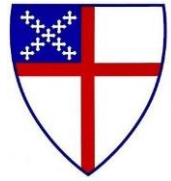


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Outreach for November – Thanksgiving Meals

Our outreach for November is to provide a Thanksgiving meal 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 16.**

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!

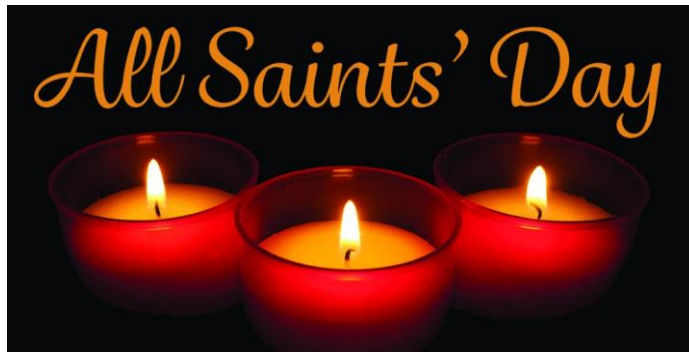
Reflection from Father Jason

People are addicted to their smartphones, and talk about how they have more computing power in their hands than all of NASA did for the moon landing. We love to congratulate ourselves for our technological advancements. But the reality is that our smart phones, and computers are powered by the same technology that powered the room sized computers at M.I.T. in the fifties, player pianos in the 1800s, and music boxes in the middle ages: it's all based on zeroes and ones, bumps/no bumps, hole/no hole. We've been using the same basic technology for well over five hundred years, though the same principle has been in place for all of human existence. Yes or no, good or bad, black or white, zero or one, dead or alive.

In today's world everything is measured. We measure ourselves against one another, constantly comparing ourselves and working to get ahead of our neighbors. How many degrees do you have? How many homes do you own, what kind of home do you own, how many hours do you work in a week, what kind of car do you drive, clothes do you wear, and where do you vacation? How many trophies has your child won, and did she get into the right school? What kind of grades did your grandson get—and they have better been As because anything less is unacceptable. Everything is zeroes and ones; if you're not number one, you're a zero. If you're not the best, you're the worst. As the bumper-stickers say, "If you're not first, you're last," and, "Second place is first loser." We live in a world where we are judging and being judged as zeroes or ones, haves/have-nots, good/bad...dead or alive.

When Jesus sent out His disciples to heal and spread the good news, he didn't give them a quota to fulfill. He didn't say to Peter, "Peter, I want you to heal at least 40 people and cast out 7 demons. On second thought, make that 7 x 77." When Jesus moved from town to town He was never on a timetable or schedule; when He and the disciples were discovered by the crowds, Jesus didn't yell, "You crowds! Leave us alone, we're on break!" He tended to them, healed, taught and loved them. And he continued to move among them. Jesus went right down the middle of our earthly binary pattern, and didn't measure progress by the number of people He saw or healed. He loved all those who came to Him, and moved at a pace that allowed Him to spend time with people in a real and meaningful way. St. Paul writes in several of his epistles that we are no longer divided into two people, Gentile and Jew, or into several groups of people, but that we are all now called to be one in Christ. When Jesus died on the cross, He died for all people. It was to be the last sacrifice, the last death...one death for all of humanity, for all time. God does not love us for what we do or own; God, the creator of the universe, Lord of all, does not base our worth on our accomplishments. God loves us because we are. Because we exist, God loves us. There's nothing we can do to make God love us more or less; God loves us more than we will ever know this side of the veil. None of us is a zero in the eyes of God. We are all ones, called to be One, called to One God, One Faith, One baptism. Imagine the freedom that comes from realizing that we need no longer measure ourselves against one another; that competition doesn't matter, that there is no better or worse because we all are. Our math is broken; a simple glance at any point in history shows it clearly.

We need to embrace the code God has given us, to live as one people, to view one another through the eyes of God, never seeing zeroes, but only seeing one, one child of God, loved by God, called to be loved by us.



All Saints Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, November 6**. Father Jason will read the names of those who have died since November 2, 2021

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

Children's Parade of Saints



Attention all kids!

