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CHURCH ACCOUNTS BALANCE REPORT BY MARY HAUBRICK

ACCOUNTS WITH EDWARD JONES:

Scholarship Fund.....\$39,684.00

Benevolence Fund.....\$16,928.00

F. Koontz Organ Fund.....\$20,102.01

ACCOUNTS WITH TOWER BANK:

Memorial Fund Savings Account....\$331.47

Organ Fund for maintenance.....\$2,158.60

ACCOUNTS WITH COMMUNITY STATE BANK:

Ray Koontz/W. Grissinger Money Market Acct for Lift Project.....\$51,632.14

Mary Bard/Lawrence Shimer Bequest Fund...for Roof Project...\$31,244.32

Mary reported that recent deposits to the Lift Project account were made from the Kathleen Jones Memorial Donations - \$385.00 and from special individual offerings \$270.00.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS: Loy Garber presented a copy of an Invitation To Bid Notice for the lift project that had been prepared. Feb. 11, 2011 will be the deadline. Work on the church roof must be correlated with the lift project, but has not yet been started.

NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2011: Loy Garber and Denise Grissinger are willing to serve another term. Pastor Valeria and Loy Garber will contact other individuals.

CHURCH ORGAN: It is highly possible that the organ will have to be replaced in 5 years or sooner at a cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000. It was decided that \$250.00 be paid from the General Fund to the Organ Fund held at the Tower Bank each quarter for a minimum of \$1,000 per year.

PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET: It was decided to increase our yearly donation from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for Fulton County Christian Social Services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Pastor Valeria presented the Calendar of Events for St. Paul's for the year 2011 to be presented at Annual Meeting on January 23.



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Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plat, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house,; Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook!"

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

PRAYER LIST

- 8 Joyce Hassler
13 Hunter Buterbaugh
Denise Grissinger
14 Eric Hess
16 Charlie Baker
Madison Koontz
Bodie Shives
19 Kelly Lassen
20 Pam Carmack
Ashley Souders
21 Larry Newman
Shaffer Eugene Early
31 Bernice Crouse



Bertha Byers
Betty Daniels
Betty Grissinger
Bob and Nancy Lawyer
Dorothy and Paul Stevens
Gaynelle Rosenberry
Gene and Elsie Bricker
Gladys Williams
Joyce Hassler
Family of Kathleen Jones
Liberty Crouse
Linda Litton
Linda Hoffman
Marie Parkinson
Military and families
Rev. Steve and Pat Robertson
Roger and Lois Byers
Sponsored Children: Yonatan, Marc Philip,
Thierry, Madeline
The people of Haiti
Thelma Miller
Zeis family
Justin Hege
Justin Jr. and Blaze Hege
Malcolm and Lorraine Richardson
Jean McLucas
Pastor Valeria's family
St. Paul's Sunday School Children
and Teachers
Diane Baxter
Dorothy McQuade
Linda Hoffman
Chas Howells (baby son of Wes Howells and
Grandson of Diane Palmer and Tom &
Melinda Howell)
Arlene Carmack

St. Paul's Flowers

JoAnn Sheffield (485-4623)
Jody Buterbaugh (485-0518)

Call the above person(s) if you
wish to order flowers in memory/
honor of someone.

St. Paul's Ushers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Trinity's Ushers Joe and Anna Rotz

Thank You for Serving!

*****Please let us know of any changes, additions or corrections to the Prayer and Birthday lists. Thank You!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 St. Paul's Soup Sunday Remove Christmas decorations Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center	10 Trinity's Evangelism mtg 6:30 p.m.	11 Trinity's Consistory 7 p.m.	12 Trinity's Home-work help 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m. St. Paul's Church Women 7 p.m.	13 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	14	15
16 Trinity's Covered dish lunch 12 p.m. & Annual Mtg. at 1 p.m. Trinity's Special Building Fund Offering	17	18 St. Paul's Consistory 7 p.m.	19 Trinity's Home-work help 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m.	20 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	21	22 Trinity's Pot Pie Supper @ Community Ctr. 4-7 p.m.
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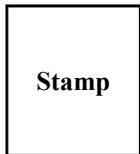
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CHURCH ACCOUNTS BALANCE REPORT BY MARY HAUBRICK

ACCOUNTS WITH EDWARD JONES:

