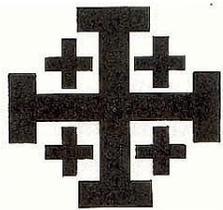




The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ

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**PILGRIMAGE:
DISCOVERING
THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

David Rowe

For many years, St. Paul's has offered the *Pilgrimage*, an opportunity to explore Christian faith and the Anglican/Episcopalian way of living it out. Through the program people have prepared for baptism, for confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church, and for enriched faith and equipped ministries.

Our search process has called us to look around us with new eyes. In the last months we have welcomed many guests who are eager to learn more about us and to explore living their Christian lives in our midst. Newcomers are "sprouting" in our midst, and they come to us with questions about who we are, how we worship and why we do the things we do. An annual *Pilgrimage* undertaken in January does not meet the very immediate needs of these searchers among us. So we have restructured the *Pilgrimage* to better meet their needs by offering different portions of it at different times.

This fall we will explore the Anglican/Episcopal way of being Christian. Beginning on Monday, September 17, and for the next seven Mondays after that we will gather in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8 pm to discover what *we are all about*. Our exploration begins with introductions and then will survey the historical roots of Anglicanism and the American Episcopal Church, how Anglicans use scripture, the *Book of Common Prayer* as a resource for daily worship, liturgy and the patterns of our spiritual life, the nature and meaning of the Eucharist, and stewardship and ministry as response to God's grace.

Beginning in January we will offer a second, ten-week component of the *Pilgrimage* as we explore Christian faith. In

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**ALMOST MORE FUN
THAN YOU CAN HANDLE!**
Christian Education Kickoff Cookout
Friday, September 7, 6 PM

You won't want to miss the second annual Christian Education Cookout on September 7th at 6:00 on the St. Paul's campus. This is an opportunity for you and your family to meet and connect with other families at St. Paul's, and learn about the new and exciting programs that will be offered during the Christian Education hour. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd folks will be there, as well as the teaching corps from the new youth "FaithWeavers" program. The nursery staff and lots of other people will join us. It's a great way to get introduced, or re-introduced, to Christian Education at St. Paul's.

We'll provide the main dish and drinks. Please bring lawn chairs for your family and a side dish to share. Children are invited to bring bikes to ride in the roped-off parking lot. We will also have the basketball goal ready for a pick-up game, and an inflatable obstacle course and moon walk for the young-at-heart.

This is an event for people of all ages! The Parent Group did this last year and had a blast. Please come out and be ready for a great time!

**COB FAMILY PICNIC
at the Oaklands**



Saturday, October 20

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 9

September is back-to-school time, and you're never too old to learn from God's word and from each other—so please make plans to participate in one of our Sunday morning Adult Christian Education offerings. There are three different groups meeting during the normal Christian Ed hour (9:50 – 10:50 am). The Parent Group, consisting primarily of parents with infants and young children, meets in St. Andrew's Chapel. New for this fall, and meeting in the Wall Building, is an offering for Parents of Teens, which will use the adult version of the same "Faith Weavers" curriculum that is being used by the junior and senior high, so that families may share what they've learned during Christian Education.

Our Adult Bible Study class meets in the Parish Hall. Don Clayton and Ron Messier will be leading several mini courses (from one to four weeks each) that begins with "The Elijah Chronicles," and continues with "1 Peter: Walk the Talk," "Books that Didn't Make the Bible and Why," "The Tomb of Jesus: Archaeology and Christian Faith," a couple of relatively current news issues like "What Did the Pope Mean? Christianity, Islam, and the Struggle for Understanding," "Cartoons of Muhammad: Free Speech or Sacrilegious Offense?" a special course for Lent to prepare us for Easter, and a short course preparing us for summer vacation. Don and Ron will coordinate the classes and pinch hit for each other when either one is out of town.

In addition to these three groups, a new curriculum for college students called "The Seekers" will be offered in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 service.

We think you will find one of these offerings to be right for you—so grab a quick cup of coffee and join us!

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Adult Christian Education is important to me because it gives me the opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith from knowledgeable teachers. It also allows me to hear the comments and opinions of others, opening new perspectives and possibilities. Also important to me is getting to know so many members of the St. Paul's family that would otherwise just be faces in a pew on Sunday.

Emily Messier

We have found the Christian Ed program informative; at times - fun and at other times - challenging; the instructors knowledgeable and engaged; and each class brings new relationships and perspectives. Further, Christian Ed is about giving, receiving, and supporting. . . seems a fitting theme.

