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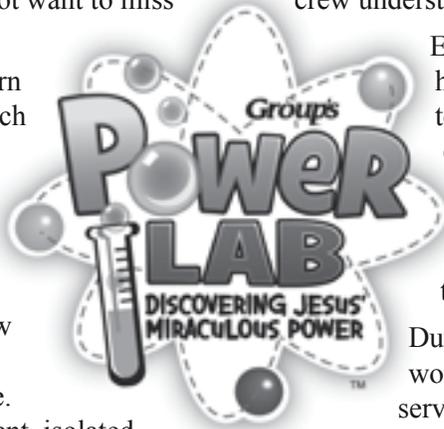
Vacation Bible School - June 16th

June 16th begins our annual Vacation Bible School, and this year proves that we have VBS down to a science! Power Lab: Discovering Jesus, Miraculous Power is coming to St. Paul's. Your children will not want to miss the fun.

At Power Lab, Kids will learn one important bible point each day. Power Lab focuses on one key biblical concept and is reinforced daily through Bible verses, songs, and hands-on activities that help kids know more about God. At Power Lab, no activity stands alone.

Instead of leading independent, isolated classes, each station leader builds upon the other stations. By the end of the day, children have a complete understanding of the Bible concepts through many modes of learning. Each day, kids will learn a new Bible concept:

- Day 1:** Jesus gives us the power to be thankful
- Day 2:** Jesus gives us the power to help others
- Day 3:** Jesus gives us the power to be brave
- Day 4:** Jesus gives us the power to live forever
- Day 5:** Jesus gives us the power to tell others about God



Children will move through each activity in small "families" called lab crews. Led by a responsible teen or adult, the small group of mixed-age children will have jobs to help their crew understand the bible concept.

Each day the children will have a daily bible challenge to try outside of church. This challenge is an easy but meaningful task that each child chooses that will bring the bible concept of the day to life.

During the week, we will also be working towards a community service project to show children that as Christians we are to reach out to others in need. We will be working with the Smyrna/Lavergne food bank to collect jars of jelly, canned meat and tuna, and other non-perishable items to help build their food supply for families in need.

Power Lab is bursting with excitement. Power Lab is for children ages 3-12. The cost is only \$5.00 and includes a cool t-shirt. Register your child online at www.stpaulsmboro.org today. They are sure to have a blast!

Confirmation To Be Celebrated June 29

On Sunday, June 29, the Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt will make his annual visit to St. Paul's to celebrate and preach at all three services and to confirm members of the

congregation at the 11:00 service. One of the seven sacraments of the Church, Confirmation has changed through the ages. In the early church it was administered simultaneously with baptism, which means it was administered by the baptizing priest. Over the centuries, in the Western church authority to confirm came to rest with bishops (in orthodox churches priests confirm).

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THE E V A N G E L

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**ST. PAUL'S
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PRIEST IN CHARGE



One Sunday in a small town in northern England, it dawned on the parish priest that it had been a long time since one of his good friends, a formerly regularly-attending parishioner, had been in the pews. As he thought back, he realized that he hadn't seen the man since Pentecost

Sunday—now more than six months ago. He made it a point the next evening to pay his friend a visit—just to check in on him.

It was a chilly evening, and the priest bundled himself up against the cold as he walked through the little hamlet toward the house. As he approached, he noticed the inviting glow of a fire flickering through the windows of the man's cottage, and he shivered.

When the priest knocked on the door, his old friend greeted him warmly and ushered him to a big chair in front of the cozy fireplace. The man quickly realized the occasion for the visit but coyly waited for the priest to open the conversation. All the while, the man prepared his explanations and excuses, but the minister, now comfortable, said nothing for a long time—instead, he stared intently at the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After a long time of silence as both men stared at the fire, the priest took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember, and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched in quiet fascination.

It didn't take very long for the ember's flame to dwindle and die, leaving only a few seconds of glow before all traces of fire in the log were gone. After just a few more moments the wispy trail of smoke even stopped, and the log became lost in the ashes of the hearth.

