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ELEVATION CELEBRATION: AN UPDATE!

My Dear People,

A year ago on Pentecost, we began our Such Great Heights visioning movement, asking two essential questions, "Who does God call us to be?" and "What does God call us to do?" Then, by the end of the year, with the help of the Spirit, we were *ready for action*; and so we rolled out a first round of action items in "Elevation," an array of plans for the year 2010. Now, just over half-way through the year, here follows a progress report; while not comprehensive (there's even more to celebrate!), here are some highlights:

Minister of Music: David Sinden (pictured) begins his ministry with us on August 1; his official installation will be on Homecoming Sunday, September 12. This is a *huge* and *promising* moment for us. Music is essential to who we are as St. Paul's Church, and I have every confidence that, with David's help, our music ministry will go from strength to strength to strength!

9:00 Service Refreshment: This spring, following on a series of open meetings, the Clergy and Worship Board designed and implemented a number of enhancements to the 9:00 worship service, "refreshing" our contemporary service.

New Summer Service: This summer, following another series of open meetings, the Clergy and Worship Board designed and inaugurated a new 10:00 Summer Service; a service that, on the one hand, manages to transcend the 9:00-11:15 dichotomy of previous summers, while also providing a worship experience that is distinctively of St. Paul's. Furthermore, as a part of the summer worship experience, we are also trying a number of new things on a trial basis (e.g., holding the welcome and announcements at the beginning of the service; of-

fering healing prayers during communion; and having a "cleaner," simpler presentation in the chancel.)

New Bulletin: This spring we introduced a new more user-friendly 10:00 a.m. worship bulletin, designed to welcome newcomers to St. Paul's. In July, the 8:00 a.m. bulletin was moved to this new format.

Welcoming Ministries Enhanced: Newcomers' Coffees; our new, very successful "Exploring the Faith" class; new nametags for all the people of St. Paul's; and the first New Member Brunch. These are just some of the ways we continue to develop and enrich our welcome ministries. On an almost-weekly basis, I am told how warmly people feel welcomed at St. Paul's.

Downtown Mission Team: We are in the initial stages of developing a mission to connect with our new downtown neighbors. The team has gathered and further "adventures" are in the works!

First Fridays: Our first year participating in downtown Richmond's "First Fridays" has been a great success, developing yet another way to invite Richmonders to share in the St. Paul's experience. And our St. Paul's Youth Art Exhibition (Wow!) was a special joy.

Jazz Lunches: What needs to be said? Likely everyone has heard what a smashing success Jazz Lunches continues to be, so much so that we are considering extending the season in 2011. Still another way we're inviting new people to St. Paul's!

Our Online Presence: Through social networking, our evolving Web site, and a growing email list, we continue to connect with more and more people online. I am regularly told by newcomers that they came to us at least in part because of

HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12 AT 10:00 A.M.

We will install David Sinden as St. Paul's new Minister of Music.

The Welcoming Committee will also rollout new nametags for the whole parish!

A reception and community gathering to share our stories will follow the service.



their experience of us through the web and through electronic communications.

Small Group Ministries Under Development: We have recently run two pilot small groups ("Bryan & Leslie's Excellent Adventure!") in preparation for expanding our small group offerings. Drawing on those experiences, as well as on the input garnered through a survey of what parishioners hope for in small groups, plans are being developed for more offerings. (Stay tuned!)

I could go on, but, for now, that gives a quick review of what life in our vibrant downtown parish is looking like. And I know even greater days are ahead! In the meantime, thank you for your prayers, and for all that you do, by the grace of God, and with the help of his Spirit, to make St. Paul's shine!

Your brother in Christ,

Wallace+

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TRANSFERS IN / OUT

PARISHIONERS TRANSFERRING IN/OUT OF ST. PAUL'S

Transfers In (January - June)

Jane Hall Armfield
 Kristin Gagnon
 Ella West Gardner
 Ian MacInnes Gardner
 Maureen Hains
 Carter Hancock
 Becca & Justin Shingleton
 Thomas Cook Shingleton
 Emily West Watkins

Transfers Out (January - June)

Lynn & Temple Bayliss
 Eva Tieg Hardy
 William Hartsock
 William & Nancy Hofheimer
 William & Lee Jones
 Anne Fleming McCrystal
 Robert, Theresa & Gwendolyn Moffett
 Lynda Fleet Perry
 Kathleen, William, Camille, and Emelia Ryder
 Walter W. Scott, Jr.

