



Worship Schedule

Worship services. During the summer we have two services – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m. The summer worship schedule runs through September 11. We will resume three services on September 18.

Beginning Sunday, September 18, the service times will be 7:30, 8:45 and 11 a.m. Regular Christian education programs will resume on that Sunday as well (classes start at 9:55 a.m.). Please join us for the Parish Fall Kick-off and Picnic on Saturday, September 11 to mark this transition.

Sunday breakfasts. Through September 4, breakfast will be available at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping with or hosting one of the breakfasts please contact Joani Beckwith.

Celebration of Ministry Fair

Who: Everyone

What: The Celebration of Ministry (formerly known as the Ministry Fair)

When: August 28 between the services and again after the 10:30 service.

Where: In the parish hall and in St. Andrew's Chapel.

Why: To come and enjoy a free continental style breakfast as you wander around learning about the many ministry opportunities at St. Paul's and how you too can become involved.

Questions? Contact Melanie Clayton 423-6814

Transition Time



O God, sustain your Church as we face new situations in this ever changing world. By your Holy Spirit give us good judgment and the strength to follow the Way, so that we may boldly bear witness to the coming of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

This past summer we experienced a number of staff transitions. Annie Gracia, our nursery director, graduated from the practical nursing program at the Tennessee Technology Center and stepped down from her position. Nikki Butler is our new nursery director (read more about her on page 4). We are grateful for Annie's faithful service to St. Paul's (especially the littlest ones among us!) as we look forward to working with Nikki.

Joshua Courtney is now ministering to young people in a new way as a biology teacher at Lavergne High School. Joshua and Jennifer will remain a part of the St. Paul's parish family. Thank you, Joshua, for a job well done.

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I have called Steven Lefebvre to be our new youth minister (read more about him on page 4). Steven comes to us from St. Bartholomew's, Nashville, where he served as assistant youth minister for four years. He will begin his ministry at St. Paul's on September 1.

All of you should have received the St. Paul's fall program and fellowship booklet. Please take a few moments to peruse this valuable resource if you have not already done so. It's filled with wonderful opportunities for growth and fellowship! If you have not received a copy, please contact the parish office at 893-3780 to request one.

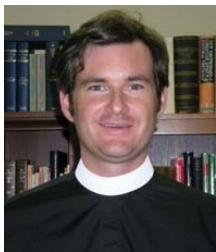
Blessings,

Polk+

Organ Fund Update

We are pleased to report that about \$92,000.00 has been received or promised towards our goal of \$141,000.00 to complete the organ fund. We are now within \$49,000.00 of our goal. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to make a donation please contact the church office at 893-3780.

Fall 2011 at St. Paul's



We have a number of exciting programs at St. Paul's this fall! Three program offerings I want to draw your attention to are:

Sunday Christian Education (Begins Sunday, September 18): Every Sunday, between the 8:45 am and 11:00 am service we have three class offerings to choose from. These classes begin on Sunday, September 18.

Class One: "Where Did the Bible Come From?" taught by Dr. David Rowe and Dr. Ron Messier, will explore the origins, the nature, and the history of the Holy Scriptures.

Class Two: "The Christian Family," taught by Dr. Mike Courtney and Fr. Colin, will explore how our faith informs our parenting.

Class Three: "Feasting on the Word," taught by Fr. Polk, will explore one of the lectionary readings for the day.

Alpha Marriage Course (Begins Sunday, October 9): Over 25 couples from St. Paul's benefited from the marriage course last fall.

The marriage course is for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship whether they have been together 1 year or 61 years and whether they have a strong relationship or are struggling.

The course is held over seven sessions. Set in a romantic atmosphere, you are served a catered candlelit meal at a table for two while listening to, and engaging with, practical video talks that are informative and fun. The course will be held for seven Sundays, starting on October 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Contact the church office if you are interested in attending. Childcare is available. Cost is \$75 per couple.