The two men—good friends—continued for a long time to sit in silence gazing into the fire and ashes, neither having spoken a word since their initial greeting. Finally, the priest stood to leave. As he did, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Almost instantly it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As he stood before the door to leave, he wrapped himself in his coat and braced for the cold. As his old friend reached to open the door, he quietly said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I'll be back in church next Sunday."

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Stewardship Team Formed

The Vestry has asked Tim Seneker to chair a new Stewardship Team, whose goal will be to develop a strategy to make Stewardship a more regular part of our ministry within St. Paul's.

Over the past several years, we have seen St. Paul's grow from the small church next to Jr's Foodland to what we are today -- a bustling, vibrant church with ministries happening all day, every day, and with a campus now occupying a good portion of an entire city block. And, with the exciting times ahead, we see that growth continuing.

In order to continue to fund these programs, outreach opportunities, and campus improvements, we must make a concerted effort to be good stewards of the time and

talents God gives us. The resources we have are being used continually, and we want to make certain that we protect the investments we've made by taking care of them.

This newly formed Stewardship Team will be focussing on opportunities for parishioners to participate in Stewardship activities in the coming months and years. As a part of the reporting from this team, the Treasurers will add a report to each month's Evangel to give the Parish a snapshot of our financial position at that time.

God has blessed us with many, many talents, and we want to make sure that we are focussed on using them as best we can!

Please pray for this team as they take on this very important ministry for St. Paul's.

Senior Warden's Corner



This month I have much exciting news to report to you! This period in our parish life continues to be busy and full of opportunity.

I would like to start by thanking all of you who worked hard to host the first combined "Rutherford County" Episcopal joint celebration of Pentecost.

What a great turnout and wonderful celebration of our common faith with our brothers and sisters. This is quite likely the first of many opportunities for our parishes to come together, because our Bishop recently came to visit and asked us to begin a dialogue with our sister parishes to explore possibilities for the Episcopal Church in Rutherford county. Father Matt and I visited with Bishop Bauerschmidt just last week to follow up and get his guidance. The Bishop indicated that he will sponsor a joint meeting of Clergy and lay leadership and the near future to "kick off" this exciting opportunity to come together in new and exciting ways. Please pray for our guidance as we move forward.

On another front the Vestry has appointed a new team to explore ways to develop a more comprehensive approach to our financial stewardship. As our Parish has grown in membership and physical size, we are challenged every year to keep pace with not only ministry and program needs but also to take care of a larger and more complex campus. In my three years on the Vestry we have constantly had to

"juggle decisions" for significant expenses such as aging heating and air conditioning units, leaky roofs, painting the exterior of our new Sanctuary and the list goes on. In this month's Vestry meeting, your Vestry approved \$55,000 in expenditures for items like I previously mentioned. The reality is we have to maintain our buildings and grounds, and the initial focus of our new Stewardship team will be to help raise the necessary funds to be proactive now and into our future. Look for more information in the coming weeks and prayerfully consider ways to support this effort.

Finally, I want to report that your Search Team is now beginning the phase of their work that will identify and screen possible candidates for our new Rector. What an exciting time of anticipation! I won't steal the Search Team's thunder, but I would like to thank each of you for your faithful prayers and the Search Team for their hard work and commitment to this important task. The Vestry will be working toward our own process of discernment and screening as we look to finalize our search in the coming months.

We are a wonderful, strong community bound in common faith and love for each other and service to God. I am honored to be here with each of you during these exciting times.

God,s Peace,

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

(as of April 30, 2008)

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Pledges Month To Date	\$60,022	\$49,491
Pledges Year To Date	\$240,089	\$214,178
Total Revenues Month To Date	\$75,898	\$66,717
Total Revenues Year To Date	\$303,590	\$275,849
Total Expenses Month To Date	\$63,312	\$59,613
Total Expenses Year To Date	\$253,246	\$255,817

Notes: Expenses do not include scheduled principal payments on the new sancutary loan that average \$5,850 monthly.

Weight Watchers

You can lose those pounds - whether it's 10 pounds or 100 pounds, please consider joining us! You can join anytime - just show up at any meeting in St. Margaret's Hall, Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. (membership fee will be prorated). We will have an information meeting (learn about the program before deciding to join) on Wednesday, June 25th in St. Margaret's Hall. The new series will begin on July 2nd and run through September 17th. This is a great time to join - 12 weeks for the price of 10!! It's \$120.00 for new members, \$110 for renewing members. We must have 14 paid memberships on July 2nd in order to continue our St. Paul's group. As a group we have lost over 300 pounds - we want to count your pounds in our total, so join us as soon as you can!!

