

## *The Weekly Epistle*

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14:

CHURCH COUNCIL AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School Department are sponsoring a Breakfast Before Sunday School from 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship before attending Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

REV. EDDIE PLESS, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.

*Thank you to Rev. Eddie Pless for sharing the Word with us today!*

VBS VOLUNTEER BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTING ROOM

OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL FROM 4:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

From 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. the **High School Seniors** will meet to discuss and prepare scriptures and sermons for **Youth Sunday**.

*The **CHANCEL GREENERY** is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of St. Paul's members who have gone on to the Church Triumphant that I have loved and cherished since my childhood by Barbara Upright.*

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

*Meals on Wheels deliveries this week.*

Due to Holy Week, all bulletin announcements for Easter Sunday, April 21, will need to be turned into the church office on **Monday by 10:00 a.m.**

May Newsletter articles deadline is Monday to the church office.

**Staff Meeting** (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Girl Scouts Troop 743 and the Lutheran Men** will provide **Bingo** at the **NC Veteran's Retirement Home** on **Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.** Girl Scouts are to be at the church by 6:00 p.m.

**There will be no Wednesday Service during Holy Week.**

**Adult Choir** (Music Room).....Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Paul's Friendship Club** will meet on **Maundy Thursday at 10:30 am** with **Dr. Paul Baker** as guest speaker. He will be sharing about **Resurrection Teaching Ministries** mission to the children, youth, and adults of **Cambodia**. After the program the group will enjoy a covered dish luncheon. All are invited.

**Maundy Thursday** (Sanctuary - see page 2).....Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday** (Sanctuary - see page 2).....Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth will meet Saturday from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. to assist with Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast preparations.

**Easter Egg Hunt** (Nursery-5th Graders please see page 2).....Saturday from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21:

Please remember to bring flowers from your yard for the ivy-covered cross on Easter Sunday.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND ADULTS AT 5:30 A.M.**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** at 6:30 a.m. with special music and Holy Communion.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** at 7:30 a.m. served by our Youth program. The menu consists of: country ham, eggs, sausage, grits, and biscuits.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 9:30 a.m.

**EASTER SERVICE** at 10:30 a.m. again celebrating the resurrection message with special music and Holy Communion.

### **What's Happening During Holy Week at St. Paul's!**

*Holy Week begins as we celebrate **Palm Sunday** today at **10:30 a.m.** We will remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, as he was heralded Lord of Lords and King of Kings. This service will prepare us for Holy Week as we walk with Christ to the Cross of Calvary and realize His dying in our place.*

**On Maundy Thursday, April 18,** we will be having a special service at **6:30 p.m.** This service reminds us of the example that Jesus gave his disciples – to serve and love each other as he served them. Most of all, we celebrate Maundy Thursday by remembering and sharing the liturgy of the upper room with Holy Communion. The service is concluded with the chancel being stripped, reminding us of the New Covenant that God made with his people in the bloody sacrifice and death of his Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Calvary.

*On **GOOD FRIDAY, April 19,** we will be having a special service at 6:30 p.m. This service reminds us of the passion of Holy Week, as we walk with Christ to His sacrificial death on the cross. Through Christ's death, our sins are forgiven and Jesus conquered death.*

The Sunday School Department is sponsoring our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** for Nursery – 5th grade. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 20,** from **1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** All Nursery - 5th graders are asked to please bring a basket for the Easter Egg Hunt. Plastic eggs and prizes will be provided for the hunt.

Your friends and family are invited to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Refreshments will be provided.

**The Grade, Middle, and High School Youth** are to please bring **1 pack of 12 eggs per family** by **1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20,** to the **Kitchen.**

The **Church Office** will be closed on **Easter Monday, April 22,** in observance of Easter.

*Katie Funderburk, Director of Youth Ministries, will be on vacation from Monday, April 22-Thursday, April 25. She will not be returning emails, calls, or texts while on vacation.*

### **100 Cards for 100 Years**

For 23 years, Mrs. Riley Burton served faithfully as our organist here at St. Paul's, and only last year retired from playing piano for worship services at Trinity Oaks Health and Rehab where she now resides. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Riley turns 100! Everyone is invited to celebrate with cake, and wish her a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in the Recreation Room at Trinity Oaks (top of the hill)!

In addition – **please join in flooding Riley with birthday cards - Our goal is that she receives 100 cards for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!** You may not personally know her, but everyone at St. Paul's holds a special place in Riley's heart. Thank you for helping reach the 100 card goal!

Please send your card to:

Riley Burton  
c/o Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab  
820 Klumac Road  
Salisbury, NC 28144

Riley Burton  
Picture from 1992 Pictorial Directory



### **YOUTH NEWS...**

#### **Youth Sunday Rehearsals** **Sundays, April 7, 14, and May 5** **4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary

Rehearsals for **Youth Sunday, May 12**, will be on **Sundays, April 7, 14, and May 5**, from **4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.** All rehearsals will be at the same time each Sunday. At the rehearsals we will practice songs and walk through the Worship service.