Pilgrimage (Begins Monday, September 26 – *see article below for more information*): Pilgrimage is our faith exploration program for adults. During the fall session we will cover the history of the Episcopal Church, Christian/Anglican culture, Hebrew scripture, the New Testament, the Sacraments, the Book of Common Prayer, and why we do the things we do. Pilgrimage is held for nine weeks, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Monday nights. Contact Joyce Adkins (631-2896) if you have questions or are interested in attending.

Tennessee Episcopal Cursillo Oct. 20-23

By Joyce Adkins

Let's chat about Cursillo, shall we? I'd like to tell you how much my Cursillo experience has meant to me, but it's hard to quantify.

Let me take you back to October, 1995. Back then, I was really just getting started with this Episcopal/Christian way of life.

I went through Pilgrimage and was confirmed in May of that year. So, what next? It had just begun to feel like God might have something real and exciting in store for me.

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I signed up for the next Cursillo weekend, which took place at DuBose in Monteagle. Tennessee Episcopal Cursillo brings together people from across our diocese for four days.

The weekend began Thursday evening. By bedtime, I had experienced Stations of the Cross for the first time, and some meditations which planted seeds that would germinate throughout the weekend.

Friday morning, this diverse group of folks from all over the diocese began to explore together how God intended for Christians to work together for The Kingdom. Each individual began to see what he or she might do to be part of God's plan to present Jesus to the world.

I must admit to some skepticism. My mind was working against the things happening around me. I wanted to be outside; it was a beautiful fall weekend in October on Monteagle mountain. So, I basically pouted through the day. Oh, I took notes on the material presented, and participated in discussions, but my heart wasn't in it.

There was a group of people there with us, the "Team." Included were facilitators at each table, spiritual directors, musicians, some lay leaders, and a gang of people called "chas." These chas taught me a lot about how fun it is to serve others. They brought us snacks, beverages, aspirin, a sweater if we got cold, sharpened pencils, whatever. They were tireless.

This team had planned for the weekend, and it was apparent they had worked very hard. And then, it occurred to me that they were doing all this for the glory of God. They had given up their beautiful weekend to be there, too. And they were, obviously, happy about it.

My heart began to change. What if this was the way it should be? What if it wasn't just about me, but about all of us, working together? What if God's love for me was, truly, unconditional

We worshiped together, laughed, cried, ate, sang, talked, listened, and then we would eat some more. It was fabulous!

The Christ truly became Jesus my Lord and brother that weekend.

Each participant will have his or her own story to tell. Many St. Paul's parishioners have been to a Cursillo weekend. Seek them out and ask them about it. Pray about the possibility. Perhaps it is something you would like to consider for yourself.

Now's the time! The next Cursillo weekend is October 20-23. If you have questions, let's chat.

Pilgrimage Begins September 26

Our faith exploration program for adults, called Pilgrimage, will begin Monday evening, September 26. It will continue for a total of nine consecutive Monday evenings. Each session, held in the Parish Hall, will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.; child care is provided as needed.

Pilgrimage offers an environment of trust and shared ideas in small group settings. We will provide to each Pilgrim and Sponsor the book "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" as the basis for some of our discussions.

Some of the topics covered will include the history of the Episcopal Church, Christian/Anglican culture, Hebrew scripture, New Testament, our Prayer Book, and why we do the things we do.

Preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church was the original intent of Pilgrimage. But many have participated, through the years, just for the experience and the opportunity to explore their faith.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on the table in the Narthex. If interested, please fill one out and place it in the Pilgrimage mail box in the Parish Hall, or give it to a greeter at the welcome table in the Narthex.

Remember, too, we need a sponsor for each Pilgrim. If you have been through Pilgrimage, please consider this ministry. Sponsors should also fill out a registration form.

If you have questions, please contact Joyce Adkins.

