



# St. Paul's Epistle

*"To know Christ and to make Christ known"*

## FROM THE RECTOR:



### What You Pass On

One of my favorite authors for recreational reading is Stephen King—of horror story fame. I recently picked up his latest book, *The Institute*. It reminded me of a reflection he wrote in *World Ark* (Heifer International).

I've shared it before, but it offers such a theologically sound insight to stewardship that I think it's worth revisiting. King reminds us that as human beings, and as the community of faith we call St. Paul's, we are called to a ministry beyond ourselves. I invite you to read some excerpts from his article.

Blessings, Jim+

"A couple of years ago I found out what "you can't take it with you" means. I found out while I was lying in a ditch at the side of a country road, covered with mud and blood and with the tibia of my right leg poking out the side of my jeans like the branch of a tree taken down in a thunderstorm. I had a Master Card in my wallet, but when you're lying in a ditch with broken glass in your hair, no one accepts Master Card.

We all know that life is ephemeral, but on that particular day and in the months that followed, I got a painful but extremely valuable look at life's simple backstage truths. We come in naked and broke. We may be dressed when we go out, but we're just as broke. Warren Buffett? Going to go out broke. Bill Gates? Going out broke. Tom Hanks? Going out broke. Steve King? Broke. Not a crying dime.

All the money you earn, all the stocks you buy, all the mutual funds you trade--all of that is mostly smoke and mirrors. It's still going to be a quarter-past late whether you tell the time on a Timex or a Rolex. No matter how large your bank account, no matter how many credit cards you have, sooner or later things will begin to go wrong with the only three things you have that you can really call your own: your body, your spirit, and your mind.

So I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. And why not? All you have is on loan anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on...."

Giving isn't about the receiver or the gift but the giver. It's for the giver. One doesn't open one's wallet to improve the world, although it's nice when that happens; one does it to improve one's self.

I give because it's the only concrete way I have of saying that I'm glad to be alive and that I can earn my daily bread doing what I love. Giving is a way of taking the focus off the money we make and putting it back where it belongs--on the lives we lead, the families we raise, the communities that nurture us.

A life of giving--not just money, but time and spirit--repays. It helps us remember that we may be going out broke, but right now we're doing O.K. Right now we have the power to do great good for others and for ourselves. So I ask you to begin the giving, and to continue as you begin. I think you'll find in the end that you got far more than you ever had, and did more than you ever dreamed."

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## Colla Voce Concert at St. Paul's

Colla Voce is the elite, auditioned chorus at Holly Springs High School, made up of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. My daughter, Ella, has wanted to be a member since her 1<sup>st</sup> day of high school, and last spring, on the next to last day of school, she made it! Right after we found out she got in, we were invited to an informational meeting, where we were made aware of what all being a member of Colla Voce meant, including being told that they had been invited to the London International Choral Festival. The London International Choral Festival is an annual event that gives young singers the chance to perform at magnificent venues and learn under some of Britain's most celebrated vocal teachers and conductors. In fact, they are working with the Organist/Choir Director at Westminster Abbey as I am writing this! Exciting! The week-long festival culminates with a concert at Southwark Cathedral with full orchestra.

Colla Voce is one of four High School Choirs in the entire country to be invited to this prestigious event! Read that sentence again...An incredible honor!

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# OUTREACH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE... AND MORE...

## Outreach and Social Justice Committee

October 2019  
"Volunteers are a work of heart"



Mission Statement: The Outreach and Social Justice Committee of St. Paul's will identify and share with parish members opportunities to serve as Christ would serve in our community and throughout the world by promoting Christian service, programs and projects. Thank you for making our projects a success!

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee meets four times/year and is led by Diane Every and Debby Jenkins.

Contact information:

[Diane Every](#): 919-934-5080

[Debby Jenkins](#)

We always appreciate extra help with our projects.