What's Confirmation All About?

David Rowe

When Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt comes to St. Paul's on June 29, he will carry out in our midst a rite that is ancient in the Christian church. Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments, a liturgy in which we recognize the presence and power of God signified in ordinary, material things, "outward and visible signs of inward, spiritual grace." In this case the outward and visible signs are the hands of the Bishop, and the inner grace we receive is empowerment to respond to the call God gives each of us as workers for the Kingdom.

Several things happen at Confirmation. Christians who were baptized as infants have an opportunity to affirm baptismal vows that parents and godparents made for them. Confirmation is also an opportunity for people to proclaim their commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord in the midst of people who have themselves made that same commitment. In this way, those being confirmed join to us and with us publicly and intentionally.

Something else happens at the same time. During the service the Bishop asks the congregation if we will support these persons. When we together say loudly "We Will" the congregation joins with them. It's our way of saying, "We not only want to share our gifts with you, we want to receive the gifts you bring to us." At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit changes everyone and breathes new life into the Church.

Please plan to worship with us at this very special moment in the lives of individual Christians and of our whole congregation.

Continued from page 1 **Confirmation June 29**

Until relatively recently, Confirmation was the rite of initiation into the Episcopal Church, a requirement for voting and holding office.

Today, changes in recent General Conventions have returned Confirmation to much of its ancient meaning and an opportunity for adults to affirm the vows they made, or we made for them, at baptism. With that comes, as with all the Sacraments, an opportunity for additional empowerment by the Holy Spirit to live out those vows.

Who can be confirmed? Essentially any baptized adult who wishes to participate and to publicly commit him/herself to the Lord through the Church. At the same service, the Bishop can also baptize anyone who wishes to be confirmed. Many people who undertake the Pilgrimage seek Confirmation, but completing that program is not a requirement, though we eagerly invite them to participate this Fall. Anyone who was previously confirmed as a Roman Catholic or an Evangelical Lutheran will go through the same service, but the Bishop will receive him/her since the Episcopal Church recognizes their rites of Confirmation. Confirmed Episcopalians can reaffirm their baptismal vows before the Bishop. So a lot will happen on the 29th.

To help prepare, all those seeking to be confirmed/received or to reaffirm their vows are invited to attend a Covenant Workshop to be held the two days before the Bishop's visit, on Friday June 27 from 6:30 to 9:00 and continuing on Saturday June 28 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. The workshop will end with a rehearsal of the service.

"Confirmation Intent Forms" are available on the bulletin in the Parish Hall. We ask each person who will be confirmed/received/reaffirmed to fill one out and put it in the Pilgrimage mailbox in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions speak to Fr. Matt or to David Rowe.



January Caribbean Getaway

Educational Opportunities (The Christian Based Company we've used for a lot of travel) is offering a special winter cruise to celebrate 35 years of service. Janelee and I have signed up, sent our money, and are looking for a one-week break from January weather. The cruise aboard the ship Carnival Liberty includes the normal fun cruise activities—PLUS—there will be four Methodists Bishops who will each give two lectures (Biblical in nature). So, we can have our cake and eat it too.

Check out the brochures in our parish hall over by the coffee. We would love to have a St. Paul's contingent.

Gene Wise+

ULTREYA

Ultreya set for June 8 following the 11:00 service.

Bring a dish to pass for the pot luck lunch.

Witness Talk: Richard Detmer

Response: Mike Becker

Gospel Response: Matt Greathouse

Music: Jane Smith and others

OUTREACH

*For the Love of God
and Our Neighbors
Or
Defining Outreach*

Our parish family has been hard at work this year, discerning many things about ourselves, our church and our place in the community. In that process, "Outreach" has been a hot topic, placing at or near the top of almost every list of opportunities for growth that our self-examination has generated. Ron Messier and Barry Huber are your vestry representatives who have been called to lead parish efforts in the area of Outreach. Ron and Barry have begun the process of putting together a team of dedicated folks who will focus their attention on Outreach.