We will have our annual Parade of Saints on Sunday, November 6th at the 10:30 service. Pick out a saint and join the parade! Need ideas?

Contact Pam Rhea: 662-386-2839 or
deaconrhea@gmail.com



Stewardship Needs Your Help!

Pledges are slowly trickling in, but WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE!!

If you have not received a pledge card, please drop by the church office to pick one up OR call the office and one will be mailed to you. We have just received a notice that our Church Mutual Insurance will increase by 9% this coming year. This and other necessities depend on you and your help!



Report on Annual Fundraiser from Nancy Smith

While final calculations have not been completed, this was an outstanding fundraiser, possibly the best fundraiser ever based on the amount of money raised. We are very thankful for the support from St Paul's, and multiple other churches. Annunciation Catholic Church funded the food and service and First United Methodist Church did the cooking. Desserts were provided by members of multiple churches including St. Paul's, and St. Paul's cake committee cut and boxed all the desserts. St. Paul's provided administrative services for the fundraiser. First Baptist Church designed tickets and flyers and donated all materials to the fundraiser. We received free advertising from WCBI, Commercial Dispatch, The Packet, and Citizens National Bank. It was definitely a community effort! We also received anonymous gifts of serving supplies. The outcome will allow Loaves and Fishes to continue their mission of feeding the hungry of Columbus. Thanks to all members of the Parish who contributed in any way to the fundraiser by supporting the ministry through their "sponsorships" of the fundraiser, baking a cake, buying a ticket, and/or working with the cake committee. Also, a special thank you to the members of St. Paul's who work monthly to provide service on the two days we serve every month. Truly, you are making a very real difference in the lives of the needy.

An Important Message from Bishop Seage

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I share the news that the Very Rev. Kyle Dice Seage received, and accepted, a call to serve as Rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Belvedere, CA. She leaves the beloved community of St. Philip's in Jackson after twelve grace-filled years as their rector. I am excited for Kyle and her new ministry, at St. Stephen's, which begins on Fourth Advent.

In the coming days and weeks, I will be in consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office of Pastoral Development and our diocesan leadership regarding the steps necessary to bring my ministry, as your bishop, to a close. It will, in all likelihood, take 18-24 months to properly conclude our Episcopate. At the conclusion of my ministry in Mississippi, I will be joining Kyle in Belvedere for the next chapter in our lives. The days, weeks, and months in front of us will be busy and full of important ministry. I look forward to this season and to preparing God's table for the next Bishop of Mississippi.

I hope you will join me in lifting up Kyle, St. Philip's, and St. Stephen's in prayer. This promises to be an emotional yet exciting moment for all of them. Thank you for allowing me to practice ministry in this diocese for twenty-six years, the last eight as Bishop. I've been blessed and honored. I look forward to this closing chapter as perhaps the most important period in our time together. Rest assured, my passion for doing God's work will not wane during these final months together

Thank you for your ministry,

The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage



Advent Wreath Making – November 27 5:00

Join us for a Potluck! Call or text Becky Scott to sign up.

Items needed:

Greenery

Fritos

Crockpots of Chili

Chopped Onion

Cheese

Sour Cream

From the Senior Warden

With gratitude and appreciation I commend St. Paul's Vestry for the timely return of the Pledge Cards. If you have yet to do so, please get one from the church office and turn it in ASAP.

The Stewardship Event at Plymouth Bluff was a wonderful event. Thanks to all who helped and all who attended.

Advent wreath making will take place the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27. Bring your greenery and enjoy a chili supper and fellowship. Exact information will be published closer to the event.

The Nominating Committee for new Sr. Warden, 4 Vestry members, delegates, and alternate to 2024 Council met October 31st. We reviewed the recommendations submitted by church members for these positions and have begun the process of securing a slate of those willing to serve. Our plan is to have all positions secured by the end of November and short biographies published in the December newsletter.

Marian Hazard

Socktober News

280 pairs of socks were collected during October.
Thank you for your generosity!



