

A Very Special Thank You to

Louise Whitney

**For being our
Early Service Greeter for many years.**

**Your warm smile and
kind words will be missed.**

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21 Centre St.

Concord, NH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2009

8:00 A.M

Please enter into worship quietly and reverently, in consideration of your fellow worshippers who arrive early to offer their silent prayers and who ask this of you.

Prelude

We Three Kings Paul Manz

The Word of God The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Hymn The Hymnal 109

The Collect of the Day See Insert

The First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

The Psalm – 84:1-8 *See Music Insert
**Please join in singing the Antiphon.*

The Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

The Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon The Rev. Bruce Jacobson

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People - Form III BCP p. 387

Confession BCP p. 360

The Peace

Offertory Music
How Bright Appears the Morning Star Max Drischner

Hymn The Hymnal 128

The Great Thanksgiving A BCP p. 361
The congregation may stand or kneel as instructed in The Prayer Book

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Invitation

All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. To receive a consecrated gluten-free host, extend your right hand only.

The Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Dismissal

Serving today

Interim Priest The Rev. Bruce Jacobson

Interim Associate Priest The Rev. Celeste Hemingson

Assisting Clergy The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG

Music Minister Mark Pace

Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Carolyn Hartnett, Kristin Dunklee

Greeter Geoff Forester

Ushers Marilyn Watson

Rick Goddard

Bob Fenton

Cantor Tracy Pace

Altar Guild Kellie Denoncourt

Linda Rosano

**Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of
Anne and Stanley Pike by Kim Pike**

**Additional donation for Christmas Flowers in memory of
Susan Auerbach by Nancy Dunnell**

Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the Upper Parish Hall for anyone who returned their pledge card and checked the box requesting envelopes. Anyone whose envelopes are not in the Upper Parish Hall and who would like to have offering envelopes, please contact Kristin in the church office.

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Tonight – 6-8 PM SPY Movie Night

Mon. January 5th – 6-8 PM Men's Just Supper

Mon. January 5th – 7 PM Search Committee

Tues. January 6th – 12:10 PM Celebration of Epiphany with Holy Eucharist

Tues. January 6th – 5:30 PM Building and Grounds

Tues. January 6th – 7 PM Executive Committee

Wed. January 7th – 6 PM Adult Education with Celeste


Wed. January 7th – 7 PM Newcomers Committee

Thurs. January 8th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

FYI -Midweek Eucharistic services are held in the chapel and are about a half hour long.

Announcements

**Annual Parish Meeting will be held
Sunday, January 25th 2009 at 11:30 AM.**

 **Annual Reports** – From all committees or groups are due for the annual meeting (Sunday, January 25, 2009). **LAST CALL!**

Lost and Found – At 5 PM Christmas Eve service someone mistakenly took a men's blue LL Bean winter jacket size large leaving the same jacket in a size medium. If your winter coat has mysteriously felt larger the past week please contact Ron Wanner at 774-7015 to arrange an exchange.

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:30am – 4:30pm

Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm

Healing Service – January 14th at 5:30 PM here at St. Paul’s Church. Contact Deb Little or Cherie Foote for more information.

Parish Potluck – Come join with fellow parishioners for the monthly potluck dinner on January 20th 5:30-7 PM. Sign up in upper parish hall.

Adult Education - Growing in the Spirit through the writings of Evelyn



Underhill, with Celeste Hemingson. This Wednesday, January 7th is our final meeting. All are welcome, even if you haven’t attended the earlier meetings. We have no more copies of the book, but you can order one online. As usual, discussions will begin at 6:00 PM, and you are invited to bring your dinner.

****Food Pantry Needed Items of the Week****
Baking Mixes, Crackers, and Plastic Shopping Bags

Parish Directory News - We're putting the final touches on the Parish Directory before it goes to the printer, and we want to make sure we've got everyone's names spelled correctly. Lists with the names of everyone who either submitted a picture or had their picture taken for the directory will be in the Parish Hall today. Please take a minute to review your name and make any needed corrections.

Nutrition Education - The Concord Cooperative Market is exploring ways that it can provide educational opportunities for members of the greater Concord community on the topics of healthy eating, local and organic foods, environmental sustainability, gardening and cooperative projects. To help with this process, a series of focus groups will be held at the start of the new year. Anyone interested in sharing ideas and on ways that the Co-op can be a resource for information, classes and projects, should contact Ruth Smith, Outreach Development Coordinator: rsmith@concordfoodcoop.coop for more details.