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ST. PAUL'S AT PENTECOST

Beginning with our baptisms celebration and parish picnic on Sunday, May 23, the season of Pentecost lent Grace Street a festive, celebratory atmosphere this year. Photos courtesy of Bruce Yoder, Wilson Whitehurst, and staff.

PARISH PICNIC



FIRST FRIDAY: AN ART OFFERING



ST. PAUL'S CHOIR ON THE STRIDE THROUGH TIME HISTORY WALK



EMMAUS FAMILY DAY



REFLECTIONS

SMALL GROUP EXAMINES THE FAITH JOURNEY & THE VESTRY DETERMINES ITS COMMON VALUES

LESLIE AND BRYAN'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE BY JOSEPH JAMES SMALL GROUP MEMBER

The name of our small group is quite misleading, one gets the impression that we're off on a trip organized by the two youngest members of the team. On this trip we're expected to have quite a lot of fun, many unexpected surprises and maybe one or two near death experiences. The title definitely does not give a hint that we would be meeting in someone's comfortable home to socialize, eat good food and discuss issues of faith.

Leslie and Bryan's Excellent Adventure is part of what is currently described as Elevation 1.0, stage 1 of implementing our vision from Such Great Heights. A few parishioners signed up for a Pilot Small Group and are now meeting weekly to discuss issues related to our faith journey based on questions developed by the group. There are currently two groups and we meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for about two hours. So far (at the time I write this article in June), we've met for three out of a total of 8 sessions. In our group, which meets on Thursdays, we have developed the following questions and are currently having lively discussions.

Hopefully, as you read this summary you can consider these questions as they relate to your faith journey:

- What do you do when scared?
- How do we carry our faith into our daily lives?
- How do we make sense of suffering?
- How do we avoid being judgmental?
- What is the true Christianity? – Now who should I believe?
- What will the "church" be in the future? – Church here being the Church Universal

The small group concept is an excellent supplement to weekly worship. Initially it is somewhat unsettling and some people might find it intrusive. However, after a few meetings one will find that this is indeed an Excellent Adventure.

VESTRY CORNER: REPORT FROM SKYLARK BY DOUGLAS CALLAWAY, JUNIOR WARDEN DCALLAWAY@STELLARONE.COM



The Vestry met together for their annual weekend retreat at Skylark Farm on May 14-16. This beautiful setting, the former country home of Mary Tyler McClenahan, now owned by Washington and Lee University, provided a comfortable venue for the vestry to undertake its duties of study and bond before it starts the new church year.

The focus of the Vestry during that weekend was an introspection delving into how the Vestry views its role of leadership and what values does the Vestry reflect in its leadership of the parish. The retreat was led by Cary Gray Kelly a veteran church consultant who has served as a facilitator and moderator for numerous parishes and also for the Diocese of Virginia. Taking the mission statement "... Proclaiming Christ in the Heart of the City..." and implementing it in the form of a strategic vision for St. Paul's is where the Vestry began its introspection. Cary emphasized that the demeanor and action of the Vestry sets the mood of the congregation. The Vestry determined that its common values are:

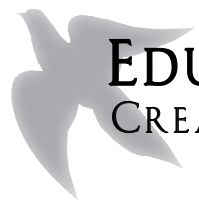
1. Love for St. Paul's
2. Celebrating our community and honoring our past
3. Honesty and transparency
4. Prayer
5. Diversity
6. Stewardship
7. Creativity in problem solving

Applying these principles and going forward with Elevation, the implementation of Such Great Heights, the Vestry determined that it must develop a measurement to evaluate whether it has achieved those goals across the board and whether or not the programs and ministries engendered by Such Great Heights meet the expectations of the parish. In accordance with suggestions from Cary a survey was established to measure, with input from the parish, the effectiveness of our programs and ministries in the future.

