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Have You Ever...

Have you ever walked on water? **Have you ever** made a Diet Coke bottle bubble up and explode 15 feet in the air? **Have you ever** made a bowling ball float? *Many children can answer, "Yes!"* to all of those questions after attending Power Lab this week. Over 100 children from all over Rutherford County came to St. Paul's June 16th-20th. All of the children came to discover how Jesus gives them the power to transform their lives and the lives of others.

Each morning, the children gathered in the science lab (chapel) to get rowdy, sing, dance, and discover the Bible point for the day. On Monday, children learned that Jesus gives us the power to be thankful (**Aha!**). After learning the story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers, the kids bubbled over with thankfulness trying to create a very large bubble. On Tuesday, children learned that Jesus gives us the power to help others (**Aha!**). The kids actually wore headbands so they couldn't see to learn how Jesus gave sight to the blind man. On Wednesday, kids learned that Jesus gives us the power to be brave (**Aha!**). After learning how Jesus gave Peter courage to walk on water, the kids tried to walk on water too! They even made ice cream "floats"

in snack, and had a really interesting sink or float experiment. Did you know that a can of Pepsi will sink, but Diet Pepsi will float?

On Thursday, children learned that Jesus gives us the power to live forever (**Aha!**). They heard the story of how Jesus died and came back to life, and watched a video about a mad scientist looking for the live-forever formula and wrote secret hand messages. On Friday, the kids learned that Jesus gives us the power to tell others about God (**Aha!**). They learned about the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and made some giant flames!

Have you wondered about all the **Aha's**? Every time the children heard the Bible point of the day, we all yelled, "Aha!" to help us remember God's promises to us! The children left knowing about the real power that comes from Jesus.

Many, many people helped make Power Lab a success. Many people donated items for the week, but even more gave a significant amount of time to the event with hours of preparation, planning, teaching, leading, and helping! Everyone at Power Lab could feel the excitement bubbling over...

...Thanks to Our Volunteers!

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If any names were left out, We apologize. We appreciate and love all of our volunteers.

Coming September 20 - Walk Through the Bible Seminar - More information in August.

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PRIEST IN CHARGE



Just a few weeks ago, St. Paul's hosted our annual Vacation Bible School. I was privileged to be invited to be a part of each morning's opening session. I was there to start the day off with prayer—to ask for God's blessings on the more than 100 children who came from all

over Rutherford County. They were there to discover God's amazing power and love in the person of Jesus Christ, and St. Paul's was part of giving them that opportunity.

Each morning, I, along with probably everyone else, came in tired and certainly still sleepy. But when the kids were seated, when the leaders took their places, and when the music started, something happened to all of us. The excitement started. No amount of coffee or caffeine can produce the rush of a hundred charged-up kids and enthusiastic adults singing, dancing—smiling and laughing. That's one thing when it's a group of kids in school, but it's entirely different when they're all singing about the hope of Jesus Christ. If that can't get you fired up, then we need to check your pulse.

I looked around the chapel each morning and watched the faces of your children and their friends. What I saw were faces lighted up with excitement and anticipation—brilliant smiles on fire with the joy of being part of a community excited to discover God's promises. They were there to have fun, and that's an important part of what the Church is—a community of folks who love to be together, who love to have fun, and who get together to share in the promises God has given us. It's a snapshot of what St. Paul's is all about.

Vacation Bible School started every morning relatively calmly, with everybody in the chapel. The day started with a message about the promise for the day, with some singing, and then a dramatic introduction to the good news for the day. The energy in the room grew as the singing and excitement increased—and as the kids caught the message,

screaming it back to the leaders. By the time I was to pray, you could barely rein in the fever pitch, and, when I said "Amen," those once-sleepy kids and leaders burst out the doors to get to what they had come to do. They left those little worship services fired up and ready to get their hands and faces dirty.

I thought about what we were doing. We were doing what the "big" Church is supposed to be doing—getting together to learn about God's love for the world, singing His praises, and then turning people loose to get their hands dirty living out that good news. The only difference is, really, how excited those kids, and their leaders, were about it—what a difference each day was going to make in their lives. Our kids heard and believed the message of hope, and it made a difference in their lives—at least until they came back the next day, when they were reenergized all over again.

Most of our kids don't live with the pressures you and I do. They don't have to work to pay bills, or deal with difficult coworkers, or worry much about anything beyond today, but God's promises are still the same for all of us. The hope that gets revealed every time we get together should be just as exciting to us as it is to our children. And it will be, if we'll let it. That hope will be more than enough to keep us going until we get back together. And it'll also be so exciting that it really will make us want to do something about it. Our hope is such good news that we'll want to share it with the people around us.

Vacation Bible School is a once-a-year experience for our children. It's something they won't quickly forget and something they'll have a hard time waiting for until next year. It'll be hard to wait for because they had so much fun and because it was so exciting to be a part of a joyful community, but also because they had an experience of the hope that comes from discovering God's love. And that's what the "big" Church is supposed to be about. It's what St. Paul's is all about.

