

St. Paul's Epistle

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Rector's Message

Happy New Year!

And welcome to the season of Epiphany — which begins with the feast day of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ, January 6th. It is a fixed day of the year, like Christmas on December 25th and All Saints' Day on November 1st. Unlike Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, which vary.

Epiphany commemorates the baptism of Jesus, the gospel stories of the Magi, and the wedding feast at Cana. But why on January 6th? It turns out that like Christmas, Christians appropriated a pagan feast. December 25th had been celebrated as the

birthday of the Unconquerable Sun, linked to the winter solstice. January 6th was marked as the day of Osiris, to be celebrated with light, water, and wine.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing." We have Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles in the visitation of the Magi. We have Jesus' revelation as the Son of God at his baptism. And we have another revelation of Jesus' divinity by his first miracle at the wedding in Cana.

The church colors for the season of Epiphany vary. The Epiphany, January 6th, is white because it is a principal feast day of the church. Similarly,

January 8th, the first Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ) is also white. Aside from three other feast days in January and February, the remainder of Epiphany is "ordinary time," reflected in the use of green.

Looking at our office calendar, I noticed that Saturday, January 7th, is shown as "white." I started wondering why, what would make January 7th any more special than, say, January 9th? Digging into it, I found it is indeed green on other calendars.

Then I had my epiphany. Who in the Episcopal Church would ask the Altar Guild to put up "green" on the 7th, "white" on the 8th, and "green" on the 9th?

So let us give thanks we are a church of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. And let us give thanks for the work of the Altar Guild as well.

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Monthly Newsletters

In an effort to save money on postage, we have been emailing our monthly newsletter to the majority of our congregation, and mailing to a select few that do not have email. If you are not already receiving our monthly newsletter, please sign the list on the table in the narthex, with your name and either your email or snail-mail address.

We Are Cleaning House

We are cleaning out the Youth Room. If you have donated something to this room in the past and would like to keep it, please contact Leigh Anne in the church office.

Recycle Ink & Toner Cartridges

Please bring in your old/used ink and toner cartridges to help St. Paul's pay for paper and other office supplies. You can put them in the recycling box in the hallway by the office

Recycle Aluminum Cans

Help St. Paul's raise money for the New Building Fund by bringing your aluminum cans to the church for recycling. We appreciate your support.

Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study has resumed on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. We will be reading "Praying God's Word: Breaking Free From Spiritual Strongholds" by Beth Moore.

Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Thank you for cleaning out your closet, storage shed and garage and donating it to our Rummage Sale. Please continue to bring your donations during church office hours or Sunday 10:30 am to 12 noon. We will have a rummage sale on the first Saturday of each month from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to raise money for our church.

Have Faith, Fear Not, Trust God

As our annual meeting approaches, please be sure to place your pledge cards in the offering plate or drop them off at the church office.

"All things come of thee, oh Lord..."

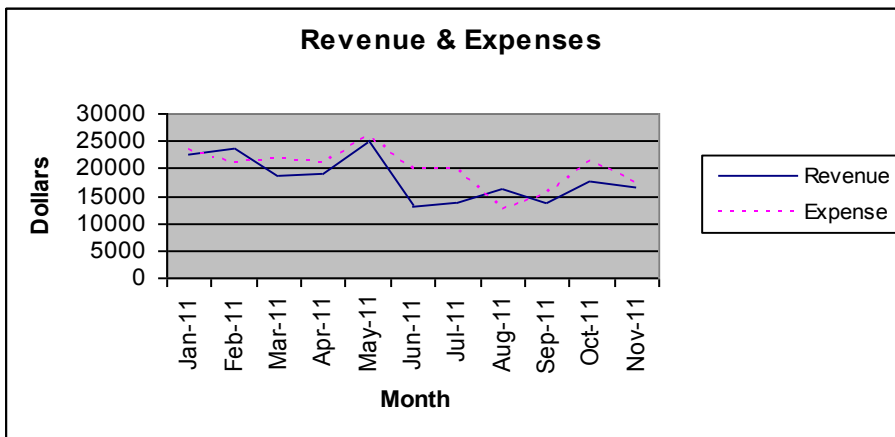
St. Paul's Cookbook

As a fund raiser, St. Paul's is planning a cookbook containing favorite, secret, and/or long-time family recipes so that others may enjoy your delectable creations. E-mail your submissions to Kay Malone at katzahowling@yahoo.com or drop off at the church office.



Treasurer's Corner

October and November saw a big jump in expenses and a small increase in revenue which wasn't enough to offset the expenses. December will not be much better as we had an annual building insurance premium, in December, of almost \$10,000. You may be wondering how we are covering these losses and the answer is that we have been drawing money out of reserves. Needless to say, the reserves will not last forever so in the words of our Stewardship Chair, "Have Faith, Fear Not, Trust God."