Our charter, as a group, includes creating an infrastructure from which all of us can learn about, encounter and embrace Outreach. One of our first challenges in building that infrastructure is the realization that the word, Outreach might mean many different things to different people. One of our first tasks as a group will be to find a definition that is simple and universal. You can help us in that task by letting us know what springs to your mind when you hear the word, *Outreach*. Please send your definition of Outreach to suzanne@catefamily.net by June 11.

Another way that you can help us as we get started with this building process is to pray. We have chosen the Collect for Social Service on page 209 of the BCP as a prayer that speaks to our work:

For Social Service

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless, we beseech thee, all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look for more information about Outreach soon—beginning with that common definition! We will have plenty to say about Outreach: what it is, what it means for your life in Christ, and how you can be a part of it.

Barry Huber, Ron Messier, Kathleen Herzog, Joyce Adkins, Pidge Cash, Ralph Smith, Suzanne Cate

Quilting Bees of Murfreesboro

The Quilting Bees guild was formed to provide a daytime, weekday guild for interested quilters in the Murfreesboro area. Three of the four founding members are St. Paul's members (Edith Brophy, Kitty Rogers and I) and our newsletter is written by St. Paul's member Kitty McCloud. The Bees chose to meet at Northminster Presbyterian due to a concern about available parking close to the meeting space - especially important on days when sewing machines are brought to the meetings. Our first meeting was held in September of 2006 and we signed up approximately 30 members that day. We meet 3 times a month holding a business meeting with a program the first Tuesday of each month, a workshop meeting the 3rd Tuesday and a charity quilting meeting on the 4th Tuesday. Membership is open to all and visitors are welcome. You need not be a quilter to attend or join.

We don't know how long we will need the space as that will depend on the construction completion at Northminster Presbyterian but it will probably not take more that a few weeks. On behalf of the guild, I do thank you for providing us space during this time and personally look forward to welcoming these women to St. Paul's to see what we do here.

Sincerely, Susan Emory
President, Quilting Bees of Murfreesboro

Siegel High School



CDC Prom

For the second year, St. Paul's hosted the Siegel High School CDC Prom. This was started last year as a school project/labor of love by Jennifer Dillon. Now at MTSU, she continued her support and hard work to make this year's event special for students at Siegel who would not otherwise have enjoyed a prom.

Following is a note from the CDC group.

"Thank you so much for allowing us to use your church. The students had such a wonderful time!"

St. Paul's Student Ministries

This summer St. Paul's Student Ministries is giving YOU the opportunity to...



Love Out Loud!

Let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. — *1 John 3:18*

Don't just SAY you love God and you love others...SHOW it!

Join us on Wednesdays as we help build a home for a single mother of three!

No skills or previous experience is necessary, only the desire to "Love Out Loud"!



Parents/Adults: We need your help too!

What a great way to spend a few summer days... "Loving Out Loud" alongside your son or daughter! You can also help by signing up to provide breakfast and lunch for all volunteers for a particular day!

We also need adults to pick up and take home students that wish to serve but do not have rides!

Students and Parents/Adult Volunteers:

To sign up or for more information go to the St. Paul's Student Ministries' website...

www.stpaulsyouthonline.com

(the "Love Out Loud" days are in place of "G-groups/D-groups"...

we will no longer be planting and harvesting a garden this summer, instead we will be building a home)



It's not just Xperience...it's **SuMMER XpeRIeNcE!!!**

Join us for fun, food, worship and

cRAZY OutDOOR GaMEs this **Summer at Xperience!**

6th – 8th grade students: 5 to 7 PM – 9th – 12th grade students: 6 to 8 PM

Check the website for Summer Xperience dates and details!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



House of Faith 2008
438 East State Street

Construction volunteers needed on June 4 and 7 for trim installation; on June 11 for trim paint and hardware installation; on June 14 for hardware installation and clean-up work; and on June 18 for final clean-up.

Also, meal teams are needed for the same dates as listed above for 15 to 18 volunteers. Delivery to 438 E. State Street. Breakfast by 9:00 a.m.; lunch by 11:30 a.m.

