

ST. PAUL'S MESSENGER

Message from the Rector

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

We begin the month of January with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, subtitled in the *Book of Common Prayer*, “The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.” In this season in particular, we are meant to recall and reaffirm that from the moment of the Incarnation, the good news of Jesus Christ was, and is, and always will be, for all: Jew and Gentile, the wise and the simple, male and female, those near and far, and those of high birth and low and everything in between. One of my favorite pastors comments that nothing in the Greek text of the gospels indicates that the Magi were all male, nothing indicates there were only three, and they more likely were astrologers rather than Kings: so we all can put ourselves in the picture with the wise, seeking the holy One.

I suspect that the non-scriptural, later, embellishment of the “Three Kings”—albeit as three males— as well as the fuller pictures of the nativity as presented in both Luke and Matthew’s gospels, has found a firm hold in our tradition because they help to fill in the picture of the awesomeness of the Incarnation...the inconceivable revelation that God’s plan involved the humble ‘yes’ of Mary and Joseph; the magnificent host of angels to the lowly outcasts, the shepherds in the fields, as well as a magnificent star to speak to the scholars of the heavens, who may have passed on the startling news to kings and other seekers of means. God’s plan is for *all*—and this is very good news indeed!

So, as we look to what scripture does say, in the lectionary cycle of readings, January takes us to the visit of the Magi, Jesus’ naming, baptism, and the beginning of his ministry. It is rich in the invitation to see all things as new, and all things as progressing, at exactly the same time. Into this tension, or balance, the readings—first from John and then from Matthew—are filled with the awe and wonder of the Word become flesh; Jesus is at the very same time, a



Magi window, St. John Cathedral, Denver

fully human baby, and God, wholly present. God present: God with us: Immanuel. He grows, learns, teaches, marks milestones, gathers friends and loved ones and leaves friends and loved ones...just as we do. These readings call us to venture more deeply into the fullness of this life-giving plan. So, prepare to let go of life as usual, and to enter the light and life of God, shining forth for all to see: the Epiphany!

Also in January, we as a parish family will gather together to see how well we are doing in our own shining forth: we get to review the year just ended

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and to prepare for the work and joys of the year to come. We'll gather on January 23, after the 10:00 service, for a potluck lunch to kick off our Annual Meeting. We have had some very bright lights shining forth over the course of the last year, and we're looking ahead with joy and confidence.

And yet, in our daily lives here at St. Paul's, just as in each of our individual day-to-day lives, we have a tension of the "now and not yet" of the Reign of God. We will celebrate where we've been and where we're going; but we will also need to assess what changes might we make to make us more effective and faithful witnesses to God. What do we need to let go of, and what do we need more of? And in it all, how do we go forward as good stewards? As People who know and love God, who know and love God's people, from the least of the least, to the easiest and best of the best. From Haiti, to Palestine, to The Sudan, to New Orleans, to The Dalles, to our own friends and families...how do we faithfully and with confidence and with integrity go forth to serve and love?

We will look at these questions as we review the year just ended, say farewell to two vestry members and our clerk, and elect two new vestry members; we will review our budget and celebrate the growth that God has given us, as a church and as individuals. Please mark your calendars so that we can gather and share this special time. If you need a ride, please just let me know, or leave a message in the office, and I'll make sure you are able to come and go.

Meanwhile, as we enter January and the Season after the Epiphany, let us take with us the joy and celebration that mark Christmas and the festivities that surround it. Let us remember that in it all, God's words to us have been fulfilled and are being fulfilled: God is with us. God has been with us in it all, and has even come to share with us the experience of being human. And in and through it all, God pours upon us the joy, peace, and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that is very good news, indeed! May the brightness of that light, the radiance of that news, break forth from us and illumine the world!

We are called to share this light and hope: Thanks be to God!

Janet+



Huddled bird at St. Paul's

Collect of the Epiphany:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



SENIOR WARDEN'S UPDATE

As we close out the year 2010 and move into the new year at St. Paul's, it's easy for me to feel invigorated about what's to come. It feels promising and hopeful to think about all we can accomplish in God's name as we continue to move more fully into the community and into the world through service and stewardship efforts. But, as I glance back at the year just ending, there are some markers (make that ministries) that just make me shake my head in wonder and amazement. I am offering three examples of people, who, because of their leadership have reached oodles and boodles of people.

