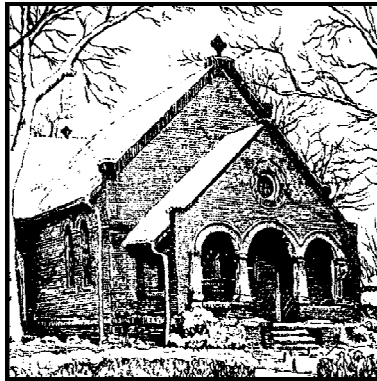


The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2009

10:30 a.m.



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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	J.S. Bach
Processional	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	390

BCP

The Word of God

355	Opening Acclamation	
	Gloria	S-280
234	The Collect	Proper 20
	The First Lesson	Proverbs 31:10-31
585	Psalms	Psalms 1
	Epistle	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
	Sequence	<i>Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life</i> 487
	Gospel	Mark 9:30-37
	Homily	
358	The Nicene Creed	
392	The Prayers of the People, Form VI	
	The Peace	
	Announcements	

Holy Communion

	The Offering of God's Gifts: Bread, Wine, and Treasure	
	Offertory	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i> J.S. Bach
361	The Great Thanksgiving	
	The Sanctus	S-129
364	The Lord's Prayer	
	The Breaking of the Bread	Anthem S-154
	The Communion of the People	
		<i>Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel</i> 575
365	Post-Communion Prayer	
Recessional	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	645
Voluntary	<i>Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel</i>	J.S. Bach

Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Beth Ely

The Rev. Beth Wickenberg Ely is Regional Priest for the South Region of the Episcopal Diocese of NC. A native of Columbia, SC, she worked several years as a sports journalist for major newspapers across the US. She entered the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in 1985. From 1989-1996 she served congregations in Charlotte and Mooresville. Mother Beth also led churches in Spartanburg and Greenville, SC. She recently returned to NC to work with Bishop Gregg and a team of other ministers to develop a new regional ministry for the Episcopal congregations of the Charlotte area and the Sandhills. She has been married to Duncan Ely for 25 years and is the mother of a son, Penn, 23. Please make Mother Beth feel at home here at St. Paul's.

In Memoriam

H. Carr Murrill, September 21, 1993
Agnes Mae Ritson, September 22, 2003
Elizabeth Couch Upchurch, September 22, 2002

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers today are given by Tommy and Tara Steffen to the greater glory of God and in celebration of Walter Clark's 2nd birthday on September 21st.

Prayer List

Angie Baskins, Steve Birch, Kelli Bradley, Sarah Kathryn Edwards, Eric Metzler, Dar Palmer, Debbie Smith, Ron Wolber, Volunteers who are working on the "Steps of Faith" House (being built by community churches and Union Habitat for Humanity).

Armed Forces: Casey Jones

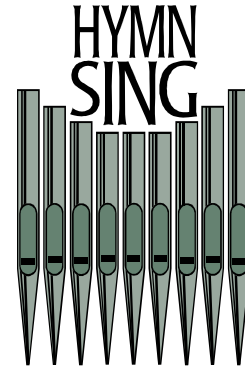
Note: Persons added to the Prayer List remain on the list for one month, after which they are removed. If you wish to have them added for an additional month, please contact Kristin in the Parish Office. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

The Literacy Council of Union County is looking for volunteer tutors for their one-on-one adult tutoring program. If you are interested, please attend the *Literacy Council 101* on Tuesday October 13, 2009 from 6-8pm at 105-A E. Jefferson St in Monroe. The next basic *Tutor Training Workshop* is Friday October 23rd, and Saturday October 24th. Space is limited for both sessions so register ASAP by calling 704.226.1425. Please consider volunteering... Literacy changes lives!

Community Hymn Festival

Central United Methodist Church invites everyone to a community-wide Hymn Festival on Sunday, September 27th at 4pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to sing some of your favorite hymns, such as "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and "Amazing Grace," as well as several that are not in our hymnal, like "How Great Thou Art." Organists and a brass choir will accompany the congregation. Please plan to come, and bring the kids!



New Email Address

St. Paul's has a new email address! Please make any changes to your email address books. If you need to email Kristin at the church office, the new address is: stpaulsepiscopal@verizon.net

Sign Up for Valle Crucis

If you are interested in the Family Weekend at Valle Crucis (Oct. 16-18), please contact Charlotte Jenkins for more info. The cost for the weekend is \$120/person. Spaces are limited!

September Outreach

September is "Share with the Shelter" month. This year, the Community Shelter needs paper goods including napkins, paper towels, and toilet paper. In addition to this, they are also in need of coffee, sugar, sweetener, and creamer. Collection bins will be located in the parish hall, the hallway near the office, and on the front porch (Sundays only). The project runs through September 30th. Thank you for your support!



Vestry Nominations

It's time! If you'd like to nominate someone for a position on the Vestry, you must complete a Vestry Nomination form. Forms are located in the back of the church, or in the church office. Once you have filled out the form, turn it in either to Henry Jenkins, or to Kristin Barclay. Thank you for your input in this important process.



A Search Committee Prayer

Almighty and Gracious God, throughout history you have brought to your people, leaders who have guided them in times of change and transition, and you have formed St. Paul's as a loving and searching community in Christ. Assist us in the discernment of your will as we seek a spiritual leader, for this your parish family. Open our hearts and minds, that we may see this process as one that can deepen our sense of community, provide us with spiritual growth, and draw us closer to you. May you open the heart and mind of the one you call to lead this congregation, so that we receive a faithful rector, who will nurture and encourage growth in our mission, ministries, and faith journeys in the name of Christ. *Amen.*



The First Day of Autumn is this coming Tuesday, September 22. May your fall season be cherished and blessed!

The Staff

Interim Rector
Parish Secretary
Organist & Music Director

The Rev. Gary D. Steber
Kristin Barclay
Kathleen Prevost

The Vestry

Henry Jenkins, Sr. Warden
Gary Noles, Jr. Warden
Lisa Hilbish, Clerk
Jan Lochary
Tara Steffen

Jim Becker
Ronnie Cutler
Kyle Dunn
Scott Rushing

Serving Today

Altar Guild

Mary Kay Brown, Lisa Hilbish, Winnie
Hamer, Ginger Jones

Chalice

Scott Rushing, Nancy Noles

Lector

Kevin Plue, Jo Singer

Server

Nick Giarla

Crucifer

Andy Giarla

Torches

Wyatt Brown, Ryan Clark

Ushers

Arlie Rushing, Gary Noles

Greeters

Phil and Ravonne Pender

Coffee Hosts

Debbie Swartz and family

Vestry Lock-up

Chris Flack, Kyle Dunn

The Week Ahead

Mon Sept 21

6:30 Vestry Meeting

Tues Sept 22

5:30pm Holy Communion Service
with Healing, Sanctuary

