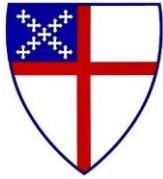


Grace to You and Peace

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November at St. Paul's

- **All Saints Service** on November 1 at 5:30 in the Chapel.
- **Christian Education Classes and Programs:**
 - Children's Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for children ages 5-10 or grades K-5. Ann Barham is the teacher.
 - Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Earline Robertson room. Taylor Smith leads this class.
- **Inquirers' Class** meets at 9:15, led by Deacon Pam.
- **Episcopal Young Church people:** Led by Dawn Barham and Theo Hummer, EYC meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
- **Book Talk** with Deacon Pam is on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Our current book is *The Love of Thousands, How Angels Saints and Ancestors Walk with Us Toward Holiness*, by Christine Valters Paintner.
- **Prayer Shawl Group** meets each Thursday morning at 10:00.
- **Loaves and Fishes** – St. Paul's serves Wednesday, November 8, and Monday, November 13.

Message from Father Andrew

Dear Beloved of St. Paul's,

On behalf of my wife, Emily, and our daughter, Waverly, I would like to thank the fantastic welcome we have all received from the parishioners of St. Paul's and the people of Columbus. We have not even moved up yet, but the continued love and support we have received makes our hearts burst with excitement and joy. Indeed, God has, through the Holy Spirit, called us all to walk together in discipleship of Christ.

Please pray for us as I move to temporary accommodations next week. My family will move from Brookhaven to Jackson for the rest of Waverly's semester at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. They will join me here in Columbus in December, hopefully after we close on a new home.

I plan to get started at St. Paul's on day one- literally. We will celebrate All Saints' Day with a Eucharist on the evening of November 1, as well as the usual All Saints' Sunday observance on Sunday, November 5 (including the Sacrament of Baptism).

In the following weeks, I hope to meet as many of you as possible by scheduling conversations, meeting for coffee, or sharing a meal. I encourage you to carve out some time to meet face to face, either by emailing me at andrew@stpaulscolumbus.com, texting (662) 352-8287, or simply clicking on this link (<https://fantastical.app/andrew-ALm1/meeting>) to schedule a time directly into my calendar.

I also ask for some extra grace as I travel back and forth from time to time so that I can attend Waverly's school performances and recitals in November and December.

I look forward to seeing you in church, where we can rejoice in the Lord, sing boldly, and experience the Risen Christ!

God Bless,
Fr. Andrew+



Reflection from Deacon Pam

Dear St. Paul's Family,

It has been a wonderful ten months serving as your Interim Deacon-in-Charge. Deacons are not often given this opportunity and I am grateful to our Lord, our Bishop, our wardens and vestry, and to all of you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. You have been supportive and encouraging in every way. I was always told when you take on something new, to leave it better than you found it. I believe that to be true in this case. Our attendance has increased, our financial status is favorable, and we have continued with our basic programming and even added several new opportunities for education, fellowship, and additional worship. I owe these marvelous improvements to you for sticking with me and with our church these last many months.

The joyous news that we have a new rector echoes in our hallways as the anticipation of his arrival builds along with our curiosities of what might change and what will stay the same under new leadership. Our wait is short and soon we will be ready to follow him as he begins his ministry here at St. Paul's. I would like to offer a few recommendations in order to make this new beginning a wonderful time for everyone.

1. Speaking from experience: Please refrain from texting or calling him before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. unless it is something he needs to know immediately. Questions like 'Are there any cans of green beans in the food pantry?' or 'What time is the service next Wednesday?' can wait until working hours.
2. Give him time to get to know everyone. It is hard coming into a new parish and learning names, connections, and history of the parishioners. He'll get it all eventually. There's no rush.
3. Don't expect him to be perfect. Clergy are people. They're not Jesus. No one is the best at everything. Preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and administration are all part of the job, and each person has their unique approach to all of it.
4. Don't expect him to be in the office ALL the time. He will also be making pastoral visits, participating in outreach and community efforts, and connecting with other clergy and organizations he needs to in order to expand St. Paul's presence in Columbus. Making an appointment always assures he will be available for you. That's not to say you shouldn't drop by because I'm sure he will enjoy seeing you during the week, when he is available.
5. Please remember to notify the office when you or someone in your family wants a pastoral visit. We do not always hear about it through the grapevine. Your rector will want to speak with you and pray with you but needs to be notified.
6. Pray for him every single day. Pray that he will take some time for himself and his family when he needs it. Pray that his ministry here will be something he looks forward to every morning when he wakes up, and thankful for each evening before he sleeps. Pray for our parish as well. Pray that we will continue to grow and love one another through everything we do.

