



The Apostle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Sunday Schedule:

8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 Church School & Nursery

10:00 Morning Prayer or

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Rector

The Rev. Stephanie Chase Wilson

Staff

Rene Heron

Office Manager

Ed Stauff

Music Director

Sue Johansson

Church School Director

Lenore Schmidt

Assistant Church School Director

Don Porter

Rusty Porter

Sextons

Vestry

Tracy Wakeman

Senior Warden

Paula Fines

Junior Warden

Peter Kalafarski

Treasurer

Celia Brunette

Clerk

Kathy Brown (2010)

David Edwards (2010)

Carrie Nissi (2010)

Cheryl Means (2011)

Bruce Jensen (2011)

Laura McKenna (2011)

Loren Carlson (2012)

Susan Johansson (2012)

Mike Laorenza (2012)

It's Not Just About Money!

Oh, oh! It's November, time to talk about money! But really, stewardship is about much more than that.

Because of our pledge campaign in the fall, many people mistakenly assume stewardship is only about money or only about the church. In fact we are stewards, "managers", of the life we have been given by God. Stewardship is about our very selves. Do we use our time wisely in the service of God, our family, our friends, and ourselves? Do we care for the bodies God has given us? Do we exercise, eat right, sleep enough, and so on? Do we tend to our spiritual lives? Do we pray, read the Bible, take retreats, and follow the vows of our baptismal covenant? Do we make time for both work and rest? Neither being a workaholic nor sitting watching soap operas and eating bonbons all day are a good use of our life. Do we take vacations? Do we tend to our mental and intellectual needs, constantly learning and growing? Do we exercise our talents and strive to learn new ones? Do we make the most of the body, family, brain, money, health, time, talents and life that God has given us? This too is stewardship.

This is not directly about our pledge drive, but it has everything to do with our spiritual health as a congregation. Periodically it does us good to reassess our personal stewardship. My guess is that many of you are already asking these questions of yourself and are doing something about it. While for others this may be a new idea.

Only part of this overall picture of stewardship is the use of our money. And as part of that we offer an annual pledge to the church. On Sunday, November 22nd, we will celebrate "Gratitude Sunday," in thanks for all God has given us. It is then that we will bring our financial pledges to church and offer them before God at the altar. This is a piece of the full stewardship picture.

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Stewardship is a year-round endeavor. It is the management of the life we have been given, and how we use it to our well-being and to the glory of God.

In Christ,
-- Stephanie +



Listing of November Service Readings

November 1, 2009

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 9, 2009

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 15

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 22

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-13, (14-19)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



Veteran's Day Remembrance

We welcome Veterans to join us on Sunday November 8th, when we will remember Veterans at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Do You Need Pledge Envelopes?

If you need pledge envelopes, please let the church office know at 978-683-0671 or stpaulsna@comcast.net.

"DOUGH RAISER"

St. Paul's is participating in a *DOUGH RAISER* at UNO Chicago Grill on Saturday, November 14th, at their 552 Broadway location on the Methuen/Salem, NH line. When UNO Chicago Grill donated A Year of Pizza (1 individual pizza each month for a year) to our Faire's Silent Auction, they suggested we take advantage of additional earnings by participating in a Dough Raiser. UNO will donate up to 20% of the proceeds that day to St. Paul's Auction and Faire Fund. Green UNO tickets will be handed out at church on Nov. 1, Nov. 8, and at the Faire. Bring the ticket to UNO's any time on Nov. 14 and enjoy great pizza while helping St. Paul's. Questions? See or call Marti Vicens. (978-685-6016)





Casual Sunday, November. 15th - Fall Yard Clean-up

Sunday, November 15,
will be casual Sunday at
St. Paul's. Please come

to church in your jeans and work clothes and help out after the 10 am service with the yard clean-up. In the past, we have paid for this service but this year we can all pitch in for a fun day of working together to put the property "to bed" for the winter season. Everyone can help – young and old – even if just for an hour or two. The playground will be supervised for the younger kids. We can also have some indoor activities for the kids if needed.

Pizza and hot drinks will be provided after church and into the afternoon. Please bring your rakes, gloves, and clippers and we could also use a few wheelbarrows and blowers. We will mostly be collecting leaves in bags to be left at the curbside for pickup. The small amount of remaining downed wood and branches will also be gathered in one place for later transport to the Cyr Recycling Center (we could use a pick-up truck for that later in the week). We will also do some extra clean-up and trimming around the rectory.

If you would like to help coordinate this work day or help with the food or the kids, please let me know. If you can bring a wheelbarrow or blower, please also let me know so we don't have too many.

See you on November 15th and pray for good weather! Rain/snow day is Saturday, 11/21.