Bill and Susan Emory



A NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS AT ST. PAUL'S



This Fall at St. Paul's we are very excited to offer a fresh, upbeat approach to Christian Education for our Jr. and Sr. High School students and their parents. We are introducing a new curriculum called "FaithWeavers," a Bible-centered program that helps weave faith into the lives of teens and adults alike. The objective of this curriculum is to actively engage youth in coming to know God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in a personal way, using scripture as the focus and the FaithWeavers curriculum as the guide. This new program incorporates learning about the Bible, applying the Bible, worshipping God, building Christian relationships and serving God in our daily lives. Each week the Jr. High, Sr. High and Parents of Teens classes will study the same Bible passage using a multi-media approach that encourages families' Christian growth. Each Sunday participants will receive a tailored handout that reviews the lesson as well as offers ideas and questions for at-home discussion/activities during the week.

A large group of FABULOUS new teachers has volunteered to lead the FaithWeavers study. They will be teaching and leading discussions in teams.

For the youth, these teachers are Claire Bradford, Barry Huber, Gary McGuire, Rhonda Ramsey, Ted Ramsey, Jeannie Roberts and Lynn Wilson. They will be focusing on helping teens build a relationship with God and between each other by applying Scripture to everyday life and providing opportunities to put faith into action.

For the parents, the teachers are Carol Detmer, Chuck Phillips, Ralph Smith and Ernestine Reeder. They will lead adults in Bible study that reveals God's character and that enables a growing and maturing faith and the ability to communicate it with others.

FaithWeavers classes will begin at 10AM on Sunday, September 9. Signs will be posted to let you know the location of each class. If you and your family have not attended Christian Education before, this is a great time to give it a try!

Christian Education gave me an opportunity to explore my faith in a safe, loving environment. I was able to build relationships with other youth. I feel that my classmates and I grew through the opportunity to ask questions and seek answers about our Christian faith.

Elizabeth Gassler

I feel that Christian Education is important because it tests your beliefs. It makes you think outside of the box. And, if we are not challenged on what we believe, then we'll never really know what we believe.

Wesley Arning

With some modest tweaking the oft-quoted creed of the US Postal Service might well be applied to the work of the Holy Spirit at St. Paul's: "Neither snow nor [lack of] rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays the Spirit from touching the hearts and lives of Christ's body." At a time when God's creatures are parched from drought and effectively inert from an extensive heat wave, our community at St. Paul's is reverberating with enthusiasm, energy, and vitality. Existing programs are emerging from the dormancy of a summer hiatus, and exciting efforts are underway to bring new ideas and ministries to life.



Responding to requests for additional opportunities to learn more about faith traditions, our Pilgrimage program has been restructured to separate more distinctly aspects of the spiritual life from the historical development of our faith tradition.

Our Choristers have a new program in the Royal School of Church Music to enrich their learning of music and worship.

Faith Weavers, a parallel program of education for our young people and their parents, will begin this fall.

These are just a few of the many exciting things underway, and other parish traditions dot the calendar to feed us spiritually, mentally, physically, and in other ways to help us laugh, love, and share and deepen our lives and faith.

We look forward to seeing you in the days to come, whether it's at the annual Cox Family Picnic (held this year nearby on the grounds of The Oaklands), blessing our pets, soaking up sacred music, or enjoying one on one conversations over coffee after church. There are so many opportunities to celebrate and grow in faith, we expect to see a lot of each other. St. Paul's is a wonderful place to be!

With anticipation, in Christ's love,

Anne+, Interim Rector



SENIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

In this month's report I'd like to give each of you my perceptions on the health and well being of our Parish.

Let's start with the simple fact that God is continuing to bless us in every way imaginable. I don't say this like it is a surprise, but simply as a confirmation that, as we strive to serve God through the work of our Parish, God is consistent in blessing those efforts.

In my role as Sr. Warden, I have worked closely with our staff and clergy these last several months. We are truly blessed in these critical roles. During this interim period they have performed their roles as smoothly and seamlessly as if they had been a team for years. Their calm and assuring presence in this time has allayed any fears that might have been cause for concern. Any challenges have been met with a positive and constructive outlook. I am truly blessed to be in a position to work closely with such fine committed Christians.

In other areas of our church life, God continues to offer us fresh new opportunities to minister and fellowship. Our recent "Pig Roast" was a great example of something new that not only helped minister to our Seminarians but also to fellowship and work together for a great cause.

We have a team of wonderful brothers and sisters seeking a new Rector. Their work is going to help us not only find that person that God is calling but to understand ourselves better as a Parish. Through this understanding we can continue to move ahead toward what God has in store for us.

We have several new "twists" on Christian education coming this fall. These offerings will not only provide opportunities to minister in some new ways to our Parish but will also offer more of us a way to participate. I will be teaching (I know this is a scary thought) this fall in one of our new programs.

The Royal School of Church Music is starting up and holds the promise of great things for our children and for our Parish.

I could go on and on but you get the point. Our Parish is as alive and healthy today as I have ever known it to be. I am excited about our future and hope that as you go about your routine in our Parish that you also see the same signs of God's continued blessings.

