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## THE DAYS LENGTHEN, THE LIFE GROWS

My Dear People,

The days are lengthening indeed, and we are ready, ready for the deepening of spring and the coming of Easter, any day now. Hildegard of Bingen, a twelfth-century German mystic and abbess, wrote of *viriditas*, which can be translated literally as “greenness.” She celebrated the fresh, vital, creative energies of God forever at work in the world around us and in our lives. And, by her witness, Hildegard calls us, as well, to be on the look-out for and open to the new life bursting forth each day.

As our eyes sweep the landscape of St. Paul’s, we do indeed see new and renewed life; we see greenness, we see *viriditas*, we see life, the life of Christ manifest in our community:

In the kind and cheerful hospitality shown to the thousands who have joined us during Lent this year, for the Lenten Lunches and the Lenten Preaching Series, and in the truly powerful, affecting preaching we have heard;

In our continuing and growing relationship with the village of Mwitikira and the people of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, with Will Brooks, Roger Whitfield, and others showing us what true servant leadership is;

In the Covenant Groups we’ve had this winter and spring, Caring Companions, the Seekers’ Path, the Women’s Spirituality Group, the Sunflower Group, where, through these small-group experiences, relationships and reflections have deepened;

In the devoted service of the likes of Christie Montgomery, Sue Bland, Bruce Crusier, Missy Benson and others, including our Youth Mentors and Sunday School Teachers, who have gone the extra mile during a time of staff transitions;

In the generous giving by the people of St. Paul’s, through our annual pledge canvass, during a time when resources are stretched more than usual;

In our youth, as they prepare for another pilgrimage this summer, to San Francisco, and as they continue to grow in faith and in community together, waiting patiently for the calling of a new youth minister;

In the dedicated and prayerful work, done by our Vestry and others, during a tight budget year, to arrive at the best and most faithful way forward regarding staffing and resources;

In our Emmaus feeding ministry, with Jenny Bliley ably overseeing a whole cadre of individuals and groups (Radio One, Bank of America, and others) who want to be a part of what happens every Thursday at St. Paul’s;

In the coming of another Earth Day, as we consider more closely and deeply, with special guest Bonnie Anderson’s help, what it means to be good stewards of the Creation God has entrusted to us;

In the coming of a summer seminarian, Andrew Terry, who will be with us from mid-May through mid-August, worshiping with us, and exploring with us life, and faith, and downtown Richmond;

And, and, and...we could indeed go on and on, each of us, as we recognize and celebrate the life, the *viriditas*, the greenness, in us, in the community that is St. Paul’s Church!

With great thanks for the life we share in Christ, your brother,

Wallace +

### HOLY WEEK

On Palm Sunday, April 17, we will have three regularly-scheduled services at St. Paul’s. In addition, we will join our fellow Downtown Community Member (DCM) churches at Second Presbyterian Church for a 10:20 a.m. service.

On Monday, hear special poetry read by the Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley, interspersed with music by David Sinden on Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Join in a dinner by Cedars Restaurant and foot washing, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 21. Holy Eucharist and Solemn Stripping of the Altar will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

On Good Friday, we will hold liturgy at noon and Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones is preaching and presiding at that time. On Sunday, we will have our three services at regular times and a large parish breakfast.

To register for Maundy Thursday dinner, please contact the Rev. Kate Jenkins at (804) 545-5404 or [kjenkins@stpauls-episcopal.org](mailto:kjenkins@stpauls-episcopal.org).



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## WORSHIP & OUR FAITH

### SPECIAL SERVICES IN APRIL

#### Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 17

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Contemporary)  
 10:20 am - Downtown Community Ministries Service at Second Presbyterian Church (outside - weather permitting)  
 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Traditional)

#### Monday in Holy Week: April 18

7:30 pm - Poetry and Music: Meditations for Holy Week

#### Maundy Thursday: April 21

6:00 pm - Dinner catered by Cedars Restaurant  
 7:30 pm - Eucharistic Celebration and Stripping of the Altar

#### Good Friday: April 22

Noon - Good Friday Liturgy  
 5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

#### The Great Vigil of Easter: April 23

7:30 pm - The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones will be preaching and presiding

#### Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday, April 24

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 10:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt (On Capitol Grounds)  
 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT

Our parishioners visited Shrine Mont in the Shenandoah Valley for a parish retreat, April 1-3. Everyone enjoyed the relaxing, yet fun-filled weekend. Below are pictures of some St. Paul's parishioners at the retreat.



**P**ictured (top to bottom) - Nangula Shejavali (left) with Debra Yoder (right), the Rev. Canon Fletcher Lowe with Leanora Johnson, and Bruce Yoder with Melissa Callaway. Lastly, the group performing (from left to right) are David Sinden, Will Bigelow, John Davis, Debbie Jones, Michaele Justice, and Chip Jones. All photos by Bruce Yoder.

# WRITING FAITHFULLY

BY DAVE COOGAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH  
AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY



With his arms spread casually gathering the air in my office at Virginia Commonwealth University, Fletcher asked “What do you do here?” I gave him the gist of it—my courses in rhetoric, writing and public speaking, the graduate students I mentor, the writing workshop I teach at the city jail. “And what is the link between Sunday and Monday?” He followed, eyes taking in my degrees framed on the wall. Not the Ph.D., I thought to myself, but the Go.D.