Register online at www.fbcmboro.org

Communications Technology Survey Results

Thanks so much to everyone who took the time to complete our recent communications technology survey. We had over 110 surveys completed. Our survey has shown that St. Paul's is a technologically savvy church. Eighty-nine percent of our members responding have access to a computer at home, 60% have access to a computer at work and 54% have access at home and work. Almost everyone who has access to a computer also reports access to the Internet. Only 7% of our respondents report being uncomfortable with a computer. Eighty-five percent of our members are comfortable with Word, 61% with Excel, 44% with PowerPoint and 52% with Outlook. Fifty percent of our members use Explorer as their primary browser. Another 25% use multiple browsers.

Somewhat surprisingly, seventy percent of our members have never visited St. Paul's website or have visited it only once or twice. We will be studying ways to improve utilization of this important tool for our parish. There is plenty of room for improvement here. If you are one of those who has not visited St. Paul's website, you might want to explore what it has to offer. In the coming months we will significantly change the look and feel of our website to make it more appealing and functional.

With regard to email, 66% of our members have given the church their home email address and 25% have given their office email address as well. Sixty percent of our members check their email multiple times per day; another 25% check it at least once per day. Seventy-three percent of our members have kept their current email address for over 3 years.

With regard to phones, about 90% of our respondents have both "landline" and cell phones. Eighty-five percent of our members would prefer to be called no later than 9 PM, 10% do not want to be called after 8 PM. Eighty percent of our respondents have had the same "landline" number and 66% have had the same cell phone number for over 3 years. Ninety percent of our respondents have missed call technology.

Respondents differ in their preferred form of communication: 20% prefer regular mail, 47% prefer email, 37% prefer a phone call, and 30% have no preference. With regard to the *EVANGEL*: 60% would prefer to receive it by regular mail; 35% would prefer to receive it by email. With regard to mass mailings: 90% would not mind having a mass mailing from the church if it is approved by the Senior Warden.

Obviously, there is a lot of information here to be digested as we work to continue improving the way we communicate

as a parish. We desire to get information to parishioners in a timely, efficient and convenient way. We will continue to work to this end.

A Logo for St. Paul's

St. Paul's is actively seeking ways to improve communications within the church family and beyond our doors to the community at large. The development of a logo would be an important tool to assist us in our communications efforts. To that end, your Vestry has commissioned a professional design artist, Art Growden from Art Growden Design, to help us develop a logo for our church.

Why do we need a logo? The short answer is that we don't need a logo, but it could help us in many ways. Did you know that 80% of the communication between two people is non-verbal? Language accounts for only 20% of the information exchanged in a face-to-face meeting. A symbol such as a logo can project in a non-verbal way who we are at St. Paul's and what we stand for. It can convey ideas and emotions. It can impart information about how we view ourselves and how we want other people to view us.

How could a logo help us? A distinctive logo is a simple way of putting the identity of our church in public view. We hope that as our logo is noticed, people may choose to give St. Paul's a try. As a symbolic representation of St. Paul's, a logo will differentiate us from our Episcopal counterparts and the Christian community as a whole.

How do we plan to use a logo? It will be on our letterhead, our flyers, our newspaper ads, our signs, our website, our T-shirts, our sports uniforms, our hats, our business cards, our coffee cups, our pens, . . . you name it. We see this as a fabulous way to put our name out in the community so that people seeking more from their church or their life will know that there is a committed group of Christians on Main Street at St. Paul's Episcopal Church who might have something to offer them.

We are very excited about the possibilities that a logo will bring to our efforts to make our church better known throughout Murfreesboro.

Dear St. Paul's Friends...

I hope you were able to make it to the Pentecost in the Park on Sunday. It is always such a wonderful celebration and a great opportunity to see our friends from other services--plus wear sweatshirts to church in May!

This year we were blessed with our fellow Episcopalians from the other Rutherford County churches. I was so impressed by the number of Burmese parishioners from All Saints that attended. Baby Helen and I got a chance to play with some of their children and they were really fascinated by her, even taking pictures with their new blonde-headed friend. I learned from the two adults that spoke any English at all and six-year-old April, who is attending kindergarten in Smyrna, that they have only been in this country for four months.