God's Peace,

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden



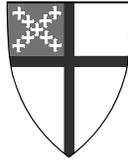
NEW BULLETIN

This month will see the arrival of our new bulletin format. The entire service will now be included in a tri-fold pamphlet. Everyone is still invited to use the Book of Common Prayer. This change just makes our liturgy friendlier to newcomers. We hope this will be a welcome change!

EPISCOPAL STUFF,

or, “Why do they *do* that?”

David Rowe



One of the things Episcopalians do that really baffles newcomers who are not Episcopalian is making “the sign of the cross.” Most people know Catholics do that, but sometimes people are surprised to see people in the pews near them move their hands down from their forehead to their sternum (right over the heart) and then across from the left shoulder to the right shoulder, then back to the heart. The question I often get is, “Why do you do that?” And “Am I supposed to do that?” And “When am I supposed to do that?” It can be confusing and cause tension for people who “just want to get it right.”

Let’s start with what it is and where it came from. Making the sign of the cross (it originally was called the sign of the Lord) is one of the oldest liturgical actions in the Christian Church, dating from the second or third century after Christ. It could well have been one of those signs, like drawing a fish in the dirt, that identified one as a Christian to another Christian. It probably was also used at times of baptism and confirmation long before the cross itself became the central, identifying sign of Christianity. You may have noticed that when we read the gospel people make little crosses on their forehead, over their lips, and then over their heart. This may well be the original way the sign was always made.

Nowadays we don’t worry much about using secret signs to identify ourselves (hmmm, maybe it’s become too easy). Today it has a more devotional significance. Making the sign of the cross at various times in the worship service, at times of blessing, or when beginning or ending worship connects us to the “thing” the sign signifies—to Jesus. For some, making the sign of the cross demonstrates our willingness to do what Jesus told us to do, “Take up your cross and follow me.” In short, making the sign of the cross is a very personal decision at the same time as it becomes a public act. We do it, if we do it at all, for our own reasons.

Or not. Some people find it a bit too “Catholic” for their taste, or they’re just not used to it. That’s fine. No one *has* to do it, and I’m not aware that using it or not using it makes one a better Christian. Christians are known by how we live, not by the signs we use. So feel comfortable not using the sign of the cross at all.

But, if you wish to try it out here are some times when it is most common:

SPWFBC

Saint Paul's Whole Foods Buying Club continues to grow. If you've not yet investigated the huge variety of delicious fare available, you're missing some really tasty grub! Not only are the foods delicious, they are healthy and affordable. How can you go wrong with that combination?

We meet at the Church office the Saturday that orders are due to share food, create bulk orders, and laugh a lot. Another good combination! Orders are placed over the Internet (we will walk you through the process) and the foods delivered to the Parish Hall. It couldn't be easier.

September order dates are 9/1 and 9/29, with deliveries on 9/15 and 10/16.

One of our Christian charges is loving stewardship of our planet. That includes our bodies and what we put into them. Come join us September 1st in the Wall Building from 11 am–12 pm, share some food and laughter, and see if you want to place an order too!



- whenever we invoke the authority of the trinity such as “in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit”
 - while being blessed
 - at various times during Sunday worship:
 - ◊ at the beginning, “Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”
 - ◊ at the end of the Gloria, “Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father”
 - ◊ at the reading of the gospel
 - ◊ at the end of the Nicene Creed
 - ◊ when we pray for the deceased
 - ◊ after being absolved of our sins
 - ◊ toward the end of the Sanctus, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”
 - ◊ during the Eucharistic prayer when we ask the Holy Spirit to sanctify us as it “makes holy” the bread and wine (ready for a big Episcopal word? This moment is called the epiclesis. It happens in different ways in the Eucharistic prayers.)
 - ◊ before taking communion, and after taking communion
- after the closing blessing

Wow! That’s a lot of signing. Just remember, like so much else in our tradition, when it comes to making the sign of the cross: all may, no one must, some should (because it’s helpful for them to connect to God). Follow your heart.

THE GIRL SCOUTS ARE HERE!

Did you know that St. Paul's is now the home of Girl Scout Troop 2858? Made up of twelve girls in grades 7 through 11, the troop will be meeting in the McIntosh Room every other Monday night from 6 PM until 8 PM. The troop has met for many years at the home of its leader, Lynn Wilson, but the move to St Paul's should prove beneficial, both for the troop and for the church. The troop will gain a sponsor for fund raising and a place to call home. The church will gain an eager workforce for projects such as Operation Inasmuch. In addition, the presence of a Girl Scout troop will augment the already flourishing St. Paul's youth program. It has been many years since St. Paul's had its very own Girl Scout troop, but it is an idea whose time has come again.

Girl Scouting has been around since 1912, when Juliette Gordon Low established the first troop in Savannah, Georgia. She wanted the girls of America to have the same opportunities for community service, adventure, and fun that the Boy Scouts were having. Girl Scouts adopted the same motto as the Boy Scouts: Be prepared. Like their brother scouts, girls were encouraged to "do a good turn daily." Over time, Girl Scouts became famous for their annual fundraising activity, namely the Girl Scout Cookie Sale. When you think of Girl Scouts, you probably picture little girls in green outfits selling cookies or going camping.

