



The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ

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# Habitat For Humanity



Construction recently began on the 2008 House of Faith, located at 438 E. State Street, Murfreesboro. By now the framing is complete, but there is MUCH to do, and you can help!

Please log on to [megan@rchfh.org](mailto:megan@rchfh.org) if you're interested in helping Habitat For Humanity build yet another home. Several opportunities are available for laborers, helpers, and lunches. Contact them for the build schedule.

HFH recently held a dedication for a completed home at 614 Reid Avenue, Murfreesboro. The construction of that home was sponsored by Atmos Energy.

Habitat can always use the help of laborers, skilled or unskilled. Being on a job site, you get to work side-by-side with some great folks, including the family for whom the house is being built. Puts a new perspective on things!

Habitat can also always use help with lunches for work crews, and volunteer help in the ReStore, and, oh yeah, money. Prayerfully consider what you can do to help this local organization shine the light of Christ in our community.

## PENTECOST IN THE PARK



For many years we have celebrated Pentecost in a public park combining worship, eucharist, and fun. This year our Pentecost will be truly a special event. For the first time, all three Rutherford County Episcopal congregations—All Saints, Holy Cross, and St. Paul's—will gather together, combining our voices, our prayers, and our praises on May 11, 10:30 am, at Barfield-Crescent Park.

Pentecost is a Jewish holy day (called Shavu'ot) seven full weeks (fifty days) after Passover when the first harvests are gathered in and the community celebrates the giving of the Torah to the chosen people. It was to celebrate that that all the disciples and apostles

were gathered together in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them for ministry. So for Christians, Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. It is the third of the annual trinitarian feasts. The first, Christmas, celebrates the work of the Father in the incarnation, while the second, Easter, focuses on the work of salvation through the obedience and sacrifice of the Son.

In the Anglican tradition, the feast was long called Whitsunday because it was a favorite day for baptisms and those being baptized wore white robes. Those who have attended a Cursillo weekend will find the opening collect very familiar; it is the prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The three congregations are planning the service together as brothers and sisters, so it will be a new service for all of us. On Pentecost we ask people to come wearing red, the liturgical color for that day, and bring lawn chairs, a dish to pass, and a voice ready to pray and sing.

Log on to [megan@rchfh.org](mailto:megan@rchfh.org) for opportunities to help Habitat for Humanity

# THE E V A N G E L

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# PRIEST IN CHARGE



Dear Friends,

**Alleluia.  
Christ is risen!  
The Lord is risen  
indeed. Alleluia.**

This is exciting news, isn't it? After the darkness and despair of Holy Week, the exuberance of Easter Sunday is overwhelming. I know in my own life, Easter morning is always an exhilarating experience. It's an enlivening day, when death is animated by life—a day when our anguish is replaced by joy, hope replaces despair, and insecurity gives way to faith and peace. I don't want it to end. That may be why I love the fact that the Church gives us a whole season

to bask in the blazing light of Easter. The relief and joy of Easter morning are too much for just one day—they're too much to drink in, too intoxicating. We need more time to let it all soak in.

Since the first Easter morning, these days have been the time when the followers of Christ have given themselves to making sense of all that's just happened—to make sense of the Resurrection. These days have been the days when Christians were singularly focused on thinking about Easter, applying that mystery to their lives. After the intoxicating joy of Easter, this season has been about working out the implications of Christ's resurrection for our daily lives. So, what does it mean for you?

I have a favorite author and poet, Wendell Berry. His ability to cut through to the point, to challenge my presuppositions and the things I accept as true, makes me keep reading him. God uses him to make me think. See what his words do for you.

## Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front\*

*by Wendell Berry*

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,  
vacation with pay. Want more  
of everything ready-made. Be afraid  
to know your neighbors and to die.

And you will have a window in your head.  
Not even your future will be a mystery  
any more. Your mind will be punched in a  
card and shut away in a little drawer.  
When they want you to buy something  
they will call you. When they want you  
to die for profit they will let you know.  
So, friends, every day do something  
that won't compute. Love the Lord.  
Love the world. Work for nothing.  
Take all that you have and be poor.  
Love someone who does not deserve it.