Paula Fines – Junior Warden
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THANKSGIVING ALTAR

We are hoping you will want to participate in making our "Thanksgiving Altar" a bountiful harvest by donating fruits and vegetables; such as, oranges, apples, a bunch of grapes, squash, a bunch of carrots, potatoes, etc. The fruit and vegetables will be arranged beautifully on the altar the Sunday before Thanksgiving by Kathy Brown and, her daughter, Alicia Farr. Afterward, the vegetables and fruit will all be taken to Lazarus House for the Thanksgiving feast they prepare for the less fortunate of our area. The fruit and vegetables may be brought to St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, Nov. 18th and Thursday, Nov. 19th between 9 – 12 am, or Saturday, Nov. 21st by 10am. Thank you in advance for helping us create a bountiful harvest on our altar and then for Lazarus House.

Marlene Smith
Altar Guild Directress



Outreach Committee News

If you are interested in helping others, if you have any amount of time and talent to share, if you have always wanted to go out into our greater community in need but didn't know where to start...now is the time! We have many exciting ideas and plans in the works, we would like anyone/everyone interested in this Ministry to join us. There will be a meeting of the Outreach Committee on Sunday, November 22nd at 11:30 AM in the Church Parish Hall. Please contact Cheryl Means, Committee Chair at 978-794-2367 or threemeans@aol.com with questions or ideas.

Food glorious food...please consider picking up a few items of non-perishable food on your weekly trips to the grocery store. The greater Merrimack Valley is in constant need for many, many individuals who are less fortunate than ourselves. Baskets are located at the rear of the Church for your donations.

Many of our parishioners; young and not so young, have expressed an interest to go out into the Merrimack Valley and serve those in need. The Outreach Committee has partnered with Lazarus House, Lawrence, MA on Saturday, November 14th, from 4:30 pm-7:00 pm to travel to their shelter to prepare a meal, serve it to their community and provide clean-up duty. If you are of any age and interested in joining this group, please contact Cheryl Means, Outreach Chair, at 978-794-2367 or threemeans@aol.com.

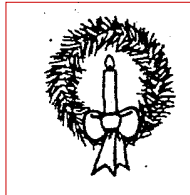
21st Annual Candlelight Potluck Dinner

Christmas is a time of sharing, caring and reflecting on the birth and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please join us as we share the joy of Christmas together at the 21st Annual All Parish Christmas Candlelight Dinner.

When: December 6th at 5:00 p m

Where: The Parish Hall

What: Potluck Dinner



Last name beginning with:

A-L Please bring a
Vegetable or Salad

M-Z Please bring a
MainDish

****Drinks and dessert will be provided.**

See Our Auction Site

Silent Auction Is Online!

The online auction will be from October 26- November 5. It can be found at <http://auctions.readysetauction.com/stpaulsepiscopalchur/home> , or you can go to the St. Paul's website and find a link there (www.stpaulsnorthandover.com). Gift certificates can be shipped anywhere in the country, but other items must be picked up that week. In addition, St. Paul's will have a live silent auction during the Faire as well. Pass on the email address to friends and family.
– Stephanie +



ONLINE AUCTION INFORMATION AND HINTS

Bids for the ONLINE AUCTION may be placed from Oct. 26 until Nov. 5 at 5:00 PM.

The Online Auction site is complete and ready for parishioners (and all your friends and family) to start viewing. There are approximately 250 items available this year! Below are some "Hints" to make your use of the site easier and more understandable.

*Follow these steps:

1. Go to auction site,
2. Click on "**view auction catalog**"
3. Choose from **categories** on LEFT side of page. (i.e. *Auto, Christmas, Flower and Garden, Kids*, etc.)
4. At each Item, click on "**VIEW**" (to right of item, under column called "Action") to see **all information** about item, starting bid and bidding instructions.

*You will notice some items are listed as LIVE only. You will see all the information about the item, but must actually go to the Faire on Nov. 7 to place LIVE bids.

*Items that do not say "Live" are available for ONLINE bidding only, through Nov. 5.

*Some items will say that **bidding continues live at the Faire** in the instructions. This means that people may place bids on the item online until Nov. 5. The item will then be displayed at the Faire on Nov. 7. The highest bid from online bidding will be posted and people can continue to bid on this item at the Faire.

*The Auction Catalog of all items will be available via email by Oct. 25. The items will be listed in two sections: "Live" and "Online."

*When you register to bid online, you will be able to click on "Favorites" to conveniently save each item you are interested in, for an easy review of all your favorite items.

ENJOY and BID OFTEN! Marti Vicens

JOIN THE FUN/BID ANONYMOUSLY

3 HELPFUL HINTS FOR BIDDING ANONYMOUSLY ONLINE:

First:

Are you shopping for Christmas and want your bids to remain ANONYMOUS ?

