



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

January 9, 2019

Message from Thack

Happy New Year! Have you ever had one of those experiences where you receive a deep insight when you least expect it—one of those “Aha!” moments? Or, have you ever been reading a passage from the Bible, one that you had read numerous times before, but now, for some inexplicable reason, the passage speaks to you like it never has before? If these or similar situations have ever happened to you, then it could be you were experiencing an “epiphany.” In this context, an epiphany is any sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something.

We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord last Sunday, January 6. The Epiphany season is that time of the year when we remember the manifestation of Christ to the world. Though January 6 is the date we always celebrate the Epiphany, we experience an epiphany *any* time we feel the presence of Christ in our lives.

During the Epiphany season that began last Sunday and runs to Ash Wednesday on March 6, try to be open to the presence of Christ in your life. To do this, don't just expect to experience his presence in church or during prayer. Christ can break into your life regardless of the place or the circumstances. A good way to do this is to fully enter into the daily business of life and to try to see and experience things in a more intentional way.

To this end, I'd like to share with you something Michelangelo once said before he unveiled his famous sculpture *Pieta*. This famous work of art depicts the dead body of Jesus in the arms of his mother Mary after the crucifixion. Before the unveiling Michelangelo said, “Do you really think you understand the meaning of the crucifixion? Well, look again!” Michelangelo's point was to open the eyes of the viewers to see what he wanted this piece to represent. What he hoped to convey in the *Pieta* was what the term really meant: “pity” or “sorrow.” This he determined to capture by a sublime beauty which would awaken sympathy not only for the dead Christ, but for his mother gazing down at her Son.¹

Michelangelo's advice to “look again” should be our mantra this Epiphany. We should look again at every experience or situation to see if we can find Christ in our midst. And in our seeing, come to know him in ways that we have never before experienced. Just know that if you just have one “Aha!” moment this Epiphany season, your life may be blessed in ways you never imagined. So, look again!

Peace, Thack

¹ Irving Stone, *The Making of the Pieta*.

Thank You! Thank you! Thank You!

On behalf of the parish staff, I would like to thank you, the congregation and St. Paul's Vestry for your generous Christmas gift to us. It is humbling to be so appreciated by such wonderful people. It is a reminder to all of us that we are so blessed to be serving such a loving and thoughtful community. Thack

Great Wednesday@6:00

Our Great Wednesday @6 program will resume on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Malone Hall. We will conclude our study of the Book of Job that night but also talk about possible future programs. I invite all those who've been attending GW@6 and those who have never participated, to pray and discern what you would like to explore in future GW@6 programs and share those ideas with us on January 16. If you've never attended Great Wednesday, it is a wonderful time for fellowship and learning as we explore the Bible, contemporary issues in a theological context, Christian ethics and talk about our faith. It begins with supper followed by the program and conversation.

Please call Terri McMillan in the church office at 626-2421 if you would like to attend so we can plan ahead for the meal. The meals are always provided, and we only ask for a small donation to help cover the cost of the meal. Child care will also be provided. Supper is at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 6:35. The program will last about an hour. Thack

A Word From St. Paul's Thrift Shop...

Happy New Year from St. Paul's Thrift Shop. 2018 has ended and the shop has been super busy for the last couple of months. The Holiday Shoppe event was a big success and lots of you came out for the Gala and the two other shopping days. Lots of hard work and on behalf of the Shop and Board, thank you for making the event memorable. Thank you, Judy Gulledge and volunteers for the delicious food, thank you to Wendi Jackson for decorating the Life Center's entry, and thank you to all the volunteers and board members who graciously donated their time and talents.

Then came December and what a busy month we had. Christmas sales were terrific and lots of remaining items from the Holiday Shoppe were also sold.

At the November Board meeting, four new directors were elected to replace those leaving the Board at the end of 2018. Thank you to Marcie Morrow, Scotti Dixon, Barbara Morley, and Maggie Heyworth for your dedication and service over the past years. The Board would like to welcome Jane Shoultz, Kathy Lovell, Arvis Leninger, and Judy Ollinger. Kathy and Arvis are serving on the board for the first time and Jane and Judy have agreed to serve another three-year term.

As we start 2019, the Board, volunteers, and staff of the Thrift Shop want to welcome you to come shop with us and help us support our mission of serving the local community and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



Grant Writing

Grant writing, fundraising skills and/or social media creativity needed! Please help us explore and create new ways that St. Paul's can search for grant/social funding/financial resources to serve our community! Contact Bill Harrison at whh333@bellsouth.net or 251-232-3810 (leave voicemail) for more information. Thank you for considering this ministry!

Hey 2019 it's **B – A – C – K**

... warm up your daubers, sharpen your mind, get your game on ...

