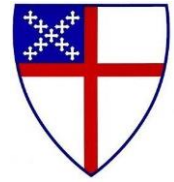


Grace to You and Peace

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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October at St. Paul's

- **Christian Education** Classes and Programs have resumed:
 - 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' Classes** begin October 15 at 9:15.
- **Episcopal Young Church people:** EYC is back! Dawn Barham and Theo Hummer will lead our 6th – 12th graders beginning Wednesday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** is at 5:30 p.m. Mary Jo Ray leads the class.
- **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 Monday, October 9, and Wednesday, October 11.

October Worship Service Schedule

Oct 1	8:00a.m.	Chapel	Holy Eucharist*
Oct 1	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Oct 8	8:00a.m.	Chapel	Holy Eucharist*
Oct 8	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Oct 15	8:00a.m.	Chapel	Morning Prayer
Oct 15	10:30a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
Oct 22	8:00a.m.	Chapel	Holy Eucharist
Oct 22	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist
Oct 29	8:00a.m.	Chapel	Morning Prayer
Oct 29	10:30a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer

*Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

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

Reflection from Deacon Pam

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Bible verse from Jeremiah is our focus verse for our Stewardship campaign this fall. Our theme, Rooted in Abundance, draws our attention to the many blessings we all experience in our daily lives. I hope you all received the letter from Senior Warden Tom Whitaker and me introducing this year's campaign. I am excited about this theme and the beautiful metaphor of our spiritual connections with one another in this parish. Our Stewardship chairs for this year will be sending out more information very soon, and we will listen to several people speak of their experiences with ministry in our parish. I encourage you to pray this verse from Jeremiah every morning as part of this campaign.

Our Parish Fellowship Dinner in September was magnificent! As my mother-in-law used to write in her newspaper column, "A good time was had by all" and I think that just about sums it up. I am grateful for all the many hands, hearts, and generous donations that made this happen. I want to especially thank Margaret and Jim Mauldin, along with Jo Harper, Beth Callaway, and Charon Hardy for getting things rolling, and for everyone who said 'yes' when asked to contribute in some way – and everyone who was asked said YES! Many thanks to everyone who took time from their busy week to be there in fellowship. I had a blast and I hope you did, too.

Our inquirer's classes will begin this month on October 15th, and will run through November 19th. These classes will take place during the Sunday school time 9:15 – 10:00, and will be held in addition to our regular Adult Sunday School. If you are interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church, this is the class for you. If you are considering becoming a confirmed member of the church, you will need to attend all the classes. Don't worry, if you miss one, we will offer opportunities to make up missed ones. Confirmation takes place only when our Bishop visits, and we are on his schedule for January 28, 2024. Parents, if you have a child in 7th grade or above seeking confirmation, please let me know.

I hope to see you all at worship, in classes, and at fun events during my favorite month of the year. We want to have a full Holy Spirit filled house here at St. Paul's! Come Holy Spirit, COME.

Faithfully yours,

Deacon Pam



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STEWARDSHIP



LOAVES & FISHES FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 2023

PICK-UP
TIMES

5 PM - 6 PM
OR
6 PM - 7 PM

TICKETS ARE \$15.00

MUST PURCHASE IN ADVANCE AT:
ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF COLUMBUS, OR ANY BOARD MEMBER

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MENU: PORK LOIN, POTATO SALAD,
COLE SLAW, BAKED BEANS, CORNBREAD &
DESSERT!

" HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY IN COLUMBUS "

Outreach for October

Socktober!



For the month of October, we will be collecting new, unopened packages of socks to be delivered to those who are unable to procure socks of their own. Please bring the socks to the church and place them in the basket beside the office.

Fellowship Snacks for Sunday Mornings!

As Sunday school classes have started back, it is our goal to have a fellowship snack available each Sunday morning starting around 9:15. There is a paper sign-up sheet on the snack/coffee table in the church, but we have also made it possible to sign up online [here](#). Simply type your name in the block next to the date you would like to bring snack. It can be store bought or homemade. We will keep the paper sign-up sheet synced with the online sign-up. Thank you for helping us with this ministry!

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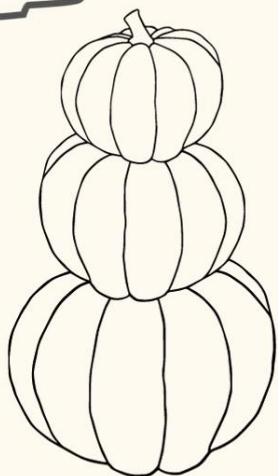
October is
the month
for

ECW

Episcopal Church Women



***All women of the church
are invited
to a meeting on
Tuesday, October 10th
at 5:30 p.m.
at the home of
Jennifer Brady,
400 7th Street South***



EYC IS BACK!