New Nursery Director



St. Paul's welcomed Nikki Butler to our staff in July, replacing Annie Gracia as St. Paul's Nursery Director. Nikki is a resident of Murfreesboro. She received her early childhood credentials I and II in North Carolina from Brunswick Community College and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education at MTSU. In addition to serving at St. Paul's, Nikki is an active volunteer and serves as secretary on the board of a local non-profit group called Spring 2 Life Ministries: Christian Addiction Recovery. She has been married to her husband, Pastor John Butler since 2007.

Last but not least Nikki is Annie Gracia's daughter.

Please join us in welcoming Nikki to St. Paul's community! Feel free to contact Nikki if you have any questions regarding the nursery.

New Director of Youth Ministries



Hello! My name is Steven Lefebvre. Originally, I am from Arizona, where I grew up playing baseball and music. In 2005, I moved to Nashville to attend Belmont University. There, I studied religion and played music. My band had a good run, but I wasn't cut out for a life on the road and I felt God nudge me to begin my vocation in parish ministry.

For the last four years, I served as the assistant director of youth and young adults at St. Bartholomew's in Nashville. I am eternally grateful for the education, training, and mentoring I received from the staff there.

These days, I spend my free time being an armchair film critic, reading comic books, and still playing a little music. I also play on a dart team called the Sandbaggers. I'm love to go to baseball

games in summer and college basketball games in winter. Professionally, I'm interested in monasticism, biblical studies, and pastoral care. I'm sincerely thrilled to be part of the community at St. Paul's. I look forward to learning about the community's story and discovering new ways to live a common life together in the way of Jesus. May we truly know God's way of wholeness and peace in our journey together!

Rewarding Children's Ministry Opportunity with Catechesis

By Becky Potts

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in children's ministry at St. Paul's. You may participate as a catechist, an assistant in the atrium, or by preparing materials. In the atria, the catechists present lessons, demonstrate materials, and observe the children's responses. The focus is "calling forth" the child's response, rather than "pouring in" information. We listen with the child and together we ask, "God, who are you? How do you love us?"

Catechesis training is provided through nationally approved formation courses. Two courses are offered this year for Level I, which focuses on children aged 3 through 6. The lessons for this age group form the core of all future CGS lessons for older children.

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes offered by Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church Nashville and St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville on Tuesdays, September through March. One weekend per month, September through May. Can't train in Nashville this year? Come join the children as an assistant! For information contact: Rebecca Potts at 895-1350.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Baby blankets, prayer shawls, and lap throws – oh my! Please think about participating in the Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Paul's. Our group knits and crochets baby blankets for the newborns of our church. We also make prayer shawls and lap throws for those needing comfort during times of stress in their lives due to illness, surgery, or trying times. Our Rector delivers these items as he sees or hears of a need.

We meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays at 10:30. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to join us. Any skill level is appreciated and help is always there for beginners. You can work from home if our meeting time is not convenient to your schedule. Also, there are many ways to be involved, donating yarn or contributions to buy the yarn are also appreciated.

Please consider joining in this meaningful ministry. If you have any questions, call Charlotte Molloy at 896-1617.

Fellowship Events

Dinner Club Begins Soon

By Dot Jackson

It's time for the Dinner Clubs to get started. Hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and all the fun that goes with hot weather. Now it's time for some enjoyable fellowship over a dinner.

Will be setting up the schedules a little differently this fall and next spring. Hopefully the change will attract more people and have a few months rest between the last dinners.

We will continue to have a Home group and a Restaurant group. The Home group will be dining October and November 2011 and February and March 2012. If there is enough interest, we will add April 2012.


The Restaurant group will be dining October and November 2011 and February, March, and April 2012. Sign up at the Celebration of Ministry Fair On August 28 (*see page 1*). You may also email or call Dot Jackson to sign up or for more information.