My first reaction was everywhere, in every writer I try to help—and I meet about a hundred a year. All writers, no matter their skills or views, are on journeys toward self-understanding and self placement—in public discourse, in a profession or discipline, in a calling or an issue, something larger than themselves. If I am lucky enough to touch these intangibles and don’t drop anything in the chemistry lab of communication—beakers bubbling, Bunsens burning, their writings glistening in the grip of my tongs—I can help people help themselves. This is huge! It’s gratifying when it works and when it doesn’t. I learn more about myself either way. And I believe God wants us all to learn more about ourselves.

But there’s another way in which God helps himself to my Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition. I mean, how else can I explain how I ended up teaching autobiography at the city jail? Naturally, my prior volunteer work at Offender Aid and Restoration had paved a path, just as my earlier volunteer work mentoring writers at M.L.K. Middle School and before that, in Chicago, my teaching and writing for social change on the Southside, work with community organizers in public housing and the public schools. I didn’t know it then but while my discipline was paving a path for me, God was unrolling the red carpet. Who else but God could have given me the words to invite the incarcerated to find themselves in their writing—and to do this not only for themselves but for a society a public that still believes change is possible? Who else but God could have fortified me with the courage to resist the cultivated indifference toward the prisoner?

“Jesus,” Kate said once in a sermon, and I am paraphrasing, was not somebody who grabbed people by the lapels and shouted in their faces, ranting about what’s right or demeaning them, pressuring them to say this, do that, on the spot, right now. He came with questions, parables, images, prophecies, peace, miracles, signs—words and deeds that provoked others to think for themselves. “Dave, our writings are all right,” one of the men from the first workshop, Kelvin, told me. “But it’s your curiosity about our lives that really makes it interesting.”

Curiosity might not have made an appearance—that word—in a sermon that Wallace gave during advent last year, but its presence was surely felt when he said that advent is not simply a time of waiting and watchfulness, something akin to curiosity, but trepidation, even fear. What awesome fate awaited Mary?! What awesome fate awaits us this Christmas, he asked. Will we be ready?

At the time, I was ready for a long drive to Connecticut—for Christmas in my childhood home. But was I ready for Christ? On his birthday I said grace. I thanked God for helping us all see beyond what we know and treasure, the things that easily comfort us. Looking around the table at my family and several close family friends and thinking, too, of the pictures of Kelvin and Greg and the others from my workshop pinned to the board in my office, I concluded that the greatest gift is the one we all share. “I carve this roast,” I said knife and fork in hand, “for the human family.”

Weeks later, I learned that while I was in my home, Greg had become homeless. Miraculously though, like shepherds following different signs toward the manger, he was also praying for what was to come. “It was like I was out in the wilderness or something, Dave! I just couldn’t talk with the same people who were thinking drugs 24/7. I had no desire for that. I just wanted to pray, read my Bible. Know what I mean? I could see there was more to life—more I could be doing with my life.”

Amen, brother. There’s more that all of us can be doing. Always. Thank you for doing your part.



# HOLY WEEK

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Contemporary)

10:20 am - Downtown Community Ministries Service at Second Presbyterian Church

(This service will be outside - weather permitting)

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Traditional)

“Behold your King!”

We gather in the Parish Hall, or the Memorial Garden outside if the weather permits. We clutch the palm branches we have been handed, and imagine ourselves, two thousand years ago, in a similar crowd on a road outside of Jerusalem. We anticipate with great excitement the arrival of the infamous prophet from Nazareth. Rumor has it he has come to set us free.

*All glory, laud and honor  
To thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring. Hymnal 154*

But we do not get the leader we have anticipated. For instead of entering the holy city on a warhorse, this Jesus comes deliberately on the back of a donkey. We have entered Holy Week, the moment of greatest depth, wonder, and solemnity in the Christian liturgical year. The mood is theatrical. The air is electric with excitement.

## MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK: APRIL 18TH

7:30 pm - Poetry and Music for Holy Week- See article on next page.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 21ST

6:00 pm - Dinner by Cedars Restaurant and foot-washing

7:30 pm - Eucharistic Celebration and Stripping of the Altar

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

All of the Gospel narratives are heavy with a sense of impending doom. The authorities, long suspicious of the rumors concerning this prophet-king, now have their suspect targeted. In this tense moment, Jesus and his disciples have gathered in an upper room to celebrate a Passover meal where he enacts two distinctive gestures that will become symbolic of the entirety of his teaching and be ritually recapitulated over and over by Christian communities of succeeding generations. The gestures are utterly simple and profound, speaking more eloquently than the most polished words. He washes his friends' feet, and he shares a meal.

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 1 Cor 11:23-25

To break bread and pass the cup became, for the earliest Christians, the ritual gesture that defined who they were. They were a thanksgiving (Eucharist) people in communion with one another through their sharing of the bread and cup.

“Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should also do as I have done to you.” John 13: 13-15

Jesus is quite explicit about the gesture's meaning. This is a new command. Love a new way. Love by caretaking. Love by being available to one another. Love by serving. In a world which clamors for status and recognition, this is a truly counter-cultural statement.

## GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 22ND

Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

“It is finished”

There is only one day of the entire year when the eucharistic liturgy is not celebrated. That day is Good Friday. The altar of the church is bare, the chancel stripped of all decorative items. Black veils cover the crosses. We linger at the foot of the cross, fixed upon the words, the gestures, the atmosphere that hovers there with wonder.

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER: APRIL 23RD 7:30 pm - "This is the Night"

We begin the evening in twilight and enter a sanctuary swallowed in darkness. We wait in the pregnant silence. Then the paschal candle enters the church and the Bishop proclaims "The light of Christ". From that one candle is ignited each of the small candles those in the congregation hold. The shadowy church is gradually illuminated by the lights of the flickering tapers. The radiance of the dawning resurrection light transfigures the night. We gather as the people of God, mindful of our story, longing to be liberated, trusting in the promise of the dawning light.

*"Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green"* - Hymnal 204

## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
"Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"



Easter is not merely an event of long ago. It is not only the celebration of God's desire to be one with humankind. It is not only the renewal of the cosmos, nor is it simply our kindled hope for what is promised us. Easter is also realized when we are most fully alive and aware of all that is. The Lord is risen indeed Alleluia.

## POETRY AND MUSIC: MEDITATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 18 at 7:30 pm

Surely one of the most galvanizing images of Holy Week -- and the entire liturgical year -- is the entrance of the newly kindled Paschal flame into the darkened church during the Great Vigil of Easter.

This is a threshold moment. The new fire has been kindled and a new candle has been blessed and lit. The light of Christ leads the assembly into a darkened, holy space. The light shining in this darkness speaks of the "already-but-not-yet" of the Easter victory of Jesus.

Waiting for us in the dark are Easter lilies, festive altar paraments, a Eucharistic feast for all. All of this is hidden in darkness until it is revealed by the light of the resurrection at the words "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

We know the good things God has in store for us, but on this night, we keep the lights off at first. We hear God's word in dark. We hear "the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past;" and we "pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption."

In the darkness, we touch the cold waters of Baptism and renew our vows.

We are more comfortable with the lights on. We are more comfortable with "Alleluia" on our lips. But in these last moments of Lent, we hear our story, and affirm our faith.

As a new offering this year, St. Paul's offer an evening of **Poetry and Music: Meditations for Holy Week on Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.** Poetry will be read by the Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley interspersed with organ improvisations by David Sinden that reflect on the poetry.

Before the liturgies of Holy Week, you are invited to enter the darkened space before the Resurrection and encounter the Christian story in a new way. Here, before the three sacred days, is another opportunity to prepare ourselves on the threshold of the "Passover of the Lord."

The darkness is receptive to the light. Let us prepare our hearts minds to receive the light of the risen Christ.

### THE HOUSE OF THE MIND

As earth's pageant passes by,  
Let reflection turn thine eye  
Inward and observe thy breast;  
There alone dwells solid rest.

That's a close immured tower  
Which can mock all hostile power:  
To thyself a tenant be,  
And inhabit safe and free.

Say not that this house is small,  
Girt up in a narrow wall;  
In a cleanly sober mind  
Heaven itself full room doth find.

The infinite Creator can  
Dwell in it, and may not man?  
Here content make thy abode  
With thyself and with thy God

- Joseph Beaumont



# EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY & GROUPS

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

## HUMBLED, BLESSED, AND HOPEFUL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE SPRING 2011

BY SUE BLAND, BLANDSD@MINDSPRING.COM

I write this as we're in the midst of Lent. No better time to reflect and to write words that will be read as we move through April and approach May; Easter and spring; even our program year's end will be in sight and our hope rising once more. For Christie and me as co-chairs of the children's committee, this is a moment to reflect: in both the sense of pausing to think and to mirror. Reflect upon all that others have done to make this spring happen for our kids. Reflect on all that was done for us before that, admittedly, we might have taken for granted. It has been humbling to keep the wheels from coming off over the first weeks.



And yet it is a blessing because we can see that God's spirit is definitely with us as our phenomenal parents, already expert in volunteering, have stepped up again and again. Our collective effort has helped keep the many aspects of children's education and formation going as we work and pray together and wait for God's will to be known and for someone somewhere to hear our call to ministry. In the second sense of the word, we are grateful to find the image of Christ reflected in the eyes of so many, especially our children.

April has promised our children many ways to revel in God's creation in direct and deep ways: we were at our Shrine Mont retreat (April 1-3); we will engage in the flowering of church and Capitol grounds and our Earth Day celebration (May 1).

Earlier this month in Sunday School, we finished exploring the story of Doubting Thomas. We move forward with investigating the story of Lydia through the lenses of Science, Creative Drama and Music (May 1, 8, and 15). In between our stories, we will experience the most wondrous story we have on Palm and Easter Sundays (April 17 and 24). Our youth will prepare the way for the children to enjoy our fabulous Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol Grounds. Our parents are pleased to continue to bring Third Friday Fun to all fourth and fifth graders (May 20) and Moms' Dinners to offer respite and fellowship (May 13).

