



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

THE

SEARCH COMMITTEE



One of the most common sentiments repeated by members of the search committee is how thankful we all are to be at St.

Paul's and how honored we are that you have asked us to be on the search committee. So with the Thanksgiving season upon us, it seemed an appropriate time to pause and reflect on what we are thankful for and to share that with you.

We are thankful to everyone in the parish for their participation in the self-study questionnaire. We hope that you use this opportunity to think about your role in the St. Paul's community and what you hope this parish will become in the future. The search committee also is organizing meetings that will be moderated by facilitators and open to all members of the parish. More information will be available on those meetings later.

We are thankful for all of you. The community of St. Paul's is defined not by a building or a particular priest or lay leader, but by all of the laity. Your time, talents, and financial support in the ministry and mission of our church have made St. Paul's a place that proclaims the Good News to many people through many avenues. Change can be a challenging and sometimes frightening thing. But it also can be a very exciting time that holds the promise of even better things to come. We are thankful you are willing to dream about what can be at St. Paul's and to face any fears that change may bring.

We are thankful that in a stressful time in the nation and the national church, St. Paul's is a parish that is not splitting apart, but instead is growing and thriving in its mission and ministry. It's the mark of a community of people that has chosen to live out the great commandment to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Because we are a parish which is not in great strife, the search committee's job is much easier, and for that we are most thankful.

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CONSECRATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Plans for St. Paul's Consecration Sunday are well underway. You will be receiving more information in the coming weeks. This day is an important one in the life of our parish. It is the day that we offer our financial pledges and tithes for the



2008 year, as well as join together at a luncheon with our parish family to celebrate God's blessings.

PLEASE:

- Plan to attend either the 7:30 AM or 10:30 AM worship service
- Complete your family's Estimate of Giving Card at that service
- Plan for your entire family to attend the Celebration Luncheon immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service at the James Union Building at MTSU.

EVERYONE is invited!

EVERYONE is encouraged to participate!

We want the ENTIRE community there!

A Special Day to Thank God for His Blessings

To make reservations, please complete and return your reservation card.

You can also call Fran Lovell at 893-7651 or Betty Davis at 867-3280.

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STEWARDSHIP:

SOME THEOLOGY IN ENGLISH WORDS

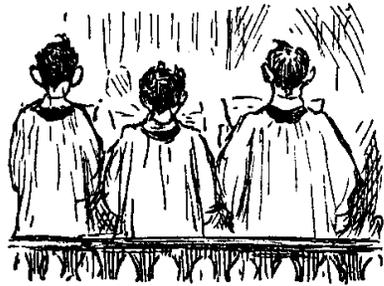


In Old English, a sty weard was one who guarded (took care of) the pigpens. Not a flattering beginning for a word and a concept that sits at the heart of our relationship with God. For many years Episcopalians dreaded the autumnal approach of "Stewardship Sunday," actually three or four weeks of preparation for the annual ritual of signing pledge cards. No wonder. Those were the days when clergy produced ministry and the laity consumed it, so we were being asked to pay money for work from which we might occasionally benefit directly but that we did not personally own. Stewardship was a church duty, an obligation, an expectation, and like most such things, it was also a drudgery, best done quickly so we could get on to Advent and Christmas.

Not any more. Today we preach and practice the priesthood of all believers, claiming through our baptism ordination as ministers of God, equal to and partnered with bishops, priests, and deacons in the twin labors of caring for creation in this world (stewardship) and preparing for the coming of the Kingdom (evangelism). We no longer talk of it as an obligation but as an opportunity to give thanks (from *caritas* which also gives us the word *eucharist*) in gratitude for the grace (notice the similarity between the two words) that we have received freely from God who, through that same grace, has given us generous (from *genesis* meaning to create—generate) hearts. Indeed, our stewardship, our capacity to take care of what God has given us for God's purposes, is the measure of our caring (there's that *caritas* word again) about the life we have received.

The truth is, we take good care of those things that matter to us—as parents, citizens, laborers, Christians—and we delight in doing that, regretting only that we cannot do more. Giving is the effect of our loving; as we grow in love, our giving grows. As our love for God grows, God fills us with grace/gratitude that compels us to give thanks/caring, and from enlivened hearts we respond with generosity/genesis to the work of taking care of the world God has given us and all who inhabit it, sharing all this as good news (evangelism) with a world starving for hope. God bless your stewardship now and always.