The weekend, albeit in an awesome setting, was one of hard, concentrated work for your Vestry. We believe tremendous value emerged from our efforts and we believe our work will ultimately be to the furtherance of Proclaiming Christ in the Heart of the City."



Pictured: St. Paul's clergy and vestry members with consultant Cary Kelly go hiking during the Vestry Retreat at Skylark. Kneeling in front, Senior Warden Wilson Whitehurst. Back row, left to right: John Davis, Helen Ilnicki, Anne Rusbult, The Rev. Kate Jenkins, Cary Kelly, Christie Montgomery, The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley. Photo courtesy of David Wofford.



EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY & GROUPS

CREATING COMMUNITY, FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS

BIBLICAL LITERACY: EZEKIEL

BY ROGER WHITFIELD, BIBLE STUDY GROUP LEADER
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Most Sunday mornings during the year (summer months excluded), members of St. Paul's Small Group Bible Study meet in the Norwood Room between the 9:00 and 11:15 services. We've gathered in this way since 2003. So far we have studied 15 of the Bible's 66 books. At this rate, we should finish in 2034, just in time for earth's collision with a giant asteroid. We have it on good authority that only those who have studied the Bible will survive.

Joking aside, it is from our studies of *Ezekiel* this year that we can lay this summary of what we learned before you.



Pictured: Roger Whitfield (center) and wife Sandra sing from the Shrine Mont Songbook during the Parish Retreat. *Photo by Jeanne LeFevre*

CAUSE AND EFFECT?

Ezekiel was a prophet around 600 B.C. As one of Israel's elite, he was among the first wave of exiles to Babylon. He began prophesying in Babylon and his message was that the predicament in which the exiles found themselves was their own fault; it was God's judgment for their disobedience; and the situation was going to get worse – Israel would be conquered, Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed and the rest of the people sent into exile. Naturally, the Israelites did not rejoice at this news. Ezekiel was about as popular as Al Gore at a Tea Party. The "uncomfortable" truth is that his prophesies came to pass, raising many questions about the way God works in the world. For Ezekiel, it was very clear: transgress and you will reap God's wrath.

The authors of other books, *Job* in particular, are not so sure. In the New Testament, Jesus casts significant doubt on the cause-effect relationship between one's deeds and one's afflictions. In *John 9:3* Jesus says people (and by extension, our situations?) are the way they are so that God may be revealed through them.

A further refinement of judgment is that actions reap their own rewards and that God taking particular action (other than having put creation in place) is not necessary. Stepping in front of a train is a crude example of this notion, but more thought-provoking ones are: ignoring the plight of the poor, living beyond one's means, overworking, ignoring signals of the earth's stress.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Does this interpretation mean God is absent from such circumstances? We say 'No'; that He always stands ready to welcome us back, but the question deserves more discussion.

A provocation from our group to you, the people of St. Paul's, is this: The Bible represents the evolution of man's perception of an unchanging God.

Be sure to join us in September when Sunday morning Bible Study resumes.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2010

BY LESLIE CHOPLIN, MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Save the Date for an exploration of the Feminine Divine: Friday, Oct. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Outer Banks in North Carolina.

There are many feminine images of God, which St. Paul's women will explore together during a weekend at the Outer Banks. Read what three participants said about last year's retreat:

"A weekend of music, story, dialogue, reflection, relaxation and wonderful shared meals, all with interesting, fun-loving women of St. Paul's." – **Kia Bentley**



"As a newcomer to St. Paul's I felt completely welcomed and embraced by everyone in the group. The hospitality and food were incredible. The ride down was a party in the van. I loved being part of a retreat that had a spiritual component in every moment – the readings, the discussion groups, Prayer Yoga, singing, walking on the beach, and conversations at mealtime. The focus by Kate+ and Leslie on deepening our understanding of women in the Bible, with storytelling and imagination and prayer, was important in growing the spiritual community there and when we returned to St. Paul's again. I would recommend the retreat to anyone with a heart for spiritual awakening, and a desire for time away to open up to God." – **Debbie Jones**

