEWARDSHIP NOTE

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! We need your pledge as soon as possible. The Finance Committee needs to begin planning the budget for 2011 very soon. This budget needs to be approved by the December Vestry Meeting on December 15th.

At the present time, we have \$121,787 pledged.

Some statistics that might be of interest are: Salaries and benefits with no raises in 2011 will total \$115,355. Payment for cleaning the church with no raise will be \$5,400. Payment to the organist with no raise will be \$6,500. Payment for insuring the building is \$20,720. The Apportionment payment will be \$33,266. This totals \$181,241.

As you can see even with no other expenses such as maintenance and repairs, utilities, office supplies, program (church school, child care, altar guild, convention and etc., we are very short of the dollars needed to fully pay for all our expenses. We need a minimum of \$200,000 plus to cover all our expenses.

It is important that everyone please consider pledging. Each and every year the Finance Committee struggles with a budget that is a deficit Budget. We really need your help!

John Desper, Stewardship Chair



Candles and Carols

On December 12 at the 10:00 a.m. service, Saint Paul's will celebrate Advent with a program of *Candles and Carols*. Advent is a holy season of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ, and *Candles and Carols* celebrates the traditional themes of hope, peace, joy and love.

This service will combine readings, the lighting of each of the Advent candles and congregational singing of traditional carols. Many of you are familiar with the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and this program is very much like that more traditional program.

We invite anyone who would like to take part in this joyous service to come to the 10:00 a.m. service on December 12.

The Eucharist will not be celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. service on that day; however, it will be celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services.

Pipe Visions - Organ Concert

A full church heard an exciting concert on October 31st presented by St. Paul's and the Manhattan Chapter of The American Guild of Organists. Twelve organists and a cellist presented ten pieces by composers ranging from Bach to contemporary composers. It was a rich and wonderful offering of organ music and a sincere thank you is extended to all of the musicians for sharing their talent and love of music. It was indeed a special treat. Additional words of appreciation go to Virginia Houser, Eleanor and John Blaker, and Charles Pearce for their work in organizing this afternoon concert. Funds from a free will offering were designated for maintenance and upgrading the church's organ.



Annual Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 16

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's Church

Pot Luck to follow.

All Adult (16 or older) Communicants in good standing (baptized and entered in the parish register, receiving communion at least three times this year, weekly observing the Lord's Day, and giving a stated amount to the support of the parish) are voting members of the parish and should be present. The following will be important items on our agenda:

Receive reports of our various ministries.

Elect parish representatives to: Diocesan Convention and Northwest Convocation Board.

Elect Senior and Junior Wardens as well as members of the Vestry.

Approve the Treasurer's annual report.

ECW CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Put your gifts of personal cosmetics for women living at the Crisis Center in the box on the back pew by December 19. Annually, Saint Paul's makes an Advent collection of unwrapped lipstick, nail polish, eye makeup, hair ornaments and small cologne bottles. The staff wraps some of the gifts for the Christmas tree. The remaining items are given during the year. Your generosity brings smiles to women facing a difficult time.

HELPING WITH CHRISTMAS WISHES.

Each year, through the Flint Hills Breadbasket, we gather gifts for a family who needs help with making the holiday season a little brighter. This year our family is a mom with 3 daughters. A wish list is posted on the glass panel next to the office. Please have the gift wrapped and with the persons name on it here in the office by December 15. Thank for your support of this project.

*FESTIVE MEAL
NOVEMBER 14, 2010*

NOVEMBER VESTRY NOTES

Fr. Miles opened the meeting with prayer.

The Consent Agenda was accepted

- ◆ Diocesan Crossroad Campaign is coming. We will be contacted in the coming months to begin our parish response. The campaign will make the Diocesan offices handicap accessible and improve the facilities at Bethany Conference Center.
- ◆ Informed of the Bishop's policy on inclement weather...services are not canceled, and a plan should be in place if the priest cannot get there, some one living close to the church should be there to open up.
- ◆ The BCP liturgy is what we use for our services, any change needs the Bishop's approval.
- ◆ A report was handed out on the plan of the city to start charging churches and schools for water.
- ◆ Financial reports were handed out. We are about 3% under budget on income and 4% over on expense. A full report is posted on the bulletin board.
- ◆ Pledges for 2011 are to be sent in to the church a.s.a.p.
- ◆ The vestry received a recommendation from the Discernment Committee for Sandra Horton-Smith to continue the process to be a Postulant for Ordination to the Diaconate. A signed recommendation form has been sent to Bishop Wolfe.
- ◆ V. Houser presented a report from Quinby Organ on their findings for re-vitalizing the organ. Discussion followed.
- ◆ Glenn Horton-Smith, Donna MacDougall and Nancy Walker will be retiring from the vestry.
- ◆ A popcorn cart will be ordered and paid for from the proceeds from sale of Grocery Certificates.
- ◆ Dale Shipps reported that he and Charlene took 142 pounds of food to the pantry this month, the most ever recorded from Saint Paul's.