So much has been happily accomplished and, as we look to the future and the newness that lies there, we are truly hopeful. So much is happening with our kids. Please see Grace Notes and the St. Paul's website (<http://www.stpauls-episcopal.org>) to check for all of our events. Please join us for any and all events.

## NEW BEGINNINGS AND SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT

### Small Group Bible Study

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

Norwood Room

Continuing through May 22, 2011

No class on April 17 or 24.

May 1 - Genesis 48-50

May 8 - Rabbonic stories

May 15 - Genesis Retrospective

## SATURDAY SISTERS AT ST. PAUL'S

BY SUZANNE JOHNSON AND JENNINE SHERRILL. PICTURES BY BILL HOLWEGER

If you happened to visit St. Paul's Undercroft on a recent Saturday morning you would have heard joyful noises coming from the Youth Center! For nine Saturdays each year, St. Paul's youth (10-12th graders) gather with girls from Woodville School for several hours of fellowship, tutoring, crafts, and exercise. The children and youth start each morning quietly in a circle as they check-in about their week.

On a recent Saturday, the group shared ways they had shown kindness to others and ways others had been kind to them during the week. The relationships within the group grow visibly throughout the year and across the years, as the Saturday Sisters program continues to flourish at St. Paul's.



Saturday Sisters gather outside

FOR DETAILS OR TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS  
Contact Christie Montgomery at [christie.montgomery@lexisnexis.com](mailto:christie.montgomery@lexisnexis.com)  
or Sue Bland at [blandsd@mindspring.com](mailto:blandsd@mindspring.com).



Girls meet for fun activities



# FAITH IN ACTION

## FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY AND OUR FAITH

### ORGANIZING EARTH DAY SUNDAY

By SCOTT SIRLES

On Earth Day Sunday, May 1, to reduce our carbon footprint, the Green Team will be coordinating carpools to and from the Church based upon zip codes. As we approach Earth Day Sunday, we encourage you to carpool, take public transportation, ride bicycles, or just walk to St. Paul's.

By calculating the distance between our parishioners' homes and the Church, our Green Team will determine a baseline gasoline consumption estimate for the weekly commute. The team will provide sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings starting Palm Sunday, April 17.

On Earth Day, volunteers will meet people arriving at St. Paul's to determine if they were able to eliminate a car trip. With this information, we will be able to calculate an estimate of the reduction in gasoline consumed getting parishioners to St. Paul's and back.

Hopefully, this will be the start of a longer-term reduction in our footprint! Between now and Earth Day, we will provide more information about the Earth Day commute. In the meantime, feel free to contact me at [scott.a.sirles@gmail.com](mailto:scott.a.sirles@gmail.com).

### ABOUT BONNIE ANDERSON

On Earth Day Sunday, May 1, Bonnie Anderson, president of the Episcopal Church House of Deputies, will be preaching at our worship services and our Adult Forum. Being a critical leader in the life of the Episcopal Church, she has been a strong advocate for environmental issues and the people affected by environmental degradation.

Bonnie Anderson is known in the Church as a skilled community organizer, defender of the ministry of the laity, and an advocate for marginalized people. She received a gubernatorial appointment to the Michigan Environmental Review Board for her environmental advocacy and the people most directly affected by environmental degradation.

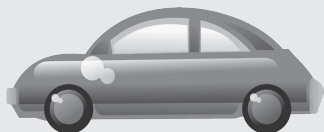
As president of the Episcopal Church's House of Deputies (HOD), she oversees more than 800 of its members and is a skilled parliamentarian. Before being elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2009, she served as vice president of the HOD; chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance; an Executive Council member; and an Executive Council elected representative to The Episcopal Church Investment Committee.



### DRIVING IN RICHMOND

- Greater Richmond Region has the highest driving rate of any major metro area in Virginia
- People in the region drive more than 30.4 million miles daily; roughly the distance to the sun every three days.
- Total amount of hours lost to travel delay increased 277% between 1987 and 2007.

*Source: Presentation by Trip Pollard  
at the 2010 Eyes on Richmond series*





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### TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS SUMMARY

BY JENNYBILEY, ST. PAUL'S SOCIAL WORKER

Total number of families served: 35

Total spent on Transformational grants for January-March: \$16,027.42

#### Case Examples:

Z came to see me because she was in need of assistance with her electric bill. She is married and has two teenage daughters. Her husband had been out of work for a couple of months and they had gotten behind on several of her bills. Her husband was back to work and she worked full time for a catering company. Mrs. Z was overwhelmed by her situation and much of my time with her was spent letting her talk about her concerns and the stress and burden that she had been carrying. One of the bills they had been paying was a medical bill for one of their daughters when they had to take her to the emergency room. They do not have medical insurance and they were not aware that they could go to social services and get insurance for the two girls.

I also referred them to HOME so that they could talk to someone about their mortgage and see if they could help her negotiate with her mortgage company so their house would not go into foreclosure. We agreed to pay her electric bill completely, which was about \$800 so they would have one less bill to think about for a month. This is a very hard-working family so entrenched in making their ends meet that they were not aware of some of the services available to them to get assistance and reduce some of their worry and burden. I truly hope the referrals that were made will help them even more than the monetary amount with which the church assisted them.