Denounce the government and embrace  
the flag. Hope to live in that free  
republic for which it stands.  
Give your approval to all you cannot

understand. Praise ignorance, for what man  
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.  
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias.  
Say that your main crop is the forest  
that you did not plant,  
that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested  
when they have rotted into the mold.  
Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.  
Put your faith in the two inches of humus  
that will build under the trees  
every thousand years.

Listen to carrion -- put your ear  
close, and hear the faint chattering  
of the songs that are to come.  
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.  
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful  
though you have considered all the facts.  
So long as women do not go cheap  
for power, please women more than men.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy  
a woman satisfied to bear a child?  
Will this disturb the sleep  
of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields.  
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head  
in her lap. Swear allegiance  
to what is nighest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicians  
can predict the motions of your mind,  
lose it. Leave it as a sign  
to mark the false trail, the way  
you didn't go.

Be like the fox  
who makes more tracks than necessary,  
some in the wrong direction.  
Practice resurrection.

\*\*"Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" from The Country of Marriage, copyright © 1973 by Wendell Berry.

*What does practicing resurrection mean to you? Write me, and tell me, [mlgreat@bellsouth.net](mailto:mlgreat@bellsouth.net).*

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# EFM

Education For Ministry

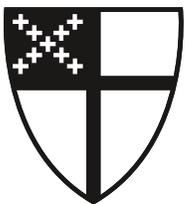
Education for Ministry, affectionately known as EFM, is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology.

Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work.

There are openings for two or three new members to start EFM in the fall. An organizational meeting and registration will occur in August. Please contact Suzanne Cate at 604-7227 or Patty Evanietz at 419-3280 for more information.

## Confirmation Coming June 29

Bishop John Bauerschmidt will be with us at St. Paul's on Sunday June 29 at all three services to celebrate and to confirm new members of our church family. Anyone who wishes to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church can discuss that with Fr. Matt. Intent forms will be available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. There will also be an opportunity to gather and explore the meaning of confirmation as the date approaches. Fuller details will appear in the June Evangel.



## EPISCOPAL SHIELD DECALS

Please stop by the office and pick up an Episcopal shield decal for your automobile. You can choose between two types; each one is only \$1. For more information, please give the office a call, 893.3780.

*matt greathouse+*

## Senior Warden's Corner



### Listening For God

Recently I attended a monthly staff meeting for St. Paul's. We started our meeting with Noonday prayers led by Father Matt. As a part of the brief service we read together from Psalms.

Part of the verse that Father Matt expanded upon was God's instruction "Be still and know that I am God."

As our group reflected on that simple profound statement it really resonated with me at this point in my life. We all shared how we feel strapped for time, burdened with busy schedules, commitments, responsibilities and the never ending challenge of keeping all of these in balance with our family life. We all concurred that we do not set the time aside to "listen to/for God's voice."

One person from our group offered a story from her Catechesis experience. She was giving a lesson about prayer to a group in the kindergarten age class. During the lesson she was exploring with them what they should be doing when they pray. The most immediate response given by one child was, "Talking to God." While she was waiting for additional responses another hand went up. When she called on the child they answered, "Listening to God."

Once again I was struck by the message of simple faith from a child. We all remember the admonition from Jesus about having the simple faith of a child.

Personally I would do well to keep this in mind daily as I let my "complicated life of deadlines, budgets, issues and responsibilities" rob me of the time that I should be spending in the presence of God.

God has much in store for our church family. We all have roles to play in His plan, and that means that there is and will be much work to be done. Let's collectively strive to spend as much time "Being still and knowing that He is God" as we do in getting caught up in ALL that we think needs to be done. When we "listen to/and for God" he will simplify it for us in a way that we cannot manage for ourselves.

God's Peace,

*Chuck*

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden



## DINNER AUCTION

# Thank You!

To all who donated items, to all who purchased items in the auctions, and to all who gave of their time to make the Dinner Auction possible: Thank you so very, very much!!! Your generosity and support will make it possible for 20 students and adults to be “the hands and feet of Jesus” to rural North Carolina and impoverished Caguas, Puerto Rico.

