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Small Groups

*God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5*

We are called to be a people of hope. We are called to be a people who trust in the pledge that God has given us through His Son Jesus Christ. We are called to be a people who believe, with the author of Hebrews, that God will never leave us or forsake us.

Sometimes trusting God's promise is easy; sometimes it is hard. Sometimes we are aware of God's faithful presence in our lives; other times He seems not to exist at all. The reality we face is that our spiritual lives are not static. No matter how hard we try to root ourselves in this promise of God's faithful love, we are always being tempted to question this promise.

Recently I preached a sermon about our responsibility to encourage one another in the faith. I said the following, "Here at St. Paul's we talk a lot about stewardship. We talk about sharing our time, we talk about sharing our treasure (our money), and we talk about sharing our talents. But maybe we should also talk about sharing our experiences, our experiences with God, amongst one another.

There is a theological principle that God leaves us rather spiritually deficient in ourselves. He does not give us everything we need as individuals. God does give the fullness of His gifts to the Body, to the Church, but not to us as individuals. And He does this so we become dependent on one another – so that we come together in our need.

Now I think this is true in regards to our personal experiences with God. We are not meant to rely solely on our own experiences - but rather we are meant to share our experiences, to share them with one another.

You see we are supposed to be building up each other's faith, we are supposed to be assuring one another of the reality of God's presence, assuring one another that God is present in the world, and in our lives."

The New Testament tells us repeatedly to encourage one another in our faith. It tells us that when we experience God's loving presence in our lives we have a responsibility to share this encouragement with our neighbor. To this end I want to encourage you – encourage you to think about joining a small group in the church. And I do this because a small group is a place where this encouragement occurs. A small group is a place where you share your spiritual joys and struggles. It is a place in which the faith is intentionally built up through the sharing of experiences. It is a place of accountability. And it is a place of intercessory prayer for one another.

Small groups can be "official" groups in the church or they can be a group who meets for coffee on a regular basis. The key is that it is a place of encouragement and support.

If you are already a member of a small group I ask that you encourage others to join you. If you are interested in joining a small group and don't know of a group to join, please contact Polk or me so that we can help you. Remember – you can't do this alone! Remember – We need one another! Find a group with whom you can share and grow. Find a group in which you can be reminded that God will never leave you or forsake you.

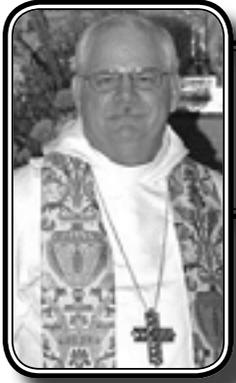
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MISSIONERS WANTED!

First, let me thank all of you who are giving so generously to the Hearts for Haiti fund raising effort. As of this writing you have given \$27,600.00! As most of you know, this money will help rebuild the children's nutrition clinic run by Pere Val and Carmel Valdemar. From the reports I have received, the Valdemars are working tirelessly in their continuing ministry to the people of Haiti, especially the children.

Beginning this summer, we will actively begin the rebuilding stage of our response to the earthquakes in Haiti. A number of building mission trips are planned for the summer and fall. We are invited to join a group from St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Birmingham to go to Haiti and participate in this work. The dates of the trip are Sunday, July 11th to Saturday, July 17th. I will serve as one of the co-leaders of the trip. There are four additional slots available (the team will total ten). Although plans are still evolving, we are currently scheduled to help put in a vegetable garden to provide fresh vegetables to the children's nutrition clinic.

Here is the basic information you need to know if you are thinking of participating in this mission trip:

- The cost will be \$1,250.00 (all inclusive)
- Accommodations include sleeping in a tent on a cot, three meals a day (the food is excellent!), and good bathroom facilities, and plenty of good, fresh water
- We will be working alongside the Haitians
- Current passport required
- Minimum age of 18
- It is hot in Haiti in July!

- There will be a goodly amount of pre-trip planning required
- Knowledge of Creole or French is not required

While the work will not be extremely difficult, it will require folks in good health who can tolerate the heat of the Haitian summer. The temperature averages in the upper eighties during the day and the mid seventies at night. I can guarantee that it will be an experience you will never forget!