The world has changed greatly in the past 95 years and so has the organization. Today, there are more than 3.7 million girls and adults who are registered Girl Scouts. Locally, there are over 17,500 girls and 7,000 adults involved in the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee. Today's Girl Scouts do a lot more than just sell cookies and go camping. They are into everything from career exploration to computer science, from travel to teaching younger girls how to play sports, from learning self-defense to just hanging out and having fun. The old motto and slogan have been joined by a new tagline: Girl Scouts~Where Girls Grow Strong.

Troop 2858 already has many things planned for this year, including a camping trip in early November, learning first aid and CPR, and making pottery on a potter's wheel. If you are a girl in middle school or high school who would like to "grow strong" physically, mentally, and spiritually, please come to one of the meetings and see what is happening. The troop will always be accepting new members.

If you are a girl in elementary school who would like to join a Girl Scout troop, there are plans to form some troops for you, as well; likewise, if you are an adult who would like to help with Scouting, we could use you, as well. All it takes to form a troop is five girls in the same age group and two or more adults. Please contact Lynn Wilson at 890-0031 or by e-mail at Maddalena1@aol.com for further information.

SCO__TING is F__N!

(The only thing missing is "U"!)

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

"I have come to believe that creativity is our true nature, that blocks are an unnatural thwarting of a process at once as normal and as miraculous as the blossoming of a flower at the end of a slender green stem."

-Julia Cameron

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007 - Dec. 13, 2007
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm

"ARTIST'S WAY" GROUP WILL EXPLORE
JULIA CAMERON'S VEIN OF GOLD

The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron has been used extensively as a sacred path to creative growth. Beginning 6:30, Thursday evening, Sept. 4, a new group will meet at St. Paul's to use *Vein of Gold*, companion to her first book, to continue on the creative journey.

In the preface to *Vein of Gold*, Cameron writes, "The book you are about to embark on is a pilgrimage, a journey of healing. In Native American traditions, you might call this a vision quest. My Celtic roots prefer the simpler term: quest. Name this journey as it serves you."

The group is open to all who want to unblock or enhance their creative nature. Having read or worked through *The Artist's Way* is not a pre-requisite. Each meeting will begin with a check in on individual progress followed by sharing of insights from the book. The final and larger portion of the meeting will be used for a creative activity lead by one of the group members.

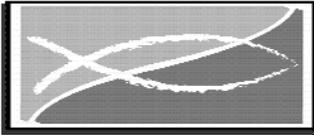
Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy of *Vein of Gold*. New and used copies are readily available through Amazon.com or other similar websites. Those wishing to join should merely show up on September 4th, however those with questions may contact John Lynch, jlynch_home@yahoo.com.

EVENSONG RECITAL SERIES

St. Paul's Choir and Choristers will lead Choral Evensong on the following Sundays: November 4 (All Saints' Sunday), February 10 (First Sunday in Lent), and May 18 (Trinity Sunday). The services will begin at 4:00 p.m., and childcare is provided. Preceding each Evensong is a recital by some very talented instrumentalists in our parish.

Stephen Smith, tenor, will perform the first Evensong recital on November 4. Stephen is Associate Professor of Voice at MTSU, where he has taught since 1998. Having received two degrees and a Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, Stephen has sung opera roles throughout Europe and the United States. He and his wife, Ione, have three daughters: Sara, a freshman at Rhodes College in Memphis, Anna and Stephanie, both students at Riverdale High School.

Future recitals on the Evensong Series include David Loucky, trombone (February 10) and Cathrine Gordon, flute (May 18).



YOUTH NEWS

Worshiping God and bringing Youth into a loving relationship with Christ.

Dear St. Paul's family,

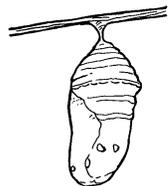
With many opportunities ahead of St. Paul's and myself, I have chosen to resign as Youth Minister of St. Paul's effective August 26th of 2007. Although I am leaving I am still going to lend a hand and be a correspondent for the adults during this transition period. I will be available to take phone calls and answer any questions that pertain to the youth program. Basically I will be the help line for the adults until the end of October.

The plans for the next phase of life for the youth ministry at St. Paul's are exciting. Your parish leadership has begun making plans for this phase, beginning with conversations with the Diocesan Youth Coordinator. I am confident that my departure does not mean, in any way, a "let down" of the energy and focus on youth at St. Paul's. Please stay ready for the many good things coming for this ministry.

One of the most exciting parts of this transition period is the adults who are giving all they have into making the transition as smooth as possible. Some of these people are John Green, Jacob Courtney, Reve Bullock, Elizabeth Lee, and I am sure there are more people waiting in the wings to jump in. These people are amazing and have been working with your youth for a while. These adults have seen the ins and outs of the ministry and will continue to provide the leadership needed to continue this great ministry.