BINGO is back in the **LIFE center!!**

Celebrate 2019 by playing a winning card at **BINGO Friday, January 25**

Spaghetti dinner served at 6:00pm for \$5 a plate

BINGO begins at 6:30pm ... we play 11 games for \$20 a game packet

REAL **CA\$H** money is given as a prize at the end of each game!

WOW! chances of winning could be better than driving across state lines to buy a scratch off!!

bring a friend – **meet** some new friends

share fun with family – young and old

(great activity for improving math skills and concentration in a child's growing brain!!)

win some money and **support LIFE** at St. Paul's!!

See ya' **Friday, January 25** beginning with **dinner** at 6:00pm ... followed by **BINGO!!**

Saints Honor Roll

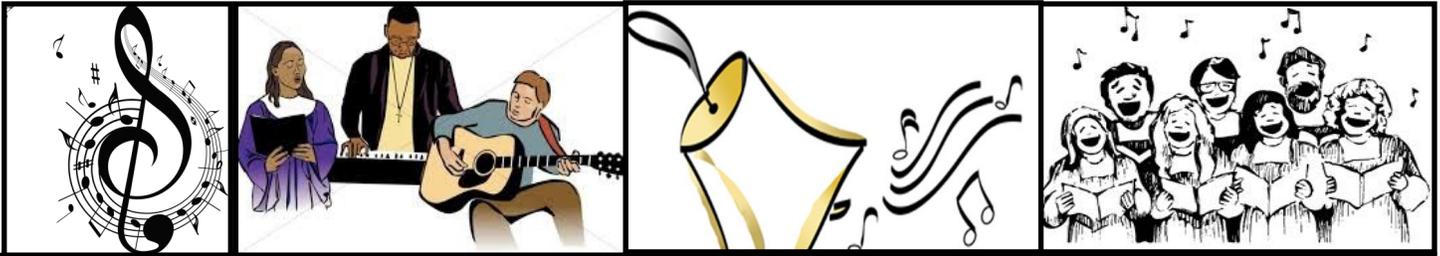
To the glory of God,
in thanksgiving for Thack and Rebecca Dyson
and
for our St. Paul's family,
by Borden and Marcie Morrow

Coffee, coffee, coffee!

As some of you know we've been having coffee hour after 10:30 service for some time now! Enjoying meeting visitors and learning new things about people we thought we knew. A really happy, supportive time. I urge you to come and share in the goodies and the fellowship that are being served.

Next Sunday we will have a signup sheet out for those who would like to bring something to share. Some of you have asked to be included and we are happy to share this fun with everyone.

See you Sunday at Coffee Hour. Be sure to invite folks at 10:30 to come over and stay for a minute or two.
Jeanne and Eileen



Music Notes

I'm still rejoicing in the beautiful Christmas Eve services we had.

For my end of things, I am thrilled as our numbers of talented kids and adults are adding so much, as they did on Christmas Eve. Many many thanks to all who brought the Jesus message home so beautifully.

A New Year, and a good time to think- would you like to join the Parish Choir or New Song or the Hand Bell Choir? Just speak to Paul or Liz Ray or Clay Rankin and we'll welcome you in!

Paul Anderson

Family Promise February 17th-23rd, 2019

St. Paul's is fortunate to be able to provide overnight lodging, meals and hospitality 4 times a year to homeless families that are in the Family Promise of Baldwin County program. The first time this year is coming up soon and we need volunteers to help us with cooking and hosting evening and overnight shifts.

If you've never volunteered before, but would like to help and have questions please contact Melissa Kielek at 251-408-2483 or at mulansmom1@gmail.com.

You can sign up for a shift right here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a4a728a7fe3-february>.

In case you can't help out this time, but would like to help at another time, St. Pauls will also host Family Promise on the following dates in 2019. You can sign up to volunteer for one of these other dates below.

May 19-26, 2019-<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a4a728a7fe3-may19>

August 18-25, 2019-<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4A728A7FE3-august>

November 17-24, 2019-<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a4a728a7fe3-november>

Questions? Call or text Melissa at 251-408-2483 or email her at mulansmom1@gmail.com

... St. Paul's **LIFE center** news and needs ...

The **LIFE center nursery** begins this new year wearing a fresh coat of paint – come check it out and enjoy sitting in one of the rocking chairs for rest and reflection!

HOWEVER ... with this painting done the room still is in **NEED** of several finishing touches:

- 1) in this Epiphany season, we're wishing upon a star for a **carpenter** to build a sturdy bench – about 24" high, 24" wide and 8' to 10' long – that can be used to store things under and for folks to sit upon (talk to us ... we've an idea and need)

- 2) we're wishing on that same star for someone (or several someones) who would like to **finance the materials** for the above project ... (talk with us ...)

