

Grace to You and Peace

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Outreach for March

Toiletry Donations



Please donate the following for those in need:

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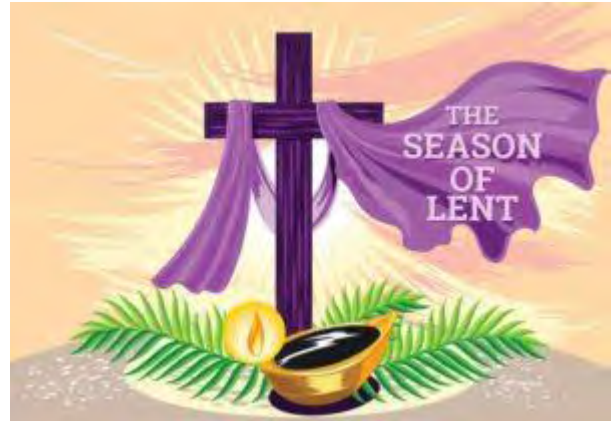
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- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Combs

Full Size

- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Bar Soap
- Hairbrushes
- Washcloths
- Deodorant

Lenten Offerings

- **March 1,8,15,22,29**
12:00 in the church
Noonday Prayers - Speaker Series and Lunch
- **March 2,9,16,23,30**
10:00 in the Earline Robertson Room - Study of Carol Mead's new book, *The Little Book of Lent*.
- **March 5 -26 – Sunday 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**
Join Dawn Barham and George Hazard in the chapel for a study of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*.



March Worship Service Schedule

Mar. 3	5:30p.m.	Chapel	Evening Prayer
Mar. 5	8:00a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
Mar. 5	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist
Mar. 12	8:00a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Mar. 12	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Mar. 17	5:30p.m.	Chapel	Evening Prayer
Mar. 19	8:00a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Mar. 19	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Mar. 26	8:00a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
Mar. 26	10:30a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer

*Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Our guest celebrant for Mar. 5 at 10:30 is The Rev. Dr. George Rambow
Deacon Rhea will lead all other services

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 318 College Street, Columbus, MS

Lent Lunches AND Speaker Series

Join us Wednesdays in March at noon in the church for Noonday Prayers with guest speakers, followed by a soup lunch in the Parish Hall.

March 1	The Rev. Marie Smith	Incarnation, West Point
March 8	Mr. Rufus Ward	Incarnation, West Point
March 15	Rev. B. J. Chain	First Presbyterian, Columbus
March 22	Rev. Anne Russell Bradley	FUMC, Columbus
March 29	The Very Rev. Walton Jones	Resurrection, Starkville



4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God's heart as we approach Easter.

The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.



Give It Up

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Twitter or Clash of Clans.

Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day.

Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.



Plug In

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God.

Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.



Serve

Start a new routine of service.

Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.



Share It

Make it a communal event.

Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.



MEN'S GROUP

COME TO TACO TUESDAY! 5:30 MARCH 21

Hosted by Will Sanders and Quinn Brislin

We need sides, desserts, and beverages

Meet in the Parish Hall

Call Will or Quinn for more details

Reflection from Deacon Pam

In speaking with Bishop Seage recently, I had a hard time getting to the point of my phone call **because I couldn't stop telling him what a wonderful congregation we have here at St. Paul's.**

Throughout February, we have had an increase in attendance, broader participation in ministries and **events, and definitely a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit in our worship services, our Sunday school classes, our music, and our fellowship.** Thanks be to God for all of you!

Ash Wednesday Services were well attended. It was an honor for me to impose the ashes on your foreheads, and witness how moving it is for us to be humbled before our creator, remembering we belong to God from beginning to end. There were even a few who took me up on the drive thru *Ashes to Go* on Wednesday afternoon.

