



The Epistle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

January 2011 Issue

Annual Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 16, 2011

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.
- Approve the 2011 budget.

Childcare will be provided during the Annual Meeting.

Light of the World

The Fire Kindled

No doubt you will notice that one of the recurrent images we will hear in our worship for the next few weeks is light. That makes sense, doesn't it? In the part of the year when there is more darkness and less daylight we are bound to long for light. It's also a time when the practice of kindling fire or lighting candles is more evident. So it's not surprising that the Church has appropriated our desire for light by using the same images as our secular world. Lighting up our homes and businesses with holiday lights is also our way of proclaiming the light of Christ coming into the world. And any tree that is illuminated with lights this time of the year is a Christmas tree to me simply because of the many memories I have of Christmas. And any Christmas tree reminds me of the light of Christ coming into the world. So we light our trees, bushes and houses to celebrate the light coming into the world, Jesus our Lord. And we light candles by the dozens remembering by that simple act the kindling of our hearts with love for God.

There are also some fond memories I have of lighting the greens on fire on the eve of Epiphany. That bonfire, so reminiscent of pagan practices, was a reminder to us Christians of the fire of the Gospel message spreading and lighting up the darkness of the world. The Feast of Lights practiced in my home parish was a pageant in which various individuals representing the Apostles came forward in the darkened church to kindle candles from the Christ candle and stand in the choir demonstrating the power of evangelism to light up the world. As I remember it, that event was sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew as a celebration of their commitment to the ministry of evangelism.

What I take from this collage of memories is a sense that all this kindling of fire and lighting of lights is a way of illuminating the darkened world with the kind of light that can bring truth and lighten our inner souls. It is also a suggestion, a hint that perhaps we might be kindled and burn with this light in order to become part of the spreading light that is the Gospel of our Lord.

Burning with the Light of Christ

In a famous sermon entitled "The Weight of Glory" C. S. Lewis made the point that every Christian bears the weight of glory (Paul's phrase) and that means being a source of light to others. Of course we don't have that kind of light in ourselves. We reflect the light of Christ, and we bear that light to the world by the way we live and the way we pray. I join with Lewis in an aversion to the notion of being incandescent, yet I agree that our Christian calling includes being a bearer of light.

As we go through the Christmas and Epiphany season make note of the growing of the light. The days begin to dawn earlier and the sun dispels the darkness of long nights. Also notice how the lives of those we hear about in the lessons we hear week by week reflect a light that comes from eternity. And, yes, be ready to be kindled by the fire of God's love so that you too may bear the weight of glory and burn with that love.

Fr. Tom



HOW TO REACH US

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DECEMBER VESTRY NOTES

Fr. Miles opened the meeting with prayer.

The Consent agenda was approved.

- ◆ The treasurer’s report was handed out along with an update on the number of pledges received so far. Income from the Operating Endowment and Housing Endowment will be less than anticipated. The Stewardship committee will be contacting some people who have pledged in the past but have not sent in their pledge as yet. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.
- ◆ L. Nelson reported that the paint blistering on the south wall in the sanctuary seems to be caused by moisture from a chimney on that side. A heating company will be called to look at the problem.
- ◆ Vestry members will provide Sunday school snacks during the second semester
- ◆ 160 pounds of food were collected for the Bread Basket. It was suggested to have weekly donations of food instead of monthly, as the need is great.
- ◆ Several names were suggested for vestry. Dale, Jerry, and Fr. Tom will make some contacts.
- ◆ The family of Peg O’Hara suggested that the money from her memorial be used for the youth providing scholarships for youth events. Peg started Teen Town here at Saint Paul’s many years ago.

Donna MacDougall led the service of Compline.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Royce Kitts
- 2 Campbell Lohman
- 4 Judith Render
- 5 David Norman
- 7 Lynn Parsons
Judy Rose
- 8 Dana Smith
- 18 Janet Colvin



- 20 Gay Weiss
- 21 Kate Conner
- 22 Kezie Ehie
Avery Smith
- 23 Amanda Purring
- 29 Rosemary Burroughs
- 30 Tim O’Hara
- 31 Mike Sexton

ORDINATION at GRACE CATHEDRAL

Michael Bell, our Campus Missioner, will be ordained in Topeka at Grace Cathedral on January 8, 2011. Barbara Gibson who has served here at St. Paul's will be ordained as a deacon. Some members of St Paul's are planning to attend. If you would like to go and need a ride, please contact the office.

St. Paul's Saturday Morning

The January 8th program for St. Paul's Saturday Morning will be rescheduled later in the Spring. This will free people to attend the ordination in Topeka of Michael Bell and Barbara Gibson,

At the February 12 meeting, Ann Pearce will be giving information about books that she has read and recommends.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast scheduled for January 8 will be cancelled due to the ordination in Topeka of Michael Bell and Barbara Gibson

MIQRA (meek.rah)

January 15 to 17, 2011

The Bible....Friends....Games....Music....Laughter....Awesome

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. Miqra will be held at Grace Cathedral and St. David's in Topeka from Saturday, January 15 to Monday, January 17. Scholarships are available. The registration deadline is January 3, 2011. Go to www.episcopal-ks.org/youth for more details and registration.

Vestry Candidates

Each year three of the nine vestry positions must be filled. Letting your name stand as a candidate to serve on the vestry is an excellent way to become involved in and support Saint Paul's. The following three individuals have accepted the invitation to be a candidate for the vestry and their willingness to serve is very much appreciated.

Connie Cattell - Connie, a cradle Episcopalian, attends the 8 a.m. service. She is employed by USD 383 as a para-educator. Connie has contributed to Saint Paul's in a number of ways over the years including serving on the Altar Guild, teaching Sunday School, being the Sunday School director, and being the Epistle newsletter editor. She has been married to Eric for thirty three years and has two children.

Michelle Florence - For the past three years Michelle has attended the 11:30 a.m. service. She is a member of the music team and plays the flute. Michelle is employed by the State of Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services. She looks forward to becoming more involved in Saint Paul's.

Jim Fuller - Jim is retired from the State of Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services where he worked with the visually handicapped. He has been a member of Saint Paul's for a number of years and regularly attends the 8 a.m. service. Jim has previously served on the vestry. Jim and his wife Marian have for over fifteen years been members of a Saint Paul's dinner group that meets monthly.

David Thompson - David and his wife, Joyce Baptist, have been worshipping with us for more than two years. He was confirmed here at Saint Paul's in October of 2009. Many of you know David from his Lenten programs last spring and a program for the women describing his missionary work in Africa. David and Joyce are regulars at the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist on Sundays. They both teach in the area of marriage and family at Kansas State University.



St. Paul's Calendar for January 2011

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