Ms. T is a single woman who recently moved to Richmond from upstate New York. When she moved here she had to go into a shelter because the family that she thought she was going to stay with did not work out. Fortunately for her, she was able to bring her Section 8 voucher with her from New York, and once she was able to find an apartment, she could move out of the shelter and into her own place. She gets disability income that will allow her to pay her rent going forward. She needed assistance with her deposit in order to move into her new home and we were able to assist her with that deposit. Ms. T was able to make a very quick transition out of shelter and into her own place.

Due to the economy I have a couple of families currently continuing to struggle to make ends meet because they have not been able to find employment. I have two single mothers that have both been on unemployment but were laid off from administrative positions over a year ago and are still not employed. With the assistance that St. Paul's and ACTS has been able to give them, they have been able to maintain their housing but it is a daily struggle for them. Lack of jobs is a very large problem for many of the people with whom I am working at this time and the hope they will be employed soon is just not there.



READY TO HAVE  
YOUR LIFE CHANGED  
IN MWITIKIRA?

Contact Suzanne  
Johnson about  
2011 pilgrimages at  
[suzclarkjo@gmail.com](mailto:suzclarkjo@gmail.com).

Dates are still flexible.

**Will Brooks, St. Paul parishioner, visited Mwitikira in summer 2010 and returned as a missionary working for The Carpenter's Kids program.**



# FAITH IN ACTION

## FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY AND OUR FAITH

### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS GROW IN MWITIKIRA

In a young country like Tanzania, education is extremely important. For most children, their schooling ends at grade 7 or before; entry into secondary school requires passing a very difficult National Exam. Secondary students and the fortunate few who go on to university will become the leaders of their villages and their country. Although the Carpenter's Kids program began with a commitment to children in primary school, as those students have progressed through school, the program is committed to helping those children who pass the exam continue on to secondary school and beyond. Thanks to the strong partnership on education between St. Paul's and Mwitikira, the students there have benefitted from desks, textbooks, school supplies, teaching aids, the only public library in the whole diocese, awards and scholarships for academic excellence and visiting American teachers. With great cooperation from the school leaders and teachers, parents, and the students themselves, the improvement is significant.

- 78 percent of all Standard 7 students in Mwitikira passed the most recent national exam; only 25 percent passed when the partnership began; the national average is 35 percent.

- Last year ALL the Standard 7 Carpenter's Kids (the most vulnerable children in the village) passed the exam; this year all but two passed. Those two are going to a new vocational school in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika to learn a trade such as carpentry or tailoring.



**Suzanne Johnson delivered proceeds from craft sales to The Good Samaritans sewing co-op in Mwitikira.**

- Forty one of the 136 Carpenter's Kids in Mwitikira are now in secondary school, more Carpenter's Kids than in any other village.

- Mwitikira Secondary School had the highest scores on the Form IV National Exam (after 4 years of secondary school; the "O" level exams) of any of the 20 schools in the Dodoma district.

- A Mwitikira Secondary School student had the highest score on the Form IV exam of any student in the Dodoma district.

The Global Missions Committee at St. Paul's is investigating effective ways to continue to support education in the village. A concern is the number of girls who drop out of school in the later primary grades and in secondary school. A scholarship fund targeted to academically talented girls at risk of dropping out of school for financial reasons was established last year. St. Paul's is helping to equip the first ever science laboratory in the secondary school.

"I think it is a sacred opportunity for us at St. Paul's to affect the lives of so many young people half a world away," commented Suzanne Johnson, who has led the education initiatives in Mwitikira. "Sometimes we wonder, with the great level of need, can we make a difference. The achievement of these stalwart young people tells us clearly, 'Yes, together, we are changing the world.'"

#### SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS IN MWITIKIRA

Be sure to visit The Carpenter's Kids table in the Gathering Space on Sundays during May.

Craft sales support micro-businesses in Mwitikira.

Contributions support famine relief, education and health initiatives in the village.



# PARISH NEWS & CELEBRATIONS

## UPDATES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

### RECOGNIZING FRANCIS, DEDICATED EMMAUS VOLUNTEER

BY JENNY BLILEY, SOCIAL WORKER  
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Francis Byrd has been a dedicated and loyal volunteer for the Emmaus Feeding Program for over 20 years. He has volunteered weekly signing in our guests and being the first line of hospitality for our guests each week.