What comes to my mind as the most talked about ministry throughout the year is this – the *St. Paul's Messenger* – and **Julie Reynolds**, our editor extraordinaire, who has transformed it into something that people describe as “exciting” and a “work of art.” I mean, seriously, have you ever heard of a newsletter described that way? Julie has spent countless hours (whether she had the time or not) in creating something that folks totally look forward to reading and it has provided a vehicle for us to see and truly get the feel of the momentum building at St. Paul's. Julie's employment opportunities are expanding and she is needing to step aside from this role. But she has created a format that she assures us will enable us to “carry on.” We are enormously grateful to you, Julie, for this monthly joy! Kudos and best wishes in your new role.

The sharing of all that is happening at St. Paul's has been enormously expanded and enjoyed not only locally but globally – truly, I'm talkin' around the globe – due to the St. Paul's website and the efforts/expertise of **Ron Fullmer**. People have walked through our doors just by being introduced to St. Paul's through the web! People many, many miles away have and do contribute to St. Paul's as a result of staying connected to us through Ron's work on the web. The Messenger, the Sunday bulletins, current and past happenings, the continual addition of pictures from our events, links to other sites are all there to help us stay in touch. So, thank you, Ron, for making our church family come alive at www.stpaulstheDalles.org.

Most recently, we experienced the five “Food for Thought” gatherings. **Jill Durow** accepted that leadership role and did an amazing job of organizing the groups giving us the opportunity to come together as a church family for a time of sharing. People carved out the time to sit with one another to voice their hopes and dreams for St. Paul's as well as work on what we could do better. The caring and sharing as a family was created by the simple act of “coming together.” We are grateful to you, Jill, and the hosts who provided the tasty morsels that created the cozy atmosphere which strengthened relationships and helped form new friendships.

So, please join me in giving thanks to these amazing servants of God in helping St. Paul's be the best that we can be both locally and reaching out far and wide in our Lord's name. And this is just the tip of the iceberg!! You'll hear about other saints among us as the year goes on. Stay tuned.

In Christ ~

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Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Thursday, January 13, at noon

Montira's Thai Restaurant
RSVP to Gretchen at (541) 296-5628

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 8, at 7 am

Taylor Hall
Start the New Year with friends!



Episcopal Minute from the Altar Guild

EPIPHANY SEASON:

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter.

The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus.

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ.

THE EPIPHANY:

The manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth. The winter solstice was observed on January 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Christian era.

In opposition to pagan solstice festivals, Christians chose this day to celebrate the various manifestations, or "epiphanies," of Jesus' divinity, and called it the "Feast of Lights." Evidence of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. Celebration of the Son of God replaced celebrations of the sun. Baptisms were done and a season of preparation was instituted. It was later called Advent.

By the fourth century, celebration of the solstice had shifted to December 25. Jesus' birth was celebrated on this day in both eastern and western churches. The western church commemorated the coming of the Magi on January 6, while the eastern church continued to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding at Cana on January 6. In the east, the day was called "Theophany," or manifestation of God.

Shirley Bjelland

January Birthdays ~



2 Turf McCullough
2 Max Turner
6 Skip Fisher
9 Barbara Williams
11 Jim Foster
11 Lynne Gill
18 Nancy Ramsey
20 Wanda Hildebrand
24 Colleen Schafroth

Holy Services and Parish Meetings

Sundays	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	9 am	Adult Forum
	10 am	Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour
Tuesdays	1 pm	Bible Study at Mill Creek
Thursday	noon	Healing Service
January 6	(Thursday)	Ecumenical potluck 5:30 pm and Epiphany service
January 8	(Saturday)	Men's Breakfast 7 am
January 13	(Thursday)	Ladies' Lunch Bunch noon
January 19	(Wednesday)	Vestry 7 pm
January 22	(Saturday)	Dippy Diners 5:30 pm
January 23	(Sunday)	Annual Meeting and potluck
January 23	(Sunday)	Messenger deadline

The Messenger Editor (or Editors) Needed!