On **Sunday, April 14**, from **5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.** the **High School Seniors** will meet to discuss and prepare scriptures and sermons for **Youth Sunday**. The **Seniors** will meet again on **Sunday, April 28**, at **4:00 p.m.** to review their sermon preparations.

**EASTER BREAKFAST, April 21: High School Youth** should be at the church by **5:30 a.m.** to prepare food for the congregation. The **Grade and Middle School Youth** should report at **7:10 a.m.** to be in place when we start serving at **7:30 a.m.** For those youth participating at the Sunrise Service please come to the Fellowship Hall as soon as you can. The Congregation will arrive around **7:15-7:20 a.m.**

Plan to wear clothing that may take a spill. No Easter dresses or Easter suits please. Plan to stay afterward to help clean up and put the Fellowship Hall back in order.

All persons pursuing a higher education are encouraged to apply for these **SCHOLARSHIPS: SADIE & HOLLIE RITCHIE SCHOLARSHIP, BROWN-HEILIG SCHOLARSHIP, and the BLANCHE AND HUBERT A. RITCHIE SCHOLARSHIP.**

All persons pursuing a ministerial degree are encouraged to apply for these **SCHOLARSHIPS: ST. PAUL'S MINISTERIAL STUDENT AND LOAN GIFT FUND and the DAVE AND PEARL HONBARGER MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

Applications for the various scholarships are located in the church office, Narthex, High School Sunday School Classroom, and website ([www.splcweb.org](http://www.splcweb.org)). **Criteria for the scholarships are listed with the application.** If requested, a copy of the applications will be mailed.

**The deadline for turning in all applications to the church office is Wednesday, May 1.**

**Members of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:**

**Josh Canup** - recovering from back surgery  
**Wilbur Canup** - recovering from surgery  
**Terry Eller** - upcoming April surgery  
**John Girdler** - health concerns  
**Myralyn Goodman** - health concerns  
**Peyton Holland** - blood disorder  
**Emerson Holder** - recovering from heart surgery  
**Richard Hughes** - health concerns  
**Don Lentz** - health concerns  
**Genine Miller** - health concerns  
**Mike Morris** - recovering from surgery  
**Haynes and Linda Shirley** - upcoming and recovering from surgery  
**Zen Shorter** - cancer treatments  
**Joyce Wilhelm** - health concerns

**Friends of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:**

**Annabelle Barger** - 8 year old Classical Conversations student, at home recovering from pneumonia  
**Dustin Chapman** - Catawba Student/Adult Choir member, health concerns  
**Delinda Chilson** - daughter-in-law of David and Carole Chilson, recovering from a stroke  
**Catie Critchfield** - great granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, recovering from heart surgery  
**Jill Hamilton** - friend of Mary Lee Earnhardt, diagnosed with MS  
**Gary Hinson** - son of Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, recovering from heart related surgery  
**John Miller** - father of Amy Hoffner, staph infection  
**Merritt Plummer** - friend of Alan and Donna Lyerly, almost two years old with cancer  
**Linda Smith** - friend of Brenda Julian, health concerns  
**Elizabeth Tancordo** - niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns

*Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please contact the church office. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis.*

**Homebound and Long-Term Care:**

**Autumn Care:** Bonnie Casper  
**Genesis:** Mary Sherrill  
**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:** Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, Betty Monday, and Barbara Whisnant  
**Other Nursing Home Facilities:** Martha Hopkins (Oak Park), Zelia Padgett (The Laurels) and Dico Wilhelm (Five Oaks)  
**Home:** Lloyd Casper, Edna Chapman, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Sonya Eller, Dot Goodman, Phillip Harkey, Ruby Heilig, Jack Hendren, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Doug and Susan Lyerly, James Monday, Mike and Joyce Morris, Carrie Reavis, Bill Reissner, Carolyn Rufty, Oleba Sebastian, Willie Shaver, Dorothy Sherrill, Delcie Smith, Walter Smith, Dottie Stancil (Longs, SC), Henrietta Tallardy, Jane Troutman, Barbara Upright, Helen Wagoner, Arline Weaver, Polly Webb, and Kathy Yost

**Ministry Partners to remember in Prayer:**

Binns-Counts Community Center  
Food for Thought  
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ  
Lutheran Services Carolinas  
Meals on Wheels  
Rowan Helping Ministries  
Rowan One Church One Child  
Samaritan's Purse

*The following is a suggested list, although all items are greatly appreciated. **RHM foods for April** are: Instant Rice, Ramen Noodles, Vienna Sausages, Spam, Oatmeal, Grits, Cake mixes, Mac and Cheese, Soups, and Feminine products.*