The Church presented Francis with a plaque for all of his volunteer service and the vestry signed a resolution in honor of his service. The wording of the resolution is as follows:

**Whereas**, Francis Byrd has served the Emmaus program and ministry for over twenty years, and

**Whereas**, his service has been one earmarked by his welcoming of and helpful assistance given to the homeless of Richmond, and he has greatly helped St. Paul's towards fulfilling its mission to proclaim Christ in the Heart of the City, and

**Now therefore be it resolved:** that Francis Byrd be recognized and thanked for his service and hard work that he has contributed to St. Paul's over the past twenty years, and

**Be it further resolved:** that this resolution be inscribed and presented to Francis Byrd, and recorded in the Vestry Minutes and published in the Epistle of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

*Inscribed in the City of Richmond, Virginia on this the 19th day of January in the Year of our Lord 2011 on behalf of the Vestry and members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

### BIRTHS

Thanksgiving for the birth of Miles Joseph Emswiler, son of Kimberly Allen and Tom Emswiler

We give thanks for the birth of Kamden Gerrard Freeman son of Deanne Horne-Davis and Kevin Freeman and grandson of Karyn and Elgen Horne-Davis

Thanksgiving for the birth of Vivienne Elyse Shaffner, daughter of Laura and Ted Shaffner

### DEATHS

We recognize the following parishioners and members of the Richmond community who are no longer with us.

Please keep the following people and their families in your prayers.

DANIEL W. EVANS  
STUART MCKENNEY  
CATHERINE GORSLINE  
VIRGINIA CLARKE  
LIBBY WALBRIDGE  
JESSIKA MORGAN  
CHARLES CRONAN  
RAYMOND GLADDEN  
SALLY ANNA EVANS  
LOUISE BAKER  
COLONEL JAMES NORWOOD

### BIRTHDAYS

#### APRIL 2011

LYNN NELSON	04/01
HORACE CHAPPELL	04/02
CHARLIE BOYLE	04/02
QUINCY UMPHLETTE	04/02
RICHARD KOCH	04/03
SANDY WOODSON	04/03
LEW HOLLEY	04/04
SHERRY TITUS	04/04
JAN REID	04/04
HOBIE CLAIBORNE	04/04
JIM WEST	04/05
BARBARA PARKER	04/05
KRISTI MULLINS	04/05
ANNE BURFORD	04/06
PENNY GUGINO	04/06
SUSAN DAVENPORT	04/06
MARIE MASSEY	04/07
CHIP WOODSON	04/07
HENRY RIELY	04/07
ED HETTRICK	04/07
TOM KINTON	04/08
BILL PILC	04/09
WILL BIGELOW	04/10
SYDNEY BYRD	04/10
PHYLLIS JAMES	04/11
HEATHER ORROCK	04/11
FRANK MOUNTCASTLE	04/12
JOHN DAVENPORT	04/12
THOMAS MACAULAY	04/12
ED ZAKAIB	04/14

MARGARET HUTCHISON	04/14
LIZ WHITEHURST	04/14
BEV SALE	04/16
CLARKE CHASE	04/16
PHIL HUSS	04/16
JAMES CHASE	04/16
KATIE FESSLER	04/17
SUSAN WALLACE	04/18
BILLY STONE	04/19
SUSAN CORCORAN	04/20
CHARLENE CALLICUTT	04/20
LYNNIE BRUGH	04/20
CARTER MCDOWELL	04/21
MELVA JONES	04/21
WILSON WHITEHURST	04/21
DEANE MOUNTCASTLE	04/22
BEV CRUMP	04/23
JILL MOUNTCASTLE	04/23
JEANNE LEFEVER	04/24
WADDY GARRETT	04/25
RICK GUPTON	04/26
SKIP HENDERSON	04/27
CARL BENSON	04/27
ALEXANDER MACAULAY	04/27
ANNE RUSBULDT	04/27
JOE PERSON	04/28
ROB CORCORAN	04/28
CHRISTY RAY	04/28
BOBBIE ELAM	04/28
AMANDA DOOLEY	04/28
KIMBERLY GOODE	04/29
SUSAN BLAND	04/30

### BIRTHDAYS

#### MAY 2011

GRETCHEN REID-BROOKS	05/01
ELLEN BOYLE	05/01
CHANDLER COUGILL	05/01
KATIE WEBB	05/02
HARRY AUGUSTINE	05/03
BOB SCHABERG	05/03
JOHN JONES	05/03
GAIL KIRBY	05/04
EDWARD ADAMS	05/05
SHARON DEARTH	05/06
PEEDEE HOKE	05/07
JANINE DAVILA	05/07
LULU JOHNSON	05/07
SUSAN GRAY PAGE	05/08
MOLLY DELLINGER-WRAY	05/09
ANN GRUBER	05/10
DAVIS WRINKLE	05/10
MOLLY FRETWELL	05/10
SUSAN BROOKS	05/10
SHEENA MACKENZIE	05/10
JOSH HILDRETH	05/10
HANNAH VAUGHN	05/10
VIRGINIA FORSTER	05/11
TRUDY RUSSELL	05/12
JEANELLE MORITZ	05/12
JANET EDMUNDSON	05/14
MARY ARZT	05/14
WILLIAM WOODING	05/16
TRIS MIKETA-BIDDISON	05/16
JANE BAIRD	05/17
MARY K. McDONALD	05/17
ALEX GLANCY	05/18
VIRGINIA WHITE	05/19
BARBARA DAVIS	05/20