"Each retreat has been different but significant. The most enjoyable aspect is meeting and sharing with other women regardless of age or previous friendships. It provides a safe haven to really let your hair down. Thanks much for the opportunity to do so." – **Barbara Holley**



AN OASIS TO RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

BY BRYAN APPEL, ST. PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTER

We have all seen that movie, or cartoon, or image of a man or woman crawling across the desert, rags for clothes, whispering in a raspy voice 'Water...Water...Water.' And then, seemingly out of nowhere, a miniature tropical paradise, with cool, blue water appears to the delight of the thirsty individual.

Oasis.

Every two months or so, I get together with other Episcopal youth ministers from the Richmond area to discuss the celebrations and challenges of youth ministry in the Episcopal Church. Frequently, our conversation would turn to our mutual feeling that while trying to minister to the youth in our parish community, it often felt like we were simply adding to their already crazy lives.

There is, of course, a time and a place for a ministry that sets high expectations, regular attendance, and work. However, it is always important that we remember that we must also provide a place for the presence of God to simply be recognized...not forced. It is a challenge of meeting youth where they are, in their world, to give them an opportunity to rest in the presence of God, rather than working with the assumption that God exists in a particular time (Sunday mornings) and a particular place (the church building).

With this idea in mind, we began to develop a ministry that extends from our church buildings, but has nothing to do with the traditional time and place expectations of Youth Ministry. We had a notion that there should be few expectations associated with this part of our ministry, except for an expectation of presence. We decided we would begin the ministry at St. Catherine's (being the school that had the most youth from St. James' and St. Stephen's programs) and hope to grow it, little by little, over the next few years, looking at various schools throughout the Richmond area. We also worked hard to make sure that this ministry would not conflict or compete with the many ministries of the other organizations that have relationships with the schools.

A NEW MINISTRY IS FORMED

We called the ministry 'Oasis,' with the idea that we would meet with the youth during the course of their week, in the middle of the day, to provide them with Episcopal styled spiritual refreshment. Each Oasis is a simple gathering of being, a checking in conversation, and a short reflection offered by one of the youth leaders. Nothing more, nothing less, and through it we hope to point to God.

A few weeks ago, one of the 7th graders came in and seemed to be in the middle of a sentence as she walked through the door. I quickly realized that she was intending her words for our ears, although she began the speaking before the door was even opened. She had tests, and papers, and quizzes, and homework, and practice, and fighting siblings, and had gotten in trouble for being late to school to top it all off.

"I just wait all week for Oasis, for this break from everything. I don't have to think about stuff during this time, I can just be."

Maybe she didn't use any of the words and phrases that we have to represent God, but I think this is what Jesus had in mind when he said 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Most often, outside of volunteering and striving to make changes in the world around us, faith is about finding rest in community, not about the flurry of activity we put into it, not about the numbers of bells, whistles, and candles we have trying to capture it. Faith is about the Oasis that God provides for us through other people and the Oasis that God calls us to provide for other people.



Pictured: Bryan Appel with students in February. *Photo courtesy of St. James.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By CHRISTIE MONTGOMERY,
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE CHAIR

Thank you to Sue Bland for her diligent and faithful work with the Children's Committee for the past two years. She will be a tough act to follow, but I look forward to the challenge and to working closely with Leslie, the children, and parent volunteers that give so generously of their time and talents.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN FOR THE FALL

Teachers and Shepherds are needed for Children's Church School this fall. This ministry is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the children and adults in our church community. Speaking from experience, I can tell you that the adults get just as much out of the experience as the kids do. We have a group of very talented, thoughtful and fun kids who are a joy to work with. Our new program year begins on September 19. There is a one semester commitment (Sept. 19-Dec. 19 and/or Jan. 9-May 22) for Shepherds and Preschool teachers; and a three-week commitment for the Rotation teachers.

ITEMS FOR THE CALENDAR



Emmaus Family Volunteer

Day: Thursday, August 12. While families may help any Thursday, these dates are family-focused and make a great summer project when you hear "I'm bored." Younger children help from 9-11

a.m. and older kids from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. or so. Bring a hat for hygiene.