- 3) THEN ... **did Santa bring you a new TV?** Would you consider donating your 'old' perfectly good working TV (one 40") that we could mount on the wall in the nursery? (insurance likes wall mount vs table top TV in a room with children!)

- 4) ... and since recently we have had some **water leakage issues** in both the nursery (which diapers can't fix!) and elsewhere in the **LIFE center** (on carpet and tile) ... we are **seeking a WET VAC** (a small hand held one and a larger one) to **remain in the LIFE center** for those water leakage emergencies! (see Mark Costlow for info)

Thank you for **responding to our NEED** in the quest to care for our LIFE center and finish the nursery 'spruce up' ... our young, growing saints and those who care for them truly appreciate attention to issues that enhance and make safe the nursery experience!!

** (see or call Elizabeth Faust 626-2774 or Linda McNamara 610-4959 – thanks!)

Dedication sermon sought

Dick Schmidt is writing a short history of the building of St. Paul's Church for the diocesan archives. He would like a copy of Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning's sermon at the dedication, which was printed in the Tentmaker the following week. If anyone kept a copy of the sermon, please call Dick at (513) 846-2492.

Thanks. Dick

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Dave Baldock, Pat Cannon, Suzanne Damour, Richard Foster, JoAnne Kerr, Lou Morgan, Elsie Mosher, Christopher Petrus, John Rodenbacker, Ann Schilling, Matt Snow, Kathy Walker, Tom Walker, Pam White

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marie Baggett, Pat Brislin, Clayton Brunson, Marsha Butler, Mike Cerps, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Margaret Cummins, Suzanne Galloney, Dee Grantham, Carol Hafner, Wanda Hall, Ray Hamilton, Trevor Hawkes, Susan Hill, Theresa Johnson, Stan Keel, David and Betty Lee, Andy Lipps, Dick McBride, Lance Monley, Daisy Moore, Ross Moore, Sara Patton, Al Rawls, Loren Rudolf, Mary Rudolf, Marcia Rydin, Bennie Savage, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Jed Steber, Albert Thompson, Sallie Thornton, Jane Watkins, Jayna White, Rick Zwickey

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 834

For the Departed:

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 498

For Those Serving in the Military:

Ryan Bowman, Matthew Cheatham, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Diana Evans, Landis Fouts, Deron Frailie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Taylor Santa Cruz, Neil Sevelius, Derek Siegel, Andy Tuttle, James Wallin, Brad Yonkers

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Book of Common Prayer, page 823

For those with Birthdays:

January 1-31

(01) Mary Miley, Pattie Lipps, Lisa Calhoun, Jack Kessler, (02) John Graham Parker, (04) Linda Monley, Jimbo Cassity, Sarah Santa Cruz, (05) Joyce Pierce, Eileen Bray, Merrill Rigby, (07) Glen Currie, (08) Jane Shoultz, Anita Rankin, (09) Brenda Holbein, Wendi Jackson, (10) Mary Michael, Kris Mullins, (11) Laura Gibson, (12) Tim Shoultz, Mac Parker, (14) Matthew Brown, Walker Hendricks, (16) Ben Leininger, (17) Richard Whitehurst, (20) George Cotten, (22) Mary Richardson, Evelyn Walker, Lilah Nagel, (23) Shad James, Ford Taylor, (24) Deanna Cook, (27) Donna Brown, William Johnson, Grace Kessler, (28) Candice Smith, (29) Margaret McKibbon, (30) Samuel Collier, Nick Shoultz, Glenn Robinson

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 830

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Healing Service
Wednesday
12:00 pm (Noon)

Thursday Worship

3rd Thursday of each month:
Taize Prayer
(Narthex)
7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
Adults (Malone Hall)
9:15 am

Children's Chapel

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
6:00 am

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Library)
10:30 am

Great Wednesday

(Malone Hall)
6:00 pm
Supper and Study

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Term Ending

December 31, 2019

Sue Cody
Alice Frederick
Michael Koepp, Jr. Warden
Tom Walker

December 31, 2020

Bill Harrison, Sr. Warden
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller
Donna Nolte

December 31, 2021

Donna Brown
Kathy Mallory
Ken McNamara
Michael Quinn
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Martha Lathan,
Clerk of the Vestry

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Treasurer

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Paul Anderson, *Church Musician/Organist*
Mark Costlow, *Life Center Sexton*
Tina Erickson, *Youth Leader*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education*
Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*

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Elizabeth Faust, Interim Administrator --St. Paul's Preschool — 251-626-2774

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8:00 a.m. — Noon (Friday)

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*