Saint Paul's Epistle

Our mission at Saint Paul's is to: **welcome** all people; **proclaim** the good news of Jesus Christ; **experience** a personal relationship with Him; and joyfully **share** God's love with others.

April 2018 *Epistle*
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Happening This Month

Easter Sunday
April 1
9 and 11 a.m.

Church Office Closed
April 2

Youth Chicken Dinner
April 8
4 p.m.
Keever Hall

Fellowship Event
April 20
6 p.m.

Confirmation Class
April 21
10 a.m.
Annex

Easter Sunday Services

Easter Sunday
April 1—9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

The 9:00 and 11 a.m. services will celebrate the highest festival of the church year. The Easter Gospel will be proclaimed in a Service of Word and Sacrament. Joyful hymns and anthems of praise will be accompanied by brass with organ and lilies will adorn the church, symbolizing our resurrection faith.

Family Promise of the Lower Cape Fear

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Family Promise of the Lower Cape Fear (formerly Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network) is dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response. Community volunteers work with these families to provide temporary housing, meals, and services, as well as helping them to find jobs and stable housing. Our congregation is part of an ecumenical outreach with other congregations who open their facilities throughout the year to provide temporary housing and meals. It's a rewarding and tangible way to help local families.

St. Paul's will be hosting families from April 29 through May 6. We currently are in overnight hosts and evening meals. Please contact Barb Lenz at (910) 228-4421 or lenzbarb@gmail.com if you have any questions about the duties of an overnight host or to sign up.

Thank you for your help in this ministry!

From Pastor Jonathan

I wanted to begin this article with a special announcement:

THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN BETWEEN EASTER AND CHRISTMAS!!

We Christians make the mistake of defining Easter as "The End." The end of the story and the end of the mission. But while Easter is the end of the *battle* between God and Sin with Jesus triumphant, the work of Jesus continues.

Think of it this way, the story of God does not end with John 21. After John's Gospel, there are *still* 23 books in the Bible.

What does that mean? God's story continues with:

- The Holy Spirit descending on the disciples,
- The disciples becoming the apostles,
- A new church being formed,
- Saul converting into Paul,
- Churches being planted all over the Middle East, Europe, and Asia
- Letters written by the early apostles

And, most importantly, God's story continues today with us as well as Christians all over the world. God has called us to continue to make His world better for our neighbors. God has sent us out to welcome one and all into God's kingdom.

Throughout the season of Easter you will see signs that will help remind you of the work that is yet to be done. Signs such as:

- The Paschal Candle being lit on Sunday mornings throughout the Easter Season.
- A weekly Affirmation of our Baptisms
- Confession right before Holy Communion

Easter Season 2018 means our faith does not end with Easter, but that it's just beginning. The Church. God's Church is still open. And it never closes.

Save the Date

Earth Day was created in 1970 to promote environmental awareness and to encourage progressive action around the world. It is officially celebrated on April 22, but our Earth Day fellowship event will be April 20. More details to come, watch for them in bulletin.

Church Women United May Event

St. Paul's WELCA will be hosting the May Friendship Day luncheon for the Wilmington Church Women United in Keever Hall on Friday, May 4. Any St. Paul's women who would like to participate in the this fellowship event is invited to attend. Registration is at 10:30 and the program starts at 11:00 followed by lunch. If you would like to help out we can always use more hands. Contact Beth Pottle (910-392-1455 or email bpottle@ec.rr.com) for more information about being a part of this celebration.

From the Organist and Director of Music

Many thanks go to all of our bell ringers, conductors, instrumentalists, and singers for the fine music of Holy Week and Easter! Our Easter celebration actually lasts fifty days, so get ready to sing more hymns of the Resurrection. Let us know your favorites, and we will try to include them!

Bill Remele

Meet Your Council Member

I am Doris Miller. I am your Council Secretary. serve on the Worship & Music Committee, sing in the choir, ring bells for the bell choir, read lessons and help whenever I can for church events. I became a member on Father's Day, 2016. I visited St. Paul's, each time my late husband and I came to visit our retirement property in Wallace, NC. We had a house built, it closed June 2015. Unfortunately, he passed away May 10th 2015; after valiantly battling a terminal cancer. I made the move from Illinois myself since we were already packed; with the help of my son and granddaughter; and several trips back and forth with a trailer. I am a Ruby Ribbon Stylist. Since I have lived here, I have been blessed to meet Grover. We will be married at St. Paul's June 16th, 2018, 4 p.m. You are all invited to attend our wedding ceremony.