Flying Squirrels Baseball Game: Sat., July 17 at 6:35 p.m. vs the Bowie Baysox.

Anthem LemonAid: Help the community and beat the heat one cup and one dollar at a time on Sunday, July 18. Adult and kid volunteers are needed to bake treats, pour lemonade, collect money, etc. Contact me at 288-0855 or Christie.montgomery@lexisnexis.com.

Saturday Movie Matinees: Join Leslie and Bryan on Saturdays, August 7, 14 and 21 for a relaxing morning of fellowship and fun. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Annual End of the Summer Pool Party: Sunday, September 5 at 4 p.m. at Martha Anne Ellis' house.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SEARCHING FOR GOD THROUGH SHARED EXPERIENCES

COMMUNITY, JOURNEY, AND TRANSITION BY BRYAN APPEL, ST. PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTER

A couple of weeks ago I was at a conference for Youth Ministry. In a conversation at one of the sessions, we were all sharing program successes that we had each experienced in the last year. Having gone to this conference the Monday after our very successful Youth Art Offering First Friday opening, I shared about the experience of having four very talented artists in our community (Margaret Benson, Olivia Fabelo, Nena Huss, and Joy Whitehurst) host an Art Show. I explained how they were responsible for every aspect of the show, from building an audience, to developing a theme of their collection, to hanging their art, to picking the menu, to writing an artist statement, to greeting people as they walked through the door. The looks I got as I finished my description were unsettling if not confusing.

'Did you talk about God at all?'

'Um...I mean, yeah, God and all, well, God, ah, was right there with us.'

It is always important for us to seek an awareness of God's presence in our midst. However, sometimes we seem to feel the need to verbally 'throw God in there' It is not in our words that we legitimize God's presence in our experiences, it is in allowing ourselves to be fully present in our experiences that we have a truly unique encounter with God.

BEING PRESENT TO GOD

The Youth Art Offering First Friday reception was one of those moments. In the experience of community, journey, and transition we were all aware of the fullness of God. I am sure we had different words for what was going on, different understandings of what was happening, but the common denominator was that by whatever words we might use, it was God. The powerful thing was that God was in our midst without even being mentioned.

We, instead, simply allowed ourselves to be present to God through our awareness of the uniqueness of the event itself.

First and foremost was the work. Each of the artists displays important relational aspects in her work and shows deep appreciation for the interconnectedness we all share. It is both subtle and loud within their work, but it is vital to the power that their work possesses.

Beyond their art itself, we glimpsed the deep connections that the St. Paul's community has within itself. There was a steady stream of St. Paul's members coming through to view the art the entire evening.

Secondly, in the statements written by the artists about their work, we read about the journey of exploration and mystery each artist has plunged herself into. A journey in which they are asked to express and expose deep feelings that go beyond the ability for mere words to capture. It is through the vulnerability, fear, and joy that are a part of sharing such journeys that we find an openness with each other and to the mystery of life:

"While painting my friends, I always seem to understand something more about them and also how they have affected me." – Joy Whitehurst

"In photography you can capture moments that others don't see." – Nena Huss

"I try to include subtle symbols to reach beyond the subject matter to further express my ideas." – Margaret Benson



We see this sense of journey and mystery even in the word 'Adventure' that is used again and again in the titles of Oliva Fabelo's pieces.

Finally, there was a deep sense of 'transition' at the Art Show. This was an honest to goodness First Fridays Art Opening. There was no sense that we were pandering to art that was 'pretty good for a bunch of kids.' There was only a sense that we were treating these youth as artists and as adults. Joy Whitehurst described the experience as 'the first time I felt like a professional artist!' Transition is such a vital part of one's life. And having opportunities to express these transitions is about as important as the transition itself.

AROUND US, UNTOUCHED BY MERE WORDS

It was in these three elements, community, journey, and transition that the 'Other' was overwhelmingly around us on Friday, June 4th. And, ignoring the church practice to seek a verbal connection between our experiences and God, it was our choice to leave it untouched by mere words and to open ourselves up to fully being present and aware of the power of God.



