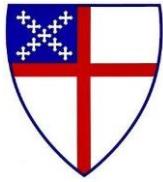


# Grace to You and Peace

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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## *Advent Schedule of Services*

- Children's Christmas Pageant – December 17 at the 10:30 service
- Lessons and Carols – December 17 at 5:30 p.m.

## *Christmas Services*

- Christmas Eve
  - 5:30 p.m. in the church
- Christmas Day
  - 10:00 a.m. in the church. PJs are welcome!

O Come \*  
Let Us  
Adore *Him*



## December at St. Paul's

- **Christian Education Classes**
  - Children's Sunday School will meet on December 3 and 10 at 9:15 for children ages 5-10 or grades K-5. Ann Barham is the teacher.
  - Adult Sunday School will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Earline Robertson room. The class is led by Deacon Pam and Taylor Smith.
- **Prayer Shawl Group** will not meet in December. Meetings will resume in January.
- **Loaves and Fishes** – St. Paul's serves Wednesday, December 11, and Monday, December 13.

**Watch your email for more information!**

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## Thank You, St. Paul's!

Due to your generosity, we were able to do the following:

- In October, we donated socks to Pines Drug Rehab and the YMCA.
- In November, we delivered 32 Thanksgiving Baskets to Helping Hands.



Join us for  
*Advent Wreath  
Making*

Sunday, December 3  
5:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Chili and Dessert will be provided.  
Please bring your own greenery. All other  
supplies will be available.



# DIAPERS IN DECEMBER

This December, help provide diapers to those in need. Your packages of diapers can be left in the shopping basket outside the church office.



Help make a difference this Christmas!



**DONATE NOW!**





Winter  
**Solstice**  
at Camp Bratton-Green  
**Dec. 27-Jan. 1**  
**9-12th grade**

Apply at [graycenter.org](http://graycenter.org)

[Click Here](#) for the registration form!

# Biographies of Junior Warden and Vestry Nominees

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## **James Hazard – Junior Warden**

I've gone to St. Paul's my whole life. I've served on the Vestry, been president of the school board, helped lead the Men's Group, and I've helped with EYC. I currently serve as an usher. The church has some momentum right now, and my goal is to keep that momentum going in the right direction.

## **John Brady - Vestry**

In the 20 years I have been at St Paul's, I have served as school board member, president of the school board, vestry person, senior warden, and usher organizer. I have also served on two search committees and as stewardship co-chair. I helped organize the men's group. I also participated in and led Wednesday morning prayer services for several years. My goals are to assist Rev. Andrew with implementing any new programs or ideas he has, especially as they pertain to the school. I want to be a voice for parishioners and a good steward of the money entrusted to the leadership of St. Paul's. There is wonderful energy at St. Paul's now, and my goal is to keep that momentum going.

## **Bridget Pieschel – Vestry**

My husband Steve and I have been communicants of Saint Paul's since 1980, the year we married. Our children were baptized and confirmed here. At every stage of my adult life—as a newlywed, as a young mother, as the mother of teenagers, and now as a grandmother, St. Paul's has nourished and encouraged me in my Christian journey. In the years since we joined, I've been a member of St. Paul's choir, a School Board member, a president of ECW, an interim School Director, a member of the May Luncheon steering committee, an office volunteer, and a member of the organ committee. My goals as a vestry member will be to strengthen the relationship between our church and our school, to support our music ministry, and to continue to support our largest fundraising effort, the May Luncheon.

## **Ginny Sanders – Vestry**

I've been a member of St. Paul's since 1998. I am married to Will, and our children are Liam and Kate. I've served on the St. Paul's School Board, taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Children's Chapel. I am also a member of ECW. I am honored to serve on the vestry for the first time and am looking forward to this new era at St. Paul's under Father Andrew's guidance.



## 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 **December 11 and 13**. We served **622** during the month of October.



Advent devotional booklets for all ages will be available in the loggia.



Pledges/all monies given to the church must be received, or dated and postmarked by 12/31/23.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

### Office Hours

8:00—4:30 M—F

### Office Phone

662.328.6673

### Church Staff

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**Juwana Jenkins, Preschool Director**

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## December Observances

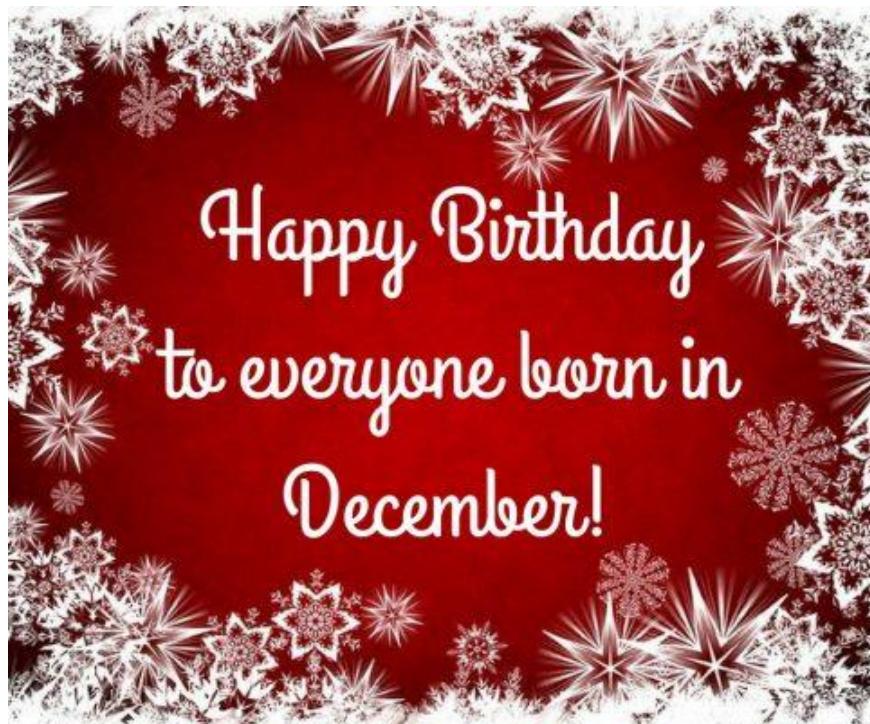
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### *Birthdays*

- 3 Taylor Smith
- 4 Katie Fenstermacher
- 5 Pam Rhea
- 7 Shelby Phillips
- 11 Becky Scott
- 12 Carole Knie
- 15 Rachel George
- 16 Richard Thomas
- 17 Pam Sams
- 20 Sid Caradine
- 22 Allen Wycoff
- 24 Gail Laws
- 27 Walton Cunningham
- 28 Hannah Munson
- 29 Marian Hazard
- 30 Caroline Clay

### *Anniversaries*

- 1 Keith and Barbara Miles
- 5 Ron and Kathy Foster
- 8 John and Eulalie Davis
- 14 Frank and Sandy Imes
- 19 David and Sarah Lee
- 23 David and Terry Coffey
- 26 David and Pat Curtis
- 29 Tom and Sunny Whitaker



## Prayers of Intercession

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



# TEACHER APPRECIATION!

Let's show appreciation for our St. Paul's Preschool teachers! We will be collecting \$25 gift cards through December 17. Cards can be from Wal-Mart or Amazon, or they can be generic Visa gift cards.

