

The Epistle

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Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr for the Faith (tr)
December 27, 2010

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings on this Third Day of Christmas! I hope these are joy-filled days for each of you, but joy is an emotion and we can't bid ourselves to be more joyful. But, I am reminded by the writings of the late Fr. Robert Llewelyn, who was for many years chaplain of the Shrine of Dame Julian in Norwich, that we can exercise our will to rejoice in what God does and has given each of us in the birth of his son Jesus Christ. The Hebrew Scripture Lesson appointed for the First Sunday after Christmas include these words from Isaiah 61:

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Please join me in these days of Christmastide beginning and ending our days with the words, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord." In reminding ourselves to rejoice in the Birth of Jesus, may we know Him anew as we begin another year of our lives.

On December 11, the parish hosted the reception after the preschool Christmas program for the 3 year olds plus parents, siblings, grandparents and great-grandparents, about 125 guests. The church was full and most came down stairs to enjoy the goodies and time together. The fire marshal and the state director for preschools came and approved the reconfiguration of space for both the 3 and 4 year preschool programs! And, every one is feeling very positive as we head into the second semester. Blessed be God!

David joins me in thanking you for the many kindnesses you have shown us and extending our prayers and very best wishes to you.

With Blessings for this Season of Christmatide,

Mary Jane+

MEETINGS

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will meet
Thursday, January 6, at 6:00 p.m.
Hostess is Nancy Stone.

ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will meet
Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Poinsettias Given for Christmas Eve.

Ellis & Colleen Harmon-

In Memory of: Those who have gone before us.

Mary Harvey-

In Memory of: Loved Ones.

Rev. Mary Jane & David Oakland-

In Memory of: Our Parents;

Orlin & Sally Klinkefus-

In Memory of: Family Members

Sheryl Readout-

In Memory of: Family

Betty Bradner-

In Memory of: Loved Ones

Rex & Nan Ryden-

In Memory of: Past members of St. Paul's

In Thanksgiving for: St. Paul's Church

Don & Pam Campbell-

In Thanksgiving for: Family & Friends

Don & Sandy Crowley-

In Memory of: Our wonderful Parents

In Thanksgiving for: Our wonderful
grandchildren

The Apgar Family

In Memory of: Loved ones

Martha McCallister

In Memory of: Margaret & Fletcher Glick
Lewis Abbott Glick

Elsie & Frank Ryder

In Memory of: Earle & Mildred Ryder

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held
Sunday January 30. We will have a
brunch after the morning worship
service, immediately followed by the
annual meeting. Reports are due in the
office by Wednesday January 5, 2011

THANK YOU to PJ Colbert, Bill
Baltisberger, Jonathan Hull, Lindsay Hull,
David Oakland, who provided an evening
meal for people at the House of
Compassion Tuesday, December 14.

2011 COFFEE SCHEDULE

January 2 - Mary Lou Tappe

January 9 - Cee & Fred Hubbard

January 16 - Kay Beach

January 23 - Audrey Hafar

January 30 - Sheryl Readout

February 6 - Orlin & Sally Klinkefus

February 13 - Nancy Stone

February 20 - Nan & Rex Ryden

February 27 - Tom & P.J. Colbert

March 6 - Don & Sandy Crowley

March 13 - Bill & Barbara Baltisberger

March 20 - David & Karen Bursley

March 27 - Betty Bradner -Mary Harvey



Alter Flowers

The sign up sheet for the altar flowers for
2011 is on the table in the back of the

Annual Meeting

sanctuary. Please sign up for the dates that you want during the next coming year. Please order your flowers through Designz by Dawn so she knows your personal wishes for the floral arrangement!

Telephone Directory

I will be updating the telephone directory after the annual meeting, so that I can include the names and information of the new Senior Warden. If you have a change of address or telephone number- including cell phones, please let me know. Also please let me know if you have an e-mail address you would like me to include!

Thanks Jessica!



MEALS ON WHEELS

January 26 Bill & Barbara Baltisberger

If you cannot serve when scheduled, trade with someone or use the following members in an emergency only.

Barb Baltisberger	753-7494
Pam Campbell	753-8064
Nan Ryden	753-3788
Mary Lou Tappe(After Feb.)	752-5833

**Serving through the
Emergency Food Box
helps us all!**

Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the grocery cart at the back of the church, or a check may be sent at any time.

St. Paul's next opportunity to help restock the Emergency Food Box will be Sunday, January 10. We are supported solely by the contributions of generous people like yourselves.

The Emergency Food Box's success or failure is determined by your help. Since we are seeing an increase in the number of families needing help throughout all of Marshall County, your offerings of food (please note the dates on the canned items) and/or **cash donations** are needed for just this purpose.

Currently, the items that we are in need of the most are **macaroni and cheese, noodles, peas, pork and beans, stewed tomatoes and pork and beans. These food items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.**




If you would prefer to give monetary donation, you may send a check or cash at any time. Make checks payable to:

Emergency Food Box. Money may also be placed in your offering plate or mail to: EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158.

These funds are used to buy needed items locally and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Again, thank you for your past contributions and please consider the increasing need for food and/or contributions. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

January 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 AM Worship Happy Anniversary Dale & Louise Holubar Happy Birthday! Sam Carter	3 Happy Birthday! Tom Apgar	4	5	6 St. Margaret's Mission 6pm	7	8
9 9:30 AM Worship	10	11	12 Happy Birthday! Carroll McNory	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Worship	17	18	19	20 7:00pm Vestry	21	22
23 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Gene Beach	24	25 Happy Birthday! Patricia Gourley	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 AM Worship Annual Meeting After Service	31					

Lay Participants for January 2011

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

All lay participants are to meet in the choir room for prayer 5 minutes before service time.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lay Readers/Lectors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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Each person is responsible for finding a replacement when needed and reporting the change to the church office.

Date: January 2 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Kay Beach
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Rex & Nan Ryden
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Mary Lou Tappe

Date: January 23 **7:00 PM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Kay Beach
Chalice and Acolyte: Sheryl Readout
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Marge Cook
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Mary Lou Tappe
Coffee: Audrey Hafer

Date: January 9 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Ce Hubbard
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Don & Sandy Crowley
Altar Guild: Nan Ryden
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Mary Lou Tappe
Coffee: Ce & Fred Hubbard

Date: January 30 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Nan Ryden & Audrey Hafer
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Tom & PJ Colbert
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Sheryl Readout

Date: January 16 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Orlin & Sally Klinkefus
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Mary Harvey & Barbara Baltisberger
Coffee: Kay Beach