FAITH IN ACTION

FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY AND OUR FAITH

FAITH. HOPE. LOVE.

On Saturday, May 8, the 32-member strong “Team Nancy” was among over 1,200 individuals gathered for the Richmond Race for the Cure that Mother’s Day Weekend. Team Nancy, formed in honor of St. Paul’s parishioner and breast cancer survivor Nancy Burns, raised over \$2,300 for cancer research, treatment, and prevention efforts. Mary Ball and Joyce Smith, also parishioners, served as team leaders.

The group wore “Team Nancy” t-shirts and hats. They also carried two banners that day: one for Team Nancy (pictured) and one for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, highlighting the leadership of St. Paul’s parishioners in forming the group, as well as supporting Nancy through friendship and care. Photos provided by Nancy Burns.



Pictured: Above: Walkers display the “Team Nancy” banner with the motto “Faith. Hope. Love.”; Bottom: Members of Team Nancy display their team name on custom-made t-shirts.

ARMSTRONG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM THANKS ST. PAUL’S

On Sunday, June 6, Anne Rusbuldt (a member of our Vestry) and Frank Mountcastle attended the end-of-year ceremony of the Armstrong Leadership Program, during which they accepted a stone tablet from the students to thank the people of St. Paul’s. During the 2009-2010 school year, St. Paul’s provided a bus so that Armstrong students could travel to and from Richmond Hill for their weekly meetings. The Rev. Ben Campbell, pastoral director of Richmond Hill and priest-in-residence at St. Paul’s, says that lending our bus was absolutely vital to the program – “no bus, no program.” The Armstrong Leadership Team is a group of 36 Armstrong High School students from grades 10-12 selected yearly to achieve leadership excellence in their academic and professional endeavors.



Pictured: Anne Rusbuldt’s Little Sister, Christina (far right) with her parents and sister Tierra, taken during the graduation ceremony at Richmond Hill. Anne and Christina met when Anne mentored Christina at Woodville Elementary School through the Micah partnership. Parishioner Jane Reeves is also a Big Sister to Tierra, whom she mentored while Tierra was a student at Woodville. Today, Christina is a rising junior at Armstrong High School and Tierra is a rising sophomore at Armstrong.

POINTING TO GOD ON SATURDAY MORNING

BY BRYAN APPEL, ST. PAUL’S YOUTH MINISTER



Ideally, a youth ministry program provides an opportunity for teenagers to grow within an intentional community in which a common experience of searching for God is shared.

It is not surprising that our rising high school seniors and our departing college first years chose their shared experiences at St. Paul’s to be ones of giving, serving, and working to help others feel the Love and Joy of God! We have been blessed to see this spirit on display during their Saturday Sisters tutoring/mentoring ministry. After returning from their life-changing Urban Adventure in San Francisco in 2007, this youth group decided to spend time discerning what they, collectively, were called to do in the Richmond community. Saturday Sisters emerged from this discernment process.

On Saturday mornings in October, January, and May for the past three years, the youth have opened up the doors to the Youth Center to 8-12 4th and 5th grade girls from Woodville Elementary. The experiences the St. Paul’s youth planned for these girls was wide and varied. From studying, to dancing, to farming, to painting, to story telling, and more, the creativity on display in this ministry was tremendous!

Pictured: Saturday Sisters play outside on Capitol Grounds. *Photo by Lew Holley.* More photos from Saturday Sisters are online in the St. Paul’s Photo Gallery at: www.stpauls-episcopal.org/index.php/who/news_announcements/photo_gallery/

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER NOTES

BIRTHDAYS JULY/AUGUST

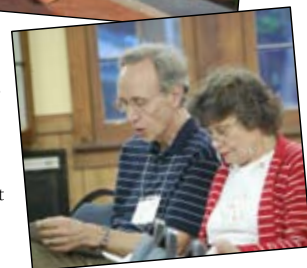


Happy Birthday! Son of Erol Aydar and Nina Rodriguez with his birthday balloons June 21.