## Ongoing Work in Outreach

The Outreach committee has received a list of snack items approved for the new My Kid's Club program in Selma. This club replaces the Boys and Girls Club that St. Paul's has supported in the past. Some suggestions are: any flavor granola bars; individual apple sauce and fruit cups; graham crackers; cheese/peanut butter crackers; pop tarts; microwave popcorn; raisins; baked chips; and small bottled water. Full lists and other suggestions can be found on the Outreach table in the hall.

We have halted our Harbor House collections as the building is temporarily closed due to flooding. It is our understanding that it will remain closed until a "fix" for the flooding problem is obtained. Harbor has set up a "GoFundMe" page on Facebook for anyone interested in donating to a permanent fix of this issue. Please watch for notification when we will start our Angel Tree project – yes, it's time to think of Christmas and how we can help brighten some local children's holidays. Please continue to donate the aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House in Durham.

~ Thank you, Diane Every

## Vestry Nominations Next Month

It is never too early to consider if God is calling you or someone you know at St. Paul's to the ongoing ministry of our Vestry. Each December, three members of our nine-member team rotate off, and we elect three new members at our Annual Meeting. Due to the later timing of Thanksgiving this year, our election will take place on December 8. This avoids trying to meet on Thanksgiving weekend and on the day the Brotherhood of St. Andrew takes care of Christmas Tree and Wreath pick-ups and deliveries.

There will be details on the nomination and election process offered in our November newsletter. One must be an adult, confirmed, member in good standing at St. Paul's to stand for election and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Is God calling you to serve?

## Labyrinth Spaces Available

One of the greatest gifts we can give to our loved ones is taking the time to make final plans for ourselves in the event of our eventual death. It is a good thing to have an up-to-date will on hand and advanced directives in the event of illness or injury. Fr. Jim can assist in making advanced plans for the burial liturgy. Once again, our Labyrinth Memorial Committee would like to remind you that spaces around the labyrinth are available for purchase as part of your advanced planning. Please see Fr. Jim or a member of the Committee if you would like to discuss purchasing a space around the labyrinth.

## Blessing of the Animals October 5 at 10:00 am



Join us Saturday morning, October 5 at 10:00 for the Blessing of the Animals. We will gather on the side lawn on the Church Street side of our campus. This service commemorates God's love for creation, the caring ministry of St. Francis of Assisi and our thanksgiving for the pets who are such an important part of our lives.

## Stewardship Corner Practicing Sabbath Economics



“Theologian Ched Myers characterizes “Sabbath economics” as the basic struggle of mammon vs. manna. “Mammon” is the Greek word (from Aramaic) used in Luke 16:13 when Jesus notes that “no slave can serve two masters ... you cannot serve God and mammon.”

The word is translated “wealth” in the NRSV, and is portrayed a few verses later as the “love of money” (Luke 16:14). Mammon is then illustrated by a tale Jesus tells in Luke 16:19-31, in which a rich man feasts sumptuously and stores up luxury goods even as a poor beggar lies right outside his door. The economy of mammon is one of excess accumulation for some and poverty and deprivation for others.

“Manna,” on the other hand, refers to the story from Exodus 16 in which God rains down “bread from heaven” (Exodus 16:4). The Hebrew people were instructed to gather neither too much nor too little of the manna, but rather enough to meet their needs. And they were not to gather manna on the Sabbath day itself, making this manna story one of the first illustrations in all scripture of the meaning of Sabbath. In contrast to mammon economics of excess and deprivation, this model of manna or “Sabbath” economics stresses God’s abundance and provision. That abundance carries with it the accompanying instruction not to gather too much lest others go without.’

~ Matthew Colwell, the author of *Sabbath Economics: Household Practices* (Tell the Word Press)

Colwell offers several tips on how to move from an economy of mammon (serving money) to an economy of manna (having enough):

1. Practice ethical investing.
2. Use your credit cards wisely—can I afford it?
3. Get organized in your giving—make conscious decisions about giving where those in need are helped.
4. Take steps toward greener living.
5. Take a serious look at your consumption habits.
6. Take steps toward a greater solidarity with the poor.