Book Club – Next month’s meeting is Tuesday, January 13th at 7 PM. The book is “*Age of Innocence*” by Edith Wharton. The meeting will be at Cynnire Irwin’s house, 7 New Castle Street, Concord.

Chantilly Basic School – St. Paul’s Jamaica Committee is accepting donations for the Chantilly Basic School Tuition. The tuition for one school year provides a child with 10 months of basic education and a daily lunch. The cost of tuition is \$260 per child per year. A representative of the Jamaica Committee will be available between services to accept donations and answer questions. Any donated amount will be appreciated. Support of Chantilly Basic School is St. Paul’s contribution to the Episcopal Church’s Millennium Development Goals.

Crafts and Potluck - The next meeting will be held January 11, 2009 at 5 p.m. We will brainstorm craft ideas for next year's fair, enjoy a nice meal and fellowship. Anyone interested in joining this group is welcome to come to (one or all!) our meetings the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. starting in January.

SENIOR SPY IS GOING TO A BIBLE CONFERENCE! -We are planning a weekend retreat at Rumney Bible Conference in Rumney, NH, Jan 30-Feb 1. The weekend is \$120 per person (all inclusive!). If there is anyone who wants to sponsor a teenager for the trip or make a donation, that would be very helpful! Please contact Kellie with any questions or concerns 226-9113.

Calling all Friendly Faces - The Newcomers Committee is looking for volunteers to be official friendly faces of St Paul's at each service once a month. These friendly faces will meet and greet old and new friends thus making sure we do not miss the opportunity to welcome newcomers and introduce ourselves to each other. We want everyone to feel welcomed here. Please let us know if you would be willing to be one of those friendly faces. Sign up in upper parish hall or contact Robin Broadbent @ 226-9149 or robinbroadbent@comcast.net.

An opportunity for children and other lovers of puppets:

St. John the Evangelist in Dunbarton will present a wonderful puppet show on January 4th at 3 PM. The BLUEBIRD THEATRE of Saxtons River, Vermont (really Donald and Julia Zanes Saaf, extraordinary artists and musicians, plus small company) have mounted a charming version of the story of Saint Lucy, about a half hour in duration. Julie is the daughter of Hope Zanes (Friendly Kitchen director), brother of Dan (of “Dan Zanes and Friends” fame) and Warren (Education Director of the Cleveland-based Rock and Roll Museum); Donald Saaf, like wife Julie, is a wonderfully gifted painter and illustrator of Children’s books. No charge, although a basket for donations to cover cost of transporting the set, props for “special effects”, and related expenses, will be available at the west end of the church.

Bishop’s Blend Coffee



Episcopal Relief and Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. An independent 501(c)3 organization, ERD saves lives and builds hope in communities around the world. ERD’s programs work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals. We provide emergency

assistance in times of crisis and rebuild after disasters. We enable people to climb out of poverty by offering long-term solutions in the areas of food security and health care, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Episcopal Relief and Development is offering **Bishops Blend, a premium line of Certified Fair Trade, organic, and shade-grown coffees** from Central America and Indonesia. Your purchase of Bishops Blend helps ERD meet needs worldwide. Episcopal Relief & Development receives 15% of the purchase price from the sale of each bag of Bishops Blend coffee. Five varieties are offered at \$8.00 per bag. The orders will be placed by the 15th of each month. Order form on the parish website or in the parish hall. Contact Judy Fox judyxf@gmail.com

Christian Education - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY **WE CELEBRATE EPIPHANY WITH A FAMILY SERVICE!**

Beginning again January 11 - Sunday school available for preschool through 5th grade - classroom doors open at 9:30am.

Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9-11:30 am for children to age 4.

BAPTISM – The next Baptisms will be on February 22nd. Interested persons should contact the church office.

We are having a **SAFER Church training** here at St. Paul’s on January 17th – please contact Sarah Nyhan for information. Anyone at St. Paul’s who regularly works with our children must attend one of these training sessions.

Mustard Seed Enrichment – a parent/child program for children aged 2-5 years is held on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30am. We will NOT have class on 30th. Classes resume on January 7th. Contact Sarah Nyhan for information.

Confirmation classes are coming soon! Any youth in eighth grade or older who is interested, please contact Sarah Nyhan here at church. Confirmation is Sunday June 21st here at St. Paul’s Church. Thank you.



Fabulous Fruitcake Winners: 1st Cathy O’Connor for “The Brick”
2nd Lucy Coles
3rd Carolyn Howard