This is NOT the only opportunity you will have to go to Haiti on a mission trip. There will be a number of trips over the next year or so.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me at rector@stpaulsmboro.org.

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Transitions

Baptisms on Easter Sunday

Benjamin James Bartsch

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SENIOR WARDEN

This summer we will change when our Sunday services are offered. There will be two services, one at 8:00 am and the other at 10:30 am. While one's initial response might be thoughts of that's no way to grow a church, I think it is. We have become segregated within our church family. For me, this is the consequence of my own Sunday routine. I attend the same 8:45 am service; sitting principally in the same pew of the same section on the same side, surrounded by primarily the same people. After service has concluded, it's straight for a cup of coffee and then to the same Adult Christian Education class I've attended for some time, unless my attention as Senior Warden is needed by an individual or for some matter of business. In which case, I try to find a quiet place, which is difficult to do on our campus between the times of 9:45 and 10:45am. After our son, Callum, finishes catechesis, it's home or off to Donut Country if Callum's church behavior has been worthy, because, yes, I'm a parent not above bribery. Not when it comes to behaving in church, anyway.

One of the first ministries that I was roped into participating in when I first began attending St. Paul's was greeting visitors. It is a challenge for any social introvert such as me. I was filled with anxiety every Sunday that I'd been assigned. It is difficult for me to initiate introductions or conversations with others I don't know, especially in large social settings. Large parties or receptions are the worst. I'm a bit better with acquaintances. Sometimes I'm perceived as cold or aloof, but really I'm paralyzed like a deer in headlights with social fear. Over time, greeting became a good self exercise. But, I eventually admitted it wasn't the ministry for me when I found myself introducing and welcoming to St. Paul's individuals who'd been members for years far more often than I was welcoming visitors.

Our family has been a part of St. Paul's for just over seven years. Like my long lost days of

greeting, if I'm outside of my church routine I often can't tell who's new and who's not. When our family attends church events, holy day services, or I see those coming as we're going on Sunday morning it never ceases to amaze me how many new faces that I see and don't recognize. And I'm pretty good with faces... not names, but faces.

When we fly on a plane we are always instructed that should the oxygen mask drop from the compartment above, place your mask on first before assisting the child or panicked person next to you. It's time to see to some of our own needs first, so to speak. - get to know one another a bit better. Changing our services this summer gets us out of our monotonous Sunday comfort zones and gives us an opportunity to mix it up; meet some other parishioners that we don't know, but who are members of our church family. I'm fascinated to know who has been sitting in the same pew as me at the 7:30 am and 11:00 am services. As an 8:45er, I'm planning to attend both the 8:00 am and the 10:30 am services this summer (not on the same Sunday, as riveting as the sermon may be). If there is someone around you that you are unfamiliar with, please introduce yourself (especially me, now that you know I'm shy and have a social inversion disorder!). Let's get to know one another better. And for Heaven's sake, not to mention Polk's, please wear your name tags.

This is an opportunity for us to get to know one another better; to cultivate and bolster existing relationships and create new ones. It may not necessarily be outward growth, but it is inward growth. And won't that make us a stronger, better united congregation for newcomers to visit and join?

Many blessing to you all!

Kristi Hay



Love One Another As I Have Loved You

In John 15:12, Jesus says, This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Loving and caring for one another is not just Polk and Colin's job - it's something we are all called to do. **Stephen Ministry** is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you - or someone you know - are going through a difficult time contact **Ralph Smith @ 556-6414** to learn about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

Save The Date!

The Living in Creation ministry is hosting a wine and cheese social after Eucharist on Wednesday May 19th in the parish hall. Please come join us for fellowship and to learn more about this new ministry opportunity at St. Paul's. We look forward to seeing you!

Long Range Planning ~ Parish Meetings ~

The Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting with our various ministry teams, and has learned a lot about who we are as a parish and our space and facilities needs. But we are far from finished, because we still need to hear from YOU!