(Colla Voce, continued from page 1)

The cost of the trip is \$3500 per person, and there are 45 members of Colla Voce, so that is a big nut to crack for the group! They have been fundraising their tails off all year, sometimes with several different events going on at the same time. As I sat in that meeting, feeling helpless because of my lack of “corporate skills” (I can’t organize Cornhole tournaments, or BBQ dinner sales), I had an idea run across the video screen in my mind... what about doing a “benefit” concert at St. Paul’s? I ran the idea past the Director of Colla Voce, Jenny Patchett, and she liked it. I ran it past Fr. Jim on his last Sunday before Sabbatical, and he didn’t have a problem with it, and asked me to talk to the Senior Warden about it while he was away. Curtis thought it was a great idea, and I brought it to the Vestry at their August meeting, and they agreed to extend an invitation to Colla Voce to come and do a concert here for the express purpose of offsetting the groups’ cost for the trip to London!

The concert will be on Saturday, October 12, at 7:00 pm in the church. They will perform selections from the Festival and their Winter Concert, and I will accompany them on our pipe organ and piano. They don’t have enough music for a full concert, so I will play a piece from the Organ Repertoire that is more ambitious than would be appropriate on Sunday morning, and I will do a short Beethoven piece on the piano.

Please make plans to attend, bring your checkbooks, and prepare to be amazed by this awesome Choir!! And help bring the opportunity of a lifetime to these 45 awesome kids!

~ John Drymon, Music Director

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## Attendance and Pledge Obligations 2019

Last Week 9/22/19	Year to Date
Attendance 102	1/1/2019 –9/22/2019
Pledge Payments \$1700.00	Pl. Payments \$174,668.50
Weekly Pledge Target \$4680.77	Pledge Budget \$243,400.00

## Adult Christian Formation Looking to the Fall

### The Book of James A Design for Living

**Running through October 6: Linda and Lance Armstrong wrap up this five-week class on The Epistle of James:** James was an important leader in the church in Jerusalem and his letter was one of the early epistles circulated among the first-century Christians. James teaches us that trials and hardships are not obstacles to faith, but opportunities for spiritual growth. Knowing God's word is not enough. That knowledge must be applied to our everyday life. Join us beginning Sept. 8 to study James and discover what it means to live for Christ in the real world.

**October 6-27: Curtis Brookshire leads us through a glimpse of pre-Abrahamic Genesis—the old stories.** We hope to both generate and answer questions, as well as explore the traditions represented in the time of creation.

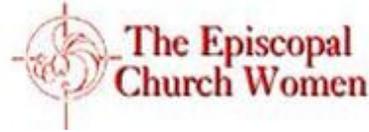
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## Children's Sunday School Changing Format

In an effort to reach more children and to provide meaningful, relevant Christian Education, Children's Sunday School (**Kindergarten through Fifth Grade**) has moved to the **11 a.m.** hour as part of a Children's Chapel/Sunday School hybrid. All children, K-5th Grade, now leave church at the time previously used for the Chapel procession. The adult volunteer picks up any Nursery children who are old enough to be able to attend Chapel as well. Volunteers conduct a chapel service, as we have been doing for years.

The "homily" section of the service is now a Sunday School class. We adjourn to the classroom for the second half of our time. This class time includes activities that extend the Sunday lesson: games, puzzles, coloring sheets, crafts, and of course, extended conversation about the Scriptures. At the Peace, the children, except for those who go back to the Nursery, will return to sit with their families in the Nave and participate in Holy Eucharist.

**Tikkun Olam Activities, for grade-schoolers and adults, and Youth Classes, continue during the 10:00 hour.**



The ECW met on Saturday, September 21, with 11 members present. Among other topics of discussion, we made

progress on our plans for two fundraisers slated in the coming months – a Souper Sunday Lunch and a Christmas Bake Sale. Monies raised are used for projects in our local communities as well as at St. Paul's.