David Rowe



St. Paul's Choristers

SPONSOR A CHORISTER

The lessons learned from being a part of a children's choir—especially a quality program like our own—are great and endure a lifetime. At St. Paul's we are so very blessed to give our children the opportunity to participate in the Royal School Church of Music and to give them the chance to grow up steeped in the music and tradition of our faith. They are also so blessed to be taught and led by such a talented choirmaster, Aimeé Spurlock.

As you include the choristers in your prayers, please prayerfully consider supporting the program financially. It takes a great deal of time and effort to support a program like the RSCM, but it also takes financial support. For a donation of \$75 you can help a chorister in the journey through the RSCM curriculum. Your generous gift helps defray the cost of their music, robes, private music lessons, and community-building events that keep the children encouraged and enthusiastic. For your gift you'll receive a limited edition St. Paul's Choristers t-shirt, which you can wear proudly as a badge of your support. Plus, your donation, minus the value of the shirt, is tax-deductible.

Sponsorship forms are available in the parish hall. If you'd like to know more about the program, please contact Aimeé at chorale@stpaulsmboro.org.

A CUP OF CHRISTMAS TEA



Honoring the Christmas season, we would like to invite those who have experienced the death of someone close to a special gathering. We do not know where you are on your grief journey, but we realize the holidays can be difficult.

On Monday, December 3, from 4 to 5:30 PM over tea and light refreshments we will reflect on the joys and memories of people we love and holidays past. Please bring a picture, a memento, a poem, or anything special to you which you might be willing to place on a table to share. This will be an informal time to share if you wish or just sit and reflect while listening to others.

Friends and family are invited as well. We hope you will join us for a quiet and joy filled time of reflection, prayer, and remembering. This is the second year for this event at St. Paul's. Jerry Redditt and Enid Wiborg will host the event, with Ellen Hiembaugh from the care ministry team of First Presbyterian Church. If you have questions, please call Jerry at 867-4254.

CUB SCOUTS

With the abundance of youthful, energetic boys at St. Paul's, plans are underway for a Cub Scout troop. We are looking for guidance from former Scouters. If you were a scout or have been involved in any way with Scouting, please email Fr. Matt at mlgreat@bellsouth.net.



There are a host of reasons that I love the fall. As a transplanted Yankee, I have an accumulation of memories of crisp afternoons at school soccer games; bright, color-rich days of craft fairs on town greens; drives on winding roads through southern New England hills; and various festivals that celebrated history and heritage. I love the holidays that dot the calendar and encourage festive moods, and the anticipation of Christmas hovers in the background with its own blend of memory and mysticism.

I love the fall, too, for All Saints Day. It comes at a perfect time in the liturgical year as it ushers in the waning days of the season of Pentecost before we close one year and open the next with Advent. I think of All Saints Day as an occasion to reflect on the heritage of faith as I have received it. That heritage begins with my family: my grandmother, who taught me about generous hospitality and demonstrated the strength of a quiet and steadfast faith; my father, whose love for creation inspires and affirms a connection to all living things; my mother, whose commitment to justice and mercy parallels biblical mandates. There are other saints from whom I learned about prayer, the richness and value of community, and the complexities of scripture's tapestry. The list of saints and their gifts to me is too many to number.

There are, as well, the saints of old, whose feast days mark the liturgical calendar. Their stories remind us of the common challenges that all faithful people face regardless of time, place, and circumstances and encourage us to step more boldly into the light of Christ to share his love and reflect his glory. Their lives are far from perfect and often appear messy—like so many of the rest of us—sometimes achieving at the end of their lives a degree of holiness that casts a backward glow. (Saint Ambrose is said to have defined a saint as a “dead sinner whose biography has been revised and edited.”) That is what makes the communion of saints such a wonderful population. It may be a cast of characters, but it is a cast unified by the common thread of devotion to God in spite of sinfulness.

Some of our saints do, indeed, rest from their labors. Others are as near as our neighbor, the child we teach, or the man who bags our groceries. God works in mysterious ways, and through the mystery of ordinary people like you and me. God bless the saints.

With anticipation, in Christ's love,

Anne+, Interim Rector



SENIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

The Chinese have a saying that I have come to reflect on many times in my work. It goes something like this; “May you live in interesting times.”

As I was struggling for some inspiration this month I was drawn again to this saying and its obvious double meaning.

We certainly are living through some interesting times in the life of our parish. Many of us are confronted with all kinds of challenges as we forge ahead as a parish family. God has afforded us with many new challenges which can be both exciting and daunting at the same time.