We want to invite you to participate in one of our open parish meetings, which are scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 16 from 9:50 – 10:50 a.m.
(during the normal Christian Ed time)

(Childcare will be provided during all of the meetings.)

The purpose of these meetings will be to get your perspectives and thoughts on our long-range facilities needs – in other words, to help us discern the future that God has planned for us as the downtown Episcopal church in Murfreesboro. Your participation is very important, as are your prayers for St. Paul's and our committee as we continue this work.

We look forward to seeing you!

Weight Watchers

You are invited to join the St. Paul's Weight Watchers group, Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm in St. Margaret's Hall. Our next series will begin on Wednesday 5/5. New members \$120.00; continuing \$110.00; lifetime \$100.00. Payments can be made by credit card or check. Ask about split payments. Contact Libby Willis for more information: willis2010@bellsouth.net; cell 545-0220.

Thank You!

A big thank you to Beverly Calder, Jim Dillon and Stan Golden for your commitment to our Youth Confirmation Class. Thank you for all the time you gave to this ministry!

Outreach At St. Paul's

Questions about Outreach abound at St. Paul's.

How is it structured?

Why are there so many requests for support?

Why should we give?

To whom should we give?

Answering why we should give is clear. Our Lord, Jesus, calls us to care for our brothers and sisters in need. We know this from holy scripture (Matthew 6:1-4 and 25:34-40) and if we're honest with ourselves, we know it in our hearts. As the most affluent society on the planet, we have a responsibility to share our abundance with less fortunate people both at home and abroad. To do so is to honor our God who loves all creation. What we give responsibly is returned to us tenfold in personal joy and peace.

Why are there so many requests for support?

The needs of less fortunate others are endless. By holding as many as possible up for our parishioners to see, we offer more choices for compassionate response. The following explanation outlines how St. Paul's Outreach is structured and will give an overview that might make our choices clearer. You can also see this on the back bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

To whom should we give?

Each of us will make different choices dependent upon our life experiences and philosophies. Our hearts will pull us toward the ministry that is most pleasing to God and to us.

How is Outreach structured at St. Paul's?

We have developed a view of Outreach composed of three concentric circles focused on Families in Crisis. The inner circle is local outreach, the middle circle is regional outreach and the outer circle is global outreach.

Local outreach at this time includes: The Family Resource Center, Patterson Park Lunch Program, Angel Tree, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Operation InAsMuch, Quarterly Food Drives and Advent Craft and Bake Sale (rector's discretionary fund).

Regional Outreach at this time includes: United Thank Offering and Episcopal Relief and Development.

Global outreach at this time includes: Haiti Relief, Heifer International, Companion Diocese and Interfaith Dialogue.

With open hearts and prayer each of us will know where and how we choose to contribute. Time, talent and resources are needed at every level.

What will you choose?

St. Paul's Birthday Luncheon

Friendship Is The Spice of Life

The 2nd quarter luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. Luncheons are held once-per-quarter to celebrate birthdays of St. Paul's family members over seventy (70 years young), and their significant other is also invited. You do NOT have to have a birthday during these months to attend. And there is no obligation on your part except to RSVP! A committee of friends and helpers who wish to share their talents in this special ministry prepares the meal. Please call Jennifer McGuire at 713.5059 or email: Jennifer@mcguires.org to RSVP by May 5th.

In The News...

Ian and Irma Lowe, and their daughter **Michelle**, have just been granted U.S. citizenship! Their son, **Alex**, has a way still to go in the process due to paperwork. But they are all very excited. This gives them dual citizenship and, as Irma says, they are now African-Americans!

Ted Goodman recently passed the bar exam and will be opening his law practice in May.

Poet Thomas Dekker, who lived 400 years ago, said he wanted to meet people with laughter on his lips, love in his heart and gentleness, kindness and courtesy in his demeanor. Let's do the same today.