Plans are currently underway for the Fall Souper Sunday on Sunday, October 20, after the 11:00 service. Along with the ever popular Brunswick Stew, there will be several soups to enjoy. The menu also will include dessert and beverages. For ECW members (that includes all women of St. Paul's) who were unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute and/or participate in this event, see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board next to Lawrence Hall.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m. in Lawrence Hall. We will prepare the stew and set up for the next day's lunch. Come join in the fun and fellowship!

*Each month ECW members gather together for fellowship and to discuss ways in which we can assist those in need in our communities. We invite all women of St. Paul's to join us. Please come and take part as we bring our projects to realization. Your input is important, plus new and fresh ideas are always welcome.*

~ Pat Hovorka, President

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## Connections (Young Adults)



Young adults at St. Paul's (single or married, with or without youngsters) are invited to become a part of this fun group. We gather to build community and enjoy one another's company.

If you are interested in participating in our Young Adult group, including being added to the group email list, please contact [Galen Kashtock](#) for more information about Connections.

# NEWS AND NOTES...

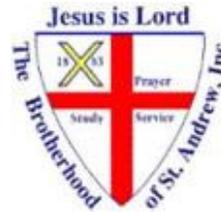
## September Vestry Highlights

Vestry Meeting actions and updates for September:

- ◆ We received the Treasurer's report through the end of August. Both our checking account and money market are up for the month. Both pledged income and unpledged income are up for August and up for the year. Rectory rental income has caught up for the year. Expenses are all in line for the month and the year. However, September income is projected to be below budget for the month.
- ◆ Approved a recommendation to remove the \$8,831.14 from the Net Asset Appropriation line since unpledged income is now projected to be high enough for the year to offset the need to use savings to balance the remainder of the 2019 Ministry Funding Program Budget.
- ◆ Received a first look at our 2020 Ministry Funding Program Budget draft. **Our proposed budget is \$298,544.00, only a 2.46% increase over 2019.**
- ◆ Voted to set aside \$400/month from Rectory rent beginning in the fourth quarter of this year. Funds will be held in a dedicated fund for Rectory repairs not covered in the annual Ministry Funding Budget.
- ◆ Heard a report on the Stewardship Dinner for September 25 with recent new members Linda and Don Overby offering remarks on giving. The Stewardship Committee is finalizing plans for Sunday morning speakers in October.
- ◆ Heard an update on the new closed circuit camera for the Nave which will allow broadcast to Lawrence Hall in the event of an overflow for special events. Included in the plan are viewing screens for the Baroody Library and the Music Director's office to allow overflow seating in those rooms with a view of the liturgy. This project is funded by a special gift and should be up and running in time for the Colla Voce Concert.
- ◆ Heard an update on plans for the Colla Voce Concert on October 12 (see pages 1, 3, and 7).
- ◆ Received an update on plans to renovate the Memorial Garden in the courtyard outside Lawrence Hall. St. Paul's has received an outside gift for the work. Our Vestry subcommittee along with Ken and Sue Ferguson are beginning consultations with prospective landscapers.

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

### Christmas Trees & Wreaths



It's that time of year again—time to place our orders for Christmas Trees, wreaths, and greenery.

Brother Ken Ferguson reports that, despite the tree shortage resulting from the 2008 recession, our supplier will find trees this year to fill our needs. He would, however, like to have our orders in early so he can tag and hold them for our order. Thanksgiving is late, so we won't have orders ready for pick-up until Sunday, December 1. **Please**



**turn in your order by November 4** so we can give Cardinal Tree Farm time to set aside the Premium trees we need.

The Brothers also request that you enclose payment (check or cash) with your order since we have to pay our supplier ahead of time.

**The Brotherhood meets the first Thursday of each month** at 6:00 pm for dinner, fellowship, prayer, and study. All men and older male teens are welcome to attend a meeting and encouraged to join. Our next meeting is October 3. Our dinner will be a Low Country Boil with fresh shrimp. Please let [John Branch](#) know if you plan to attend so we can plan the menu accordingly.