I have watched your Vestry as we have come to rely on God and each other as we have moved through some of our early opportunities like searching for an interim rector, and transitioning through a change in our nursery and youth ministry leaderships. In each of these and others there were challenges that allowed us to work together in ways that allowed us to grow as a team.

I have also watched as a very talented and diverse group of our parish was called to service in seeking candidates to become our new rector. They also have grown through the challenges that are involved in this important process.

Collectively, we have all been afforded new challenges in ministry opportunities that are either growing or new altogether. I have marveled at all the new faces that I encounter in these ministries and the gifts that are available through their ministries.

In my services this year I have been truly blessed to see a wider cross section of our family than ever before and I am richer for the opportunity.

The point of all this is very simple, God has blessed our community with the opportunity to grow through these “interesting times.” Please continue to be watchful for the opportunities which each of our challenges brings to us. Who knows, there may just be a real blessing wrapped up in these “interesting times” with your name on it!

God's Peace,

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden



COX FAMILY PICNIC

Thanks to Mike Becker, Kent Sterling, and everyone who helped make the Cox Family Picnic such a huge success. Bill and Aerolene Cox were unable to attend due to the death of Aerolene's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

A WORD FROM THE WISE, OR OTHERWISE

An interesting situation for retired clergy is Sunday worship. While I celebrate and preach occasionally, Janlee and I are primarily pew people in pew people's attire. It is new for me but pretty nice.

At first when we worshipped in a new setting, I (to myself) critiqued the service, the sermon, and the way the parish welcomed newcomers. I've now pretty much let go of those bad habits and enjoy the very event of worshiping God and giving thanks for the love of Jesus.

As many of you know, I love church music. Wonderful choirs (a.k.a. St. Paul's choir) and hymns have always been empowering for me, but on a Sunday morning I rarely had the opportunity to really think about what was being sung and the spiritual truth that came through those anthems and hymns.

About a month ago I was enjoying my pew vantage point. The Gospel reading was about the disciples' request to Jesus for increased faith (the mustard seed reading). After receiving communion, I took a look at our recessional hymn—# 667. It is not a hymn I've sung often, but on that Sunday it just seemed to speak to me.

*Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a
season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.
In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme
of God's salvation, and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.*

For me those verses helped me experience an even deeper understanding of the vitality of our hymns to aid in worship. On that morning at that time and in that place, increased faith came alive through the hymns. I took the time and directed my attention to God speaking to me through music. I pray that your experience is the same.

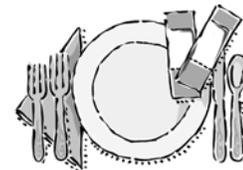
Your Brother in Christ,
Gene Wise
Rector Emeritus

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We are thankful that we have wonderful priests, Anne and Matt, and many lay leaders who are doing such a terrific job leading the church during this time of change. Because the flock at St. Paul's is so well tended during this time of transition, the search committee isn't forced into a situation in which it needs to rush to have a new priest. While we don't want to waste time or take longer than is necessary, not feeling a push to be hurried is a luxury for which we are very thankful.

And we are thankful for your continuing support and prayers as we search for a new rector for St. Paul's. It sustains, comforts, inspires, and encourages us to do the task we have been given to do.

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Make plans now to attend the Annual Progressive Dinner on Friday, November 16. It's a party not to be missed! For those who have never attended, you are in for a delightful treat.

The evening begins at 6:00 PM with an appetizer/salad course hosted at a parishioner's home. The main course is served at another parishioner's home around 7:15 PM, and a dessert course is served afterward at a central location for the entire parish around 8:30 PM. Salad hosts provide the salad for the number of guests they are hosting. Hosts will coordinate with their guests to determine who will bring appetizers, wine, etc. Main course hosts will provide the meat or main entrée, and guests will bring side items and/or wine. **Please consider hosting a course at your home this year.**

Child care will be provided at the church starting at 5:30 PM.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why should I host a course? Because hosting a salad or main course is a great way to meet your church family and give back to those who have hosted before.

But what if my place isn't big enough? If you can accommodate 6 people (including yourself), you have enough room! Please don't let space constraints keep you from opening your home to others.

I've never done this before. What if I don't know what to do? We'll help you. Melissa and Beverly will help answer questions!

What if I can't host but would love to help with the planning? Call Melissa or Beverly. We're looking for some new help this year and would love to hear from you!