Thank you so much for your support of the youth of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and your furtherance of “the Kingdom.”

Also, we would like to invite you to hear our stories and our testimonies and to see our pictures when we return from our trips. On Sunday evening, July 13th at 6:00 p.m., we will share our stories of how we made a difference in the lives of others and how you made a difference in our lives through your generosity.

Please join us in the Student Center of St. Margaret's Hall on Sunday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

*Thank You!*

St. Paul's Episcopal Student Ministry

## D-groups

*Attention all 6th through 12th grade students:*

This summer we're getting GREEN because God is Green!!! And because one of God's very first commands to us was to care for the earth! Every Wednesday night we will get together to plant, and take care of a vegetable and fruit garden close to St. Paul's church as well as plant flowers and trees around downtown Murfreesboro. What a great way to enjoy the summer weather, enjoy each other and obey God all at the same time!!!

G-groups are replacing D-groups for the summer. Details for G-groups are coming soon!

# STPAULS YOUTH ONLINE.COM

## St. Paul's Episcopal Student Ministry is NOW ONLINE!!!

Now you can find info about upcoming events and services. You can look for yourself in the pictures on the website. You can even watch videos and blog. And, no more keeping track of registration papers that you always lose before you get them home for your parents to sign - now you can register for events online and even pay for them online. All this and more...check us out at [www.stpaulsyouthonline.com](http://www.stpaulsyouthonline.com)!!

Bear with us as we will be adding to and updating the new website frequently for a while. Also, because of the availability of information on the new website, we will no longer be sending out monthly calendars. However, if you have limited or no access to the Internet and would like to continue to receive a monthly calendar, please give your name and address to Josh Courtney.

**VBS!**  
**COMING TO ST. PAUL'S**  
**JUNE 16TH-20**  
**9 AM-12:15 PM**  
**AGES 3-12**  
**MUST BE POTTY TRAINED**  
**COST: ONLY \$5.00 AND INCLUDES A T-SHIRT**



**REGISTRATION IS STARTING NOW!**  
**DON'T LET YOUR KIDS MISS OUT ON DISCOVERING**  
**THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF JESUS!**

**YOU CAN REGISTER IN THE NARTHEX OR ONLINE**  
**[WWW.STPAULSMBORO.ORG](http://WWW.STPAULSMBORO.ORG)**



Looking to help with Vacation Bible School but can't make it for the week? Consider loaning or donating some of these items. Just label your items and drop them off in the parish hall.

We'll take great care of them. Questions? Call Laureen at 217-8360 Thank you!!

We need to borrow these things just for the week:

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|----------------------|---|
| *5 spray bottles     | *bowling balls (1-8 lb. or less, 1-13lb. or more) |
| *ping pong balls     | *bubble wands                                     |
| *fog machine         | *3 leaf blowers                                   |
| *pool noodles (lots) | *medium rope                                      |
| *lab coats           | *4 long dowels or broomsticks                     |
| *goggles             | *small child wading pools                         |
| *hula hoops          |   |
| *old bike horns      |   |
| *rope lights         |   |
| *aquarium tank       |   |
| *5 cinderblocks      |   |

These things cannot be returned:

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *Styrofoam sheets                     | *newspaper                         |
| *cardboard sheets                     | *15 packs Mentos candy.            |
| *old CD/Rom disks                     | *15 rolls inexpensive toilet paper |
| *red ink pads                         | *15 rolls masking tape             |
| *15 2liter bottles of diet Coke/Pepsi | *5 beach balls                     |
| *Yellow Caution Tape                  |                                    |

## BLUE MONARCH

*We are looking for four knitters...*

...or crocheters who are each willing to make a prayer shawl for one of the women currently living at Blue Monarch. If you feel called to such a ministry, please contact Jeanmarie Martin (895-7332 or [jma050993@aol.com](mailto:jma050993@aol.com)) for more information. The crochet pattern is particularly easy; if you are a beginner I can teach you how in just one sitting.



