



SUMMER: A TIME OF RETURNING AND REST

One of my favorite prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer* is the collect for Quiet Confidence (found on page 832): *O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



What a great prayer for summer! Summer is a time for returning. We return to places where we have been renewed, refreshed, and known God's presence in familiar geographical surroundings. It might be the beach, or the mountains, or a lake, or the family home. We also return to people with whom we have shared live and love. So we see family members or visit

old friends.

Summer is also a time of rest. The best schedules we know most of the year seem to slow down just a bit and perhaps even stop for a brief period. Our bodies and souls need a break. We need to rest so that we can be renewed

and refreshed in order to receive *and enjoy* the good things that will be coming our way. We need rest and renewal to be prepared to meet whatever the future brings, good or bad.

My family will be doing some returning and resting this summer. We will return to the Holy Mountain, Monteagle and Sewanee for July 4th to be with family and friends. Mary Jo's mother lives in Monteagle and we have spent at least a few days each summer there for years. We will rest on the front porch, take afternoon naps and enjoy our extended family.

Summer Hours In Effect

(more information inside)

In August, Mary Jo and I will be going on a six-day white water rafting trip on the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho (our son Knox is a guide on the river). We will be remembering the first part of Canticle 1, section III (*BCP*, P.48):

Summer: A Time Of.....

O let the earth bless the Lord;*
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord;*
Praise him and magnify him forever.

As the collect for Quiet Confidence says, may the Holy Spirit lift you to God's presence as you return and rest this summer. May you know God's peace and strength for your life that we find in our Lord Jesus. Happy returning and resting this summer!

Polka

Youth Sunday Preachers



Our youth preachers for Youth Sunday (May 6) were (left) Reid Halliburton and (right) Scout Turner.

SING A NEW SONG

By Angela Tipps

How fitting that the first Sunday without our organ (May 13), the psalm would begin with "Sing a new song to the Lord!" We are, indeed, singing a new song for the next few Sundays, as we await the installation of Letourneau Organ Company's 125th installation. I hope that this time with alternative accompaniment will be a fresh change from the ordinary and enhance our worship.

We will be treated to young pianists playing the prelude for several Sundays. Members of the St. Paul's choir (and others) will be singing solos, duets, and quartets for us during the offertory. They'll also be sitting in the pews and singing the hymns and service music, so please make them feel welcome.

One of the benefits of having the choir members among you will, I hope, be the singing of hymns and songs during Communion. The congregation has always been invited to sing at the 11:00 service, but I realize that few people feel free to do so. I encourage you to use this time to pick up a hymnal, or follow along with a chorus printed in the bulletin, and join us in singing that new song.

Pentecost News

Our annual *Pentecost in the Park* worship and picnic was again very well attended by one and all from our three Rutherford County Episcopal churches. We are joyful about our growing presence in the county!

June 2012

We were delighted to have newly-ordained deacon Suzanne Cate join us Sunday, June 3, in the reading of the Gospel and other duties with Polk and Colin. She was recently awarded the School of Theology Prize in Biblical Studies and the Isaac Marion Dwight Medal for Philosophical and Biblical Greek at The University of the South upon her graduation. Below is a note from Suzanne near the end of May.

A Note from Suzanne Cate

Beloved family of St. Paul's,

With a mixture of profound sadness and incredible joy Will and I take our leave of Tennessee in June. We hate to say goodbye to all of our friends and family here, but we are called to live and minister in a different place. The great joy lies in the fact that the call is to find the light of Christ and share it in that new and wonderful place! We will be in Ormond Beach, FL, where I'll be the Associate Rector at St. James Episcopal Church and School.

There are a couple of wonderful milestones ahead of us before we leave, however. I will be ordained a transitional deacon at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville at 1:30 on Saturday, June 2, along with a couple of my very dear friends and classmates. You are all invited to join us for that holy and blessed occasion.

The transitional diaconate is a time of further preparation for the priesthood, during which I will perform the traditional liturgical functions of deacons. That means that during the Eucharistic celebration I will read the Gospel, possibly preach and lead the confession, set the table, and proclaim the dismissal. I will be at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 3 to do many of those things for the first time as a deacon! (I won't preach, because Kathleen Clark is going to open the Word for us that day—it will be such a treat to read the Gospel for that occasion!)

Will and I have been privileged to know you all. We will miss St. Paul's, which has provided such a loving, Spirit-filled church home for our family since we returned

to Tennessee in 2003. Like St. Paul himself, I pray that the God of hope will richly bless each and every one of you with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit!