Please thank Julie for the tremendous job that she has done as editor of the *Messenger*! Each issue has been a joy to read and look at—what a blessing! As her job takes more of her time, she needs to cut back on other activities...like editing the *Messenger*.

Julie has put the newsletter into a format that others can now use, so if you are interested in helping out with the newsletter, or in “job-sharing” with someone else...say, every other month, half of it, platooning with a group...whatever works for you, please talk to Julie, to Rev. Janet, or call the office.

The *Messenger* is a great way to keep the parish connected, and it's actually fun, too! And thanks to Julie's great work, it's in good shape...so please step up, use your creative juices, and lend a hand!

Messenger deadline

Please submit articles and notices and PHOTOS for February's *Messenger* to julierey@charter.net by Sunday, January 23. Thanks.

Julie Reynolds, editor

Cursillo is coming!

April 28-30 and May 1

You say, "What is Cursillo?" Well...the word “Cursillo” is a Spanish word that translates into "short course." So Cursillo is a short course in Christianity.

Each year, a weekend retreat is held at Ascension School in Cove, where participants share three days of fun, good food and lots of fellowship while learning a bit more about their Christian faith. It is a time of giving and receiving, of listening and sharing, of worship and play...and you are invited to come!

Applications are available through Ron and Janet Fullmer, Rustin and Gretchen Kimsey, Jeff Krier, and Laurance and Ava Sue Kerr. Any questions? Just call one of them, or call the church office, and they will be happy to visit with you about it.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS...

For friends and family:

Sean Kimsey
Jack Thornton
Alexander Hume
Bubba Adams
Deb Hucke
Jeff Krier
Chuck Hartmann
Jack Howe
Doris Abrams
Jane Schafroth
Kelsey
Keely and Jeremy
Tracie
Darrell Lloyd
Patrick
Caroline
Dale
Mark Nelson
Robert Pierre
Anthony Joseph
Angela Delores
Piper
Leslie
Cathy Dahl
Megan McCarren
Bryon Nixon
Bill Thomas
Blake Gallagher
Bonnie Myatt

For those serving in the armed forces of our country:

Albert South
Jordan
Joshua Smith
Kyle McCullough
Turf McCullough
Kevin Gross
Travis Kennedy
Ben Schloss
Michael Stebbins
Max Turner

Please pray for our Vestry:

Andrea Booren
Dewanda Clark, Clerk
Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden
Jill Durow
Pat Fowler
Jerry Frazier, Treasurer

Ava Sue Kerr
Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden
Robert Kirby
Amy McIlvenna
Julie Reynolds
Marilyn Roth
Diane Walworth

VESTRY IN MOTION

The last vestry meeting was lengthy as we examined budget possibilities. Although our financial picture has improved, there is still a significant shortfall. More pledges need to be received. Much time was spent on trying to reduce line item totals.

Building use possibilities were discussed particularly in regards to a recorder group led by Robert Tupper who has already completed 'Safeguarding God's Children.' They will be meeting on Tuesdays at 4:30. Kami Scoh's name came forward as our new nursery attendant as well as Laura Lowe who agreed to be the attendant for the Christmas Eve service. Kami will also complete 'Safeguarding God's Children.'

Amy McIlvenna has agreed to serve another 3-year term on Vestry. Other names were suggested as possible candidates to run for the two remaining positions. It was agreed that January 23, 2011, would be the date of the annual meeting. Positions are also open for Junior Warden helpers as well as Editor of the Messenger.

Worship Committee Report

December 7, 2010

- The Worship Committee planned the special worship services for Christmas and Advent.
- Janet introduced a new book to assist hymn selection.
- Janet would like to use Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the 8 am service, and have more Worship Leaders for the 10 am service.
- The current length of announcements and thank offerings during the service has resulted in a decision to ask those who want announcements made to give them to Monte. Those making Thank Offerings and Celebrations of Life are encouraged to be brief.

The next meeting will be March 1 at 11:30 am.

Letter from Lee Kiefer

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Dear Senior Wardens of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon,

It is with somewhat mixed emotions I am writing to let you know I have accepted a call to St. Luke's, Wenatchee, in the Diocese of Spokane effective February 1, 2011.