Will salad and dinner be with the same group of people? No. We do our best to have totally different groupings for salad and main courses. You'll get to know lots of people you might not otherwise run into at church!

How will I know what to do if I host? Melissa or Beverly will contact you directly just as soon as the arrangements are finalized. We'll let you know who is coming to your home. You can then call your guests to coordinate beverages and/or side dishes.

How do I know where to go or what to do if I'm not hosting? We will e-mail assignments as soon as the arrangements are finalized. Also, hosts will call their guests early the week of the dinner to coordinate items to bring and to give directions if necessary.

This sounds like fun. What do I do next? Sign-up sheets are posted in the parish hall. Please sign up as soon as possible whether you wish to attend or host a course in your home.

The deadline is Sunday, November 11.

Please contact Melissa Warren at 556-1968 or Beverly George at 867-1582 for additional information.

CONNECTIONS: THE DIOCESE'S NEW MAGAZINE

Have you seen the Diocese of Tennessee's wonderful new magazine?

In September, Bishop Bauerschmidt launched a new magazine, *Connections*, replacing our former newspaper tabloid, *Cross & Crozier*. This upgrade will allow the diocese to share with one and all the comings and goings of the diocese in a highly colorful format.

In keeping with his goal to communicate well with everyone in the diocese, the bishop is not just mailing this publication to the former *Cross & Crozier* mailing list, but he is also making it available on-line.

In addition, everyone can also sign up for e-mail updates from the diocese office to stay in the loop on the latest news.

Want to subscribe? Call the diocese at 251-3322. It's that simple! And, to be safe, everyone is encouraged to subscribe, even if you were a *Cross & Crozier* recipient. This is a great time for the diocese to update its mailing list.

Want to get it on-line and/or get e-mail updates? Simply go to: www.episcopal-diocese-tn.org and sign up. September and October's editions are also there for your immediate viewing today!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENERY



As the season of Advent and Christmas approach, the Flower Guild is beginning to make plans for the greening of the church, followed by the placement of poinsettias on Christmas Eve. At the beginning of November, there will be envelopes available in the narthex and Parish Hall for donations and dedications of Christmas flowers and greenery

as a memorial, honorarium, thanksgiving or celebration. Your dedication will appear in the bulletin for the Christmas service. Please consider making a donation. The envelopes, along with your dedication and check, may be placed in the Flower Guild Box in the Parish Hall, left in the basket that is provided for them on the visitor's table in the narthex, or placed in the offering plate. Thanks to everyone who has provided their generous support to the Flower Guild Fund this year.

We need donations of any spruce, pine, holly, ivy, magnolia, etc. that might be used in Advent arrangements. This can be brought to the church and left near the courtyard on the Academy Street side of the church or left in buckets that we will provide for use in transporting any cuttings that you have. Please call Juanita Williams at 849-8612 if you have greenery that we could use or any questions.

Juanita Williams

A LLAMA FOR YOUR MOMMA? A HIVE FOR AUNT BEA?

The Living Gift Market returns to St. Paul's on Saturday, December 8, and it's grown quite a lot since last year! This year, the Living Gift Market will be a festival of fun and activity, as well as an opportunity to support one of the most respected charitable organizations in the world, Heifer International. In addition to selling "shares" of various animals, this year's market will feature activities for the whole family as well as all kinds of goodies to eat and drink!

Living Gift Market will offer an opportunity to "purchase" animals like pigs, chickens, and goats as an alternative to commercial gifts. The sponsored animals help hungry families around the world through Heifer International, and sponsors receive gift cards to note their purchases. The Market will provide information on food- and income-producing animals. St. Paul's seeks to provide an alternative to the commercial nature of Christmas and has set a goal of raising \$8,000 in animal sponsorships.



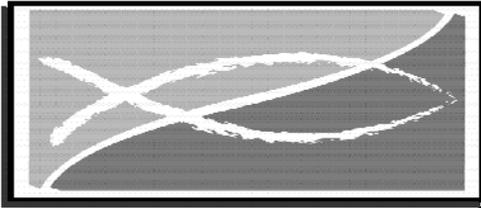
Your Purchase

Heifer Share	\$500	Pig Share	\$120
Water buffalo Share	\$250	Tree Seedlings Share	\$60
Llama Share	\$150	Trio of rabbits Share	\$60
Goat Share	\$120	Honeybees	\$30
Sheep Share	\$120	Starter Flock of Chicks,	
	\$10		

You'll get attractive gift cards for those you have chosen to honor. They include the story of Heifer International's work through food- and income-producing animals.