We are now walking the paths of our Lenten journeys, and I have been praying for all of you to have a Holy Lent full of renewal and rebirth. I am seeing the answers to my prayers. I encourage you to take the opportunities for worship, ministry, and witness that come your way. Our noonday lunch and speaker series on Wednesdays is a good mid-week infusion of fellowship and corporate worship. Our **new adult Sunday school series on Benjamin Britten's War Requiem gives us a unique study of rising from the ashes through music.**

Please call me or visit if you have any pastoral needs or concerns. I would like to hear from you. If you would like Home Communion, please let me know. You are my people! Let me serve you.

Peace,

Deacon Pam



From the Senior Warden

The Season of Lent is here, and we begin our journey.

St. Paul's celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a red beans and rice meal, lively entertainment by Ellen, and king cake for dessert. What a fun event. The music was awesome, the decorations were fantastic, and we had a big crowd! Thank You for all the volunteers and workers that helped. It was good to have fellowship and celebrate together.

Deacon Pam has coordinated our Lenten Lunches and Speaker series for Wednesdays in March at noon. Please join us on Wednesdays for noonday prayers, guest speakers, and a soup lunch. Deacon Rhea is wearing many hats, robes, collars etc. as she is leading us during this time of transition.

Your Vestry met in February and new Vestry members John Davis, Becky Scott, and Ralph Winton were welcomed. The Vestry heard reports and had discussions on the business of the church, and they reviewed and approved committee reports and financial statements. The annual Parochial report is being compiled and will be submitted to the Diocese, with the help and input of many hands and volunteers. Thank You to all of our office volunteers and staff for your work and dedication to serve.

The Search Committee is active and is working on the Parish Profile. The survey was well received with 78 responses submitted. They are working diligently following the direction of the Diocese in our search with the help of Fr. Josh Shipman. The search committee is looking for photos and short videos that help portray our church events and programs. You can submit those by emailing to stpaulsrectorsearch2023@gmail.com. This will help to offer a personal insight of our parish.

St. Paul's Episcopal school under the direction of Ms. Juwana Jenkins, Director, and with guidance from the school board and Helen Pridmore, have increased the enrollment over 50% with plans to continue to grow. The school has made many improvements in physical plant and staff to provide quality care making sure every child's needs are met.

The church has so many opportunities if you would like to volunteer. There are many areas you could help serve. We are needing nursery helpers and church greeters for Sundays. There are many other volunteer opportunities, and we encourage you to sign up or call the church office 662-328-6673 for details.

Peace be with you,

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Tom Whitaker, Sr. Warden

Sunday Offerings



Our Lenten studies this year will include six classes on a 1962 choral masterpiece, the War Requiem of Benjamin Britten. Britten (1913-1976) composed this orchestral work for chorus, boys choir, and soloists for the consecration of Coventry Cathedral, rebuilt after being bombed in 1940.

War Requiem combines the very old setting of the Roman Catholic Mass with nine poems by Wilfred Owen, who was killed leading British forces on November 4, 1918. The **Armistice came one week later, and Owens' family was hearing the Armistice bells when they learned their son and brother was dead.**

For our class, **George Hazard will discuss the war and Owens' career and poetry.** Dawn Barham will comment on various aspects of the musical score. In each class, we will be listening to the 1963 recording of War Requiem, with Britten himself conducting.

The class meets in the chapel at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am—Eucharist

10:30 pm— Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be found online at <https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html>

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8:00—4:30 M—F

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Parish News

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs 20 - 25 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. Please donate packages of vegetable beef, potato, and tortilla soup along with individual serving sizes of applesauce and fruit cups. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need.

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

St. Paul's served **608 lunches** during February.



April Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the April edition of the newsletter is **March 24, 2023.** Please email your information to officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com.

Report from the Search Committee

The Search Committee had a productive and encouraging meeting with our diocesan advisor, Fr. Josh Shipman, who was very positive about what we have to offer through our parish and community to potential candidates. Our subcommittee to revitalize our online profile led by Robert Ivy is busy incorporating recent photos and videos of our parish life. Please forward any videos or photos you have of parish events to: stpaulsrectorsearch2023.com.

After the profile is completed, we will post and advertise our Priest opening on The Office of Transitional Ministry website and The Episcopal News Services website. At that time, we will also start accepting nominations from the parish in a lockbox in the lobby of the Church.