A Letter from Carmel and Pere Val

Dear friends,

Since the earthquake, we were so busy focusing on helping the victims that we haven't had the time to communicate with you. After everything that has happened, I can finally say that I have wonderful news for you. Because of so many camps with tents, many people moved to Croix des Bouquets and we have now 1030 children in the nutrition Program. They are all taking plumpy-nut and AK1000. We have received several medical teams from US; it is very helpful for the people because as they are going through this difficult route they are able to see doctors and get medicines for free.

We already had much rain since the beginning of April, but as you know the condition that people are living, under the tents, rain is not a good thing for Haiti now. Children will start coughing, get diarrhea, and have fever such as malaria from mosquitoes. We hope to have more teams that will come to help in this matter. At the Lespwa Timoun, we work every day Monday to Friday, but because we have only one doctor we received only 30-40 patients per day. We always sent some home without seeing the doctor and we ask them to come back the next day.

With all the support you gave to Lespwa Timoun, we were able to reach many goals and achieve many great things. We were able to get more children into the nutrition Program, hire an administrator, another nurse and pay the doctor. With that, we do not and will not worry anymore. Now the nutrition program has a big impact in the lives of children and is more well-known in Haiti.

I have another good news for you. Four weeks ago the director of the nutrition Programs in Haiti had a training with many nurses from all the departments at Croix des Bouquets; they chose Lespwa Timoun from many other programs in the country as a reference to come to train the nurses and explain the way we function. They were very impressed to see how fast the program has grown; all of them left satisfied and inspired by our work. That made me very proud of our Lespwa Timoun workers in Haiti and our partners in the States. They complimented us for a wonderful job we do and how we put our hearts into it. The week after that, we received a gift from the UNICEF; it was a refrigerator. They came to installed it for us at the clinic. It is a wonderful gift for the children and women. Now we will be able to do vaccines 3 or 4 days a week.

This is an occasion for me to tell all of our partners that helped in a way or another during this difficult time for us, by sending money, medicines, medical groups, other materials (tents), and

comforting emails/letters ---THANK YOU!---- You will not regret all the hard work, time, and devotion you have spent with us because the children we are helping will grow old and will never forget how once Lespwa Timoun saved their lives. Some pictures will attach.

We are going to the United States on Tuesday April 20th and we can not wait to finally take a break to rest and to see all of our friends there.

*Thank you so much
May God bless you
Carmel and Pere Val*



Remember to Wear Red!

Come celebrate the "birthday" of the church at our 2010 celebration of *Pentecost in the Park!*

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on May 23, 2010, as we celebrate Pentecost with our fellow Rutherford County Episcopal parishes. Once again this year we'll have a unique worship service, fellowship, good music, food, food, and more food! This is indeed a celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit and a powerful display of the churches' unity.

The event will again be held at the Old Fort Park pavilions with a worship service and picnic style lunch to follow. St. Paul's will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and beverages. Please sign up for and bring covered side dishes, salads, and desserts. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

Any questions, please feel free to email me at walter.mcvetty@gmail.com. Walter McVetty

ST PAUL'S STUDENT MINISTRIES



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For more details or to register go to...

www.stpaulsyouthonline.com

Love Out Loud ...with Paint!

Saturday, May 8th

Attention all 6th—12th Grade Students:
Get your painting clothes on and join us as we paint the Family Resource Center located in the Franklin Heights housing project. For details on this service project, go to www.stpaulsyouthonline.com

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much to all who supported St. Paul's Student Ministries by donating items for or bidding on items in the Youth Auction as well as to all who volunteered and helped make the Youth Auction and Lunch possible. Thank you all for your generosity, love, and support!

Sincerely,
St. Paul's Youth

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EFM – What is it? Is it for me?

By Nancy Carter and Ron Messier

Believe it or not, Sewanee, Tennessee is the WORLD HEADQUARTERS for Education for Ministry (EFM). This is a program of theological study designed to better equip lay persons to fulfill whatever non-clergy ministry, defined very broadly, that God has called them to do. It may surprise you to know that there are 7504 students currently enrolled in EFM, spread out in 931 groups here in the US. Over 80,000 persons have participated world wide. OUR CHURCH, St. Paul's, is privileged to host one of those seminars. And each seminar is limited to a maximum of 12 students.