I did not speak with Father Andrew before writing this. I am just conveying my thoughts in hopes and prayers that these recommendations will make our new beginning together exciting and delightful.

Love to all,

Deacon Pam

From the Senior Warden

Senior Warden News- I guess senior just means well aged?

Welcome Father Andrew, his wife Emily and daughter Waverly, as they join our church family. Fr. Andrew served as Priest-in-Charge at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Brookhaven, Mississippi in 2020 until he was called to be their Rector in 2022 to now. He also serves as a Diocesan Trustee to Sewanee: The University of the South, is a faculty member of the A.C. Marble School for Theological Formation and hosts The Church Nerd Podcast (<https://shows.acast.com/chuchyard>). Fr. Andrew's first day at St. Paul's is Wednesday, November 1st, and his first Sunday to be November 5th. Please thank the members of our Search Committee for a job well done: Martha Kirkley, Will Sanders, John Brady, Katie Windham, Shaula Hailey, Robert Ivy, Marian Hazard, and Matt Legg.

We have lots of activities going on in our Parish this month with lots of activities and opportunities for our congregation to serve and be part of this community. Please consider signing up to serve for any of the many events.

Christmas Pageant Request – The pageant is scheduled for December 17th. The entire parish looks forward to this event every year. We hope ALL our children will be able to participate. Lindsay Clemons has graciously volunteered to direct the pageant this year. Please offer her your support.

EYC meets the first Wednesday of the month @5:30. Dawn Barham & Theo Hummer are serving as our Leaders for the 6-12th grades. Ask Dawn or Theo if YOU can provide a meal or contribute to our EYC group. Also THANK YOU to Dawn & Theo for taking charge!

The Men's group had a Great "Shrimp Boil" complete with fried oysters, corn, potatoes, onions and sausage, desserts hosted by Jim Mauldin. The event was a fund raiser for the Organ fund and raised almost \$700 towards that project. Many thanks to Will Sanders and Quinn Brislin for cooking and helping organize the event. Thank You, Jim Mauldin, for providing a fantastic meal for our dinner and for hosting.

Fall Festival – Please dress up your car and your family and bring lots of goodies for this fun event that involves the Annunciation Catholic Church, First Methodist Church and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in a "Community Event" for Columbus. Please thank Amber Brislin and Brittney Legg for leading and coordinating the Saint Paul's group this year

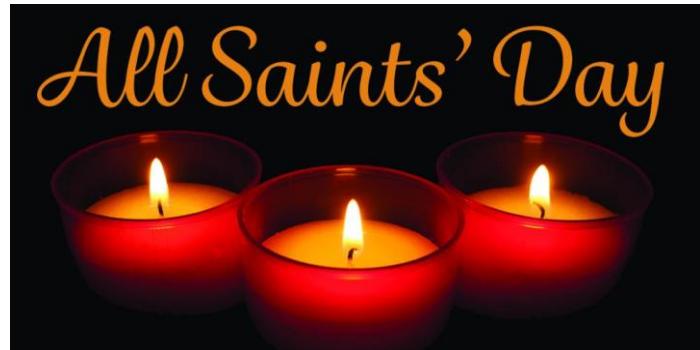
The Loaves and Fishes fundraiser was a great success- Saint Paul's group serves and would welcome your time, talents, and treasures as well as needed items. See Ann Sparkman to volunteer. More information about Loaves and Fishes needs are in this newsletter.

There is still time to get your pledge cards in for our "Rooted in Abundance" Stewardship Campaign led by our Team Leaders, David and Pat Curtis and John and Jennifer Brady. This theme is reflected in the sermons and Prayers of the people as we reflect on what an Abundance we have, with Gratitude we give our Time, Talents, Treasures to help support others.