Many thanks to all helping in this way.

Martha Kirkley and Will Sanders
Co-Chairs, Rector Search Committee

St. Paul's Monthly Breakfast

Our next parish breakfast will be on **Palm Sunday, April 2.** A signup sheet is available in the loggia, or you may sign up by calling the church office.

Preschool News

Thank you to those of you who have read to our preschool classes: Bridget Pieschel, Lori Cofer, Marian Hazard, Margaret Mauldin, and Rose Crowe.

A Dr. Seus program/dance will be held in the Parish Hall on **Friday, March 3 at 9:00 am.**

Helping Hands

Thank you to all who donated food to Helping Hands during February. Due to your generosity, over **102 items** were delivered to Helping Hands on March 1!

March Observances

Birthdays

- 4 Bernice Kindred
Gina Swartz
- 6 Annis Cox
Chad Bell
- 11 Emma Hardy
Hanna Hardy
- 12 Hutch Clemons
- 13 Michael Duckworth
Taylor Phillips
- 15 Claire Mastley
- 17 Josh Clemons
- 18 Eulalie Davis
- 20 Jerry Hodson
Rhodes Lipsey
- 22 Karoyl McCain
- 23 Don Callaway
David Thompson
- 27 Forrest McCain
- 29 Evans Dawson
Alison Whitaker
- 30 Lindsay Clemons
- 31 Brit Wilson

Anniversaries

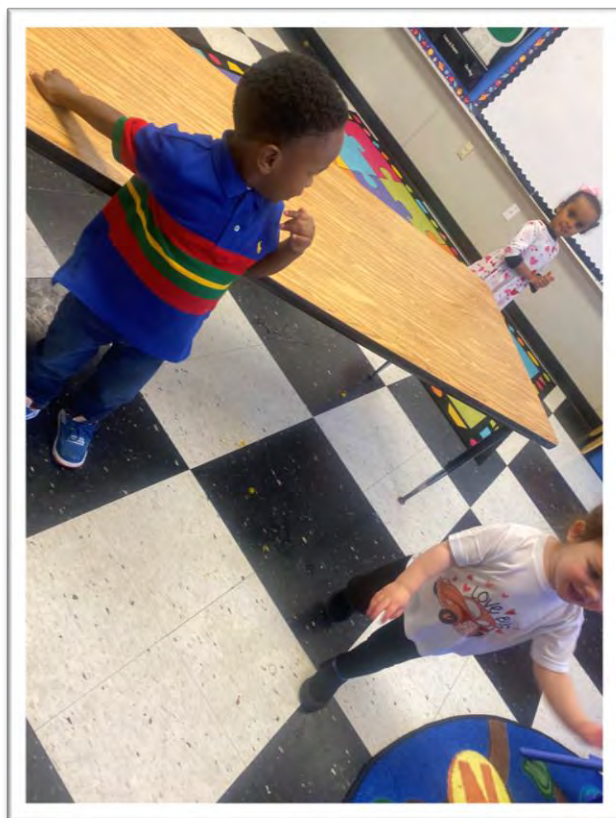
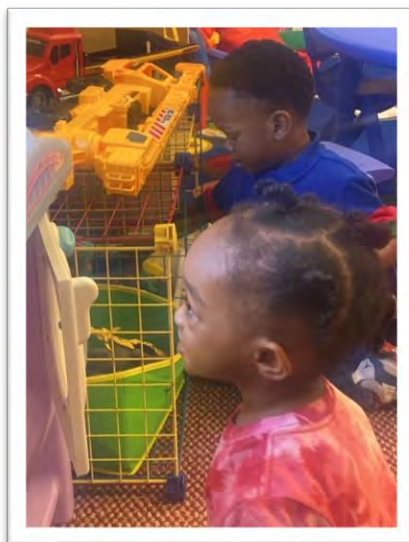
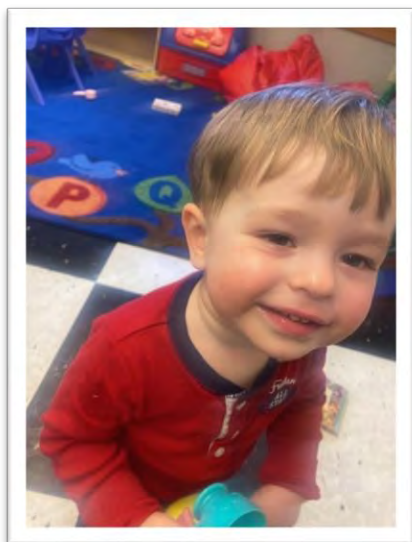
- 1 Eric and Evans Dawson
- 2 Doug and Rose Crowe
- 9 Cleatus and Harriet Doyel
- 16 John and Jennifer Brady
- 23 Scott and Helen Pridmore
- 27 Jeff and Sheri Lipsey