We are also compiling a list of future knitters or crocheters so that each woman who comes to Blue Monarch will be blessed with a prayer

shawl made for her by someone at St. Paul's. Visit the Shawl Ministry site ([www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)) to learn more about this prayerful work for your prayerful hands!

# MAY 2008

## PENTECOST IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, May 11 @ 10.30 AM

Rutherford County Episcopal Churches gather at Barfield Crescent Park

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION</b> 7.30, 8.45 & 11.00 am HE 8.45 am Children's Church 9.55 am Christian Ed <b>Choristers at St. Paul's</b> 4.30 Cub Scout Kickoff 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	<b>5</b> 11.15 am Staff Meeting 5.30 pm Alanon 7 pm AA 7 pm EIM	<b>6</b> 10am Quilting Club 4 pm RSCM Rehearsal 6 pm Search Committee 7 pm AA	<b>7</b> 7 am & 5.30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 10 am Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6.30 pm Youth D Groups 7.15 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA	<b>1</b> 6 pm Got a Stamp Club 6 pm Ladies' Night Out 6 pm Men's Club 7 pm AA	<b>2</b> 9.30 am DOK Board Meeting 7 pm AA 7 pm Siegel High Special Needs Prom <b>JAZZFEST ON THE SQUARE</b>	<b>3</b> 7 pm AA <b>JAZZFEST ON THE SQUARE</b>
<b>11 PENTECOST</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 7.30 HE (St. Paul's) 10.30 HE (Barfield Crescent Park) 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	<b>12</b> 11.15 am Staff Meeting 5.30 pm Alanon 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA 6.30 pm EIM	<b>13</b> 6 pm Search Committee 6 pm Vestry Meeting 6.15 pm Dream Group 7 pm AA	<b>14</b> 7 am & 5.30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6.30 pm Youth D Groups 7.15 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA	<b>15</b> 7 pm AA	<b>16</b> 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal 7 pm AA	<b>17</b> 9 am DoK Meeting 2 pm Messier/Reaver Wedding 7 pm AA  
<b>18 PENTECOST 1</b> 7.30, 8.45 & 11 am HE 8.45 am Children's Church 9.55 am Christian Ed 9.55 am Coffee with the Clergy 12.15 pm Brownie Luncheon 3.30 pm Recital/Choral Evensong 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	<b>19</b> 11.15 am "Full" Staff Meeting 5.30 pm Alanon 7 pm AA	<b>20</b> 10am Quilting Club 6 pm Search Committee 7 pm AA	<b>21</b> 7 am & 5.30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6.30 pm Youth D Groups 7.15 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA	<b>22</b> 6.30 pm Cub Scout Pack 108 7 pm AA	<b>23</b> 5.30 pm Parents' Night Out 7 pm AA	<b>24</b> 7 pm AA
<b>25 PENTECOST 2</b> 7.30, 8.45 & 11 am HE 8.45 am Children's Church 9.55 am Christian Ed 12.30 pm Cursillo Ulireya 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	<b>26 MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5.30 pm Alanon 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	<b>27</b> 1.30 pm SPWFBC delivery 6.15 pm Dream Group 6.45 pm Search Committee 7 pm AA 	<b>28</b> 7 am & 5.30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6.30 pm Youth D Groups 7 pm AA	<b>29</b> 11.30 am Senior Birthday Luncheon 7 pm AA	<b>30</b> 7 pm AA	<b>31</b> 7 pm AA



Courtenay Davis.....05/01  
 Victoria Cassidy .....05/02  
 Weston Smith .....05/02  
 Charlotte Molloy .....05/03  
 Cole Curtze .....05/05  
 Krista Phillips .....05/05  
 David Rowe .....05/05  
 Doris Simpson.....05/05  
 Phillip Brown.....05/06  
 Mary Elizabeth Butler....05/06  
 Michael Curtis .....05/06  
 Whitney Allgood.....05/07  
 Elizabeth Gassler .....05/07  
 Sarah Rogers .....05/07  
 William Warlick .....05/07  
 Joani Beckwith.....05/08  
 Andrew Foster.....05/08  
 Richard Gleaves, Jr ..... 05/08  
 Anna Smith .....05/08  
 Jared Turner .....05/09  
 Benjamin Smith .....05/10  
 Stephen Brown.....05/11  
 Kathy Dillon.....05/11  
 Sloan Perry.....05/11  
 Nancy Serafin.....05/11  
 Warren Tormey.....05/11  
 Meghan Adkins .....05/12  
 Thomas Pabor .....05/14