Samaritans

Samaritan's Group needs your help. When someone comes home from the hospital, many times they are not able to prepare meals for themselves or their families. This is when the Samaritan's group is contacted by the church office and asked to a provide meal. Teams are forming now to help in both the Wilmington and Leland areas. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fran Denninger at frandenninger@hotmail.com or 910-383-6840. Thank you.

Golf Outing

Agape + Kure Beach Ministries
Golf Outing
Monday, April 23
Lochmere Golf Club
Cary, NC

Visit www.agapekurebeach.org for more information and to register.

Expressions of Gratitude

From Nancy Hanson Scheunemann...

Dad loved the Church and he loved St. Paul's. He had fun in life, but the Church was always the center of his life. It would have come as no surprise the love and support shown by St. Paul's to our family at his death.

I have been overwhelmed and feel so blessed to have the support of St. Paul's. I know that if I need any kind of help, all I would have to do is ask. How wonderful is that!

Thanks be to God!

From Tom and Kitty Solomita...

We would like to thank all who offered their prayers and condolences as we mourned the death of our Dad. Mom, who passed away 4 years ago, and Dad had 68 years of a wonderful and loving marriage. They were well known in church and in the community as a loving couple who held hands wherever they went. They are now together again in spirit with our Loving God.

From Jill & Mark Bergman...

I want to thank the pastors for the visit in the hospital also for their nice prayers and for all the get well cards.

From Louise Perkins and family...

No words can express the love and care I have felt from Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Mark when I am at the lowest time of my life. My wonderful church family has been here for me with prayers, hugs, phone calls, cards, food, such an outpouring of love to me and my family. THANK YOU is not enough to say how my heart has been touched. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as we try to go through one day at a time. Love to each of you.

Men in Mission Agape Weekend

We will head up to Fuquay Varina on Saturday April 21st for what has become our annual work day, overnight trip to Camp Agape! The church bus will leave St. Paul's at 7 a.m. on Saturday and return around 4 p.m. on Sunday. We will do whatever needs completed to help get the camp ready for another season of camp ministry.

In return, we will be fed by the kitchen staff, enjoy fellowship in the cabin, and conduct a worship service in the beautiful natural surroundings.

This is a great opportunity to explore our church camp and to share time with your brothers in Christ. You will need to bring a sleeping bag (sheet(s) and blanket), pillow, flash light and bath towel. More details as date gets closer. Call Dan Dresher (910) 443 1365 with questions and to sign up.

Memorials

Dick Hanson
Frank & Mary King
Allen & Anna Marie Turner
R. Bertram Williams III
W. Ferrell Shurford, Jr.
Elaine & Fred Wood
Barbara Gerhard
Helen Romeo
Jack Kuske
Terry & Joann Mount
Anne L. Smith
Jane Love Burton
Dani & Joelle de Lespinois
Roy & Marion Fuhrman
Bob & Peggy Erickson
Tom & Kitty Solomita
Breck and Mary Lou Newber
Henry Helgesen
Wilson, Valrie, & Trey Horton
Julian & Vivian Burnett
Jimmy & Caryway Robeson
Ann Tinder
Ann Hutteman
Frances & Allen Lamb
Michael & Diane Leiser
Tom & Beth Pottle
Circle 1

Ann Reaves
Mike & Susan Watters

Elvera Goetsch
Michael & Amy Goetsch

George Perkins
Ann Hutteman
Nancy Scheunemann
Louise Walton
Helen Romeo

Tom Solomita Sr.
Nancy Scheunemann

Youth News

April 8th - Dinner Fundraiser

Chicken Diana will be served with salad and roll. We will need an RSVP. Look for forms in the Sunday bulletin or email the church office at info@stpaulswilmington.org to make your reservation.

April 14th - Azalea Fest Parking

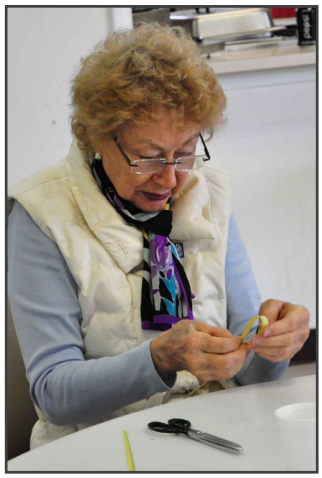
Parking spaces will be sold for $10 as our annual fundraiser for our NYG trip. Please see Jessica Parker to reserve your spot.