I hope and pray that through this transition period you would surround these adults and youth with all the support and encouragement you always have given. I will miss you all and God bless!

Logan Hurst



Change. It's something in life that you can't live with, and you can't live without it. Change can be scary, but it is essential to life. Without change, life would go around in circles with nothing new. Living with change though can be scary and unpredictable. How do you think the disciples felt seeing their best friend and teacher dying on the cross? They were scared, so they ran away in fear. But through change, we can only become stronger. You have the choice; run away in fear of change, or be brave, stick through it, and remember, you're not the only one. We're all going through this. Change can be scary, but it's so much easier when you're a group. We will get through this time, and we will come out stronger. God's blessing.

Wesley



PIG ROAST REPORT



The St. Paul's Pig Roast Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, talent, and treasure toward making our recent event such a success. Whether you were involved in selling tickets, preparing desserts, shucking corn, cooking, pulling pork, serving food and drinks, assisting with the setup and cleanup, donating and/or buying auction items, or even just showing up and having a good time, we could not have made this happen without you - please accept our undying gratitude!

Now, here's the really good news: through your generosity, we raised over **\$10,000** for our two seminarians, Bill Dennler and Mike Hurst, which will really help support them as they enter their middle year of seminary. Our whole parish can take "holy satisfaction" in supporting their work.

So again, thanks to all!

The St. Paul's Pig Roast Committee

To My St. Paul's Family

I want to thank you all for your tremendous generosity during my stay in Murfreesboro this summer. The Pig Roast was such a wonderful event and the efforts of everyone conveyed a testament to the Christian witness of our parish not only to our own community but to many others as well. Each and everyone of you have been so wonderful and I am so thankful. May God bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Bill Dennler

Dear St. Paul's Family,

No words can truly express what you mean to my family and me. Your support has been overwhelming and it continued with the August 11th Pig Roast. Your generosity is a humbling example of Christ's love.

You are and will continue to be our church family...and I thank God for you.

Blessings,
Michael Hurst

SUPPORT COMPASS BY RECYCLING!

Compass is sponsoring an ink cartridge recycling program with Cartridge World of Murfreesboro. Look for the cartridge recycling bin in the parish hall near the Ministry with Young People bulletin board, and drop those old, used up cartridges off to be recycled! Or you can take your cartridges directly to Cartridge World on Thompson Lane to be refilled—just be sure to mention that you support Compass.

Ink and laser cartridges qualify, but the cartridges must be original manufacturer's brand to be accepted—no "store" brands, please! Compass will receive cash for your cartridge donation, which will help fund St. Paul's campus ministry at MTSU! Thanks for your donations!



SEPTEMBER 15, 2007
8 AM UNTIL NOON

"...Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

*Six churches, one day,
one mission. . .*

Operation InAsMuch is an annual event where churches focus a single day on serving others in their community. It is an intergenerational event (and in some cases an interracial and interdenominational event) mobilizing Christians to heal some of the hurts of a neighborhood or an entire community. Operation InAsMuch is designed to network with already established agencies, partnering with them to accomplish a common goal. It enhances the church's image in the community - people realize that this is a church that is active and willing to help when there is a need. It also builds fellowship with other churches.

Begun as a community outreach program at First Baptist in April 2004, Operation InAsMuch has grown to be a hands-on ministry project of six downtown churches. Partnering again this year are: Antioch Primitive Baptist, Central Christian, First Baptist - East Main, First Presbyterian, **St. Paul's Episcopal**, and St. Rose of Lima Catholic churches.

Armed with everything from hammers to hope, the volunteer army will begin their tasks at 8 a.m. and work till noon. A work force ranging from children to seniors will tackle a variety of jobs. Projects in past years have included: construction on the House of Faith Habitat for Humanity home, organizing a food pantry for Greenhouse Ministries, painting and fall cleaning at the Child Advocacy Center, and refurbishing a parking lot for the Domestic Violence Center.

To learn more about Operation InAsMuch, contact Kathleen Herzog at 907-8542 or by email kbherzog@aol.com. To volunteer, sign up online at www.fbcmboro.org. You will also be able to make your project selection on the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. Please prayerfully consider stepping out to give a helping hand to our neighbors.

GOT YARN?



The Charity Yarn Crafters (aka the Holy Knitters) will resume this fall by meeting the third Sunday of each month, beginning September 16 at 2 p.m. in the parish hall. We will be discussing projects for the upcoming holiday and winter seasons. We welcome knitters and crocheters of all skill levels for a fun afternoon of needlework and fellowship. We would like to thank the parishioners who have generously donated an abundance of yarn for us to work with in this ministry as we provide articles of warmth and comfort to those in need. For more information, please contact Jeanmarie Martin (jma050993@aol.com) or Suzanne Cate.