While I believe this is a remarkable opportunity for me and my ministry, I am also saddened to be leaving the people of Eastern Oregon.

Know that I deeply appreciate the work we have done and the community we have shared over the past several years. Please let your congregations know how much I appreciate their work and the grace and hospitality they have shown me.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

Lee Kiefer,
Canon for Transition Ministry
The Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Epiphany Service & Potluck

Thursday, January 6, 5:30 pm
Tayler Hall

Our monthly potluck will be held in conjunction with the UCC, Zion Lutheran, and Methodist churches. We'll host the potluck and service here at St. Paul's. Set-up and munching at 5:30, food at 6:00 and the service at 7:00.

Please plan to come for this beautiful service of light, our ecumenical celebration of the Epiphany!

St. Paul's Annual Meeting

January 23

St. Paul's annual meeting will follow the 10:00 service. We'll share a potluck lunch, review the year, and hold elections.

Those who are leaders of groups, projects, and ministries, please get your year-end reports to Wanda by **Sunday, January 16**, so that they may be copied and put in our booklet for the meeting. Thank you!



Epiphany, Hieronymus Bosch

Welcome!

...to our newest acolytes: **Kristen and Alyssa Manciu** who started serving during Advent.

..AND to **Matthew, Nathan, and Laurel Kirby** who will be serving after the first of the year.

Thank you...

Thank you to all those who helped decorate for Advent, participated in the various services, and prepared and served goodies during our coffee hours for ALL of the services. It's felt very loving and welcoming—not to mention festive and joyful!

Dippy Diners

Saturday, January 22, at 5:30 pm

Baldwin Saloon

RSVP to Ava Sue Kerr (541) 296-5654

Saints and Sinners

The sign-up sheet for 2011 Saints and Sinners is posted in the Narthex. If you don't have a partner, sign up anyway, and we will match you with someone.

Dinners 4+4

Saints & Sinners dinners are a long-held tradition at St. Paul's, so a few months ago I thought it would be fun to add another dimension to these dinners. The greatest compliment to any idea is to be copied, and with a little brainstorming from Rusty and Gretchen Kimsey, Jill Durow, John Mabrey, Ned Kice, Janet, and myself, *4+4 Dinners* was created to reach out to community people who may attend St. Paul's irregularly, or choose not to attend church at all. *4+4 Dinners* will not replace the traditional Saint's & Sinners dinners, but will be an additional outreach with an intentional purpose of reaching out to The Dalles community.

The basic idea behind these dinners is simple; 4 Episcopalians invite 4 people to two dinners during the spring season. The first dinner is designed to be casual, giving everyone an opportunity to get to know each other. The second dinner delves a little deeper into the spiritual lives of those attending the dinner in a gentle and open manner. The question may be asked by the facilitator, "What most inspires you in life?"

The 4 Episcopalians will include a host for the dinner, and a designated facilitator. Right now the following people are facilitators: Rusty and Gretchen Kimsey, Mark and Marilyn Roth, Ron and Janet Fullmer, Ned Kice, Jerry and Anne Frazier, Michal and Anya Kawka, and Chuck and Pam Miller. Along with them we have the following people who will host: John and Diane Adams, Mike and Pat Fowler, Gavin and Amy McIlvenna, Monte Dickenson and Ken Leibham. We could certainly use some more people to host dinners.

As you can see, we are off to a good start. There will be a planning meeting scheduled on January 3 at 7 pm in the church library to discuss the *4+4 Dinners* more thoroughly. Please feel free to come, if you are interested in becoming a facilitator or host. We would love to have you.