After the service I talked to Father Michael Spurlock about these families' needs. They are political refugees brought here legally by our government. He said, "Being a refugee is the great equalizer. They may have been professionals, including doctors, in their homeland, but now they may have only the clothes on their backs." Some are working at Tyson in Shelbyville, and many are not working. Just visiting with them really pulled at my heart.

How can we help? We are setting up a mini-collection for these families. (I can't imagine starting out like they are!) If you would like to contribute any items, you may drop them off between now and next Friday, May 23 at St. Paul's in the hallway next to JR's. If you have a box to give to Goodwill, just give it to our fellow Episcopalians instead; All Saint's will even send you a receipt. We'll put a list on the wall so that you can tell us what you left so that you may get a note from All Saint's

Their needs are: • Clothing of any size

- Furniture- practical household furniture such as chairs, tables, sofas, beds are very much needed (If you have large furniture, you may want to contact the Chairman of All Saint's Ministry Committee directly to arrange for pick-up; Michael Williams may be reached at 428-0973.)
- Transportation- Are you available to transport parishioners to and from appointments, or do you have an old car you would like to contribute to All Saint's and take advantage of the tax-benefits of giving to a non-profit?
- Jasmine rice- It is my understanding that these families are living together in just a few homes. Jasmine rice is a staple to them. You can order a case, 10 lbs, at the new Grocer's Outlet on Thompson Lane in front of Aldi for \$16. If you work in Nashville, apparently the Farmers Market has an Asian store that sells it in bulk.

- Money- Financial contributions are welcome. Checks should be earmarked directed to All Saint's for the Burmese Ministry. (If you want to drop them off at the office or give to me, we'll send with appreciation to All Saint's.)

- Language- Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. and another day and time to be determined, All Saint's is offering a life-skills/English language class. All Saint's is blessed with a parishioner who has worked in Asia for Catholic Charities and will train lay volunteers to help teach the language. You do not have to know their language and do not have to have teaching experience, just patience, care and commitment. Anyone interested in this should contact Father Michael Spurlock, mdsnh3@yahoo.com, and he'll put them in touch with our trainer.

Thanks for your consideration. Please remember our new friends in your prayers.

Your friend, Collier Andress Smith

Sundays of Summer



The Sundays of Summer will be spent exploring the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit. Throughout the year, the children learn stories from Jesus' life that include the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost lesson recalls the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2 and as prophesied in Isaiah 11. Summer gives us a wonderful chance to grow in the Spirit as we explore Galatians 5:22-23 - "... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." We will use games and skits to "try on" these gifts and see how we look and act and feel when the Fruit of the Spirit is growing in us.

Children 4 and up, including those still 3 years old who have completed the first year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd lessons, will meet on Sunday mornings during the Christian Ed hour in St. Margaret's Hall. And we do need adults to join the children. We will be making music, playing games, acting out skits, and reading the Bible. Contact Becky Potts, 895-1350 or rebeccapotts@bellsouth.net

"Against The Wind"

**PENTECOST
IN THE
PARK**



Despite 40 mile an hour wind gusts and dropping temperatures, over 350 good people of the Episcopal churches of Rutherford County came to worship, be

filled with the Holy Spirit and have lunch together on Sunday, May 11, at Barfield Crescent Park. The exceptional committee, co-chaired by Rob McConnell and Dick Tallent, did an incredible job of planning, organizing and implementing all of the logistics for this event. Their committee, consisting largely of Pilgrims from the latest class, included Rob himself, Cheryl and Jimmie Beasley, Dale and Kitty McCloud, Gail and Drew Fedak, Dan and Carol Felciano (sponsors) and the ever-faithful Eric Newell. Smokin' grillmen Don Dunlap, Don Wolfe, Mac McCord, Rob McConnell and Dick Tallent had it all under control! As always the food was terrific "and most of it managed to stay on the tables despite the wind."

The presence of members from All Saints and Holy Cross helping with registration, clean-up and decorations was an added bonus; all congregations had representatives participating in the music and liturgy. A big ovation to Joyce Adkins for pulling the music together! The joy of having some 75 Burmese who attend All Saints was a lovely addition; with lots of sign language and smiles, it seemed they felt very welcome indeed.

