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**Dinners for Eight is re-forming for the fall!**

The purpose is simply to have fun and to get to know others on an informal basis in our homes.

Groups of eight people - singles and couples of various ages - are randomly formed for a period of one year. Groups share four dinners throughout the year. **Contact Judy Storer if you would like to participate in one of these groups. 318-455-6840 or jkstorer@redballmedical.com.**

**Happy Birthday**

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| <b>September 18</b> | <b>21</b>          | <b>23</b>         |
| Jim Reeves          | Wyatt Brooks       | Frances Comegys   |
| Jim Anderson        | Cole Cooper        | Marjorie Hodges   |
| Darcey Pavlick      | Rebecca Hargrove   | Nathan Marak      |
| Sarah-Ruth Ponder   | Matthew Williams   | Todd Blanchard    |
|                     |                    | Jeremy Knicely    |
|                     |                    | Catherine Dickson |
| <b>19</b>           | <b>22</b>          |                   |
| Bill Deupree        | Ellen White        |                   |
| Aidan Gilchrist     | Grace Crooms       | <b>24</b>         |
| Hailey Young        | Allison Falloon    | Dez Hill          |
| Val Irion           | Melinda Sprayberry | Gloria Powers     |
| Anabelle Wood       |                    | Cece Parker       |
| <b>20</b>           |                    |                   |
| Rex Tamplin         |                    |                   |
| Wayne Crank         |                    |                   |
| Allie Torrants      |                    |                   |

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**THE MESSENGER**

**Community**

**Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a member of our Altar Guild?** If you have, or if you just would like a look around, we are having a tour of the sacristy this **Saturday September 17 at noon**. You can learn about the duties and the beautiful way the guild serves your church family. If you want to go a step further, members will be on hand to explain how to join us!

**We am pleased to share the news with you that Father Paul Martin, retired rector of St. Paul's, Shreveport, will be joining our clergy staff as a Priest Associate.** Father Martin will be assisting in our nursing home, hospital, and homebound clergy visits. He will celebrate and preach occasionally, as well as offer some Adult Christian formation opportunities. Please welcome Paul and Christine on Sunday mornings as they become acquainted with the friends and families of St. Mark's.

**Dean Johnson and Father Nsubuga are leading a course about The Apostle Paul, his life and work, with lectures from NT Wright.** N. T. Wright's definitive biography of Paul reveals the apostle's lasting role in Christian history as an inventor of new paradigms for how we understand Jesus and what he accomplished. **We meet at 9:30 am in the Ministry Center Garden Room.**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**The Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study has resumed each week at 10:30 in Room 101 of the Ministry Center.** Initially we will study the Lectionary Gospel reading for the following Sunday. The text will be read aloud in the group, followed by comments, including the context and discussion of its meaning in our lives today. Participants are encouraged to read and reflect on the text beforehand. This informal group is open to everyone! Please join us! For the first few sessions, the leaders will be our clergy. Then various women will be encouraged to sign up to lead the discussion.

**A new Spiritual Direction group is starting!** Come join us in the church library **Wednesdays** at 11:45 am after the Ladies' Bible Study. This group is especially designed for those who have little time and are interested in a new Rule of Life that focuses on the daily gospel reading and a way to prayerfully listen to our God who wants to be known to us! We will enter and leave in silence.

**The Shreveport Shriner's Hospital is asking for donations for their 100th anniversary fundraising gala!** Donations can be gift cards or items like grills, computer/ipad, etc. Donations forms are available for tax purposes. The gala is September 17; **donations are preferred on/before Monday, September 12.** Please contact either Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net) or Jennifer Martin at [jmmartin@shrinenet.org](mailto:jmmartin@shrinenet.org) to donate.

**EYC Wednesday!!** EYC is meeting on Wednesdays this fall to encourage families to attend dinner together in the Parish Hall. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. We will all eat together and break out into small groups 6:00 -7:00 pm. Please contact Sarah ([smceyc318@gmail.com](mailto:smceyc318@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Cooking Crew has resumed for the fall!** We are looking for more volunteers to join us! Volunteers help ONE morning a month from 8:00 am-noon! Come and enjoy the fellowship while feeding our community! No cooking experience necessary! Contact Jennifer Beruvides for more information [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

**The Wednesday Night Book Study group has resumed meeting in the Parish Library on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** The group will be reading and discussing *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who helped found the Confessing Church. **For more information, please contact William Weaver at [william.weaver@uhsinc.com](mailto:william.weaver@uhsinc.com) or by calling (302) 276-3750.**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, October 8 from 9:30 am till 3:00 pm.** Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition, which opens us to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. The workshop will be led by Pamela Begeman and lunch will be provided. **To register, call 318-865-8469 or e-mail [communications@stpaulsshreveport.org](mailto:communications@stpaulsshreveport.org).**

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

We own nothing. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. A basic understanding of Christian stewardship is that we are set in this world as caretakers, as stewards, not as possessors. To be wise, is, in one sense, to be a good steward.

## Upcoming Events

September 17	Tour of Altar Guild Sacristy Noon
September 23	SMCS Grandparents Day
October 1	Cathedral Cleanup Day 9:00 am
October 2	Organ Recital 4:00 pm Choral Evensong 5:00 pm Cathedral

## Sunday Readings

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 8:4-7\* 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:1-13