RECOVERY

In keeping with the Mission of St. Paul's and our express wish to be a ministering presence in our downtown community, St. Paul's has recently opened its doors to welcome a well-established local group Alcoholics Anonymous for regularly scheduled meetings in our facilities. The group, in existence for about 20 years, recently had to relocate, and St. Paul's is pleased to provide them a home.

The AA group, known as "The Basement Bunch," holds one-hour meetings at 7:00 p.m. every night of the week except Tuesdays and is scheduled to meet in St. Andrew's Chapel (except of course during those times when other regularly scheduled church services might oblige them to meet elsewhere, such as the Parish Hall or the McIntosh Room). All of the group's meetings are "open" (available to anyone interested) except Saturdays, which are "closed" (where attendance is limited to those who think they have a problem with alcohol). Given the need to set up before the meetings and to straighten up afterwards, we can expect the group to be present from about 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Please offer the group the same courtesy and discretion as would be afforded any outside group to whom we make our space available.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We are so excited to start another year of Sunday School with your children. During the summer, the catechists devote time to training and preparing materials for the coming year. We carefully prepare ourselves and the atriums, but it is not complete until the rooms are full of your children. The time we spend in the atrium with your children is a blessing for us. We get to see the Holy Spirit at work in their lives ... and ours. We pray to God for guidance as we work with your children.

In the atrium, the children always come first. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program presents the essentials of the Christian faith, building from the basic understanding that Jesus the Good Shepherd loves us and knows us to an understanding of our individual role in God's plan of salvation. Our growth at St. Paul's has led us to reconsider how to use the space we have. To that end, we have made some changes. Please come to the kickoff party on Friday, Sept. 7! This will give you a chance to tour the atriums and meet the catechists. We are blessed with 14 catechists - Beverly Calder, Martha Canada, Pidge Cash, Sandy Clemmons, Melanie Clayton, David Kirkham, Sudi Luboniecki, Margaret Ordoubadian, Sally Palmer, Krista Phillips, Becky Potts, Larry Puzzo, Libby Willis, and Jo Wintker. Please pray with us as we ask God for guidance as we work with your children.

And please prayerfully consider working with us! We look forward to another inspirational year with your children. God's Peace.



COMPASS Our Regularly Scheduled Program:

Sundays—join us in the Parish Hall for a home-cooked meal at 12:30 (conveniently scheduled right after our 11:00 Holy Eucharist with choir), followed by our Young Adult Christian Ed Forum. We will offer a program called The Seekers to guide us in exploring Faith, Life, Self and Values together. The focus is on discovering, wondering and reflecting on our lives together as Christians, rather than on “lessons taught by an expert.”

Tuesdays—a mid-week Breakaway from the school grind. We meet in the Student Ministry Center for fun, fellowship and Thoughtful Christian Conversation. Some weeks we’ll get serious with TCC, and some weeks we’ll just have fun! Check below for the upcoming Breakaway schedule.

September 4 Movie Night

September 11 TCC

September 18 TCC

September 25 Game Night

Thursdays—Lunch & Munch, 11:00 @ KUC; an informal lunchtime gathering of friends; look for JB, everybody’s friend!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

September 9 State Fair—“some of the best midway rides in the country, racing pigs, mule pulling, cow milking, sorghum making, grilling and cooking competitions, all the great family fun in the Kids Zone, the nostalgia of Volunteer Village, great food, great times, and big crowds.” Too much fun to miss!

September 15 Cheekwood—“In the series Looking at God, area artist Pradip Malde presents portraits that suggest a comparison between how people perceive photographs and their understanding of God.” Art, deep art. And botanical gardens—nerd heaven!

SAVE THE DATE!

October 5-7 Compass Fall Retreat—get away to Monteaule’s DuBose Center for a relaxed weekend with good friends.

Coming Soon!

TBD Habitat for Humanity work day

PLEASE SIGN UP TO FEED OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Many parishioners ask, "What can I do to help?" Well, we are offering a relatively painless response to that question. FEED OUR STUDENTS! We are looking for cooks and/or take-out experts to provide meals for our college students. The students will be gathering on Sundays after the 11:00 service to share food, fellowship and seek the word of GOD. Please sign up on the COMPASS meal sheets located in the parish hall and/or contact Ellen Gassler. Phone 895.4513, or email egassler@aol.com.

PRAYER LIST TRANSITION

It has been a practice at St. Paul’s to list only the first names of those for whom we pray. In most cases this allows the persons for whom we pray to remain anonymous, and their private concerns to be protected. Maintaining confidentiality is important to us, and is honored when requested.

There are times, however, when it is helpful to know for whom we are praying, so that we may respond to each person’s circumstances appropriately and offer aid beyond our prayers. We are a community of prayer, but also of care. For this reason we will include first and last names on our prayer lists beginning in October, unless otherwise requested. It will take some time to make the transition to this practice, but we do so in the hopes that our ministry of care for each other will be enriched, and our relationships deepened. As always, when confidentiality is desired it will be honored.