The meeting was closed with a service of Compline

Save Your Christmas Cards

Once again I will be collecting the front side of Christmas cards which will be sent to St. Jude's. There will be a basket on the table in the Commons Room for you to place the card fronts. If you have other cards such as thank you cards, birthday, etc., they are welcome as well.

Thank you for your participation.

Susan Miles

Deaconate Journey

I've been going through the process toward becoming a deacon for over a year now and I'd thought I'd let all of you know where I am in that journey. I recently completed the discernment process and my committee submitted their recommendations to the vestry and to the diocese. I would like to thank them for completing that process with me: Deacon Charles Pearce, Frank Connizzo, Mary Roberts, Nancy Walker, Rev. Art Rathbun, and special thanks to Ingrid Nelson for working to coordinate the scheduling and communications. I have completed all the steps for application to postulancy, except for interviewing with the Commission on Ministry. Canon Loya has told me that I am scheduled to do that in January.

Since August, I've been attending the Kansas School for Ministry. Courses there run over one month with a class meeting in the middle of that month, over a weekend in Topeka. I have completed courses in dogmatic theology, pastoral care, and introductory Christian ethics. I am currently completing written assignments in Christian history as well as beginning readings for a course in spirituality that will meet in December. The remainder of this school year, I will have three courses on the Old Testament and courses on the history of the Episcopal Church and congregational development.

Please don't hesitate to talk with me and ask any questions you may have about this process. I welcome your interest and your support as I continue this journey.

- Sandy Horton-Smith

MIQRA

January 15-16, 2011

Here's a great opportunity for youth in High School and Junior High students alike. The Diocese of Kansas Youth program invites you to a weekend that celebrates the gift of God's word. January 15-16 the Seniors will be at Grace Cathedral and the Juniors at Saint David's in Topeka. Both groups will read the entire Bible in the time they are together and share a very good time together. See Father Tom for registration materials.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 11

Here's a big THANK YOU to the guys who came and stayed to help with the painting and with setting up the dinning room for our Thanksgiving Dinner last month. Now it's time to get ready for the December breakfast. Come and have a good breakfast to fortify yourselves for the chores you will have to do for those lovely ladies at home. We serve at 8:00 a.m. and share our strictly guy talk. Don't miss it!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jack Ryan
- 3 Alex Matthews
- 4 Debby Lamb
- 5 Mary Enoch
Iona Learned
- 7 Grace Horton-Smith
- 8 Oliver Franko
- 9 Emily Davenport



- 10. Betsy Pesci
Kay Ring
- 13. Bob Learned
- 17. John Blaker
- 21 Andrea Law-Carey
- 28. Terry Roberts
- 31. Lauren Carlson
Carey Zeak

Flint Hills Breadbasket

Dale and Charlie Shipps deliver food to the Flint Hills Breadbasket and reported the following:

On Sunday, November 7, St. Paul's parishioners donated 142 pounds of food which was delivered to the Flint Hills Breadbasket on Monday, November 8. This is the highest amount of food that has been collected in quite some time! A few times it has been as low as 40 pounds. It would be great if we could continue to top the 140 pound amount every month. Since September of 2009, St. Paul's has contributed 1,042 pounds of food to the Breadbasket.

Keep up the good work and remember to bring your donations on the first Sunday of each month

St. Paul's Saturday Morning

St. Paul's Saturday Morning will meet on December 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Common Room. Our wonderful Christmas music will be presented by our very own Fr. Tom and his barbershop group, "Men of Accord". They will provide some Christmas music to get us in the holiday spirit. There will also be a cookie exchange. Please bring some to share and to add to the tins that are made up for our shut-ins. Come join us for a Christmas treat and coffee/tea.

In January our program will be presented by David Littrell about the Cedar Vista Schoolhouse project.



St. Paul's Calendar for December 2010

Monthly Planner

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church Welcomes You

Fr. Tom Miles, Rector
Charles Pearce, Archdeacon

Service Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II
11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Wednesday

12:15 p.m.: Healing Eucharist

Christian Education

Sunday Mornings: 11:15 a.m. - noon (children)

Church Information

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Church Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Eleanor Blaker, Parish Administrator

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

FOOD BASKET SUNDAY: The 1st Sunday of each month, dried and canned goods can be left at the back of the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The 2nd Saturday of each month, men meet at the church at 8 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S SATURDAY MORNING: The women meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Common Room. Come for some fellowship and a cup of coffee!

ECW: The last Wednesday of the month at 12:45 p.m. following the noon healing service (unless a conflict with a holiday).

D.O.K.: 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

WEEKLY

La Concina Allegra: Breakfast on Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. in the dining room.

Remember the Church in your will