The Living Gift Market will be open from 2 until 6. Volunteers are needed to help with this important effort to help families around the world. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex on Sundays. For more information, contact Zanie Mullins or Susan Greenall.

Heifer International is a nonprofit organization that, since 1944, has provided food- and income-producing animals to impoverished families around the world.



YOUTH NEWS

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

DEAR PARENTS OF YOUTH,

Greetings! In case we haven't met, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Joshua Courtney and I am the new youth minister (along with my wife, Jennifer). I am very excited about the direction of the youth ministry at St. Paul's this year, and I wanted to give you an opportunity to hear more about it (as well as give you a chance to get to know me and my wife and for us to get to know you too). We are having a parents' meeting on Sunday, November 11, from 5 to 6 PM. While we are meeting together from 5 to 6, your child can hang out in the recently renovated Youth Center with some of our adult volunteers. Immediately following the meeting you will have an opportunity to sit in on "Xperience" (our weekly youth worship service) from 6 to 7 pm! I would love for you to join us!

In case you can't make the meeting let me share just a few things with you:

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER.

In just a short time I can already tell that Jennifer and I have a couple of things in common with the existing adult volunteer youth workers. One, we love God. And two, we love students. I can tell already that the St. Paul's Youth Ministry adult volunteers really like being around students and have a passion to see them grow in their relationship with Christ.

WE CARE ABOUT YOU.

Even though I am not yet a parent myself (will be in just a few months, though) I understand (I think) the incredible responsibility you face every day as a parent. My wife and I and the other adult volunteers want to come alongside you and help wherever we can. Don't hesitate to call us if you need something. If we can help, we will.

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

We don't want a ministry to your son/daughter; we want a ministry *with* your family. We want to help your family succeed. My goal is to create a partnership with you, and my prayer is that we (you, our church body, and the leaders of St. Paul's Youth Ministry) can work as a team to point students in the direction of the Cross.

Sincerely,

JOSH

Joshua Courtney
Youth Minister



THANK YOU

Greetings St. Paul's

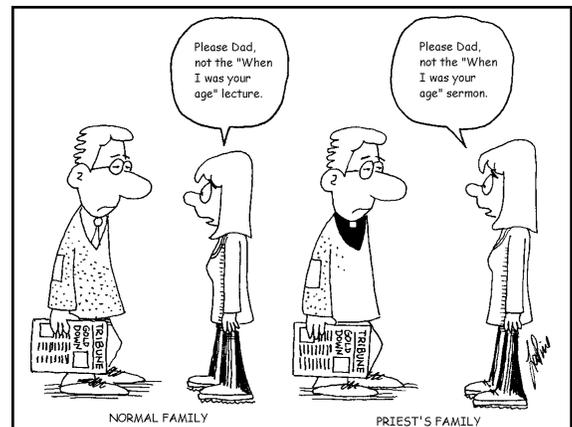
Well Thanksgiving is coming soon. Mmmm. . . I can already taste the turkey and the stuffing!! We have a couple of Thanksgiving traditions in my family. One tradition is we stuff our selves until we are almost sick! (I think that's probably a tradition for everyone on Thanksgiving.) Another tradition is we go around the Thanksgiving table and say what we're thankful for. Is that a tradition in your family? Wanna try? I'll go first. I am thankful for you, St. Paul's! You have made Jennifer and me feel so welcome already. Thank you all so much for the wonderful reception on our first Sunday with you. Thank you so much for the encouraging comments and for making us feel apart of St. Paul's already. We are very excited about our future here with you. We're excited about worshipping with you. We're excited about serving you and serving with you. We're just excited about being a part of the St. Paul's community! So that's what I'm thankful for. . .your turn.

Sincerely,
Joshua Courtney

WESLEY'S HOT CORNER # 13

Life hands us many different choices. And as I settle into high school I see people make good choices, and I see some make bad choices. If it's not studying for a test or not doing their homework, the choice is theirs. Are we going to make this a good day, or do we give up the second we wake up? Every day is a new and exciting adventure, but it's our choice if we take hold of what God has given us. It's your choice, your decision. Are you going to make today great, or sit back and watch? Then I think, what would Jesus do?

Sincerely,
Wesley



Dear **St. Paul's Adults** (ages 20–103),

Do you...have a pulse?...love God?...care about teenagers?

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!