Men's Club & Ladies Night Out

Men's Club. Come join the men of Saint Paul's Thursday September 1 for fellowship and dinner. Fellowship starts at 6:00

p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall. This month's cooks are Tom Washer, Fred Koechlein, and Kevin Milem. Let us know if you would be interested in cooking in 2012. If you have questions contact Jim Calder, Fred Koechlein, or Tom Collins.

Ladies Night Out. Please join us for Ladies Night Out, Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. We gather in a very casual atmosphere to chat and get to know each other just a bit better. Feel free to bring along your favorite beverage. If your day permits, you can bring a snack as well.




CELEBRATE JO WINKER
and her presence among us!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 • 5 PM

Please join us as we celebrate Jo's membership at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

We will enjoy a dinner reception and special "red carpet" presentation of Jo's professional acting career with some of Hollywood's greatest stars, including John Wayne and Richard Chamberlain.

There will be a video presentation of Jo's acting performances, narrated by Jo herself!

Tickets will be sold for \$20 each Sunday in September at all 3 church services, or in person at the church office. \$15 is tax deductible.



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Episcopal Church Women (ECW) to Hold First Annual Meeting

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Paul's will hold its first annual meeting September 17, 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The meal is a pot luck lunch. Please bring a lunch item to share (drinks, etc. are provided).

All women of the church 18 and older are automatically members of the ECW. Please review the officer and committee-chair position descriptions on the St. Paul's website and prayerfully consider your role in the ECW at St. Paul's. Should you feel lead to serve as an officer or a committee chair person, please submit your name to Father Polk, to Kathy in the church office, or to Claire Bradford any time before noon on the 17. The election of officers will take place after lunch, by ballot. The first annual meeting will proceed after the election with some brief reports and the completion of the mission statement [draft on the website] to be followed immediately by an officers meeting.

Officers to be elected are: President, Vice President (to serve the following year as president) Treasurer and Secretary. Committee Chair Positions to be filled are: Devotional Life/Chaplain Chair, Fund-Raising Chair, Communications & Publicity Chair, Social Events Chair, Ministry Projects Committee Chair, Leadership/Education/Spiritual Development Committee Chair, Nomination Committee Chair.

If you would like more information about ECW or if you can help with the luncheon part of our meeting please contact Claire Bradford at 615-405-2238.

St. Paul's 12th Annual Golf Scramble

Golfers of all shapes, sizes, gender, and handicaps are invited to join your friends at Champions Run Golf Club, Rockvale Saturday October 8th for fellowship and fun! Registration at 11:30am with a Shotgun Start at 1pm. Cost is \$55 per player and includes appetizers and prizes after the outing. Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall beginning September 4th. Contact Mike Becker at 294-8147 or 217-2100 for details.

Serving Hong Kong

By Kathleen Clark

What an amazing place to serve! I am getting settled here and training to be a case worker at the Mission for Migrant



Workers, where I will counsel Filipino and Indonesian migrant workers in the best way to file claims against abusive employers and employment agencies. I am learning so much about Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Indonesian laws and their cultures! Hong Kong is truly a cosmopolitan place. Every day I see people from all over the world making their way around the big city and I just can't help but be in awe at humanity's ability to come together.

The weather here is a lot like Tennessee – hot, humid, and relentless! It is typhoon season so sometimes a big rain hits the city and everyone breathes a sigh of relief. I am told the winters are mild, and I am thankful for an incredible public transportation system that means I don't have to try and drive!

I will also begin training to be a server at St. John's Cathedral and I am so excited to become a part of the spiritual community here. I remain awed by the beauty of the liturgy, which is slightly different than our Book of Common Prayer. I am a frequenter of the Cathedral bookstore, a fantastic place for books, cards, an assortment of wooden carvings and wall hangings, and a plethora of other things for the spiritual life. The staff are friendly and helpful, and I foresee many an hour browsing through the books there!