To all the saints who have turned in their pledge cards, **thank you!** To the saints who have "put it off," please take a minute or two to fill out the pledge part and return it to the church office, **OR** go online to our web site www.stpaulsyuma.com and complete the pledge section. To date we have received 72 pledges for \$149,000. Last year we had 86 pledges for \$170,000. In order to plan for 2012, we need your pledges ASAP.

God's Housekeepers

Submitted by Sally Houston

There are a faithful few who work unseen
And unobtrusively give of their best;
Who spend their lives perfecting little things
Which often pass unnoticed by the rest.
Theirs are the hands that dust the altar rails
And change the flowers and keep the linen
fair.

They sweep the aisle with cheerful reverence
And polish the silver with a murmured prayer.
They are the quiet ones who freely give their
time

And thought and love with glad accord.
Who softly tread the byways of resolve,
And share the peace of God for their reward.



Editor's Corner

Report Sexual Misconduct

Mark Your Calendars!
St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held after the 9:00 a.m. service **January 29th.** Reports from the various ministries of the church, election of four vestry persons, election of delegates and alternates to the 2012 diocesan convention, presentation of the 2012 budget and any other pertinent items of business will be discussed. All persons who are attendants at worship, regular contributors of record, and who for the previous 60 days have been registered as a baptized person or communicant member are eligible to vote.

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, please be reminded that our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct. Hand-in-hand with training is reporting incidences of sexual misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact the Rev. Canon Suzann V. Holding immediately: sholding@edsd.org or 619-481-5452.

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

Outreach Activities

Your St. Paul's Outreach Team's has adopted a Mission Statement to help others help themselves (teach a man to fish) through a Christ-centered balance of local, national and global assistance. St. Paul's is a tithing parish with 10% of the revenue dedicated to outreach.

In giving to needs, we use the following criteria:

- Tangible and direct to service – best bang for the buck
- Helping others help themselves – “teach a man to fish”
- Balance of local, national and global needs
- Christ-centered – in Jesus' name for His sake

With this in mind, we have supported the following:
Quarterly payments of \$300 to the Crossroads Mission,
Salvation Army and Yuma Community Food Bank for a total of \$1200 to each.

Plus:

- World Day of Prayer - \$62.10
- Heifer International - \$240 (two goats)
- Compassion International - \$200
- Kata Loukan Hearing Aids - \$200
- Backpacks (Food Bank) - \$200
- Youth Group - \$300
- Doctors without Borders - \$200
- Saddles of Joy - \$200 (sponsor of palomino mare, Dreamer)
- YRMC Back to School Drive – collected school supplies
- Gary Sinise Foundation to benefit veterans - \$500
- Trinity Cathedral in Haiti – \$200
- Loving Yuma – support for an orphanage in Calexico – \$200
- Amberly's Place - \$120 (their \$10 per month for 2011 program)

We are involved in the building of a house for a needy family in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico. We have agreed to set aside \$4,000 for this project until we see how fund raising goes and what more may be needed. The actual mission trip to construct the house will take place on February 17 through 20, 2012, and participants are welcome and needed. If you would like more information on the Mexico House Project, please contact Petra Orta at 928-750-0260 or email her at petra_orta@yahoo.com.

And, we are looking at the possibility of building a Labyrinth on our property to the west of the church. This project is on hold until we complete the house in Mexico, but if you have any experience with or are interested in working on a Labyrinth, please contact Lucy Shipp at 928-726-5938 or lucyshipp@aol.com.

The Outreach Team meetings are open to everyone and we welcome participation and ideas. We meet periodically at the table in the back corner of the Kinsolving Room following the 9 A.M. service. For more information, call Committee Chairman Lucy Shipp at 928-726-5938.



Ask Mother Kirk

Dear Mother Kirk,

Please don't get offended by this, but why are you called Mother Kirk? Is Kirk your last name? Are you related to Captain James T. Kirk of the starship Enterprise? Or is Kirk your first name? If so, isn't it a bit odd? Kirk is used as a man's name, but I know no women named Kirk.

And why are we supposed to "Ask Mother Kirk"?

Just wondering.

Dear Wondering,

I'm glad you asked! Kirk is the informal name for the national church in Scotland, so asking Mother Kirk is basically asking Mother Church. The church is typically designated as female, as befitting the bride of Christ. Think of the hymn, *The Church's One Foundation*. The foundation being Jesus Christ *her* Lord. Throughout this hymn the church is referred to in the feminine.