Love in Christ,
Marilyn Roth

January 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CR: <u>Common Room</u> L: <u>Library</u> RO: <u>Rector's Office</u> TH: <u>Taylor Hall</u> MCP: <u>Mill Creek Point, 1000 Vey Way, Second Floor, Common Room</u>						I
2 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Adult forum 9 am	3 WBS Noon-1pm L	4 Bible Study 1pm MCP	5 Knitters 6:30-8 pm L	6 Healing Service noon Al-anon 12:30-1:30TH Potluck 5:30p Epiphany service	7 Al-anon 12-1pm TH	8 Men's Breakfast 7am TH AA Potluck 6-9pm TH
9 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Adult forum 9 am	10 WBS Noon-1pm L	11 Bible Study 1pm MCP	12	13 Healing Service-Noon Al-anon 12:30-1:30TH Ladies Lunch Bunch	14 Al-anon 12-1pm TH	15
16 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Adult forum 9 am	17 WBS Noon-1pm L Quilters 7pm CR	18 Bible Study 1pm MCP	19	20 Healing Service Noon Al-anon 12:30-1:30TH	21 Al-anon 12-1 pm TH	22 Dippy Diners 5:30 pm
23 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Adult forum 9 am ANNUAL MEETING	24 WBS Noon-1pm L	25 Bible Study 1pm MCP	26 Knitters 6:30-8 pm L	27 Healing Service Noon Al-anon 12:30-1:30TH	28 Al-anon 12-1pm TH	29
30 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Adult forum 9 am	31 WBS Noon-1pm L					

JANUARY 2011 SCHEDULE

Altar Bread: John Mabrey	Second Sunday after Christmas Jan 2	First Sunday of Epiphany Jan 9	Second Sunday of Epiphany Jan 16	Third Sunday of Epiphany Jan 23	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Jan 30
Celebrant Preacher	Rev. Janet Fullmer	Rev. Janet Fullmer	Rev. Janet Fullmer	Rev. Janet Fullmer	Rev. Janet Fullmer
Worship Leader	Ned Kice	Ron Fullmer	Marilyn Roth	Dewanda Clark	Diane Walworth
EM	Sandy Kice	Gretchen Kimsey	Don Dickinson	Ron Fullmer	Gretchen Kimsey
Lector	Jerry Frazier	Rustin Kimsey Don Dickinson	Anna Miller	Rosemary Ross	Gretchen Kimsey
Prayers	Jim Shinn Denise Beasley	Rustin Kimsey Don Dickinson	Shirley Bjelland Pam Miller	Verna Browne Skip Fisher	Verna Browne Rosemary Ross
Acolytes	Don Dickinson	Mike Fowler	Carly Lowe	Anna Miller	Denise Beasley
Coffee Hosts			Mabrey Family		
Flowers	Hartmann Family	Frazier Family	Budd Family	Reid Family	Adams Family
Greeters	Robert Kirby & Family	Ron Fullmer	Tim O'Neil	Gretchen Kimsey	TBA
Altar Guild	Janet Mabrey	Kim McCullough Janet Mabrey	Monte Dickinson Kaethe Worcester	Mary Ellen Lowe Joanne Manciu	Anne Frazier Janet Mabrey
Sunday School	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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U.S. Episcopal Church website: www.episcopalchurch.org

Diocesan Calendar

Note: Diocesan office closed on Fridays

January 3	Diocesan office closed
January 5-6	Bishop Rivera in Diocese
January 6	Bishop Rivera at Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, 6-8 pm
January 10	Bishop Rivera at Diocesan office
January 14-15	Diocesan Council, Bend
January 16	Bishop Rivera at St. Mark's/Good Shepherd, Madras
January 17	Diocesan office closed

Wednesdays at noon: Eucharist in the Diocesan Center Chapel

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

January 3	For Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, in thanksgiving for the ministry of Frank Moss
January 10	For St. Alban's, Redmond: Chuck Christopher, Ruth Brown
January 17	For St. Peter's, La Grande
January 24	For St. Paul's, Klamath Falls: Alison Dingley
January 31	For St. Paul's, The Dalles: Janet Fullmer, Stephen Schafroth



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The Rev. Janet Fullmer, Rector
The Rev. Stephen Schafroth, Deacon
Senior Warden: Monte Dickinson
Junior Warden: Laurance Kerr
Treasurer: Jerry Frazier
Office manager: Wanda Olson

Vestry:

Andrea Booren	Amy McIlvenna
Jill Durow	Julie Reynolds
Pat Fowler	Marilyn Roth
Ava Sue Kerr	Diane Walworth
Robert Kirby	

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 and 10:00 am
(nursery care provided at 10 am)
9:00 am Adult Forum

Office hours:

Mon -Thurs 8:30-12:30

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