One of my favorite things about where I am working is that the building is right next door to the Cathedral. I can spend time in reflection during the day in the little chapel, or take time to walk the labyrinth that was just painted in the courtyard. I am so grateful for all of the support and prayers that

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have brought me to this place, and pray that I will serve God's mission of reconciliation during my time here.

Please drop me a line or comment on my blog! I love to hear from friends back home at <http://servinghongkong.blogspot.com>

Grace and Peace, Kathleen

UTO In-gathering Oct 9

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides a way for men, women, and children of the Episcopal Church to give daily thanks to God. When you thank God, you also place an offering in your blue box. One hundred percent of our offerings are joined with those from all over the church. One hundred percent of the offerings are used for projects at home and abroad to support grants for missions and ministry.

Annually, more than 100 grants are awarded. Examples of past grants are: * Dental care for the homeless in Amarillo, TX * A new playground for children with disabilities in Talladega, AL * Expansion of an AIDS interfaith network * A missionary school in Kenya for language study and cultural orientation * Renovation of a parish hall for an adult care center * A van for an emergency food pantry that covers a vast rural area * A women's development center in Uganda * Expansion of a home for abandoned, neglected and abused children.

UTO provides a way for the people of the Episcopal Church to accomplish more than any one person or congregation could on their own.

Military Prayer List Update

The military prayer list has been refreshed with only the names that have been submitted in the last month! Please contact the parish office if you would like for your contact to remain on the prayer list and we'll be most happy to make the update for you.

Third Quarter Food Drive

Many, many thanks to all who brought in donations for the quarterly food drive in August. This drive yielded a total of 957 food items and \$175 in cash donations. The Rutherford County Food Bank expressed great appreciation for St. Paul's participation and generosity! Thanks also go to David Kirkham and the Boy Scouts for their help counting and loading food, and to Fred Koech-

lein and Tom Washer for making the delivery to the food bank.

Thank You

Irma, Michelle and Alex Lowe would like to thank our wonderful church family for all the love, support, food, donations, help and everything that you have done for us during this dreadful time in our lives. Your love and support has meant so much to us all.

Baptisms

July 31, 2011 -- Corine Alice Malcom: July 31, 2011

August 28, 2011 -- Tobias Nash Caldwell

Deaths

Charles Moudy – October 14, 1922 - July 14, 2011

Birthdays

09/01 Shirley Ikard
09/01 Lucy Whitesell
09/01 Connie (Crickett) Pimentel
09/01 Gregory Raffo
09/02 Joan (Joanie) Kellermann
09/02 Christopher Crowell
09/02 Adel Ambrose
09/03 Howard Wall
09/03 Alan (Alan) Luboniecki
09/07 Ken Halliburton
09/08 Sara (Sally) Wall
09/08 Mary (Pidge) Cash
09/09 Marilyn Kugel
09/09 Mary Jo Van Zandt
09/09 John Gassler
09/09 Manuel Camara
09/09 Greg (Greg) Tidwell
09/10 William (Will) Cate Jr.
09/10 Eric Warren
09/11 Ann Hollis

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09/12 Martha (Brooke) Gross
09/13 Stephen Smith
09/14 Sandra (Sandy) Clemmons
09/15 Martha Canada
09/15 Molly Becker
09/15 Claire Davis
09/16 Annette Gracia
09/16 Frank Sutton
09/17 William (Bill) Cate III
09/17 Robert (Wesley) Arning
09/18 Dale Boyd
09/19 Fred Koechlein
09/19 Rodney George
09/20 Jonathan Tuseth
09/23 Ray Kleinlein
09/24 Leslee Karl
09/25 Andrew McGuire
09/26 Weston Seymour
09/28 Phil Young
09/28 Morgan (Morgan) James
09/29 Marlene Sellers
09/30 William (Thomas) Waggoner II
09/30 Kristi Hay
09/30 Sarah Sutton

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into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ***

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To obtain a copy of Father Polk Van Zandt's sermons please contact the Parish Office at 893-3780.