Thomas Russell	7/01	Edward Cook	7/18	Berta Boccock	8/15
Garry Hundley	7/01	Ted Ray	7/18	Russ Palmore	8/15
Cassie Sale	7/01	Dabney Carr	7/18	David White	8/15
Will Brooks	7/01	Tami Hawkes	7/18	Sallie Shepherd	8/15
Cyane Crump	7/02	Janet Schwarz	7/19	Ben Jones	8/16
Lassiter Stone	7/03	Debbie Jones	7/19	Jo Ann O'Hara	8/17
Lee Katherine Ayer	7/03	Charlie McDowell	7/20	David Romaine	8/17
Martha Anne Ellis	7/05	Sally Ray Griffith	7/20	Steve Micas	8/17
Dana Wright	7/05	Rebecca Wall	7/22	Radcliffe Burt	8/18
Alison Seger	7/05	Belinda Byrne	7/22	Gena Adams-Riley	8/19
Chris Rusbult	7/05	Robbin Steele	7/23	Jeniffer Maloney	8/20
Alan Biddison, Jr.	7/06	Lauren Jones	7/23	Christie Montgomery	8/20
Jack Redmond	7/07	Winston Holt	7/24	Kiera Goddu	8/20
Philip Brooks	7/07	Anne Blunt	7/25	Westy Byrd	8/21
Dean Goplerud	7/08	Delores Smith	7/25	Janice Bilyeu	8/21
Steve Smith	7/08	Harry Byrd IV	7/27	Grace Mountcastle	8/21
Evelyn Traub	7/08	Nita Jones	7/28	Hugh Ewing	8/22
Jennifer Place	7/08	Shack Shackelford	7/28	Lisa French	8/22
Deanne Horne-Davis	7/08	Lucy Dabney	7/29	Mary Eberline	8/23
Maureen Tansey	7/09	John Taylor	7/29	George Huss	8/23
John Sears	7/10	Fontaine Minor	7/29	Mary Lewis	8/23
Fred Wayne	7/11	Robert Lewis	7/29	Reed Moses	8/23
Anthony Callicutt	7/12	Jim Miller	7/29	Edward Zakaib	8/24
Marggie Graves	7/14	Calder Loth	7/30	Polly Wrinkle	8/25
Sarah Callaway	7/14	Louise Watlington	7/30	Alton Ayer	8/25
Eleanor Burt	7/15	Joseph Marshall	7/31	Meagan Justice	8/25
Judy Gupton	7/16	Lynn Evans	7/31	Mariah Robinson	8/26
Lois Broadwater	7/17	Rosstan Snow	7/31	Debbie Cole	8/26
Russ Parker	7/17	"B" Millner	8/01	Marie Chardon	8/26
Dan Elam	7/17	Jane Hall	8/02	Bill Harrison	8/27
Connie Rice	7/18	Scott Ilnicky	8/02	Melanie Baker	8/27
		Scott Hamp	8/02	Earle Dunford	8/28
		Suzanne McWilliams	8/03	Lili Irving	8/28
		Audrey Baird	8/03	Lew Flinn	8/29
		Will Baird	8/03	Sam Davis	8/29
		Larry French	8/04	Quentin Alcorn	8/29
		Lisa McKnight	8/04	Bob Hoke	8/30
		Joan Coogan	8/04	Bachelor Burt	8/30
		Marshall Earl	8/05	Charlie Witthoefft	8/31
		Kimberly Williams	8/05		
		Anne Snyder	8/06		
		Emily Watkins	8/06		
		Kat Dinsmore	8/06		
		Douglass James	8/06		
		Macy Stikeleather	8/07		
		Marion Shackford	8/07		
		Anna French	8/08		
		Joni Dray	8/10		
		Tom Davis	8/11		
		Herbert Claiborne	8/12		
		Stuart Connock	8/12		
		Alex Hamp	8/12		
		Celia Luxmoore	8/14		
		Lindy Wright	8/14		
		Rachel Cornett	8/14		
		Margaret Frost	8/14		
		Kasey Hawkes	8/14		



Celebrate Good Times Suzanne McWilliams (above, left) plans to celebrate her birthday with a New Orleans benefit in August while Phil & Janet Schwarz (right) celebrate their 40th anniversary.