I believe a **healthy youth ministry is built on healthy relationships** between adult staff and students. Today's students do not connect to programs; they connect with people. The most effective way to impact students is through significant relationships with caring adults in their lives. Sadly, though, there are roadblocks that keep adults from getting involved in youth ministry. However, those roadblocks are usually misconceptions about what it takes to be a youth worker.

Common misconceptions about what it takes to be a youth ministry volunteer (Lay Youth Minister) are...

- You must be young
- You must have adequate Bible training
- You must be a perfect example of a Christian
- You must be a captivating communicator
- You must feel secure
- You must be able to act like one of the students
- You must have plenty of free time
- You must know everything about the latest youth culture
- You must be wild, crazy and dynamic
- You must be liked by all students
- You must own a 15-passenger van

Here is the truth about what students need in a youth ministry volunteer...

Students need adults who will. . .

- Love God and live for Him
- Be interested in their lives
- Spend time with them
- Pray for them
- Be real
- Say encouraging words
- Believe in them
- Laugh and have a good time
- Remember their names and care for them



Youth ministry is not the easiest ministry in the church, and it's normal for you and okay for you to feel inadequate about your skills. Your confidence will grow the more you're around students and you see how God can use inadequate people (like you and me) to do great things.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a youth ministry volunteer at St. Paul's then please contact me! Remember, we need you, the students need you!

JOSH

C O M P A S S N E W S



October was a great time for Compass—a hike to Fiery Gizzard, a baby shower for one of our young adults, the Cox Family Picnic, FALL BREAK! The weather was beautiful, and we enjoyed lunch al fresco one Sunday, followed by stimulating conversation, and a couple of weeks later headed to the mountain for a day in the woods. We had such a great time that we're planning to go back in April for wildflower viewing. Many thanks to all the cooks who provided delicious lunches last month and to those who have volunteered for this month, too!

November will be another active month for us. We're road-tripping to Camp McDowell in Alabama for the Province IV Fall Conference for College Students and Chaplains. The Canterbury Group from St. Augustine's is also going, and we're planning to start building a collaborative relationship with that ministry for future events. Consecration Sunday falls on the day we would normally have our Thanksgiving Feast, so we're thinking

of having a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving on Tuesday the 13th instead—you know, popcorn and jelly beans and toast. Compass folk should plan to join the rest of the parish for a fabulous catered lunch at the JUB on Sunday the 18th.

A Christmas Party is in the works, so keep an eye out for details in next month's *Evangel*, on Facebook, your Inbox. . .

Also coming up: custom Compass name tags!

STRENGTH TRAINING FOR BEGINNERS

A great way to pump up your weight loss! Class will contain strength, balance, and flexibility components targeting beginning to intermediate exercisers. Dates, time, and price will be determined by those participating. The class will cost \$25/week and will be split among participants, paid in full in advance. Maximum 8 participants. Call or e-mail Libby Willis for more information: cell: 545-0220, email: willis2010@bellsouth.net.

DREAM GROUP



Perhaps you've noticed that entry on the Parish Calendar, under "Things Happening This Week" for occasional Tuesdays. Perhaps you've wondered idly, or with more energy, what "Dream Group" is about. As it exists now, the Dream Group is comprised of six people who gather regularly to share our dreams in a journey

towards wholeness. Please note the language here: "towards wholeness" acknowledges both our inability to reach wholeness in this life and the limited scope of dream work. Dream work is healing, but it does not, by itself, heal completely. So, you're probably wondering: what is dream work?

The Rev. Susan Sims-Smith, of the Diocese of Arkansas and a pioneer in bringing dream work into the Church, has offered a compelling metaphor for what dream work actually is: Our conscious awareness, our waking perception of the visible world around us, is an island surrounded by the infinite ocean of the unconscious, the world that is mostly invisible to us in our waking hours. Dreams are the shoreline of the island of consciousness. Each night, we stand on the beach where consciousness and the unconscious meet, and the Dream Maker (God) washes up fish for nourishment of our psyches. The fish are the images in our dreams; the language of the unconscious is images, metaphors, synchronous motifs. Dream work is the task of cleaning and gutting the fish, placing them on the coals of communal discernment—in short, preparing and eating the fish for sustenance on the journey of spiritual formation.

The Dream Group that meets on occasional Tuesday nights is "a leaderless, self-directed coterie" dedicated to helping each other in our journey to see God's action in our lives in our very dreams. We consciously acknowledge and invite the presence of the Divine Dream Maker in our midst as we accomplish this work. We are Christ-centered in our appreciation of the images God uses to guide us toward greater knowledge and understanding of him and of his love for us.