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be found online at

<https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html>

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Parish News

Deacon's Mass

The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea will lead a service of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, also known as a Deacon's Mass, on the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the chapel. This is meant to be a "come as you are" service in a relaxed atmosphere.

The next mass will be held on **November 13 at 5:30 pm.**

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs 20 - 25 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. There is an **urgent need** for **Vegetable Beef Soup** and **Minestrone Soup**. 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 9 and 14**. St. Paul's served **579** lunches during October.



Christian Education

- Ages 2 - PK 4 meet in the Noah's Arc room
- K5 - 5th grade meet in the Moses room
- 6th - 12th grade meet in the EYC room (upstairs)
- Adult Sunday School with Father Jason: Lectionary Bible Study meets in the Earline Robertson Room.

Wednesday Night Study

Join Deacon Pam Rhea for a study of the enneagram: **The Beginner's Guide to the Enneagram**. **The class meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the Earline Robertson Room thru November 16.**

Men's Club

Our next gathering will be **November 16 at 5:30 at Munson Brothers** hosted by Russell Young and Ryan Munson. Pizza will be provided; group members should bring sides, drinks, and desserts. Contact Will Sanders or Quinn Brislin for more details.

Parish Breakfast

Thank you to Clif and Becky Scott and family for preparing and serving the October breakfast. The next Parish Breakfast will be held on **November 13** between the two services. If you would like to help, contact Stephanie Gale or Elizabeth Bell. More information will be provided in your service bulletin.

December Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the December edition of the newsletter is **November 28, 2022**. Please email your information to officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com

November Observances

Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Bell
- 6 Charlotte Hardy
Russ Whitaker
- 7 Carter Smith
- 8 Conrad Bell
- 9 Ricky Puckett
- 14 Elizabeth McCoullough-
Simpson
- 15 Susie Calvert
Amy Martin
- 16 McClain (Stormy) Gale
- 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 Herbert Blakeney
Alliene Scott

Anniversaries

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



Intercessions

Dalana Chandler and family	Family of Colby Waldon	Vernon Gregory
Carole Moss	Lynne Rosamond	Steele Family
Brittani Devore	Chip Billups	Teen Stallworth deRoode
David Pridmore	Rose Loftis	John Simpson
Herb Blakeney	The Kemp Family	Matt and Alice Parker
Dave White and family	Peggy Gentry	Rusty Holleman
Sherri Fairley and family	Richard Thomas	Patsy McDaniel
Anna Myers Bolton	John David Hardy	Bruce Howell
Ann and Jesse Sparkman	Katherine Horton	Juanita Trimuel
Katharine McClanahan	Jacob Davis	Wink Wright
Harriet and Cleatus Doyel	Jan Ballard	George Richards
Carmen and BJ Montgomery	Beth Rice	Kim Sanders
Donalyn Pieschel Cissell	Samantha Turner	Nancy Smith
Dan Waldrop	Paulette Frank	Mallory Caissie
Sue Monesmith	Linda Horn	Allison Whitaker
Taylor Fields and family	Kevin Alexander	Dot Breland
Eric Niebuhr	Linda G.	Eddie Mauck
Don Callaway	Tammie Damron Dolan family	Emily Hayden
Billy and Linda Ross	Faye Tabor	Eugene Blaine and Family
Gina Swartz	Betty Lou Jones	Jamie McCollum
Carolyn Laster	Mollie Hamblin	Martha
Josh Bowman	Valerie Gonzolaes	James and Ann Masinelli
Doug Phillips and family	Carole Knie	Jeana L. Whitacre
Jean Floore	Kevin Hogan	John Barron
Pat Jones Kinder	Sandra Mims	Lee Ann Dorn
Axel Durr	Myra Rowzee	Brenda Caradine
Bobby	Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders	

Join Election Day Prayers Online November 8

As polls begin to close on Nov. 8 for the U.S. midterm elections, all are invited to join an Election Day Prayers gathering online hosted by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.

Tune in from 8 p.m. to midnight EST via [The Episcopal Public Policy Network Facebook page](#) or [The Episcopal Church Facebook page](#). Viewers do not need a Facebook profile to participate.