The entire course of study is spread over four years. Year one focuses on the Old Testament; year two on the New Testament; year three on Church history; and year four on Theological Choices which involves some of the major theologians of the 19th and 20th centuries. It works like a one room school house; participants from all four years sit together and present their respective reports observing how the Holy Spirit guides discussion of common issues drawing from all four sources.

Nancy Carter joins Ron Messier as mentor for next (2010-2011) academic year. Here are some of Nancy's reflections on her EFM experience:

"When I told people that I was thinking about doing EFM the most common response I got was, "Oh, that's a lot of reading." So, I will say up front, EFM is a lot of reading. I find that it takes an average of 2-3 hours per week outside of class to read the academic materials that are developed and maintained by the University of the South School of Theology. That's just to read the weekly lessons, not to mention the list of additional resources made available in the curriculum. The materials are scholarly, and I make no pretense about comprehending them in their entirety, yet I take away ample

information to challenge my mind and my heart. The 36 week course requires a 2 1/2 hour, Monday night commitment corresponding to the school year. That has been another challenge, because I travel often.

"However, the benefits of EFM far outweigh the costs. The lessons have presented a Christian viewpoint that balances my more conservative, even fundamentalist, Christian upbringing. I have developed a greater appreciation for the magnitude of the umbrella under which all Christian thought resides. When we convene to share thoughts from our lessons, I am struck by the views and experiences the other participants bring. 'Theological reflection' activities compose the second half of our weekly meetings. Through these activities I appreciate the complexity of how Christianity impacts our various spheres, and I am encouraged to find ways to make my faith relevant to my world. Lastly, through the friendships I'm developing with these fellow seekers, I love and understand The Church, the body of Christ, more."

Two participants, Karen Grimm and Carl Schneider, are completing the four year program in May. We will present their diplomas, awarded by the School of Theology at the University of the South, at the 8:45 service on Sunday, May 16. Please come to help us celebrate their accomplishment and to congratulate them on a job well done.

We will have at least four openings for new members of our EFM class that begins in August. If you think you might be interested in this outstanding opportunity to further your own study of your Christian faith, NOW is the time to talk to either Nancy Carter (ncartermboro@comcast.net or 554-5371) or Ron Messier (messier.ron@gmail.com or 542-5148). Don't delay, call today!

May 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 Fifth Sunday of Easter 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 4 pm Acolyte Practice 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> <p>3 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm ERM 6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 7 pm AA</p> <p>4 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Long Term Planning Committee 6 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> <p>5 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Robertson Nash Presentation 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Reh.</p> <p>6 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 3 pm Knitting Group 6 pm Ladies Night Out 6 pm Men's Club 7 pm AA</p> <p>7 7 pm AA</p> <p>8 8 am Christian Ed. Min. Workshop 9 am Long Range Planning Meeting 3 pm Brownie Troop 7 pm AA</p>	<p>9 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 5 pm Xperience/Youth 6 pm Young Adult Ministry 7 pm AA</p> <p>10 6:30 pm ERM 6:30 pm Long Range Planning Meeting 7 pm AA</p> <p>11 Ministry Reports Due 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Long Term Planning Committee 6 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> <p>12 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm Choir Reh.</p> <p>13 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 11:30 am Birthday Luncheon 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Scout Committee Meeting 7 pm AA</p> <p>14 7 pm AA</p> <p>15 8 am Daughters of the King 7 pm AA</p>	<p>16 Seventh Sunday of Easter 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed. 9:55 am Last Day for Catechesis 9:55 am Long Range Planning Mtg. 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> <p>17 6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 6:30 pm ERM 7 pm AA</p> <p>18 11:30 am Retired Clergy Luncheon 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> <p>19 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7:15 pm Choir Reh.</p> <p>20 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 7 pm AA</p> <p>21 6 pm Parent's Night Out 7 pm AA</p> <p>22 7 pm AA</p>	<p>23 The Day of Pentecost 7:30, 10:30 am HE Pentecost in the Park 10:30 a.m. service at Old Fort Park, Pavilions 1 and 2 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> <p>24 7 pm AA</p> <p>25 5:30 pm Big Book Study 6 pm Long Term Planning Committee 6 pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> <p>26 6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group 7 am & 5:30 pm HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Dream Group 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Outreach Committee 6:15 pm Reunion Group 7 pm Canterbury Club 7:15 pm Choir Reh.</p> <p>27 10 am Lectio Divina Prayer 3 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Scouts Pack 108 6:30 pm Stephen Minister Peer Group 7 pm AA</p> <p>28 5 pm Watson Wedding Rehearsal 7 pm AA</p> <p>29 5 pm Watson Wedding 7 pm AA</p>	<p>1 9 am Girl Scouts Program Aide Training 6 pm TYPCAA 7 pm AA</p> <p>Men's Retreat 14th & 15th</p>	<p>30 First Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 4 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> <p>31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 7 pm AA</p>	<p>30 First Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed./Cat. 4 pm Chorister Rehearsal 5 pm Xperience/Youth 7 pm AA</p> <p>May 9th, Mary Balfour, Fr. Van Zandt's daughter will be with us to update us on our efforts in Haiti.</p> <p>May 30th, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. HE The New Summer Service Times Begin.</p> <p>May 23rd 10:30 a.m. Pentecost in the Park at Old Fort Park, Pavilions one and two. **7:30 a.m. service here at St. Paul's.</p> <p>May 31st, Memorial Day/Church Office Closed.</p>