If you are interested in learning more about this journey, you are invited to participate in a book study starting in January. We will read *Dreams: God's Forgotten Language*, by John Sanford, an Episcopal priest, as a starting point for learning about how paying attention to dreams and sharing them in a community of Christians can be healing and formational. Details concerning meeting times and place will be in the next *Evangel*. In the meantime, questions may be directed to Pidge Cash, Suzanne Cate, Patty Evanietz, Ellen Gassler, Jane Smith, or Tina Whitfield.

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 PM, 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).

RSCM Debut

Our choristers, under the direction of Aimee Spurlock, will sing for morning worship at All Saint's in Smyrna on Sunday, November 4, with Bishop Bauerschmidt celebrating confirmation. Then that afternoon they will return to St. Paul's to join the adult choir for Choral Evensong. As you know, choristers from St. Paul's and All Saints' are combining for rehearsals, and we are pleased that they are able to join forces in leading worship.

ST. PAUL'S WHOLE FOODS MINISTRY

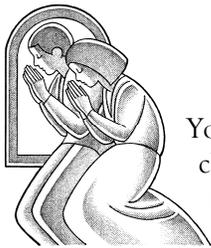


The schedule for buying delicious, nutritious and earth friendly holiday foods from our Morningside Coop is: order, October 27 for November 13 delivery; order November 24 for delivery December 11.

Join us both Saturday mornings in the Wall Building to build case orders, save money and discuss newly discovered favorites. We have a lot of fun, and we learn a lot from each other as we attempt to be responsible stewards of our bodies and the earth.

The orders are delivered to the Parish Hall at noon on the noted Tuesdays. You can pick your food up any time after that; you don't need to be there at noon. So come join the fun of discovering fabulous food!

If you prefer to order alone, go to: <http://www.morningsidefarm.com/>, click on the aqua order form on the right hand side of the page and remember to put "St. Paul's" in the message box at the end of your order.



EPISCOPAL STUFF

or “Why do they do that?”

You’ve probably noticed that people in this church have a habit of bowing a lot. One of the questions I frequently hear is “Why do people bow? am I supposed to? When do I do that?” The short answer is the fact that you ask means this devotional action probably doesn’t come naturally to you, so you don’t *have* to do it at all. But if the question occurs to you because you find this interesting, then here are a few pointers.

We call this bowing of the head *reverencing*. You can see people doing that at several points in the service: when entering or leaving a pew (some people choose to genuflect, touch a knee to the floor), when using the name of Jesus, when the processional cross passes by. It was one of the many “Catholic” behaviors that made Puritans hopping mad. They saw it as idolatry, but they were off the mark.

That fact is that we are not worshipping idols when we reverence. We are acknowledging God’s presence in a real and tangible way. When we enter the pew, we recognize that the sanctuary (where the altar stands) is a place where we can focus our attention, and intention, on God. For some, the focus is on the consecrated bread and wine that is stored in the tabernacle beneath the cross. The candle that stays burning throughout the year except from Maundy Thursday to Easter morning witnesses to the real presence of God in those elements. For others, the focus is on the cross, standing on the tabernacle or passing by during opening procession and the gospel procession. During the latter, we can also be said to be reverencing the gospel book. At the name of Jesus we focus our reverence on the God/man whose death and resurrection bought for us our ability to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

In other words, reverencing can be a devotional act that helps you see God as both intimate and distant, as tangible and mysterious, both now and not yet. There are times when we know God as Abba (Papa) and other times when he is the Great God. Reverencing helps us take God personally but not too casually. If this helps your worship, try it out.

David Rowe

WEIGHT WATCHERS UPDATE

After 8 weeks the St. Paul’s Weight Watchers group has lost 141.2 pounds!! Please consider joining us! We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Wall Building. You can join anytime (membership fee will be prorated), or begin with our new series on November 14. It’s \$120.00 for new members, \$110 for renewing members for 10 weeks. We will need 14 paid memberships on November 14 in order to continue our St. Paul’s group.

Call or e-mail Libby Willis for more information: cell: 545-0220, email: willis2010@bellsouth.net.

THE CAMP KIRYANDONGO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

What does it cost to educate a child?

What does it cost NOT to educate a child?