Guna Curtis .....05/16  
 Pamela Bohall .....05/17  
 Mary Hollis .....05/17  
 Mary Clayton .....05/19  
 Audra Esker .....05/19  
 Mia Collins .....05/20  
 Maggie Newell.....05/20  
 Melissa Hamby .....05/21  
 Harry Haines .....05/22  
 Christine Merchant.....05/23  
 Libba Sanders.....05/28  
 Steven Luboniecki .....05/24  
 Lucas Raffo .....05/24  
 Forrest Brown .....05/25  
 Julie Hutchens .....05/25  
 Blake Tidwell.....05/25  
 Catherine McCarthy.....05/26  
 Michael Bedsole.....05/27  
 Caitlin Davis-Hatcliff.....05/27  
 Abigail Wintker.....05/27  
 Taylor Halliburton.....05/28  
 Chase Hurst.....05/28  
 Libba Sanders.....05/28  
 Tyler Loucky .....05/29  
 Ronald Nelson.....05/29  
 Delia Goodman .....05/30  
 Stacy Palmer .....05/30

**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS UPDATE**

If you have moved, changed your home or cell phone numbers, or have had a change in your e-mail address, please contact the church office to update your records.

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday, 12:00 noon, each week.

Articles for the monthly Evangel newsletter are due in the church office by the 15th of each month.

The deadline for the June Evangel is Tuesday, May 15, 2008. Please e-mail all information to [evangel@stpaulsmboro.org](mailto:evangel@stpaulsmboro.org).

**PARISH STAFF**

The Rev. Matt Greathouse, Priest In Charge  
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 Ralph Smith, Assistant to the Rector  
 Angela Tipps, Minister of Music  
 Jacob Courtney, Assistant Minister to Youth  
 Aimee Spurlock, Choirmaster RSCM  
 Kathy Warlick, Administrative Assistant  
 Kathy and Bill Jones, Co-Treasurers

**VESTRY**

Wardens: Chuck Phillips,  
 Rodney George, Jeff James, Bill Williams

Kathleen Herzog, Kristi Hay, Barry Huber,  
 Ron Messier, Robin Newell, Marcie Richmond,  
 Fant Smith, Jane Smith

*Choir News*

The St. Paul's Choir will be featured in a Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday on May 18, 4:00 p.m. Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Rutter will be featured. A flute recital by Cathrine Gordon, Todd Gorman, and Kelsey Rogers will precede the service at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and a nursery is provided.

Summer Choir begins on Sunday, June 1st in the Nave. No Wednesday rehearsals--just come to rehearsal at 10:00 Sunday morning to sing for the 11:00 worship service. If you've always wanted to sing with the St. Paul's Choir but have midweek commitments, now's the time to join us! Contact Organist/Choirmaster Angela Tipps for more information 896-7067.

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*May 2008*



“...When he was twelve, they made the pilgrimage as usual. When the festive season was over they started for home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this, but thinking that he was with the party they journeyed on for a whole day, and only then did they begin looking... They returned to Jerusalem to look for him; and after three days they found him sitting in the temple surrounded by the teachers, listening to them and putting questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his intelligence...” What made you search?” he said. “Did you not know that I was bound to be in my Father’s house?” ...Then he went back with them to Nazareth...his mother treasured all these things in her heart.”

*--Luke 2:42 (New English Bible)*

This passage in the King James translation is a bit difficult to understand, using archaic words like “wist.” (It means “know.”) The King James version though contains a key quote. “I must be about my Father’s business.”

Ah.

Our Father’s business.

And as we go about this fine community, where will we find our Father’s business? How to recognize it? What is it?

A pastor friend in Memphis put it succinctly:

“My idea of Christianity is that we are commanded to love and care for one another.”

***Our Father’s business.***