Henry Ambrose05/01	Audra Esker05/19
Victoria Cassidy05/02	Mary (Allie) Clayton05/19
Weston (Fant) Smith05/02	Greg King05/20
Charlotte Molloy05/03	Maggie Newell05/20
Doris Simpson05/05	Melissa Hamby05/21
David Rowe05/05	Hank Haines05/22
Krista Phillips05/05	Christine Merchant05/23
Joshua Courtney05/05	Jeffrey Sandvig05/23
Cole Curtze05/05	Steven Luboniecki05/24
Michael Curtis05/06	Eric Martin05/24
Sarah (Katie) Rogers05/07	Lucas Raffo05/24
Elizabeth Gassler05/07	Blake Tidwell05/25
Richard Gleaves Jr05/08	Kirby Jeffreys05/25
Joani Beckwith05/08	Julie Hutchens05/25
Anna Smith05/08	John Whitmore05/26
Andrew Foster05/08	Abigail Wintker05/27
Benjamin Smith05/10	Libba Sanders05/28
Sloan Perry05/11	Chase Hurst05/28
Kathy Dillon05/11	Ryan McLaurine05/28
Warren Tormey05/11	Taylor Halliburton05/28
Kimberly Williams05/12	Ronald (JR) Nelson05/29
Guna Curtis05/16	Tyler Loucky05/29
Pamela Bohall05/17	Delia Goodman05/30
Mary Hollis05/17	Peyton Owen05/30

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

– Call –

Sue Koechlein at 895-4222 or Ralph Smith at 556-6414.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS UPDATE

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

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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

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

The deadline for the June Evangel is Saturday, May 15, 2010. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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- Jacob Courtney, Assistant Minister to Youth
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- Kathy Warlick, Administrative Assistant
- Kathy and Bill Jones, Co-Treasurers
- Annie Gracia, Nursery Director

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Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measures pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

--Luke 6:38

An aging man went to a local Radio Shack and told the clerk there of his travail with a CD player. The clerk suggested a new cable connecting the player with the receiver. It worked and the old fellow called him. "I used the new cable. It is wonderful and the CD's are beautiful now. Thanks to you." Unexpectedly, the youngish clerk said, "That's good and let me add that your call means so much to me."

Means so much to him?

How many times does this fellow solve a problem and never hears unless his advice is wrong?

We can make the world more at ease and pleased with itself by offering a word of thanks and encouragement. Research has revealed that kind words are contagious. They are passed on.