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The Epiphany of Our Lord

The church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas each year on January 6. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day. The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth. The second manifestation celebrated today is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. The First Sunday After the Epiphany is now also known as the Baptism of Our Lord. The third manifestation of Jesus as Christ that is traditionally celebrated on this day is the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ’s first recorded miracle. <http://www.episcopalchurch.org>

**The Annual Meeting will be held on January 26
after the 10:30am service. All are welcome to attend.**



Military Outreach

In early December St. Paul's Military Care program sent 20 \$50 Walmart gift cards to the Warrior Family Care Center at Fort Sam Houston Military Hospital in San Antonio. The cards are used as prizes during games for the patients and their families. Also during December we invited the residents of City of Refuge to church and to have a Christmas dinner with us after church. A very generous memorial gift of \$1500 in memory of Doc Kinney by his wife Mrs. Linda Kinney was given to Rev. and Mrs Bert Stigen to be used for repairs or new AC units for the City of Refuge which houses ten to twelve homeless veterans. Doc Kinney was an army medic in Vietnam on the front lines. He often attended St. Paul's for military programs with Marv Howland.

[Jesus said] “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.*” *The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.*” (Mark 12:30-31)

Do you feel called to follow Jesus’ commandment to love your neighbor?

To care for the sick and suffering but don’t think you have the training?

Do you fear that you don’t know what to say?

Do you want to be a better listener to God and to your heart?

Then the Community of Hope might be for you!



Community of Hope International (COHI) equips lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Pastoral care is when a person is “present” in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for consciously or unconsciously representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs.

The Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg founded COHI 25 years ago. In her words,

“It’s about the skills and the practices of spiritual life that prepares each one of us to be open to the other...to believe and trust that the hospitality of the Christian faith is to look for the Christ in the other person, and as we approach them to serve them and in humility provide ministry to them. Our prayer is that the stranger will receive us and look for the Christ in us.”

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Orange is a designated COHI training center. On July 7, 2019, St. Paul’s COHI Center commissioned four lay chaplains whose mission is to embody Christ’s love and serve others through compassionate listening. In their first four months of ministry, five care givers provided more than 57 hours of pastoral care and touched the lives of more than 200 individuals in various settings: homes, hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes, and senior centers.

[Jesus said] “*I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.*” (Matthew 25:36)

The next COHI training begins January 27 and lasts through the end of May 2020.

St Paul’s COHI Center will offer training for any individual, regardless of denominational affiliation, who has a passion for serving others through Christian pastoral care. The fourteen-week, 42-hour curriculum covers theoretical and practical topics ranging from teaching participants the tenants of Benedictine Spirituality, to discerning their spiritual gifts, to practical instructions to be used while on a pastoral care visit, such as in homebound or dementia care, to supervised practice visits. Each training session is taught by chaplains, professionals, ministers, or priests.

Following the completion of all 14 sessions, the students are commissioned in a formal worship service to serve in a setting according to their gifts and calling. They continue to meet monthly as the Circle of Care, for prayer and reflection, a meal, mutual support and encouragement, debriefing and continuing education. Doing so deepens the roots of a community centered on spiritual encouragement, grace, comfort, healing and hope.

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Fred Allen at fhallen33@gmail.com or call 409-781-1033. Website: www.cohinternational.org www.facebook.com/communityofhopeinternational
Applications are due by December 31, 2019.



The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle *January 25*

The conversion of Paul to Christianity is so important that the story is told three times in Acts, and Paul mentions the experience three times in his letters. An observance of Paul's conversion is mentioned in some calendars from the eighth and ninth centuries. Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) ordered that it be observed with great solemnity. After his conversion, Paul devoted his life completely to Christ. He was the leading missionary to the Gentiles in the early church. The Conversion of Saint Paul is commemorated on Jan. 25 in the Episcopal calendar of the church year. This observance concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle January 18

The confession of Peter is recorded in the Gospel According to Matthew (16:16), "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." The liturgical celebration of Peter's confession is celebrated on Jan. 18. It is a major feast in the Prayer Book calendar. This observance was first included in the 1979 BCP. The date is that of an ancient Gallican feast called "the Chair of Saint Peter." It honored Peter as the head of the Roman Catholic Church as well as his chair of episcopal authority. Contemporary observance of the Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul is commemorated on June 29. www.episcopalchurchlibrary.com



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Bagley, John	1/05
Wedel, Matt	1/12
Zimmerman, Mr. Casey	1/12
Howland, Mrs. Arlene	1/16
Hall, Mr. Miles, III	1/19
Wedel, Justin	1/22
Jones, Allen	1/25
Mesloh, Mary	1/25
Lincecum, Mr. Roger	1/27

What's Happening at St. Paul's

The 1st Sunday Luncheon will be January 5 after the 10:30am service. We will eat at Robert's Restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

The Watercolor Class is on Wednesday, January 15 from 9:00am -11:30am. They will go to lunch after the class. Everyone is welcome to join.

Shield Information is due January 15.

Vestry Meeting is January 15 at 7:00pm.

Happy Anniversary

Duos, John & Teri 1/17

Choir Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsal is at 9:45am every Sunday. If you are interested in joining the choir, please call Don Ball at 409-893-3409.

St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Miles Hall, Jr.	David Silk	Robert Cheek	David Haley
Jenny Guth	Amanda Watt	Anne Breitenstein	Todd Hurst
Cheryl Blanchard	Allan Anderson	Cayden, Whitney and	Robin Kump
Charlie Pieper	Rosie Hurst	Tyler Legrand	Sabine Lamar
Jay Todd Cleaver	Kenric Marshall	Timothy Ruehlen	Gary Outenreath
Virginia Watson	Peggy Lane	Jerry and Petroula	Rayda Neswick
Tom Freeland	Fawn Welborn	The Woodley's	
Margaret Ebarb	Leona Fields	Ester Jeans	
Father Bob	Jaimie Geis	Barbara Klein	
Becca Hagan	Betsy Phillips	Sharon Childress	
	Bobbie Carson	Don Ball, Jr.	

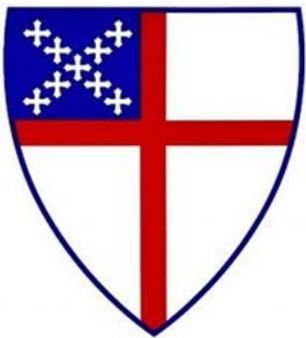
Pray for the Family of Virgie Denmark

Military: Prayers : All Military persons deployed in dangerous areas.

Pray for all people suffering with a an illness, Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, All first responders, and the unemployed.

Ann Jackson, Talbert Meadows, Thad and Regina. Tracy Underwood, Delores Cleaver, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Nancy Ellis, Holly, Cathy Tompkins, Adam Smith,, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Bella, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading , Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Rachel Guy, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim and Chris Griffin, Daisy Guillotte, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, George Schroeder, Kathleen, Dominic Abshire, Kenny Slaughter, Justin Morvant, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Jesse Mae Pujol, Steve Rogers, Christine Duos, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Mickie Davis

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**Rite I Holy Communion
(1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month) 8:00am
Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month) 8:00am**

Rite II (Family Service) 10:30am