ATTENTION GOLFERS

Calling all parishioners who enjoy an occasional walk in the park to hit the little white ball at scattered targets. We are pleased to invite you to our **ninth** gathering, some might call a tournament!

Date: Saturday, September 22nd

Time: Registration, 12 noon; 1:30pm Shotgun Start

Place: Champions Run Golf Club

Cost: \$45 per player- Check payable to St. Paul’s on-site

Deadline: Sunday, September 16th

We would ask for one additional condition of you with your registration, and that would be to donate a door prize for the raffle afterward if possible. For those who have participated in previous years, this portion of the day has been one of the highlights! We have already received many donations from many area businesses, and for that, we are most thankful!

The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. We need your average score or handicap. You may also call Mike Becker at 890-5253 or email Mike , becker2@bellsouth.net.

All golfers, men and women of all skill levels are welcome. We will be using a scramble format with 4-man teams with everyone getting a chance to contribute. Our purpose is to have fun, meet new friends, score well, and not get hurt!

After the action, we will gather in the clubhouse for fellowship, along with telling tall tales from the day’s event! Awards will be given to remember the good, the bad, and the ugly! Call Mike Becker for details at 890-5253 or 294-8147.



WEIGHT WATCHERS

Tired of carrying those extra few pounds? Need to lose a bunch? Stay committed with help from others at St. Paul's—join St. Paul's Weight Watchers Community Group. Joining as a community not only saves each person \$54.00 (that's a savings of \$810 for 15 people) but also provides positive support for each other!

Each meeting is approximately 1 hour, including a private weigh-in. The following is the cost of the entire twelve-week (August special!) series:

New or renewing Member fee is **\$120.00**

Continuing (current) Member fee is **\$110.00**

Weight Watchers Lifetime Member fee is **\$100.00**

(Free for Lifetime Members within 10 lbs of their goal weight)

Payments can be cash, personal check, MasterCard or Visa. If a "split payment" option is selected, payments may be made with two separate checks. The first check would be for half of the amount of the series and dated for Week One. The second check should be written for the remaining half of the series and may be dated for one month later. Both checks must be given to the Leader on Week One. Anyone joining the group after August 29th will pay a prorated amount.

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm–7:00 p.m. beginning August 29th in the Parish Hall. Handouts from the informational meeting are available in the church office or you can call for further information, 893-3780.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: The Pastoral Counseling Center



In an effort to provide timely information about the various local ministries available to members of St. Paul's, we will be providing an article in coming issues of the Evangel (including this one!) to inform you of "what's out there" and what St. Paul's is already involved in. This may be your chance to get involved!! This month we focus on the Pastoral Counseling Center of Murfreesboro:

St. Paul's is one of the supporting congregations to this important local resource, including having a representative, Joe Reeves, serving on their advisory board. The Pastoral Counseling Center is a faith-based organization providing professional counseling affordable to all. Pastoral counseling has evolved through the years from spiritual counseling to pastoral psychotherapy which integrates theology and the behavioral sciences.

One of the Center's underlying premises is that most people prefer a professional who can help integrate their faith values into the psychological care they receive. The Pastoral Counseling Center's professional clinical staff is state licensed and certified by national clinical organizations. The offices of the Pastoral Counseling Center of Murfreesboro are located at 200 East Main St. in downtown Murfreesboro. The Center's phone number is (615) 904-8623.

NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR

Shannon Turner has accepted our invitation to serve as St Paul's new nursery coordinator. Shannon and her husband, Brad, have been in Murfreesboro for nearly fifteen years, moving here from southern Indiana. They have two sons, Jerrod and Sammy.

Shannon's plans for the nursery include a curriculum that parallels the Sunday sermon, increased activity and structure with the children, as well as an overall analysis of our systems and teachings in the nursery area. We're delighted to have her as part of our family. Please stop by and make her feel welcomed.

WELCOME, SHANNON!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT TO RESUME

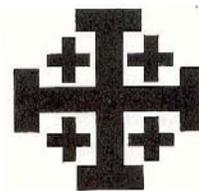
Parent's Night out will return beginning Friday night, September 21st. Get your children on the list, drop them off at 6:30 with dinner, and have a nice night out together. Please call Shannon Turner to sign up. You can leave a voicemail for her at the church (893.3780, ext. 14) or at home (867.7011). You can also email her at nursery@stpaulsmboro.org. In order to offset the expenses of providing this important service, we're asking parents to donate \$10 for the first child, \$15 for two, or \$20 for more than two children.

BLOODMOBILE



The Bloodmobile is coming back to St. Paul's on **Sunday, September 23**—mark your calendars now and watch for sign up sheets!

PILGRIMAGE (continued from cover)



the Spring we will repeat the Anglican/Episcopal portion. All those who participate will be fully prepared for baptism (as adults), confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows at the Bishop's visitation in June.