In Christ's Holy Name,

Suzanne Cate, M. Div.

Layman's Conference Set

The annual layman's conference hosted by the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee is set for August 17 - 19 at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle. They have an exciting roster of speakers this year, including former UT football coach Phillip Fulmer.

Saint Paul's Men's Club

“ Bring A Friend “

Come join the Men of Saint Paul's Thursday, June 7, for Fellowship and Dinner . Fellowship 6 p.m. and Dinner 6:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall . Cooks for June are Robert McConnell, Drew Fedak and Clint Rine . Let us know if you would be interested in cooking in 2012 . Questions contact Jim Calder jecalder@mtsu.edu or Fred Koechlein fkoe91936@bellsouth.net.

Our plan is to cook Cajun chicken and sausage jambalaya outside in our iron kettles. This is the way it is traditionally done in Louisiana. We will also serve mandarin orange coleslaw and French bread. Rodney Martin will be bringing his famous

Men's Club.....

Mississippi mud pie for desert.

Drew and some of his friends will be playing music outside that afternoon as well. All food cost will be donated by (me) B&T's Cajun Country Catering and we are looking forward to a great time!

Laissez les bons temps rouler robm

St. Paul's Organ "Transplant"

By George Carlson

I was asked, as the project manager, to provide everyone with a bit more information on the work being done to prepare our chancel for the new organ. While the work is not all that great in quantity, it does include pieces and parts from almost every building trade imaginable.

To start with our small Moller organ needed to be removed from the inside of what is really a faux case. What you could see clearly from the nave was, in fact, not really part of the organ at all, but instead was a huge "cabinet" attached structurally to the building itself. The organ was in two box-like structures on a shelf about four feet off the ground. It's removal was fairly simple though it did require dismantling and packing all the pipes before moving the boxes.

We then had to remove four of the ceiling lights that would have ended up behind the façade of the new organ. Following that, the faux case had to be dismantled, including the heavy steel structure that supported the large 8' x 8' access doors. Also included in that work was cutting the triangular back-sloped ceiling to allow construction of a horizontal ceiling return twenty-one feet above the chancel floor.

New drywall has to be placed on that ceiling return as well as patching the holes where the ceiling lights were removed. Numerous bolts and unneeded conduits in the

floor have to be cut off and grout filled to provide a flush, level surface under the new organ. A small amount of concrete needs to be cut out to allow wiring from the new console to come up in the organ at a usable point.

Portions of the newly exposed back wall need to be plastered and finished to match the existing walls. Crown molding needs to be extended. Stone floor tile needs to be cut out to match the new organ's "footprint." Two floor registers need minor modifications. New wiring needs to be provided and finally the chancel walls and ceiling need to be painted so that all the new and patched work matches the existing.

As we start into the second week of that work, we are slightly ahead of schedule and things are progressing fairly smoothly. All of the dusty work should be complete in time to remove the dust barrier, have everything painted, and have a thorough cleaning before Sunday, June 3rd. Installing the last of the crown molding may not be done, but the appearance will be essentially the finished product. We will do a final cleaning on June 9 to make sure everything is ready for the new organ.

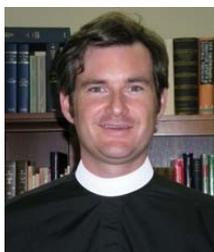
The new organ will arrive starting on June 11. Contractually, it should be fully installed, voiced, tuned and accepted by July 13. However, we have every reason to believe that it will be essentially complete and usable before that, perhaps even as early as the 1st of July, though more likely the 8th.

June 2012

Ministers to the World

Gifts and Talents Workshop to be Offered in August

Over the next month we will be hearing how St. Paul's parishioners having been ministering to the world. First, on Sunday, June 3, Kathleen Clark will be preaching at all services. Kathleen has spent the last year serving in the Young Adult Service Corps program of the Episcopal Church. As a Mission Volunteer at St. John's Cathedral in Hong Kong, she worked the Mission for Migrant Workers (www.migrants.net).



Second, between services on Sunday, June 24, Ted Cassidy, Kristi Hay, and Steven Lefebvre will be describing their recent work in Haiti. Ted and Steven travelled to Haiti in late February to plant a second garden as part of our nutritional ministry, with Kristi just returning from a week long medical ministry trip in early May.