Our September Meeting included spouses. We are so thankful for their attendance and their support!

# COLLA VOCE TO SING AT ST. PAUL'S

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Help Send Colla Voce to the  
London International Choral  
Festival!

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Fall Concert Fundraiser at Saint  
Paul's Episcopal Church!

Saturday, October 12th, 2019

7 pm.

218 S. 2nd St, Smithfield NC

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR...

**SAINT  PAUL'S**  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

**Freshly Cut Fraser Fir Trees**

4-5 ft	5-6 ft	6-7 ft	7-8 ft	8-9 ft	9-10 ft	10-11 ft	11-12 ft
\$36.00	\$46.00	\$56.00	\$75.00	\$96.00	\$124.00	\$145.00	\$180.00

**Wreaths (White Pine Fraser Fir mixed)**

Ring size	10 in	14 in	18 in	24 in	36 in	48 in
Wreath Diameter	16to20"	20to24"	24to28"	30to36"	42to48"	54to60"
	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$32.00	\$63.00	\$80.00
Double Face	\$19.50	\$21.50	\$26.50	\$33.50	\$64.50	

**Garland (White Pine)**

25 ft \$19.00    75 ft \$34.00 (extra heavy)

All orders must be in by November 4th. Trees will be cut on Friday November 29th and available for pickup at the church Sunday December 1st at 1:30 PM. We will drill and deliver upon request. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and marked "Holiday Tree and Wreath Project"

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 218 S. Second St. Smithfield, NC 27577 919-934-2675

**SAINT  PAUL'S**  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

**ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fraser Fir Tree \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_  
Wreath: # \_\_\_\_\_ Ring size \_\_\_\_\_ Dble sided Y N Price \_\_\_\_\_  
Wreath: # \_\_\_\_\_ Ring size \_\_\_\_\_ Dble sided Y N Price \_\_\_\_\_  
Garland \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver \_\_\_\_\_ Drill \_\_\_\_\_ Because of a difference in post size please bring your stand so we can accurately drill the tree.

## Fall Equinox Labyrinth Prayer Walk

On Monday, September 23, the Daughters of the King (DOK) offered another special gathering at the St. Paul's Labyrinth to mark the changing of the seasons. Since the actual Fall Equinox took place in the very early hours of the morning, the Daughters gathered before 7:00 a.m. to set out votive candles to ring the labyrinth. Walkers gathered to mark the season with meditation and prayers. This has become a regular part of the DOK prayer ministry at St. Paul's. Please remind friends that our labyrinth (now just over four years old!) is open to the public year-round for meditative walks. Our labyrinth, along with many others, can be found on a national labyrinth locator website. Even when you are away from St. Paul's, you can find a labyrinth near you! <https://labyrinthlocator.com/home>



### St. Paul's Episcopal Church



#### Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**
- 10:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Classes/Activities**
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice**
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Children's Chapel/Sunday School**
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour  
(and 8:45 on October 20)**

#### Wednesday Choir Rehearsals

- 5:15 p.m. Bell Choir**
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir**

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sept 28 DOK, 11:00 am
- Oct 02 Wednesday Bible Study, 11:00 am weekly
- Oct 03 Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 6:00 pm
- Oct 05 Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 am
- Oct 07 NO Monday Night Study Group
- Oct 12 Colla Voce Concert, 7:00 pm
- Oct 14 Monday Night Study Group, 7:00 pm
- Oct 15 Finance, 6:00 pm
- Oct 19 ECW, 10:00 am
- Oct 20 ECW Souper Sunday Fundraiser lunch
- Oct 21 Monday Night Study Group, 7:00 pm
- Oct 22 Vestry, 7:00 pm
- Oct 26 DOK, 11:00 am
- Oct 28 Monday Night Study Group, 7:00 pm