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EfM Education For Ministry

EfM is a program designed for laity to provide theological study and reflection rooted in the Scriptures and traditions of the Church. The EfM program is preparation for the

ministry to which we all are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year

Senior Warden's Corner



You may have noticed that parts of our campus are getting some much needed attention. I'd like to thank our Junior Wardens for their service in planning these projects that not only enhance our campus but add years of service for our growing family.

I'd also like to thank this years VBS volunteers for their hard work in bringing a fantastic experience to over 100 of our children. What a wonderful ministry for our parish.

Our search team has been busy seeking out and identifying candidates to become our next rector. Newton Molloy reported to me just recently that the team is moving forward and expects to have candidates very soon for the Vestry to review and from which to select. What an exciting prospect. Please take the opportunity to thank the members of this team for their faithful service and hard work. Although it has been almost 18 months since Father Gene's retirement, the time has flown by in a blur (at least for me) and now we are approaching a new exciting chapter in our Parish life. I solicit your prayers for the Vestry as we move into this final important phase of our search.

I would also like to thank Father Matt for his tireless leadership during this transition time. His leadership has been evident throughout this transition, especially during the last few months. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to work closely with him throughout these many months, and I am richer for the experience. I have also added another lifelong friend to my circle. Our parish is lucky to have Father Matt and his family with us.

I hope that you and your families have a great summer with some fun and relaxing time. Fall is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time.

God's Peace,

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden

EfM *continued*

program and meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors.

There are openings for two or three new members to start EfM in the fall. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, July 28th at 7:00PM. Please contact Suzanne

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

On July 9, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will begin a 6-week Bible study program for adults. We will meet to study the Bible, pray together, and explore the lessons of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children ages 3-9. We will meet from 6-9 pm on Wednesday evenings, July 9 through August 13. Anyone and everyone is invited to participate in this program.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church and uses the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The central theme of the Catechesis curriculum is the Covenant. With scripture and liturgy, we learn to be in relationship with God and with each other. We study the historical events of the life of Jesus, the preaching of Jesus, particularly with the images of Christ, the Good Shepherd, Christ, the Light, and Christ, the True Vine, and the parables of the Kingdom of God. The children discover the vast cosmic history of God's plan of salvation and that they have something to contribute to it.

So, why are we offering this program for adults? Well, one, the biblical and liturgical lessons are spiritually empowering for all ages, even though the teaching methods are designed for children. Father Wise speculated that the children knew more than some adults. Two, parents of children in Catechesis will benefit in particular. Your child's spiritual life extends beyond the one hour per week spent in Catechesis class - be prepared to work with and respond to your child's spiritual growth. The parish has supported the development of this program for the children's benefit, and we believe we are called to share with the entire parish, albeit in a condensed format. And, three, this program will prepare adults to begin working with the 3-9 year old children on Sunday mornings! Some of you are called to minister with children.

All are welcome to join this Bible study. Materials will be provided. Contact: Becky Potts (895-1350, rebeccapotts@bellsouth.net) or Libby Willis (898-0317, willis2010@bellsouth.net).

Cate at 604-7227 or Patty Evanietz at 419-3280 for more information.

Please congratulate this year's EfM graduates for their commitment and faithful stewardship in living the Great Commandment: Pidge Cash and Patty Evanietz.



Search Committee

After a year of prayer, preparation, study, countless hours of meetings and work, the St. Paul's Rector Search Committee has begun interviewing candidates by phone and will soon be selecting which candidates to visit in person.

This is a very exciting time, and we are all thrilled to have our first real contact with candidates. So far, the search committee has sorted through more than 65 profiles and resumes of potential rectors. It's usually easy to spot search committee members on the way to our meetings because we're toting accordion files, overflowing satchels, and innumerable 3-ring binders. As one member recently said, "We've got a lot of stuff."

The breadth and depth of the candidates has added to the richness of this search process. We are very impressed with the candidates before us and are looking forward to getting to know all of them better.

We have contacted more than 20 candidates to get more information, and those that appear to be a good fit for St. Paul's based on the parish's self-study have been invited to be interviewed by phone by the committee. Once all the phone interviews are concluded, the search committee will determine which candidates should continue in the process and then schedule visits with those priests at their parishes.

After the in-person visits are completed, the search committee will compile a list of three to five candidates

to submit to the vestry. Before those names go the vestry, a complete background check will be conducted on each candidate. At that point, the vestry will decide which candidates to invite to St. Paul's and interview in person. After those visits are completed, the vestry will select the candidate it believes is called to be the next rector at St. Paul's and contact Bishop Bauerschmidt. With the bishop's approval, the vestry will then issue the call to the candidate. Once the vestry issues the call and it is accepted, the new rector will be announced.

One of the most critical parts of the search process is maintaining confidentiality about who the potential rector candidates are. One of the things that can get overlooked as we anticipate a new person joining us is that the candidates in this process are serving in parishes where they are treasured spiritual leaders, and only one of those candidates will become our rector. Maintaining confidentiality honors the candidates and respects the parishes they are serving now. We must always think of the candidates' needs and their parishes' needs as well as ours.