Pictures from the St. Patrick's Event

Pictures from Handbell Practice

Pictures from the Yard Sale

Pictures from Palm Cross Assembly

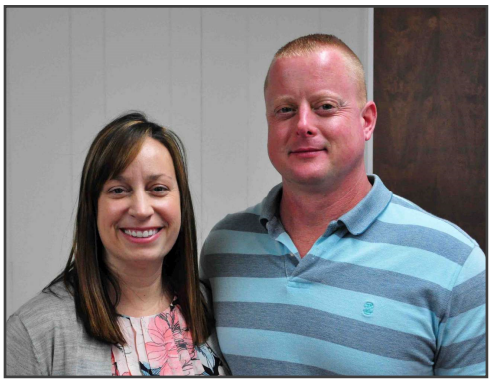


New Members Received March 25, 2018

Trina Brown

Doug & Hilary Carriker
Jack & Saylor
6606 Red Cedar Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411
(336) 575-1714 Doug
(301) 651-6131 Hilary

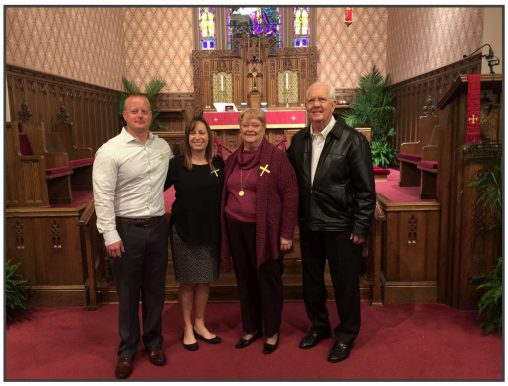
Carl & Sherry Cernigilia



Kristine & Brian Hopkins
159 Brookhaven Trail
Leland, NC 28451
(980) 521-7101 Kristine
(980) 521-3974 Brian

Joyce Presley and Joseph Sisk
4903 Rose Trellis Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28412
(910) 431-6843 (Joyce)
(910) 707-9359 (Joseph)

Jerry & Glenda Poole
2889 Pine Bloom Way
Leland, NC 28451
(704) 621-6678 Jerry
(704) 575-8422 Glenda



Not pictured:

Becky Matthews
1171 Evangeline Dr.
Leland, NC 28451
(919) 369-8424

Stephanie & Deric Payne
Elijah
4108 Edward Hyde Pl.
Wilmington, NC 28405
(910) 520-2506

April Worship Assistants

Acolytes (9 a.m.)
1 Kasey Cummings
8 Zach Parker
15 Griffin Hales
22 Adam Russell
29 Allison Cummings

Acolytes (11 a.m.)
1 Laurel Meitrodt, Delilah Mills
8 Meghan Stello, Jake Fleming
15 Jacob Walton, Nathan Holzberger
22 Michael Walters, Richard Walters
29 Anna Haskins, Emily Becker

Altar Guild
1 Mari-Louise Rannow, Lynn Mickley (incl. Holy Week)
8 Anna Cheatham, Terri Sandlin
15 Anna Cheatham, Irma Forger
22 Sue Wiechman, Anna Cheatham
29 Anna Cheatham

Caregivers
1 Jody Pfeffer
8 Frances Lamb
15 Sue Dresher
22 Becky Knott
29 Jody Pfeffer

Communion Assistants (9 a.m.)
1 Billy Mason
8 Joe & Lynn Mickley
15 Archie Barringer, Billy Mason
22 Norma Flax, Cindy Killian
29 Larry & Tammi Gates

Communion Assistants (11 a.m.)
1 Dan Huggins
8 Peggy & Bob Erickson
15 Bob Stroud, Grover Canady
22 Tom Bertelsen, Irma Forger
29 Robin Hueskes, Melissa Talley

Communion Guild (9 a.m.)
1 Bev Friese, Margie Odell
8 Helen Romeo, Larry & Marlene Balan
15 Cindy Swicegood
22 Michelle Beasley, Susan Bolger
29 Bev Friese

Communion Guild (11 a.m.)
1 Jill Bergman, Christa Gerfelder
8 Larry & Alice Hovis, Barbara Ackerly
15 Kay Kruklitis
22 Anne Mason, Kathryn Crutchfield
29 Jessie Miars