Ted, Kristi, Steven are using their gifts to minister to the world. But don't forget, you are called to minister to the world as well. You may not be called to live in Hong Kong for a year or to make a trip to Haiti, but each of us has a part of God's Kingdom that God has equipped us to build.

St. Paul writes, "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. **So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.**" - *2 Corinthians 5:19-20*

St. Peter states, "You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, **you can show others the goodness of God**, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. - *1 Peter 2:9*

But what is God calling you to do? How can God make his appeal through you? What is your ministry?

These are questions all Christians should be ask themselves - and these are not easy questions to answer.

To help you with these questions we will be offering a new program this fall entitled "Gifts and Talents." The class will start on Tuesday night, August 25th and will meet once-a-week for six weeks. The class will help you define and develop your unique gifts for ministry based on Biblical principles with the hope that at the conclusion of the class you will be able to discern more clearly the ministry God is calling you to.

So, as you listen to the exciting stories from Hong Kong and Haiti, don't just get excited about the ministry work that has been done, get excited about the ministry work God is calling you to do. And join us in August as we seek to discern that ministry.

Blessings!

Colin+

Summer Hours, Breakfast & More

On June 3, we began our summer service schedule at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Our three-service format will resume on September 9.

Summer breakfast starts June 17 and runs through Aug. 26. Serving beginning at 9 a.m. until 10:15. The cost is \$4 adults, with a family maximum of \$15. 5-and-under eat free.

"2nd Wednesday" Suppers will start back on Sept 12.

June 2012

Visit Italy – 2013

Travel with the Rev. Gene Wise and Janelee Wise, and Dr. David Rowe, on a pilgrimage to Italy.

We will visit Rome, Vatican City, Siena, San Gimignano, Pias, Venice, Florence and Assisi.

Ten days filled with remarkable history which adds an indelible stamp for the Christian faith. We will depart Nashville on June 4, 2013 and return on June 13.

We will be traveling with Educational Opportunities who have done a wonderful job on seven previous journeys we've experienced. Brochures will be on the back bulletin board in our parish hall.

You can email me at wisegene@bellsouth.net or call me at 631-7000. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience religious history and faith and enjoy a spectacular country.

Rev. Gene Wise

HELP US FEED THE FOLK DANCERS!

By Pidge Cash

Folk dancers from Austria, the Czech Republic, Belgium, and Puerto Rico, as well as Cripple Creek Cloggers and the Nashville Old Time String Band Association will once again be entertaining us during Murfreesboro's International Folkfest, June 10-17. This is a fun way for us, as a downtown church, to take part in the life of Downtown Murfreesboro!

Throughout the week these organizations will be performing for area schools, youth and senior citizens organizations and civic clubs. For the weeks performance schedule go to:

<http://www.mboro-international-folkfest.org/>.

St. Paul's will be providing breakfast for all 100+ of them on Saturday morning, June 16, from 7:15 – 9 a.m. before they begin their performances on the Square. We will be serving egg casseroles, fruit and nut breads, grits, fruit, juice, tea and coffee.

Cheryl Beasley has graciously offered to provide recipes for large, tasty pre-prepared casseroles and breads (with ingredients and amounts needed) that will make a delightful buffet for the dancers.

Will you help us in the following ways?

- 1.) prepare a casserole
- 2.) prepare a bread
- 3.) prepare grits
- 4.) provide fresh fruit
- 5.) provide fruit juice
- 6.) help set up the dining tables in the Parish Hall on Friday afternoon, June 15th
- 7.) help set up the buffet tables on Sat. morning, June 16th
- 8.) help in the kitchen on Sat. morning, June 16th
- 9.) help with clean up and break down on Sat. morning, June 16th
- 10.) make a \$\$ donation toward food expenses

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or you can email or phone Pidge Cash at 615-542-2162 or bpcash@comcast.net. Thank you for whatever help you can give us!

Trip of Mission and Spiritual Formation?



A mission trip, right? Well, sort of. It is common tradition in youth ministry to take the annual summer short-term mission trip. Generally, these trips are a week long and they involve doing some form of service project, a little bit of evangelism and a trip to some theme park. The common narrative on these trips is that the students find out, that although they came down to serve, they probably got ‘more out of it’ than the people they served. Whether it was because they saw poverty for the first time and were changed, or perhaps they learned they could be vulnerable in the youth group, or maybe they enjoyed their first trip away from their family. What always seem to happen on these trips is something that is commonly called spiritual formation, that is, growth, maturity, and a deeper affection for the way of Jesus. So my question is, why not be upfront about our intentions? Why not explain that the trip is actually as much about our community’s formation and togetherness, as it is about cleaning up after a disaster or sharing the Gospel. Thus the mouthful: Trip of **Mission** (a clear intention of doing God’s work) *and* **Spiritual Formation** (growth in the way of Jesus).