In closing I would like to thank Deacon Pam for leading and guiding our Parish during this time of transition. We are so fortunate Deacon Pam was able to provide her guidance and service, for her leadership and friendship she shared so graciously with St. Paul's. Arranging our Supply Priests, keeping our committees going, setting schedules for groups, servers and JUST KEEPING OUR PARISH going in the right direction. Please show our Deacon Pam your Gratitude and Thank Her for her service.

Thank You Deacon Pam from all of us at St. Paul's.

Tom Whitaker, Senior Warden



Our All Saints service will be held on **Wednesday, November 1, at 5:30 in the Chapel.**

All Saints Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, November 5**. Father Andrew will read the names of those who have died since November 2, 2022. Please submit names to the church office by noon on Tuesday, October 31.

All Souls/All the Faithful Departed

Lesser Feasts and Fasts, page 553

In the New Testament, the word “saints” is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, and in the Collect for All Saints’ Day the word “elect” is used in a similar sense. From very early times, however, the word “saint” came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations.

Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day on which the church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church. It was also a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends.

Though the observance of the day was abolished at the Reformation because of abuses connected with masses for the dead, a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration among Anglicans, and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.

The Collect for All Souls Day

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

From *The Geranium Farm* geraniumfarm.org



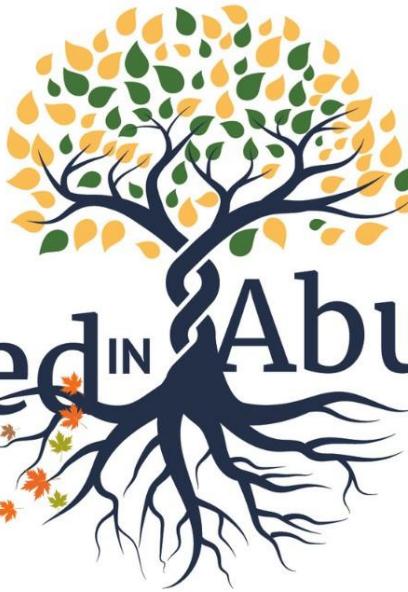
Outreach for November – Thanksgiving Meals

Our outreach for November is to provide Thanksgiving meals for families, which will be distributed by Helping Hands. Please pick up a bag on the table outside the office, shop, and return the bag to the church by **Wednesday, November 15**.

Suggested Items:

- 16 oz. canned ham (available at Dollar General)
- Corn bread mix or muffin mix
- Canned fruit
- 2 cans of English peas
- 1 lb. bag of rice or 1 box of Minute rice
- Gravy mix
- Corn bread stuffing
- Large Box of Macaroni and Cheese
- 1 can of Cranberry Sauce
- Cake mix and frosting OR pudding/pie mix and graham cracker crust

You are welcome to include anything you think a family will enjoy!



Rooted IN Abundance

Pastries after 8:00
service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
STEWARDSHIP
PLEDGE CARD INGATHERING
AND
SOUP AND SANDWICH
LUNCH
IN THE PARISH HALL



Following the 10:30 service

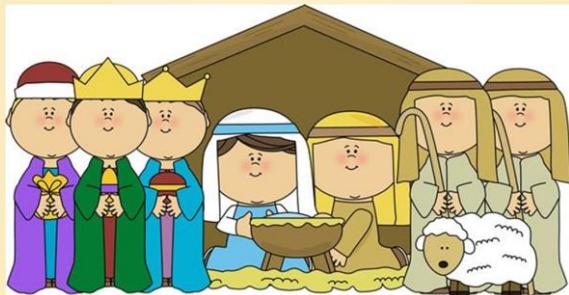
Parish News



Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs individual fruit cups and applesauce cups. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need. To volunteer, contact Ann Sparkman at **662.328.2133**.

St. Paul's serving days are **November 8 and 13**.



Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held on December 17 with Lindsay Clemons directing. Please be prepared to help as you are needed. A huge **THANK YOU** to Lindsay for taking on the role of Director!