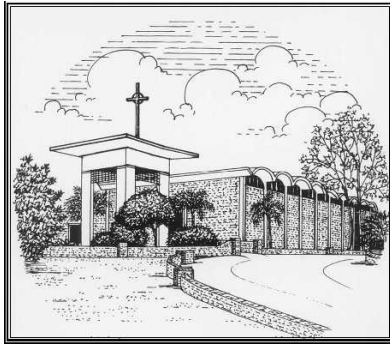
From Wikipedia, here is the etymology. As a common noun, *kirk* (meaning 'church') is found in Scots, Scottish English and historically in some English dialects, attested as a noun from the 14th century onwards, but as an element in placenames much earlier. Both words, *kirk* and *church*, derive

from the Koine Greek κυριακόν (δῶμα) (*kyriakon* (dōma)) meaning *Lord's (house)*, which was borrowed into the Germanic languages in late antiquity, possibly in the course of the Gothic missions. Whereas *church* displays Old English palatalisation, *kirk* is likely to be a loanword from Old Norse and thus has the original mainland Germanic consonants. Compare cognates: Icelandic & Faroese *kirkja*; Swedish *kyrka*; Norwegian (Nynorsk) *kyrkje*; Norwegian (Bokmål) & Danish *kirke*; German *Kirche*; Dutch *kerk*; West Frisian *tsjerke*; and borrowed into non-Germanic languages: Estonian *kirik* and Finnish *kirkko*.

Why a man's name? What do you think?

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9a - Lessons & Carols 10:20a - Coffee Hour 5p - Youth Group	2 8a - Morning Prayer 6:15p - Healing Journey Group	3 8a - Morning Prayer 1p - Daughters of the King Meeting 6:15p - Healing Journey Group	4 8a - Holy Eucharist 12:30p - Bridge Club 5:30p - Evensong Worship Service	5 8a - Morning Prayer 12:45p - Healing Journey Group 5:30p - Canterbury Hand Bell Practice	6 Office Closed	7 9a - Prayers & Squares 9a - St. Cecilia Choir Practice
8 9a - Worship Service 10:20a - Coffee Hour 11a - Worship Service 12:30p - Spanish Service 5p - Youth Group 6:30p - Fr. Paul's Bible Study	9 8a - Morning Prayer 10:30a - Staff Meeting 6:15p - Healing Journey Group 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	10 8a - Morning Prayer 11a - Funeral Service for Eleanor Powell 12p - Reception 6:15p - Healing Journey Group	11 8a - Holy Eucharist 8:30a - ESL Classes 12:30p - Bridge Club 5:30p - ESL Classes	12 8a - Morning Prayer 8:30a - ESL Classes 12:45p - Healing Journey Group 5:30p - Canterbury Hand Bell Practice 5:30p - ESL Classes	13 Office Closed	14 9a - Prayers & Squares 9a - St. Cecilia Choir Practice 10a - Funeral Service for Edwin Hansberger
15 9a - Worship Serv. 10:20a - Coffee Hour 10:30a - Outreach Meeting 11a - Worship Service 12:30p - Spanish Service 5p - Youth Group 6:30p - Fr. Paul's Bible Study	16 8a - Morning Prayer 6:15p - Healing Journey Group 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	17 8a - Morning Prayer 10a - Yuma County Interfaith Meeting 5:30p - Vestry Meeting 6:15p - Healing Journey Group	18 8a - Holy Eucharist 8:30a - ESL Classes 12:30p - Bridge Club 5:30p - ESL Classes	19 8a - Morning Prayer 8:30a - ESL Classes 12:45p - Healing Journey Group 5:30p - Canterbury Hand Bell Practice 5:30p - ESL Classes 6p - ECW--PotatoBar	20 Office Closed	21 9a - Prayers & Squares 9a - St. Cecilia Choir Practice 11a - Funeral Service for Claude Sharpsteen III 4p - Wedding for Shelby Divine & Kelby
22 9a - Worship Service 10:20a - Coffee Hour 11a - Worship Service 12:30p - Spanish Service 5p - Youth Group 5p - Concert-John&Barb Metz on Harpsicord 6:30p - Fr. Paul'sBibleStdy	23 8a - MorningPrayer 10:30a - Staff Meeting 6:15p - Healing Journey Group 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	24 8a - Morning Prayer 6:15p - Healing Journey Group	25 8a - Holy Eucharist 8:30a - ESL Classes 12:30p - Bridge Club 5:30p - ESL Classes	26 8a - Morning Prayer 8:30a - ESL Classes 12:45p - Healing Journey Group 5:30p - Canterbury Hand Bell Practice 5:30p - ESL Classes	27 Office Closed	28 9a - Prayers & Squares 9a - St. Cecilia Choir Practice
29 9a - Worship Service 10:15-ANNUAL Meeting & Vestry Election 10:20a - Coffee Hour 11a - Worship Service 12:30p - Spanish Service 5p - Youth Group 6:30p - Fr. Paul'sBibleStdy	30 8a - Morning Prayer 6:15p - Healing Journey Group 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	31 8a - Morning Prayer 6:15p - Healing Journey Group				



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Sunday Services

9:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist Service
Infant & Toddler care provided
Nursery & Sunday School are offered
during 9am and 11am Services
 10:20 am ~ Fellowship & Coffee Hour
 11:00 am ~ Worship Eucharist Service
 12:30 pm ~ Holy Eucharist in Spanish

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