Intercessions

Fran Fuqua	Eric Niebuhr	Myra Rowzee
Jessica Alexander	Doug Phillips and family	Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders
Richard Brown	Jean Floore	Vernon Gregory
Steve and Marion McEwen	Pat Jones Kinder	Teen Stallworth deRoode
Addie Hamm	Axel Durr	John Simpson
Ruth Berry	Family of Colby Waldon	Matt and Alice Parker
The Brady Family	Lynne Rosamond	Rusty Holleman
Sue Hunt	Chip Billups	Patsy McDaniel
Tommy Tate	Rose Loftis	Bruce Howell
David and Sarah Lee	The Kemp Family	Juanita Trimuel
The W.B. and Hazel Russell Family	Peggy Gentry	Wink Wright
Joe Smith and Family	Richard Thomas	Kim Sanders
Doug Crowe	John David Hardy	Nancy Smith
Mary Clopton	Jacob Davis	Mallory Caissie
Dalana Chandler and family	Jan Ballard	Allison Whitaker
Carole Moss	Beth Rice	Eddie Mauck
Brittani Devore	Samantha Turner	Eugene Blaine and Family
David Pridmore	Paulette Frank	Jamie McCollum
Herb Blakeney	Linda Horn	Martha
Dave White and family	Kevin Alexander	James and Ann Masinelli
Sherri Fairley and family	Linda G.	Jeana L. Whitacre
Ann and Jesse Sparkman	Tammie Damron Dolan family	John Barron
Katharine McClanahan	Faye Tabor	Lee Ann Dorn
Harriet and Cleatus Doyel	Betty Lou Jones	Brenda Caradine
Carmen and BJ Montgomery	Mollie Hamblin	Nursing Home Residents:
Dan Waldrop	Carole Knie	Trey Atkins
Sue Monesmith	Kevin Hogan	
Taylor Fields and family	Sandra Mims	

SPES Pictures





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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Please join us at a Fundraiser for the
Historic Margaret Munroe Crypt Restoration

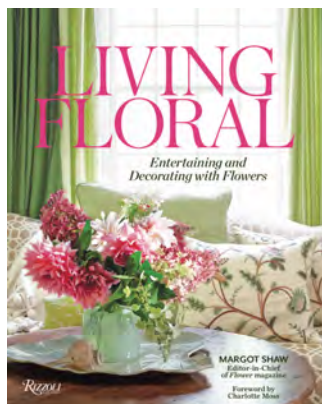
Hosted by The Columbus Garden Club

March 21, 1:30 P.M. at Annunciation Church
823 College St, Columbus, Mississippi

Featuring Margot Shaw, Founder/Editor-in-Chief of *Flower* magazine

\$25 Tax Deductible Donation

Margot Shaw is a much sought-after speaker whose passion is the artistry and inspiration involved in floral design. Her book, *Living Floral*, will be available for purchase. Be sure to check out her wonderful website www.flowermag.com.



Your \$25 check may be mailed to Munroe Crypt Fund, C/O Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 789, Columbus, MS 39703. Credit cards are accepted through Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau. Tickets available at the door.

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