A registration form is available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall as well as a form to volunteer to sponsor a pilgrim. Please get those to us no later than Sunday, September 11 so we will know how many sets of materials to prepare. Of course, we will welcome any and all into the program even if you just show up on the 17th. We hope you will join us to answer the questions you have, discover what "this family" is all about, and consider whether you would like to journey with us. We already know we want to journey with you.

If you have questions please talk to our clergy, to David Rowe (drowe@bellsouth.net), or to Joyce Adkins (joyce1010@bellsouth.net).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 7:30, 8:45 & 11 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 5-7 pm Jr. High & Sr. High 7 pm AA	3  LABOR DAY Office Closed 7 pm AA	4 4:30 pm Chorister Rehearsal 6 pm Search Committee	5 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 6 pm Weight Watchers 6:30-7:30 pm Jars of Clay 7:15 pm Choir Resumes 7 pm AA	6 6 pm Ladies' Night Out 6 pm Men's Club 7 pm AA	7 Christian Ed Kickoff 6 pm AA 	1 10-11 am Whole Foods Buying Club 7 pm AA 
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Christian Ed Kickoff - Friday, Sept. 7

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 7:30, 8:45 & 11 am HE
 8:45 am Children's Church
 9:55 Christian Ed
 12:30 pm Compass Lunch
 2 pm BLESSING OF THE PETS
 5-7 pm Jr. High & Sr. High
 7 pm AA



09/01 Shirley Ikard	09/15 Martha Canada
09/01 Crickett Pimentel	09/15 Molly Becker
09/01 Gregory Raffo	09/15 Claire Davis
09/01 Carley Hatchliff	09/16 Shawn Phipps
09/01 Mary Iris Greathouse	09/16 Catherine Penn
09/02 Christopher Crowell	09/16 Frank Sutton
09/02 Benjamin Burgess	09/17 Bill Cate
09/03 Howard Wall	09/17 Wesley Arning
09/03 Shannon Hofferbert	09/18 Dale Boyd
09/03 Alan Luboniecki	09/18 Samuel Cockrell
09/04 Marguerite Thackston	09/19 Fred Koechlein
09/04 Julia Pifer	09/19 Rodney George
09/05 Kirsten Rasmussen	09/20 Doris Dalby
09/07 Ken Halliburton	09/21 Margaret Abernathy
09/07 Michael Brito	09/22 Morgan Elrod-Erickson
09/08 Pidge Cash	09/24 Leslee Karl
09/09 Marilyn Kugel	09/25 Mary Lou Reynolds
09/09 John Gassler	09/25 Jane Strobel
09/09 Manuel Camara	09/25 Andrew McGuire
09/09 Greg Tidwell	09/25 Joshua Meeks
09/09 Maggie Castelli	09/26 Daniel Couser
09/10 Will Cate	09/28 Sally Stahley
09/10 Logan Hurst	09/28 Douglas Rude
09/10 Eric Warren	09/28 Phil Young
09/11 Ann Hollis	09/28 Morgan James
09/11 Dennis Reeder	09/28 Devyn Mallernee
09/11 Victoria Teet	09/29 Marlene Sellers
09/13 Stephen Smith	09/30 Kristi Hay
09/13 Georgia Kennedy	09/30 Sarah Sutton
09/14 Sandy Clemmons	



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

The deadline for announcements in the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Thursday, 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 October *Evangel* is Monday, September 17, 2007. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KICKOFF EVENT, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

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*by
Hank Haines*

"Whatsoever therefore is consequent to a time of Warre, where every man is Enemy to every man; the same is consequent to the time, wherein men live without other security, than what their own strength, and their own invention shall furnish them withall. In such condition, there is no place for Industry; because the fruit thereof is uncertain; and consequently no Culture of the Earth; no Navigation, nor use of the commodities that may be imported by Sea; no commodious Building; no Instruments of moving, and removing such things as require much force; no Knowledge of the face of the Earth; no account of Time; no Arts; no Letters; no Society; and which is worst of all, continuall feare, and danger of violent death; And the life of man, solitary, poore, nasty, brutish, and short."

~Thomas Hobbes, 1651

Four centuries ago, Hobbes convincingly concluded that consensual laws allow us to live in a measure of freedom. Those ancient Old Testament laws, progenitors of much of our jurisprudence, enabled the world's Jews to hold it together for more than 5,000 years.

But in America our cherished freedom often works against regulation (cue music: "I Did It My Way"). The laws of man and God stand for righteousness. Once over a rebellious teenhood, the citizen is happier conforming.

The tie between faith and law is a fine one. Indeed, the American church owes much to that First Amendment stricture that Congress shall make no law respecting religion. Amen.

We will do well to keep in mind and in our children alive the notion that obedience to the laws of man and God are matters of importance.

"Oh, how I love your law! I think about it all day long. Your commands make me wiser . . . for your commands are my constant guide."

~Psalm 119:97