
St. Paul's Red Door Chronicle

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Senior Warden's Report

First of all, I want to welcome our newly elected Vestry members Lou Ann Hance, Carol Heringer, and Jim Johnson. I, along with the returning Vestry members look forward to working with Lou Ann, Carol, and Jim. It is my pleasure and joy to work with this extraordinary group of people.

As we begin a new Vestry year, it is the perfect time to reflect on those people who have blessed us over the past year.

We, as a parish, owe much gratitude to retiring Senior Warden Dr. Paul Hance. With the departure of Mid and Jo Ann in June, Paul jumped-in with both hands and feet. He immediately added many "hats" overnight: working to obtain supply clergy, scheduling supply clergy, putting together and chairing the new rector search committee, and taking on many other duties of the parish. All this was in addition to his real-life job of small business owner and dentist. Paul was definitely the right person at the right time.

Throughout the past seven months, Paul has taken care of parish business with his same pleasant, jolly, joking, and smiling self --- not to mention with grace and diplomacy. Thankfully, Paul will continue to serve as the chair of the rector search committee.

Tim Lindblom, serving as Jr. Warden in 2007, continued managing the "Giving the Gift" construction projects during 2008. Tim deserves much praise. We have a beautiful 'old' sanctuary complete with 'new' bones. In all of Tim's work he never wavered from the goal of maintaining the aesthetics of the 90 year old historic structure, a structure which is much loved. These 'new' bones should serve us well into the next decades. Again, Tim was always the optimist - he could and would figure out a way to accomplish any daunting task and he did so with great attention to detail.

Page Sevier will be missed from this year's Vestry. Page had done wonderful work serving as LEM on many Sundays and in serving as acolyte instructor and coordinator. I have truly enjoyed working with Page on the Vestry.

And who else could serve as the glue holding all the pieces together but our church secretary Kevin Jackson. Kevin continues to keep our church office running smoothly and is a tremendous asset to both the Vestry and the parish as a whole. And, when our new priest arrives, Kevin will be there to make him/her feel welcome and further ease the transition.

We've been blessed by wonderful supply clergy. Many warm and lasting friendships have formed with the likes of Rev. Anne Carriere, Rev. Vickie Smith-Gatlin, Rev. Hap Hoffman, Rev. Arnold Hearn, and Rev. Dennis Serdahl, just to name a few. You have shown them the far reaching and sincere hospitality of St. Paul's parish.

Now, we look forward with great anticipation to the arrival of a new priest for St. Paul's. While we most certainly will be blessed with his or her arrival, they too will be blessed as they become a part of a warm, loving, caring, strong parish family known as St. Paul's parish.

Wishing you peace,

Alan



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UPDATES &
CORRECTIONS**

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KEEP US INFORMED

So that we can keep our records up to date, please notify us of errors or changes. Don't forget, email address changes as well as all others can be sent to us at stpaulsbatesville@att.net.

**NEW PARISH DIRECTORY
BEING PREPARED**

We are in the process of updating our records in order to print a new parish directory. Please provide us with any changes to your addresses.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

**Average Cost Per Week
to Operate St. Paul's: \$4,645.19**

Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:
Dec 28-Jan 3 \$7,738.76
Jan 4-10.....\$7,021.35
Jan 11-17..... \$6,274.65
Jan 18-24.....\$1507.20

Average Giving Per Week: \$5635.49

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
MARDI GRAS
NURSING HOME VISITS**

It is Mardi Gras time, which means it is time for the Sunday School kids to make their annual trip to the nursing homes to sing and hand out beads. We will do this on Sunday, February 22. All are welcome to join us. We always need rides, and extra voices would be nice too.

We will leave immediately after the 10:30 service. We are scheduled to be in the dining hall at Rolling Hills at 12 noon and at Woodlawn at 1:30, also in the dining hall. If we have time we might get a snack between Rolling Hills and Woodlawn. If not, then we will after Woodlawn. We will call parents to pick up their children when we are through (if you decide NOT to join us) or we can take the kids home.



This really is a fun time for all involved. Please join us! If you have questions, call Suzanne (613-3836).

**Ash Wednesday Services
February 25**

**Holy Eucharist
With Imposition of Ashes
5:30 p.m.**

**USHER SCHEDULE
February 2009**

1-Deborah & Jim Johnson
8-Jim Cargill & David Wade
15-Pat Mulick & Tim Lindblom
22-Pam Skinner & Bill Olson

Rector Search

The Rector Search Committee would like to take this opportunity to update you on the latest in our search process. The Committee has now completed phone interviews of the three candidates presented by the Diocesan Deployment Office. We are happy to report we were very pleased with the responses of the candidates to our questions, and impressed with their degree of honesty and candor.

As a result, we are very optimistic that there is now the possibility of a shining light starting to gleam at the end of our tunnel. However, the optimism is guarded in that although we may feel a "priestly fit" is present from our perspective, it is still up to the candidates to have the same feeling. Although the Committee believes there is no possible reason for the candidates not to fall deeply in love with Batesville, St. Paul's, and its parishioners, we have to be aware of the possibility. We continue to ask each of you to hold those who serve on this committee in your prayers, especially as we enter into the on-site phase of face to face discussions. We also ask you keep the candidates in your prayers that they may look upon us with favor. With the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are confident in the end we will be able to choose a rector you will find pleasing.

We thank you all for your patience with us, and the process itself. We know you desire and deserve your next priest to be of the utmost quality, and we are doing all we can to make this happen. It is a process that takes time, but the effort is well worth it when the outcome we yearn for is achieved. We appreciate your understanding, and hope you will freely share any concerns you may have as we continue our journey.

(Submitted by the Rector Search Committee)

MARDI GRAS CAJUN DINNER

Join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m., for a Cajun dinner and beverages. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Children under 3 free. Child care provided. Reservations deadline: February 16.

LENTEN FOOD OFFERING

During Lent we will have our Annual Lenten Food Offering. Each Sunday in Lent, please bring staple food items (especially canned fruit) and paper products, including disposable diapers, and place them at the front of the church. After Palm Sunday, we will take these to Help and Hope. Our contributions to Help and Hope are greatly appreciated.

Those in need are often remembered during holidays and forgotten the rest of the year. Help and Hope assures that there is always "someone" there to help feed the hungry. Please be a part of this ministry by contributing generously to our Lenten Collection for Help and Hope.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Over the course of the past few weeks, I've gotten calls regarding an inaccuracies on giving statements.

If you've looked at yours and something isn't quite right, give me a call at 793-2203 or send an email to stpaulsbatesville@att.net. Please submit these requests no later than Monday, February 9.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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- 2/1 8:00am - Cindy Allen
10:30am - Mike Schmidt
- 2/8 8:00am - Betty Bess
10:30am - Byron Skinner
- 2/15 8:00am - Gary Harris
10:30am - Jo Blatti
- 2/22 8:00am - Ann Rhodes
10:30am - Susie Farris