It's easy to place bids anonymously. Just follow these steps:

1. Click on "auction website" above.
2. Go to "My Account" which is half way down the homepage on the left hand side.
(Below the blue "Contact us" icon, are How to Bid, Bidding Rules, and then, My Account.)
3. Log in with user name and password (or register to log in.)
4. You'll come to "My Account > Preferences" where you see your email address and 2 checked boxes.
5. Check the 4th box, "Bid Anonymously."

Second:

All the items you have bid on can be seen by going to "FAVORITES" at the top right of each page.

Third:

When another bidder outbids you, you'll automatically receive an e-mail notifying you!

Have Fun! Marti Vicens



Finance Committee News

The revenue and expense for September and the first nine months appear below. The report indicates that we disbursed

\$23,530 in operating expenses while taking in \$15,226 in operating revenue during the month of September. For the first nine months of the year we have paid out \$59,710 more than we received in revenue. A total of \$50,000 has been transferred from our investments account to help fund the excess disbursements.

As the leaves turn color and the Fair setup moves into high gear, the Finance Committee begins to collect information for the budget for the coming year. Once again the expenses of the current year will be scrutinized to determine what can be trimmed and what is essential. We will be looking at ways to maximize our income and utilize our resources more efficiently. Critical to the budgeting process is the pledge revenue that can be expected. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider the stewardship messages being offered and respond in a timely manner as they are able.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Finance Committee please contact Jean Kookan.

Summary of Finances and Budget as of September 30, 2009

	Month of September	Year to Date
Operating Income	\$ 15,226	\$125,152
Operating Expenses (Paid & Accrued)	<u>\$ 23,530</u>	<u>\$184,862</u>
Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$(8,304)	\$(59,710)
Transferred from endowment	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000

Episcopal Church Women



Next Month: The ECW meet Monday, December 7th, at 6:30 p.m. for the Annual Christmas Dinner. Women will also write

Christmas Cards and prepare Cookie or Fruit Trays for members of the parish who are homebound or serve in the armed forces. Please bring food to share and three dozen cookies for cookie trays.

Save The Date, January 4th: Paula Fines will lead a panel discussion entitled "When Cancer Strikes". The focus will be on non-medical services and supports available to those who have cancer. Breast cancer survivors Celia Brunette, Dawn Fraser, and Jean Kookan are panel members. Please bring food to share.

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Baptismal Service, Family Service, and All Saints Day) 11:30 AM Bidding Day	2 6:30 PM ECW No AA Meeting	3 No AA Meeting	4  7:30 PM Choir Practice	5	6 6:30 PM Wine and Cheese	7  9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Ye Olde Christmas Faire
8 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:45 AM Church School & Nursery Care 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Veteran's Day Remembrance)  11:45 AM Junior Choir 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting (Clean Up for Faire)	9 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting (Parish Hall)	10 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group (Parish Hall)	11  7:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM CCP Cooking in Kitchen	12 6:30 PM CCP Cooking in the Kitchen	13 6:30 PM CCP Cooking in the Kitchen	14 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CCP Gingerbread Showdown Fundraising Event (Parish Hall)
15 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:45 AM Church School & Nursery Care 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 AM Junior Choir 11:30 AM All Parish Yard Clean Up	16 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting (Parish Hall)	17 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group (Parish Hall)	18  7:30 PM Choir Practice	19  7:00 PM Women's Book Group	20	21 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM CCP Alumni Day (Classroom and Playground)
22 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:45 AM Church School & Nursery Care 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Gratitude Sunday) 11:30 AM Junior Choir 11:30 AM Outreach Committee Meeting	23 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting (Parish Hall)	24 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group (Parish Hall)	25  7:30 PM Choir Practice	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:45 AM Church School & Nursery Care 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 AM Junior Choir	30 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting (Parish Hall)	1 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group (Parish Hall)	2 6:00 PM Worship Planning Committee Mtg 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3 6:00 – 8:00 PM CCP Classroom Cleaning	4	5

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SCHOOL

To teach St. Paul's children and their families . . . about God's love for us In Christ . . . through . . . Scripture, Worship, and Community

Fall is here and God has painted New England with some pretty awesome colors, setting the mood of Thanksgiving. We want to give thanks to all of our teachers and all of the church school children for making September and October church school a great time of learning, while having fun.

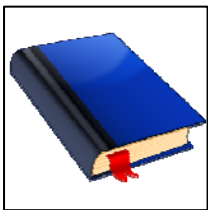
We are looking forward to November; church life will be getting more exciting with all that is happening. During the Church Christmas Fair on November 7th, we'd love to have the youth help out in the Dickens' Shop and downstairs were the games are.

November 29th is the 1st Sunday in Advent. We are looking for 4 families take part in the Advent readings. We are also getting ready for the Christmas Pageant, to be enjoyed at the 10:00 am service, December 20th.