We appreciate your continuing prayers and support as we work through this discernment process with God's help. We also encourage you to pray for the rector candidates and for the parishes they currently serve.

ST. PAUL'S STUDENT MINISTRIES

LOVE OUT LOUD!

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

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



OUTREACH Means: *We are Family!*

Lord, when was it that

We saw you hungry and gave you food?

We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink?

We saw you a stranger and welcomed you?

We saw you sick and took care of you?

We saw you in prison and visited you?

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25: 37-40 (NRSV)

The Outreach Committee has been hard at work! We are striving to discern knowledge of God's will for us, as a community of faith, as inhabitants of a world in need. We are trying to be faithful in this work by praying, studying and reflecting on how to advance God's work in the world through prayers, examination, education, activity, cooperation and faithful stewardship and sharing of talents and resources.

So, here's what we've accomplished so far:

- We've defined Outreach at St. Paul's – volunteering time and treasure, building relationships, envisioning new ways to be the hands and heart of Christ through service to others.

- We've identified the Mission of Outreach at St. Paul's – to provide opportunities for the St. Paul's community to deliver help to our brothers and sisters in need.
- We've begun to map out our vision for Outreach at St. Paul's – that picture is still a rough sketch, but we continue to pray and reflect on that vision as a template and benchmark for identifying the opportunities our Mission mandates.

As we move forward with this work, we look to the last words of Jesus in this passage from Matthew's Gospel: “the least of these who are members of my family” (emphasis added). Jesus has identified his family as the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the imprisoned. We ask you to reflect on those members of the family of Jesus, who and where they are, and what they need. This reflection is in preparation for a survey, which will be presented in a very accessible and user-friendly format to the entire parish in coming weeks. We seek to gather information that will help us discern the best use of our resources for Outreach. We appreciate your help with this next step for our work, as well as your continued prayers (BCP 260, For Social Service is highly recommended).

Barry Huber, Ron Messier, Joyce Adkins, Pidge Cash, Suzanne Cate, Joshua Courtney, Kathleen Herzog, Kris McCusker, Ralph Smith, Jo Wintker

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WHEN: Sunday, July 13th, 6 to 8pm

WHERE: the Student Center of St. Margaret's Hall

*(Also...enjoy a sundae from the ice cream bar
while you take in the wonderful presentation!)*

JULY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Bruce Gibson	07/01	Virginia Poole	07/12
Elizabeth Penn	07/01	Caroline Young	07/12
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Barbara Jeskey	07/02	Sara Butler	07/15
Ian Lowe	07/02	James Huber	07/16
Michelle Lowe	07/02	Celeste Dieringer	07/17
Anna Thomas	07/02	Mary Schneider	07/17
Gail Henry	07/03	Lucinda Cockrell	07/18
Emily Sadler	07/03	Heather Brown	07/20
James Garner	07/04	Andrea Broxton	07/20
Margaret Scott	07/04	Frances Lovell	07/20
Rick Canada	07/05	Joanna Canada	07/22
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Kathryn Jones	07/05	Shearene Conner	07/24
Barbara Mason	07/05	Phyllis Flasher	07/24
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George Vernardakis	07/06	Jillian Smith	07/25
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Frank Mullins	07/12	Jeanne Potter	07/30
Sue Patrick	07/12	Katherine Rogers	07/31

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.

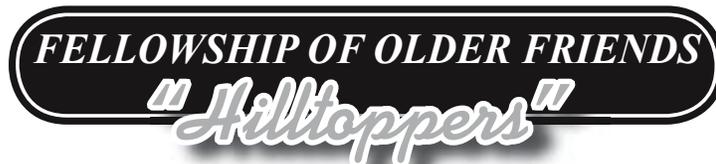
The deadline for the August Evangel is Tuesday, July 15, 2008. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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We are eager to know of any parishioner who may have these needs OR if you are willing to provide some of these services.

– Call –

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"...Yea, Lord thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, "Feed my lambs." – John: 21:15

In all the intricacies of scriptural interpretation, that message "feed the hungry" couldn't be more clear . . . We believe that our job as Christians is to meet Jesus in the world. We meet him, unnamed and unrecognized, in the guests who come to the soup kitchen every day." --Rev. Elizabeth Maxwell, (Episcopal) Church of the Holy Apostles, New York City

As we sit in our beautiful sanctuary and listen to the feet of clerics and laity gathering at the back, throats clear, the piano strikes familiar chords and another Sunday is launched amid peace and a shared bonhomie.

So it was, one would suppose, for the Church of the Holy Apostles back in 1836, but we all know how inner cities have gone. Gentrification takes place only in specific spots. Much of our cities are populated by destitute people . . . hungry people, sick people.

To feed the multitudes that show up at Holy Apostles requires ten thousand dollars every operating day.

It's daunting.

Rectors could plead burnout and get sympathetic nods. But they don't. The current rector has been in the church 25 years and, in the words of the *New Yorker* article about the church, the years "have left him remarkably unworn."

The implication is clear: *There is spiritual refreshment in serving our Lord by serving his flock.*