This year, we are doing something a little non-traditional in terms of the ‘mission trip.’ We will be heading to the outskirts of Little Rock, Arkansas, to visit Heifer International’s Learning Center. What is Heifer International? Remember every Advent when we run that campaign to build an arc (where we buy a bunch of livestock for people in the developing world)? The organization we work with is Heifer International. They’re mission (remember that word) is to provide livestock and farming resources for people that live in impoverished villages around the world. It’s kind of that ‘teach a person to fish’ philosophy. By providing the poor with farm animals it contributes to their growth in the ways of their economy and most importantly helping our brothers and

sisters to discover their dignity (a fancy way of saying: helping people to discover how deeply God loves them).

June 6-9 we will be going to Heifer International’s Learning Center to have a dialogue about our world’s poverty as well as do several interactive exercises that encourage us in the ways of problem solving. Their motto is teaching kids to believe that eliminating poverty is possible!

Mission Trip Refreshment Tables
helped fund our Heifer
International trip....thank you for
your support!

We are asking that everyone at St. Paul’s prays for us while we are away and if you have it in your heart (and wallet) we would greatly appreciate financial contributions. Just drop a check in the offering plate on Sunday and write ‘Youth Missions’ on the memo line. We will still be accepting donations after we return from the trip!

Shalom.

Steven Lefebvre
Youth Minister

*** * * VBS in July! * * ***

Mark your calendar for
VBS July 23-27 at St. Paul's.
Details to come.

June 2012

Congratulations on a Successful 2nd quarterly food drive!

By Barbara Thomas

The 2nd quarterly food drive culminated on May 8. We collected 1010 food items, including \$140 in cash. Special thanks to:

- The youth group for including the food collection in their youth Sunday celebration.
- Fred Koechlein for donating his truck for collection, delivery and follow up on post May 8 donations.
- Ed Arnig, Frank Drowota, Fant Smith and all the Scouts who coordinated, counted and carried.
- Vic Barthelemy (Store Manager) and Publix on Memorial Blvd for donating bags for collection and a cart for advertising and "hauling".
- To YOU for bringing in food items and writing checks.

THANK YOU!

narthex. Those will be collected each week and included in the next food drive. Giving made possible 365 days a year!

"...when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me."
Matthew 25:40

The 3rd quarterly food drive will be August 12. In the meantime, you can bring food items to the church and place them in the basket in the

Birthdays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
06/01	Carl Schneider
06/02	MarthaAnn Cantrell
06/02	Sharon Dieringer
06/02	Ruby Gaither
06/04	Rachel Kirk
06/04	Scout Turner
06/05	Ken Sloan
06/05	Laney Golden
06/05	Mikki Carlson
06/06	Marcie Richmond
06/06	Gary McGuire
06/06	Karl Luboniecki
06/07	Dennis Marron
06/07	Jo Wintker
06/08	June McCash
06/08	David Flasher
06/08	Carrol Trusty
06/08	Michael Tallent
06/10	Kris McCusker
06/10	Michelle Stewart
06/11	Carol Detmer
06/13	Shirley Brackin
06/13	Barbara Sutton
06/13	Derek Moffett
06/14	Ramona Camara
06/14	Caroline Sullivan
06/15	Jeff Davis
06/16	Beth Sharber
06/16	Todd Huber

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06/18	George Carlson	06/24	Sudi Luboniecki
06/18	Jacob Black	06/25	Jenny Fayter
06/18	Mason McConnell	06/25	Debby James
06/19	Betty Kirksey	06/27	Martha Worley
06/19	James Gibson	06/27	Donna Long
06/20	Beth McCarthy	06/27	Gerald Oravetz
06/21	Duncan Chew	06/28	Melissa Warren
06/22	Robert Willis	06/29	Susan Greenall
06/23	Anne Taylor	06/29	Julia Marron
06/23	Patricia Petty	06/29	Regan James
06/23	Kailyn Gleaves	06/29	Spencer Burritt
06/23	Adam Blum	06/30	Ireland O'Neil

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into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ***

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