So keep a look out for Advent Reading & Pageant Sign-up sheets. Kids - be sure to sign-up for the Christmas Pageant. It is lots of fun. Come be involved!

If you haven't checked out the new Nursery Room, please do. It's the room to your right as you enter the Parish Hall. We give thanks to Kellie Kent for the beautiful curtains. There is coverage every Sunday, so please bring the young ones to church so that they can experience God's love for them.

May God's Blessings be with you,
Sue Johansson and Lenore Schmidt



St. Paul's Women's Book Group

All women of the parish are welcome to our book group meetings! Our meetings are always held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the French Memorial. Food, fun, and conversation!

Here is our upcoming meeting schedule:
November 19 – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

WOMEN'S RETREAT



*Patient Trust: Creating Space
for Faith*

A retreat for women
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009
8:30 – Noon
St. James Episcopal Church,
Groveland

*"It was in the space created by Mary's faith –
and not simply her womb – that the Word
became flesh."* Robert Ellsberg

All women are invited for a time of reflection
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and fellowship. We will gather around the theme patient trust, looking to Mary, Mother of Jesus, as a guide for making room in our hectic lives for our faith. The morning will include a brief look at who Mary was before retreatants are invited to spend time in personal reflection through walking meditation, creative meditation, or silence. The morning will be facilitated by Julia Steer and Christi Humphrey. A fee of \$7 is requested; scholarships are available. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Julia at jsteer45@comcast.net or Christi at cchumphrey@comcast.net or call the St. James parish office at 978-373-1270.



Kudos and Thanks!

- To all of those who have offered their stewardship witness, both in the Sunday Apostle and during the service.
- To Lil Fundeklian for preparing the food for the stewardship dinner.
- To Kathy Brown for providing the entertainment for the stewardship dinner.
- Peter Valpey for installing the new church school bell button in the church.



November Birthdays

Tracy Wakeman	Nov. 12
Aaron Brunette	Nov. 17
Susan Johansson	Nov. 28
Tom Coppa	Nov. 30



St. Paul's Memorials For November 2009

November 1:

In loving memory of Charles David & Blanche Barwell
Donor: Mabel Wilkinson

In loving memory of Fred & Eva Blackstock
Donor: The Family of Fred & Eva Blackstock

In loving memory of Deborah R. Wilkes
Donor: Barbara & Gail Wilkes

In loving memory of Fred & Irene Spedding
Donor: Tom & Melanie Spedding

In loving memory of John Homer
Donor: Laura & Bill McKenna & Family

November 8:

Armistice Day – In Remembrance of J.H. Alpin, S. Bardsley, F. Fawthrop, E.C. Fickenworth

In loving memory of David Shattuck Arzberger
Donor: Nancy & Mike Laorenza & Family

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Gray and Mr. & Mrs. John Wrigley
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Windle and Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Gray, Jr.

In loving memory of Lawrence Richard Beauchesne
Donor: David, Cheryl & Cam Means

November 15:

In loving memory of Shirley & Duncan MacKillop
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Crabtree & Family

November 22:

In loving memory of Roland B. Hammond
Donor: Dorothy B. Hammond

November 29:

In loving memory of Louise & Harold Dow
Donor: Thomas & Melanie Spedding



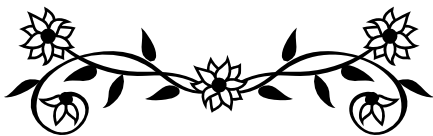
St. Paul's Prayer List

For Healing

April DiDomenico	Ray Shaw
Dorothy Hammond	Bertha Langlois
Kathy Brown	Helen Lowe
Charles Pina	Jack Wolfenden
Frances Grelle	Ronald DeAngeles, Jr
Ralph Griswold	Betty Smith
Pat Grelle	Bea Bradley
Ruth Lawler	Sylvia Little
Fred Soucy	Edna Krzywicki
Gordon Hull III	Phoebe Muhr
Kevin Ballantine	Lea and Ronald Grant
Millie Willette	Linda Doherty
Mary Ellen Grelle	Jennifer Coffin
Kipley Herr	Joseph Salman
Carmen Laurenza	Albert Washington
Jim Wheeler	Ellen Godolphin
Tom Kookan	David Godolphin

For those in the Service

Sean Powers
Matthew Bailey
Tyler Johnson
Jonathan Velishka
Jonah Shotter
James Swiggart
Andrew Shaw
Sean Nolan



Support our Troops!

Addresses of Our Service Men and Women currently serving:

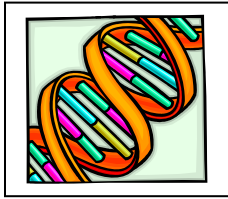
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