EPISCOPAL YOUNG CHURCH PEOPLE

6th - 12th Grades

First Wednesday
of the month at
5:30pm
beginning
OCTOBER 4th

FOOD!

Bring a Friend

Dawn Barham and Theo Hummer

10th Annual
FALL
festival

Sunday
29
October

- 4:00PM - 6:30PM
- College Street
- Downtown Columbus
- No Pets Please

Trunk or Treat | Cake Walk | Games
Kids Crafts | Door Prizes | Facepainting
Costume Contest | Hall of Saints
Hot Dogs | Ice Cream

*Bring a
donation
for the
Humane
Society*



Annunciation Catholic Church
First Methodist Church of Columbus
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Leadership
Plaza**

WILL BE
DECORATED FOR
FALL THEMED
PHOTOS

Nominations for Vestry

The nominating committee is now accepting recommendations for four Vestry members for 2024 – 2027 and a recommendation for Junior Warden for 2024 – 2026. In addition, recommendations are requested for three delegates and an alternate for the 2025 Diocesan Council.

Recommendations will be accepted until Noon on October 18, 2023. To recommend someone, please place the name in a sealed envelope and submitted to Lori in the church office. Please indicate the person and the position for which you are recommending them.

The nominating committee is made up of the outgoing vestry members, outgoing Junior Warden, Stewardship co-chairs, and two at-large members appointed by the vestry. The committee will prepare a slate to be published in November. The committee considers the upcoming needs of the parish as well as people who are faithful in service and attendance. As in the past, the congregation can, until late December, make additional nominations of people willing to serve. The final slate, with short biographical sketches about the nominees, will be published before the annual meeting.

Quinn Brislin, Junior Warden

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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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. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need. To volunteer, contact Ann Sparkman at **662.328.2133**.

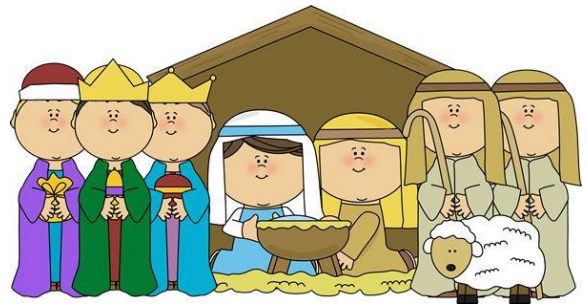
St. Paul's serving days are **October 9 and 11**. St. Paul's served **611** lunches during September.

Fundraiser News

This event needs cakes - preferably homemade. Cakes need to be delivered to the Annunciation Activity Center by noon on Thursday, October 19. If you can provide a cake, please contact Ann Sparkman, **662.386.2585**.

Men's Group

Our next gathering will be a Shrimp Boil hosted by Jim Mauldin. Watch your email and church bulletin for more information.



Can you believe there are only eleven (11!) Sundays before our annual Children's Christmas Pageant? That's right! 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. **We need a pageant director or two co-directors to organize the pageant.** (I will be unable to direct this year). There are always many volunteers to help so you won't be doing it all. The pageant can be anything you would like for it to be- a play, a musical, a production involving adults, or just the old reliable nativity story - as long as it tells the joyous story of Jesus's birth.

Contact Deacon Pam for more information!

October Observances

Birthdays

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| 1 | Emilie White |
| 3 | Georgia Starr |
| 4 | Trey Atkins |
| 5 | Lee McCullough
Lee Ann Starr |
| 6 | Elijah Hanes
Tyler Sundman |
| 8 | Amber Brislin |
| 9 | Molly Munson |
| 10 | Chance Laws |
| 13 | John Brady
Melody Winton |
| 14 | Cora Mastley |
| 16 | Darlene Walrod |
| 17 | Linda Blakeney
Sara Montgomery |
| 18 | Carmen Montgomery |
| 19 | Libby Atkins |
| 23 | George Hazard, Jr. |
| 24 | Bethea Smith |
| 25 | Nancy G. Smith
Susan Spencer |
| 26 | Francis Cox
Luke Young |
| 27 | Jo Harper |
| 28 | Don Bryant |
| 29 | Karen Benglen
Mickey Brislin |
| 30 | Katharine McClanahan |

Anniversaries

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| 6 | Josh and Lindsay Clemons |
| 7 | James and Chase Hazard |
| 12 | Paul and Anna Bolton |



Prayers of Intercession

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