VIRGINIA TOMPKINS 05/20  
 BEN RAWLES 05/20  
 JERRY APPLGATE 05/21  
 GLYNN JOHNSON 05/21  
 CALLIE PROCTOR 05/22  
 HENRY SIMMONS 05/22  
 CAROLYN LEONARD 05/22  
 JOHN HOKE 05/22  
 ANNE APPLGATE 05/23  
 PETE DARLING 05/23  
 MAY DICKSON 05/23  
 ELLEN BOYD MILLER 05/25  
 NANCY BURNS 05/25  
 HELEN JOHNSON 05/27  
 MAY KILPATRICK 05/27  
 GAIL JAMES 05/27  
 ANN DIRADOUR 05/27  
 NINA RODRIGUEZ 05/27  
 KATHERINE WHITEHEAD 05/27  
 BOB JONES 05/28  
 BRUCE CRUSER 05/28  
 DICK RITSCH 05/29  
 EVELYN GURNEY 05/29  
 MELVIN REYNOLDS 05/31  
 SCOTT SIRLES 05/31  
 STEPHANIE MICAS 05/31  
 BRIAN WHITE 05/31

LUCY EDMUNDS 06/20  
 MALCOLM HESS 06/20  
 REBECCA JOHNSON 06/22  
 DON STEEBER 06/23  
 SONNY HARRIS 06/23  
 DAVIS WRINKLE 06/23  
 ANN MACAULAY 06/23  
 ANNA SHERRILL 06/24  
 MOLLY SHERRILL 06/24  
 JACK KLING 06/25  
 LIN FERRELL 06/25  
 JOE AMADO 06/25  
 JOHN ANDERSON 06/26  
 GENE HARRIS 06/27  
 JOE JAMES 06/27  
 DYLAN CURETIN 06/27  
 HENRY WILSON 06/28  
 LINDA WALKER 06/28  
 KELLY GRAHAM 06/28  
 MARK GORDON 06/28  
 PAT ARCHER 06/29  
 TARA ANDERSON 06/29  
 KITTY BELEW 06/30  
 WALLY STARKE 06/30

## BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE 2011

DIANE WORTHINGTON 06/01  
 TOM BRYAN 06/01  
 ELIZABETH BIGGS 06/02  
 CARTER SCOTT 06/03  
 PERRY CAMPANELLA 06/04  
 CINDY STUTTS 06/04  
 MISSY BENSON 06/04  
 ALEX CARR 06/04  
 AUSTEN WRINKLE 06/04  
 AIDEN HARLAND 06/05  
 MARTHA WARE BRYAN 06/05  
 MARGARET WEBB 06/05  
 KATY COWLES 06/05  
 MARGARET GUPTON 06/05  
 JONATHAN IRVING 06/06  
 LIZ CARTER 06/07  
 NANCY SMITH 06/07  
 FRANCES DAVENPORT 06/07  
 SALLIE NOLTE 06/08  
 SCOTT DAVILA 06/08  
 OLIVIA FABELO 06/09  
 ABIGAIL MITCHELL 06/09  
 MARY JO KEARFOTT 06/10  
 BILL SMITH 06/11  
 OLIVIA CAMPANELLA 06/11  
 THOMAS SHINGLETON 06/11  
 LISA ANDERSON 06/12  
 SI WOFFORD 06/12  
 ANNE MCGRAW 06/13  
 CYANE LOWDEN 06/13  
 BROOKE HAMP 06/13  
 ALIJAH JACKSON 06/14  
 NATE JONES 06/14  
 SALLY FLINN 06/15  
 JOHN BOTTGER 06/16  
 BERT LONDON 06/17  
 MARY MILLER 06/17  
 KIA BENTLEY 06/17  
 GINNY CAMPBELL 06/18  
 SANDY STODDART 06/18  
 LIAM SADLER 06/18  
 VICTOR SMITH 06/19  
 ARIEL AYCOCK 06/19  
 CLAIRE DOWLING 06/19  
 HALLIE BROST 06/19

## ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL 2011

BEV & AL LACY 04/04  
 ALICE & WILLIAM SHARP 04/10  
 PAGE & BEN HARMON 04/15  
 LULEE & WINSTON HOLT 04/15  
 MISSY & CARL BENSON 04/25  
 ANN & PETE DARLING 04/25  
 DEBBIE & CHIP JONES 04/25  
 ARCHER & JACK REDMOND 04/27  
 MELISSA & DOUG CALLAWAY 04/30

### MAY 2011

STEPHEN & PATRICIA PEPLER 05/01  
 TIMOTHY & ANNE BAIRD 05/02  
 PENNY & JAMISON GUGINO 05/03  
 PHILIP & SUSAN BROOKS 05/04  
 MARGO & JIM FRITTS 05/05  
 BARBARA & LEW HOLLEY 05/05  
 VICKI MCLEOD & RICHARD KOCH 05/07  
 KARA & ROBERT BUNTIN 05/09  
 MARILYN & BARRY KIRKPATRICK 05/10  
 MARSHALL & JEFF MARTIN 05/10  
 QUINCY & JOE UMPHLETTE 05/11  
 HELEN & SCOTT ILNICKY 05/12  
 RUSS PALMORE & SUSAN ARMSTRONG 05/12  
 ASHLEY & HARRY BYRD 05/14  
 JUDITH & RICK GUPTON 05/16  
 NANCY & TOM BURNS 05/16  
 ANN & GEORGE GRUBER 05/17  
 MARGARET & MITCHELL OWEN 05/17  
 VIRGINIA & WALDO FORSTER 05/18  
 FIONA & JOSEPH ELLEN 05/19  
 MAY & CHARLIE FOX 05/20  
 NAN ELLEN & DICK RITSCH 05/20  
 MARY HOLLY & RICK BIGELOW 05/22  
 LEE & DON SWITZ 05/22  
 ALAN BIDDISON & TRIS MIKETA-BIDDISON 05/24  
 CHRIS HILBERT & SHEILA MANDT 05/24  
 LILI & DAVID IRVING 05/25  
 SANDRA & ROGER WILEY 05/25  
 SHERRY SANDLIN & WILL WOODING 05/30

