

The Epistle

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Fifth Day of Christmas

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Morning Prayer antiphon for the Twelve Days of Christmas is "Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia" (BCP, p. 80). The liturgical calendar provides twelve days for us to worship Christ coming into human life as a vulnerable newborn. I pray this has been a Christmas of spiritual significance for each of us, and to encourage us to continue in prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for this gift – God with Us.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. This is the Feast of the Holy Name which is observed on the eighth day of Christmas, when Jesus was circumcised and named. In earlier prayer books this eighth day was designated the Feast of the Circumcision, long considered a Holy Day by the church. Please come to celebrate a new year of desiring to live closer to Jesus.

The Rev. Sallie Verrette, former assisting deacon and priest at St. Paul's, is recuperating at home after surgery. She asked me to express to you of her gratitude for the prayers, cards and e-mail messages from the parish.

David joins me in thanking all of you for the kindnesses and gifts to us in the holiday season. Your care and generosity are humbling, and we look forward to continuing this pilgrimage into the New Year.

Blessings in this Season of Christmas,

Mary Jane+

CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will hold their next meeting Thursday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. Nancy Stone is hostess.

VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will meet Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

POINSETTIAS GIVEN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Given In Thanksgiving For:

Children and Grandchildren, by Betty Bradner
Many Blessings, by Don & Sandy Crowley
Our Grandchildren, by David & Mary Jane Oakland
Family and Friends, by Rex & Nan Ryden

Given In Memory Of:

John Apgar, by his brother, Tom
Loved Ones, by Don & Pam Campbell
Dorothy Pierce, by Derol & Audrey Hafar
Elizabeth, by Warren & Mary Harvey
Joe and Nancy Hull, by Jonathan, Chris, Lindsay, Lara
Charles Klinkefus, by Orlin & Sally Klinkefus
Mike Klinkefus, by Orlin & Sally Klinkefus
Ivan, Frances, and Steve Readout, by Sheryl Readout
Earle and Mildred Ryder, by Frank & Elsie Ryder
Florence Wait, by Galen and Jon Wait

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31. We will have a brunch after the morning worship service, immediately followed by the annual meeting. Reports are due in the office by Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan 3 Sheryl Readout
Jan 10 Pat & Dorothy Apgar
Jan 17 Kay Beach
Jan 24 Mary Harvey
Jan 31 Sheryl Readout

Feb 7 Orlin & Sally Klinkefus
Feb 14 Audrey Hafar & Mary Jacobson
Feb 21 Rex & Nan Ryden
Feb 28 Tom & P. J. Colbert

Mar 7 Don & Sandy Crowley
Mar 14 Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Mar 21 David & Karen Bursley
Mar 28 (Palm Sunday) Betty Bradner

Apr 4 (Easter Sunday) Mike Heaverlo
Apr 11 Pudd Handorf & Freida McInroy
Apr 18 Fred & Ce Hubbard
Apr 25 Don & Pam Campbell

LISTEN TO THE HEARTBEAT

February 12 & 13, 2010
Christ Church, Cedar Rapids

A Diocese of Iowa gathering of people engaged in mission or desiring to enter mission experience . . .

David and Rev. Mary Jane plan to attend this gathering. If you would like to attend, please talk to Rev. Mary Jane. Watch for more information.



The sign-up sheet for altar flowers for 2010 is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up for the dates that you want during the coming year. The amount is \$24.00 plus tax, the same as last year. Please order your flowers through Renner's so they know of your personal wishes for the floral arrangements.

THANK YOU NOTES

To St. Paul's Congregation:
We would truly like to thank you for your generous gift at Christmas time! It was very much appreciated. May God Bless You All.

Sincerely, Dale and Louise Holubar

Dear St. Paul's members:
Thank you very much for my wonderful Christmas gift - I really appreciate it. Thanks also to everyone for their help through the year. Wishing you all a happy and blessed New Year!
Lori DeSaulniers

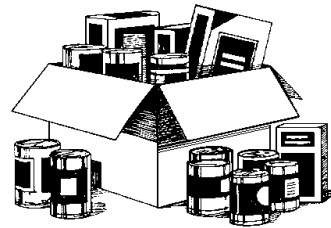
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

I will be updating the telephone directory after the Annual Meeting, so that I can include the names and information of the new Senior and Junior Wardens. If you have a change of address or telephone number - including cell phone - please let me know. Also please let me know if you have an e-mail address you would like to have included.
Thanks. Lori DeSaulniers

HOUSE OF COMPASSION

St. Paul's served the evening meal at the House of Compassion, Tuesday, December 8. Lynnette Chesick prepared the pasta that was served to 26 people. Kay Beach, David Bursley, Don and Pam Campbell, and Tom and P. J. Colbert assisted that night.

EMERGENCY FOOD BOX



As we all know, our economy has caused many more families to feel the increasing strain on their finances. We are seeing a steady increase in the need for our services here in Marshall County. Because of your help, we are able to provide emergency assistance to those persons who are referred to us. Your offerings of food are used for this purpose.

St. Paul's next opportunity to help restock the Emergency Food Box will be the second Sunday of the month, January 10. Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the cart. Or, if you prefer, you may send a check to the Emergency Food Box; P. O. Box 391; Marshalltown, IA 50158.

January 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:30 Holy Eucharist - Feast of the Holy Name	2 Happy Birthday! Sam Carter Happy Anniversary! Dale & Louise Holubar
3 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Tom Apgar	4	5 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	6	7 6:00 p.m. St. Margaret's Mission	8	9 Happy Birthday! Susan Knapp
10 Emergency Food Box Sunday 9:30 AM Worship		12 Happy Birthday! Carroll McInroy	13	14	15	16 
17 9:30 AM Worship	18	19	20	21 VESTRY	22	23 Happy Birthday! Gene Beach
24 9:30 AM Worship	25 Happy Birthday! Patricia Gourley	26	27 MEALS ON WHEELS	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship BRUNCH & ANNUAL MEET.						

Lay Participants for 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

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

Date: January 3 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Ce Hubbard
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Nancy Stone and Joann Livingston
Altar Guild: Marsha Eppert
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger and Mary Harvey
Coffee: Sheryl Readout

Date: January 24 **7:00 PM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Bursley
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Don and Sandy Crowley
Altar Guild: Freida McInroy and Nan Ryden
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Mary Harvey

Date: January 10 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Bill and Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Sandy Crowley
Coffee: Pat and Dorothy Apgar

Date: January 31 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Fred and Ce Hubbard
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard and Marjorie Cook
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger and Mary Harvey
Coffee: Sheryl Readout

Date: January 17 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Sheryl Readout
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Tom and P. J. Colbert
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Freida McInroy
Coffee: Fred and Ce Hubbard