At the top of each hour, special guests from around the church will offer 10-15 minutes of reflection and prayer. Participants are encouraged to engage in prayerful conversation in the comments. The gathering will also feature simple video feeds from parishes throughout the U.S.

Scheduled guests include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris; the Rev. Charles Graves IV, missionary for Houston Canterbury; the Rev. Donna Gleaves, an Episcopal Public Policy Network ambassador; and Willis H.A. Moore, an Episcopal Election Activator.

A Prayer to Name All of the Things We Are Grateful For Today

Today we especially offer prayers of thankfulness and gratitude:

- For the past year, with its causes to be grateful and its hardships
- For us as we try to help others and as we receive help from others
- For those who work while others rest
- For the people gathered here
- For the meal we have prepared, for the sacrifices made for it and for the cleaning up that awaits us
- For all the blessings of the past year for which we are thankful
- For the gift of laughter, rest, and joy
- For gratitude that warms our hearts and homes
- For the abundant and saving love of God made known to us today and every day
- For what else shall we give thanks for today?
- Lord Jesus Christ, give us grace out of your heart, and remind us to be thankful. Be patient with us in our mistakes, and quick to bring us into your love. We give thanks for you, for creation, and for all of the blessings, joys, and thanksgivings named around this table. Continue to bless and uphold us until we gather again. Amen.

From [United Thank Offering \(UTO\) Prayers for Thanksgiving Day](#)



November 11 is Veterans Day, originally “Armistice Day.” On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (that is, 11:00am on November 11, 1918, exactly 104 years ago next Friday), the truce was declared that ended World War I, then known as “The Great War” and “the war to end all wars.”

“Armistice” is from the Latin *arma* (“arms”) and *sistere* (“stand still”). Imagine the stillness, the quiet that came from laying down weapons on both sides, after years of grueling, bloody trench warfare.

The United States Congress subsequently declared that the date “should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations.”

Sadly, it was not “the war to end all wars” — and so in 1954, the day was renamed, “Veterans Day” in order to honor veterans from all the wars since, not just World War I. But the words of Congress still resonate, as do the holiday’s origins in that great stillness.

A day of *thanksgiving*: for the service of veterans, living and dead; for the service of caregivers — doctors and nurses and chaplains and mental health professionals and spouses and family members and friends — who walk with veterans through the ravages of war, even after the bullets and bombs and missiles stop flying; and for the days of peace that come at long last.

A day of *prayer*: for people of all faiths (or no faith at all), a time of prayer, meditation, or reflection on the stillness of armistice, so that the days of peace on Earth increase, and the days of war decrease.

A day of *exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations*: for all of us to find ways, large and small, to build bridges across lines of difference, suspicion, or hostility, in our neighborhoods, our country, and among the nations of the world.

To lay down our arms. To step into a new stillness together. To sing with our ancestors that we, too, will lay down our swords and shields, “down by the riverside, and study war no more” — so that the next hundred-and-four years may be more peaceful than the last.

May God’s peace be with you on this Veterans Day, this Armistice Day, and may we lay down all of our arms, all of our burdens, in God’s great Shalom rising up even now, like soldiers climbing out of trenches a century ago.

From [Salt Project: A Brief Theology of Veterans Day](#)



November 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 All Saints Day Service 6:00 pm	2 Enneagram Study 5:30	3	4	5
6 All Saints Sunday Sunday Sch 9:15 Services at 8:00 & 10:30	7	8 Election Day Prayers Gathering 7:00 pm (online)	9 Loaves & Fishes Enneagram Study 5:30	10	11	12
13 Parish Breakfast 9:00 Sunday Sch 9:15 Services at 8:00 & 10:30 Deacon's Mass 5:30	14 Loaves & Fishes Vestry 5:30	15	16 Thanksgiving Bags due to church Enneagram Study 5:30 Men's Club 5:30 @ Munson Brothers	17	18	19
20 Sunday Sch 9:15 Services at 8:00 & 10:30	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day No Service Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 Sunday Sch 9:15 Services at 8:00 & 10:30 Advent Wreath- Making 5:00	28	29	30			

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Fall Festival Pictures