## UPCOMING LESSONS

### April 17, 2011 – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms  
 Matthew 21:1-11  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
 The Liturgy of the Word  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm 31:9-16  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Matthew 27:11-54

### April 24, 2011 – Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 Colossians 3:1-4  
 Matthew 28:1-10

### May 1, 2011 – The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
 Psalm 16  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31

### May 8, 2011 – The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17  
 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:13-35

### May 15, 2011 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 23  
 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 John 10:1-10

### May 22, 2011 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

### May 29, 2011 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:7-18  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

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THE REV. KATHRYN "KATE" JENKINS, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

## ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### ONGOING

#### Sunday Mornings (except as noted under "Special Services")

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir (Contemporary)  
10:15 am Christian Education Hour  
11:15 am Holy Eucharist with Choir (Traditional)\*  
\* We will follow a Morning Prayer liturgy on May 15

#### Monday - Friday

12:05 pm Noonday Prayers & Communion in the Chapel  
Healing Prayers on Wednesdays;  
Celtic Service on Thursdays

#### Tuesdays

7:30 am Reflection & Prayer in the Library  
12:30 pm Al-Anon in the Youth Center

#### Thursdays

9 am - 2 pm: Emmaus Walk-In Lunch in Parish Hall/Undercroft\*  
12:05 pm: AA in the Youth Center  
\* Volunteers: Please note the Emmaus lunch will be served in the Undercroft during Lent

### SPECIAL SERVICES, OFFERINGS, & EVENTS

#### Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 17

St. Paul's services at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15 am  
Downtown Community Ministries Service at Second Presbyterian Church at 10:20 am (This service will be outside - weather permitting)

#### Monday in Holy Week: April 18

7:30 pm Poetry and Music Meditations for Holy Week

#### Maundy Thursday: April 21

6:00 pm Dinner by Cedars Restaurant. Reservations required. Sign up by April 17 with the Rev. Kate Jenkins.  
7:30 pm Eucharistic Celebration and Stripping of the Altar

#### Good Friday: April 22

Noon Good Friday Liturgy  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

#### The Great Vigil of Easter: April 23

7:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Church. Remember to bring bells. The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones is preaching and presiding.

#### Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday, April 24

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Contemporary)  
10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol grounds  
11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Traditional)

#### Caring Companions (Part 2) Covenant Group

The Caring Companions Part 2 will meet April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and conclude on May 25.

#### Adult Forum: Earth Day Sunday, May 1

Join Bonnie Anderson, president of the House of Duties, on Earth Day Sunday!  
Remember to carpool.

**First Fridays Art Walk** 5:00 - 8:00 pm in Parish Hall. Church tours offered. **May 6, 2011** - Art Educator as Artist, Virginia Art Educators Association Annual Group Exhibit  
**June 3, 2011** - Painting and Digital Imaging by Susan Lamson

#### Adult Forum: Discuss Carpenter's Kids with Parishioners

Join a group of St. Paul's parishioners who have traveled to our partner village in Mwitikira, Tanzania. We will discuss our relationship with the Carpenter's Kids program.

#### Theology on Tap (Tuesdays - May 9, June 14, and July 12)

6:30 pm, Contact J.J. Flores at [jonathan.james.flores@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.james.flores@gmail.com) for details about our next gathering or check your Sunday bulletin insert.

**St. Paul's Moms' Dinner - Friday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** - Gather with other moms for dinner and relaxation at the home of Jennine Sherrill. R.S.V.P. by Wed., May 11 to [Sherrillfamily5@verizon.net](mailto:Sherrillfamily5@verizon.net).

#### Choral Evensong - May 22, 5:00 pm in the Church

**Stop by Carpenter's Kids Table** - Be sure to visit The Carpenter's Kids table in the Gathering Space on Sundays during May. Craft sales support micro-businesses in Mwitikira. Contributions support famine relief, education and health initiatives in the village.

#### Newcomers Welcome Coffee - May 1, 10:15 am

#### Adult Forum: Conversation with Adult Education Committee

May 22: Let St. Paul's know what you'd like to see offered during the Sunday School hour. Join the Committee on Adult Education in a conversation on how St. Paul's can enrich your spiritual growth.

**Adult Forum Held on Rogation Sunday** - The Rev. Canon Fletcher Lowe will lead a forum on Rogation Sunday, May 29.

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