Scholarship Fund.....\$39,684.00

Benevolence Fund.....\$16,928.00

F. Koontz Organ Fund.....\$20,102.01

ACCOUNTS WITH TOWER BANK:

Memorial Fund Savings Account....\$331.47

Organ Fund for maintenance.....\$2,158.60

ACCOUNTS WITH COMMUNITY STATE BANK:

Ray Koontz/W. Grissinger Money Market Acct for Lift Project.....\$51,632.14

Mary Bard/Lawrence Shimer Bequest Fund...for Roof Project...\$31,244.32

Mary reported that recent deposits to the Lift Project account were made from the Kathleen Jones Memorial Donations - \$385.00 and from special individual offerings \$270.00.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS: Loy Garber presented a copy of an Invitation To Bid Notice for the lift project that had been prepared. Feb. 11, 2011 will be the deadline. Work on the church roof must be correlated with the lift project, but has not yet been started.

NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2011: Loy Garber and Denise Grissinger are willing to serve another term. Pastor Valeria and Loy Garber will contact other individuals.

CHURCH ORGAN: It is highly possible that the organ will have to be replaced in 5 years or sooner at a cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000. It was decided that \$250.00 be paid from the General Fund to the Organ Fund held at the Tower Bank each quarter for a minimum of \$1,000 per year.

PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET: It was decided to increase our yearly donation from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for Fulton County Christian Social Services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Pastor Valeria presented the Calendar of Events for St. Paul's for the year 2011 to be presented at Annual Meeting on January 23.



BIBLE STUDY HUMOR:

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plat, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house,; Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook!"

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

PRAYER LIST

- 8 Joyce Hassler
13 Hunter Buterbaugh
Denise Grissinger
14 Eric Hess
16 Charlie Baker
Madison Koontz
Bodie Shives
19 Kelly Lassen
20 Pam Carmack
Ashley Souders
21 Larry Newman
Shaffer Eugene Early
31 Bernice Crouse



Bertha Byers
Betty Daniels
Betty Grissinger
Bob and Nancy Lawyer
Dorothy and Paul Stevens
Gaynelle Rosenberry
Gene and Elsie Bricker
Gladys Williams
Joyce Hassler
Family of Kathleen Jones
Liberty Crouse
Linda Litton
Linda Hoffman
Marie Parkinson
Military and families
Rev. Steve and Pat Robertson
Roger and Lois Byers
Sponsored Children: Yonatan, Marc Philip,
Thierry, Madeline
The people of Haiti
Thelma Miller
Zeis family
Justin Hege
Justin Jr. and Blaze Hege
Malcolm and Lorraine Richardson
Jean McLucas
Pastor Valeria's family
St. Paul's Sunday School Children
and Teachers
Diane Baxter
Dorothy McQuade
Linda Hoffman
Chas Howells (baby son of Wes Howells and
Grandson of Diane Palmer and Tom &
Melinda Howell)
Arlene Carmack

St. Paul's Flowers

JoAnn Sheffield (485-4623)
Jody Buterbaugh (485-0518)

Call the above person(s) if you
wish to order flowers in memory/
honor of someone.

St. Paul's Ushers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Trinity's Ushers Joe and Anna Rotz

Thank You for Serving!

*****Please let us know of any changes, additions or corrections to the Prayer and Birthday lists. Thank You!**

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion Joint Consistory meeting @ Trinity, 2 p.m. Ft. Loudon comm. youth program at Freedom Lighthouse, 6-8 p.m.	3	4	5 Trinity's Home-work help 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m.	6 Epiphany St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	7	8
9 St. Paul's Soup Sunday Remove Christmas decorations Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center	10 Trinity's Evangelism mtg 6:30 p.m.	11 Trinity's Consistory 7 p.m.	12 Trinity's Home-work help 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m. St. Paul's Church Women 7 p.m.	13 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	14	15
16 Trinity's Covered dish lunch 12 p.m. & Annual Mtg. at 1 p.m. Trinity's Special Building Fund Offering	17	18 St. Paul's Consistory 7 p.m.	19 Trinity's Home-work help 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m.	20 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	21	22 Trinity's Pot Pie Supper @ Community Ctr. 4-7 p.m.
23 Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center St. Paul's Annual Mtg. after worship	24	25	26 Trinity's Home-work help 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m.	27 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	28	29
30 Christian Unity Event/Fulton Theater McCbg., 4 p.m.	31					