Father Matt covered the rain issue in his prayers—next year we'll not forget to include wind as well! Thanks to everyone for their part in a joyful and blessed event.

Kathleen Herzog and Marcie Richmond

Choir News

The lections for this summer include several texts used in G. F. Handel's Messiah. The St. Paul's choir and soloists will present the following excerpts throughout the summer weeks. We hope you enjoy hearing portions of this tremendous major work.

June 22 Since By Man Came Death

June 29 O Death, Where Is Thy Sting/But Thanks Be to God (Brooke Hazen and Stephen Smith, soloists)

July 6 Rejoice Greatly (Cayce Stephens, soprano)

July 27 If God Be for Us (Wendi Watts, soprano)

August 10 How Beautiful Are the Feet (Wendi Watts, soprano)

Discussion Leaders Needed for Summer Book Groups

Beginning July 6, in the place of our normal Sunday morning Adult Christian Education, we are planning on offering a number of different book study opportunities.

If you have read a book that was particularly meaningful, thought-provoking, or informative, and would like to share that with others in the parish, then I invite you to consider being a discussion leader for a small group book study using that book. You do not need to be an expert teacher or facilitator – all you need is your excitement and a willingness to help others discover what God has in store for them through their encounter with that book.

We'd like to get the list together as soon as possible so we can begin publicizing these groups. If you are interested, please let Don Clayton know by Sunday, June 1 along with the book you have chosen.

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild would like to take this opportunity to again express our gratitude for the continued support by the members of St. Paul's. Thanks to everyone for the contributions that made it possible to adorn the church with graceful palms and Easter Lilies on these special days of recognition of the events in the life of our Savior.

The Flower Guild has been kept very busy this spring with the increase in the use of our facilities and staff for weddings. It has been a delight to work with the couples who are married at our church; however, weddings do require lots of planning and a bit of extra work. It is always rewarding to feel that a wedding day is even more special because of the flowers that are on the altar and that we have had some part in making that day a beautiful memory.

Thanks again for the continued support from our Parishioners and the faithful participation of the Flower Guild Members.

Juanita Williams, Flower Guild Chairman

JUNE 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PENTECOST 3 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	2 11:15 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Alanon 7 pm AA	3 10 am Quilting Club 7 pm Search Committee 7 pm AA	4 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 10 am Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 7 pm AA	5 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal 6 pm Got a Stamp Club 6 pm Ladies' Night Out 6 pm Men's Club 7 pm AA	6 5 pm Wedding 7 pm AA	7 10 am Whole Foods Buying Club 7 pm AA
8 PENTECOST 4 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed 12:30 pm Ultraya 5 pm Dream Group 7 pm AA	9 11:15 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	10 6 pm Search Committee 6 pm Vestry Meeting 6:15 pm Dream Group 7 pm AA	11 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 10 am Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Planning Committee 7 pm AA	12 7 pm AA 7 pm Cub Scouts Leader Meeting	13 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal 7 pm AA	14 6 pm Wedding 7 pm AA

JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP—ASHEVILLE, NC—JUNE 8-14

15 PENTECOST 5 BLOOD DRIVE 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed 10 am Coffee with the Clergy 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	16 9 am—12:15 pm VBS 11:30 am "Full" Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Alanon 7 pm AA	17 9 am—12:15 pm VBS 8 am Quilting Club 6 pm Search Committee 7 pm AA	18 9 am—12:15 pm VBS 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 7 pm AA	19 9 am—12:15 pm VBS 7 pm AA	20 9 am—12:15 pm VBS 5:30 pm Parents' Night Out 7 pm AA	21 9 am DoK Meeting 7 pm AA
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POWER LAB—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JUNE 16-20