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

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8:00—4:30 M—F

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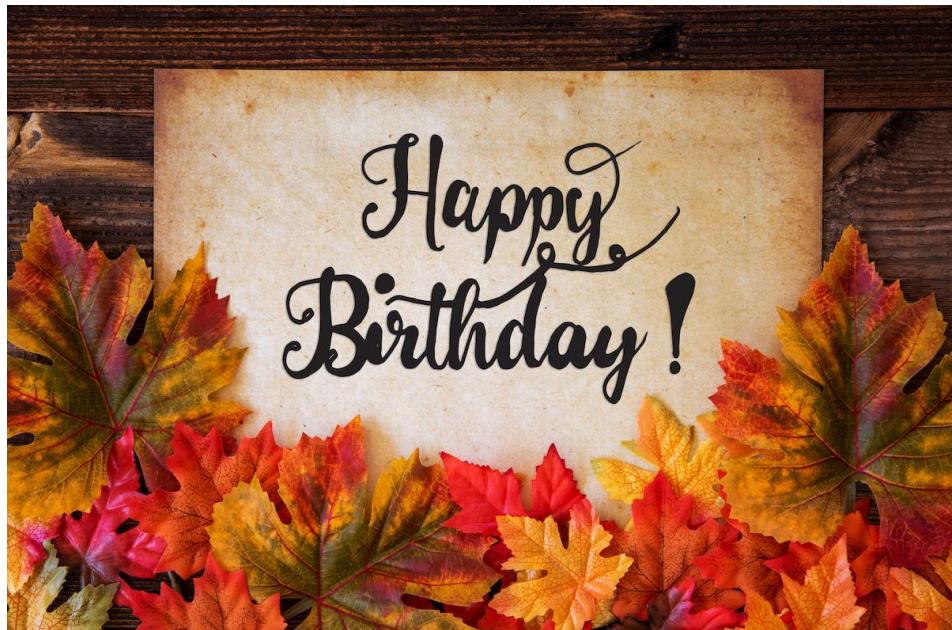
November Observances

Birthdays

1	Kelly Bell
4	Luke Munson
6	Charlotte Hardy Russ Whitaker
7	Carter Smith
9	Ricky Puckett
14	Elizabeth McCullough-Simpson
15	Amy Martin
16	Storm Gale
17	Betty Bryan Clara Young
18	Conrad Legg
20	Ray McIntyre
21	Lane Pierrot
22	Jack Clemons
25	Boyd Hardy Sarah Lee Linda Wallace
26	Jeff Lipsey
27	Alex Pieschel
28	Stephanie Gale
29	Donna Wolford Bennett Windham
30	Herb Blakeney Alliene Scott

Anniversaries

1	Andy and Linda Mayberry
8	Hal and Katherine McClanahan
11	Chuck and Leigh Yarborough
14	Jesse and Ann Sparkman
16	Don and Beth Callaway Tyler and Sally McShan
26	Clyde and Pam Rhea



Prayers of Intercession

Allen Williams	Cleatus & Harriet Doyel	Peggy Gentry
Mike Longton	Mike Batson	Richard Thomas
Patricia Martin Herndon	Johnny Coleman	John David Hardy
Sally Cleek	Leann Brown	Jacob Davis
Kyle Henderson	Fran Fuqua	Jan Ballard
Mary Moore	Jessica Alexander	Samantha Turner
Gladys Barham	Steve & Marion McEwen	Paulette Frank
Jennifer Claybrook	Addie Hamm	Linda G.
David Pridmore	Ruth Berry	Faye Tabor
Paige Hughes	Sue Hunt	Betty Lou Jones
Jean Haralson	Joe Smith and family	Mollie Hamblin
Cheryl Byrnes	Doug Crowe	Marquita Kirk & Yvonne Sanders
Patti Guerry	Mary Clopton	John Simpson
Guy Gellar	Dalana Chandler and family	Juanita Trimuel
Rita De Weese	Herb Blakeney	Nancy Smith
Carolyn Moore	Dave White and family	Eddie Mauck
Rachel Busse	Ann & Jesse Sparkman	Eugene Blaine and family
Marty Miller and family	Carmen and BJ Montgomery	James & Ann Masinelli
Axel Durr	Eric Niebuhr	John Barron
Knox Parker	Doug Phillips and family	Lee Ann Dorn
Jerry Hodson	Jean Floore	Brenda Caradine
Henry Murray	Pat Jones Kinder	
Buford Sharp	Lynne Rosamond	Nursing Home Residents:
Sarah Watson	Rose Loftis	Trey Atkins