There are many refugees from the war-torn nation of Sudan in the Nashville area, many of whom are members of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Many more (their brothers, sisters, cousins) have not made it this far but sit trapped in refugee camps in surrounding countries. For the past seven years a few parishes in the Diocese of Tennessee have sent 70 Sudanese refugee children to the church-run Arnold Memorial School in Kiryandongo Refugee Camp, Uganda. The cost per child is a mere \$150. The building was provided, but the refugees must pay for the upkeep, teachers’ salaries, supplies, uniforms, etc. If parents can afford, with the small amount they make growing vegetables, to send one child, it will naturally be the first-born son. Thus from the beginning we decided to focus on those children who have no chance: the girls, the disabled, and orphans (of whom there are increasing numbers).

Earlier this year I indicated to our past contributors that this program was reaching a natural end, that refugees were beginning to return to their homeland of South Sudan and that a future appeal could well be to help fund a new school building. Sadly, the catastrophic situation in the Darfur region of Western Sudan has had its effect on the South as well. Bishop Arop (recently retired) has written to tell me that the area is far from safe and that of the 70 children we have supported for the past seven years, 39 are still in the camp and in need of scholarships if they are to continue their schooling. Of these, nine star pupils have reached the last year of their primary education and are poised to enter the high school system. I have received handwritten letters from three of these, who speak eloquently to all we had hoped to achieve with this program.

So I am appealing one more time to the people of St. Paul’s Murfreesboro, Holy Cross Murfreesboro, Resurrection Franklin, and other individuals to send these children to school for an eighth year. Someone in your church will have the flyers. I remind you that you should of course first support your local parish—let this be an additional offering, perhaps in thanksgiving for your own children or grandchildren.

As some of you know, my husband and I are returning shortly to the UK. Richard is there already, and I am finishing out the calendar year at MTSU and working to sell our house. Our final departure date is in December, and I hope to be able to send the funds to support these children through the 2008 school year by DECEMBER 15. My thanks to all faithful past supporters. If you would like some future involvement, contact the present convener of our diocesan Sudanese Commission, Fr. Patrick Smith, St. John’s Clarksville (contact details on the diocesan website).

Rosemary Kew

NOVEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 10.30 HOLY EUCHARIST, 12.30 LUNCH						
4 PENTECOST XXIII 7.30, 8.45 & 11.00 AM HE 8.45 AM Children's Church 9.55 Christian Ed 3.30 PM Recital/Evensong 5-7 PM Jr. High & Sr. High 7 PM AA	5 5.30 PM Alanon 6.30 PM Pilgrimage 7 PM AA 7 PM EIM 	6 4.30 PM RSCM Rehearsal 6 PM Search Committee 7 PM COMPASS	7 7 AM & 5.30 PM HE 9 AM Bible Study 11.15 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Weight Watchers 6.30-7.30 PM Jars of Clay 7.15 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA	8 6 PM Artists Way 7 PM AA 	9 7 PM AA	10 6 PM Adkins' House Blessing 7 PM AA
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| 11/02, Tracey Ring | 11/14, Scott Hutchens |
| 11/02, George Pimentel | 11/15, Catherine Ann Young |
| 11/03, Norma King | 11/17, Curtis Church |
| 11/03, John McCarthy | 11/18, Faylene Timbs |
| 11/03, Sally Palmer | 11/18, Mason Smith |
| 11/03, Margaux Bray | 11/18, Jeremy Steven Pifer |
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| 11/12, Tom Collins | 11/30, Denise Esker |
| 11/12, Patrick Hatcliff | 11/30, Lisa Asberry |

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 December *Evangel* is Thursday, November 15, 2007. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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*by
Hank Haines*

And as ye would that me should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

-Luke 6:31

Judge not and ye shall not be judged.

-Luke 6:37

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

--Matthew 5:3

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

-Matthew 25:40

She filled the classroom door. About 5-6, she must have weighed 230 pounds. Her black hair was short and distinctive for its red segments.

Tattoos were visible on her neck and forearms. Biker girl came to mind. But she was welcomed as were the drug users, prostitutes, and others beaten down by cruel aspects of modern living. All had come to be coached up for a GED test.

Those that stayed with it were successful beyond our hopes. And prayers. Biker Woman had a sweet disposition, was an earnest worker, and her attendance was perfect. She had an upbeat personality. Given the negative aspects of her appearance where would she work? A call center, our program director suggested. Perfect.

The least of these was important to our Lord. They must be to us, too. I'll need prayer to get through this one: judge the heart, not the hair.