Crucifers (11 a.m.)
1 Addison Kitchens
8 Anna Phelps
15 Parker Surratt
22 Kendall Bauer
29 Mark Haskins

Greeters (9 a.m.)
1 Norma Flax, Gail Cawein
8 Jim & Janna Bauer
15 Larry & Becky Knott
22 Billy & Debbie Mason
29 Joe & Lynn Mickley

Greeters (11 a.m.)
1 Ron & Barbara Ackerly
8 Mike & Lori Flack
15 Ken & Shirley Koenig
22 Stan & Maria McLeroy
29 Arlene Boscarino, Connie Edwards

Monday Night Community Dinner
2 Betsy Rullman, Anita Heston, Jessica Parker, John Gibbons, Mike Leiser, Laurel Meitrodt
9 Anita Heston, Peter & Sandy Barrett, Jim Bauer, Mike Leiser, Laurel Meitrodt
16 Nancy Scheunemann, Kathryn Crutchfield, Steve & Judy Beach, Joe & Lynn Mickley, John Gibbons
23 Linda Evans, Allan & Judi Pellnat, John Gibbons
30 Beth Pottle and family, Anita Heston, Lee Weddle, John Gibbons

Readers (9 a.m.)
1 Billy Mason
8 Bill Shell
15 Karin Mills
22 Fran Bolger
29 Larry Balan

Readers (11 a.m.)
1 Dan Huggins
8 Doris Miller
15 Kitty Solomita
22 Ralph Sizemore
29 Lynda Shell

Ushers (9 a.m.)
1 Fran Bolger, Richard Stover, Archie Barringer, Jim Bauer
9 Robert Rehder, Bob Rehder
15 Larry & Tammi Gates
29 Joe & Lynn Mickley

Ushers (11 a.m.)
1 Mike Walton, Lee Weddle, Reed Higgins, Ron Ackerly
8 Larry Hovis, Nicky Grubbs, Nate & Sarah Askwith
15 Al Cheatham, Wilson Horton, Joe Augustine, Walt Denninger, Larry Lewis
22 George Russ, Mike Flack, George Millington, Jack Baily, Tom Bertelsen
29 Dan Huggins, Mike Mason, Nick Grubbs, Jim Bailey

April Birthdays

2 Sandy Barrett
Randall Leeseberg
Tommy Newber
3 Alan Hutto
Don Zearfoss
5 Larry Balan
Tammi Gates
Craig Schillinger
7 Jeannie Harmon
9 Jim Bailey
Elaine Michitsch
10 Alexis Holzberger
11 George Barger
Craig Phelps
12 Paige Pottle
13 Bob Trapp
14 Brian Fleming
15 Finley Hales
16 Ben Starinsky
17 Judy Beach
Doug Juhl
18 Sue Fred
20 Robin Hueskes
Ralph Shipton
21 Al Cheatham
Lynn Grubbs
Mike Walton
23 Michelle Beasley
Larry Gates
Andrew Haskins
Robert Rehder
24 Lynn Mickley
25 Gerald Alford
Jill Bergman
26 Allison Wooten
27 Jeanette Evarrs
28 Tyler Bretz

St. Paul's April 2018 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Breakfast 11 a.m. Traditional Worship	2 Church Office Closed 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	3 2 p.m. Circle 4 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	4 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Parlor) 6 p.m. Prayer Group (Office) 7:30 p.m. Church Choir	5 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex)	6	7
8 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 4 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Dinner (Keever)	9 9:30 a.m. Quilting Workshop (Keever) 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Annex) 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	10 9:30 a.m. Quilting Workshop (Keever) 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	11 6 p.m. Prayer Group (Office) 7:30 p.m. Church Choir	12 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex)	13	14 7 a.m. Azalea Festival Parking
15 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Parlor)	16 9:30 a.m. Project Linus (Keever) 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	17 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	18 6 p.m. Prayer Group (Office) 7:30 p.m. Church Choir	19 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex)	20 6 p.m. Fellowship Event	21 10 a.m. Confirmation Class (Annex) Men in Mission Weekend
22 9 a.m. Celebration Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Traditional Worship	23 6 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (Annex) 7 p.m. Monday Night Meal Service	24 2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Gateway NA (Keever)	25 6 p.m. Prayer Group (Office) 7:30 p.m. Church Choir	26 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Annex) 7 p.m. Leland Bible Study Circle	27 4 p.m. Hughes/Geist Rehearsal	28 5 p.m. Hughes/Geist Wedding
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