22 PENTECOST 6 7:30, 8:45 & 11 am HE 9:55 am Christian Ed 9:55 am Coffee with the Clergy 5 pm Dream Group 5-8 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	23 11:15 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	24 8 am Quilting Club 1:30 pm Whole Foods Buying Club Delivery 6 pm Search Committee 6:15 pm Dream Group 7 pm AA	25 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am—6:30 pm Dream Group Consultations 5 pm Weight Watchers 7 pm AA	26 8-10 am Dream Group Consultations 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 108 Meeting 7 pm AA	27 Confirmation Covenant Workshop 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm - continued on Saturday 7 pm AA	28 Confirmation Covenant Workshop 9:00 am - 12:00 noon 7 pm AA
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29 PENTECOST 7 Bishop Bauerschmidt's Visit 7:30 & 8:45 am HE 9:55 am Christian Ed 11 am HE and Confirmation 5 pm Dream Group 7 pm AA	30 11:15 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Alanon 7 pm AA
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Vacation Bible School - June 16th

Power Lab is bursting with excitement. Power Lab is for children ages 3-12. The cost is only \$5.00 and includes a cool t-shirt. Register you child online at www.stpaulsmboro today. They are sure to have a blast!





Carl Schneider06/01	Jeffrey Davis06/15
MarthaAnn Cantrell06/02	Sharon Luna06/15
Sharon Dieringer06/02	Todd Huber06/16
Everett Brown06/03	Jamie Reese06/17
Scout Turner06/04	Jeanette L. Thomson06/17
Elane Golden06/05	Jacob Black06/18
Kendrick Sloan06/05	George Carlson06/18
Karl Luboniecki06/06	Roy Sundling06/18
Gary McGuire06/06	James Gibson06/19
Genevieve Payne06/06	Mary McCarthy06/20
David Penn06/06	John Hanna06/22
Marcie Richmond06/06	Michael Hurst06/22
Jo Wintker06/07	Robert Willis06/22
David Flasher06/08	Kailyn Gleaves06/23
June McCash06/08	Edgar McClung06/23
Michael Tallent06/08	Anne Taylor06/23
Michael Newby06/09	Susan Luboniecki06/24
Kristine McCusker06/10	Kyle Mallernee06/24
Carol Detmer06/11	Jennifer Geppert06/25
John Green06/11	Debby James06/25
Catherine Sniderman06/11	Jillian Michaelson06/26
John Palmer06/12	Donna Long06/27
Shirley Brackin06/13	Gerald Oravetz06/27
Derek Moffett06/13	Martha Worley06/27
Barbara Sutton06/13	Melissa Warren06/28
Ramona Camara06/14	Spencer Burritt06/29
Joseph Castelli06/14	Susan Greenall06/29
Tracy Fulton06/14	Regan James06/29
Caroline Sullivan06/14	Wells Kramer06/30

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 July Evangel is Monday, June 16, 2008. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

PARISH STAFF

- The Rev. Matt Greathouse, Priest In Charge
- Chuck Phillips, Sr. Warden
- Joshua Courtney, Minister to Youth
- Susan Greenall, Office Administrator
- Dr. David L. Rowe, Assistant to the Rector
- 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

Hilltoppers Quarterly Report:

The reorganization of the Hill Toppers got off to a very upbeat start with a Wine and Cheese Social hosted by Jo Wintker and Glenn & Norma King. Future plans and activities were discussed.

Last month we met in the Parish Hall for finger food, beverages, and a lively game of "Trivia." Every one went home with a prize.

On the 10th of May, fourteen of the group met at the Maple Street Grill for an evening meal prior to attending the musical "Grease" at The Center for the Arts located at 110 West College Street, just a block off the square.

Your suggestions for future activities are welcome. Please feel free to contact Jo Wintker at 907-5725 or Glenn & Norma King at 893-6486.

You will be notified of the next group activity via the weekly church bulletin.

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But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. *Galatians 6:14*

That house is too religious for me. ---Unknown Cherry Lane stroller

The young woman quoted above often was seen with her male friend walking to class on the street where I live. Our 128-year-old house was the one she saw as too religious.

During one Christmas season we hung a 12-inch metallic cross on one of the porch columns. Its design fit our 19th century architecture, and when the holidays were over, we didn't take it down for several years.

Does a crucifix signify its bearer religious?

If we wear crucifixes to remind us who we are, i. e.. plain folk trying to practice Christianity in daily living, it's a worthy enterprise.

However, if we wear a crucifix to impress God (who's not easily impressed by puny mortals) we have a cloudy motivation. The crucifix seen on our home announces that the occupants strive for Christianity, which is all any human being can do. There has, after all, been only one Master of this art.