ANNIVERSARIES JULY/AUGUST



Happy Anniversary! Lew and Sally Flinn celebrate their 48th anniversary, July 14.

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| Brenda & Bob Meade | 7/02 |
| Mary & Jim Miller | 7/05 |
| Chris & Henry Riely | 7/07 |
| Ruth & John Taylor | 7/07 |
| Katherine & David Whitehead | 7/07 |
| June & Bob Nicholson | 7/08 |
| Mimi & Jonathan Mosher | 7/11 |
| Mary Hunter & Alton Ayer | 7/11 |
| Tami & Bobby Hawkes | 7/11 |
| Sally & Lew Flinn | 7/14 |
| Marggie & Leland Graves | 7/15 |
| Linda & Mark Walker | 7/16 |
| Sally Ray & Clint Griffith | 7/21 |
| Maria & Joe Everett | 7/24 |
| Peedee & John Hoke | 7/25 |
| Missy & Clarke Chase | 7/28 |
| Joyce & Tom Smith | 7/28 |
| Elizabeth & Ben Tomkins | 7/30 |
| Scott & Brian Carr | 7/30 |
| Jill & Frank Mountcastle | 8/1 |
| Heather & Lynn Brugh | 8/3 |
| Connie & Lee Rice | 8/5 |
| Susan & John Dowling | 8/10 |
| Mary & George Wickham | 8/11 |
| Janet & Phil Schwarz | 8/12 |
| Mary & Lee Artz | 8/13 |
| David Baker & Celia Luxmoore | 8/14 |
| Lauren McGee-Snow & Rosstan Snow | 8/15 |
| Connie & Waddy Garrett | 8/16 |
| Anne & Jerry Applegate | 8/16 |
| Kirstie & Jeff Sadler | 8/16 |
| Carter & Charlie McDowell | 8/17 |
| Page & Adrian Luxmoore | 8/18 |
| Polly & Davis Wrinkle | 8/20 |
| Kia Bentley & Marti Truman | 8/22 |
| Jennine & Scott Sherrill | 8/22 |
| Gwen & Stuart Connock | 8/22 |
| Johnna Showers-Cruser & Bruce Cruser | 8/24 |
| Laura & Dabney Carr | 8/26 |
| Louisa & Scott Sirls | 8/26 |
| Mary K. & Phil Huss | 8/28 |

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ST. PAUL'S ON FACEBOOK

Recent celebrations, photos, and more compiled from the pages of St. Paul's friends on Facebook.

News Feed



Helen Ilnicky We also celebrated the one year anniversary of Haberdasher Corporate Apparel this week - Cheers!
June 28 at 9:25am



Charlie Diradour God made the beach....and it was good. Topsail Island, North Carolina by Christy Kruk and Island Fans
June 28 at 10:03am



Sue Bland is remembering "taking that long walk" down St. Paul's aisle 22 years ago this day to meet my handsome partner, friend & lover. Faith Hope & Love, baby. ΔΔΔ
June 25 at 4:41pm



Maureen Hains This is one of my favorite photos of my dad and me. I was sixteen and we were at Catalina Island. Happy Father's Day Dad!
June 20 at 11:48am



St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Richmond, VA) "Bad religion results in our learning the rules so that we can more easily denounce those who break them. Good religion instructs us that the purpose of rules is to teach us to love." - From a sermon by The Rev. Dr. Alonzo Pruitt, guest preacher at St. Paul's on 6/13
June 14 at 4:03pm



William Bruce McConnel, Helen O'Beirne, Nancy Burns, and 2 others like this.



Kristen Wack What an inspiring sermon it was! Thank you Dr. Pruitt & everyone who was so welcoming to us at St. Paul's.
June 15 at 12:00pm



Alton Ayer Spent Friday in Washington, DC attending Lee Katherine's induction into Phi Beta Kappa.
May 15 at 8:35pm



Carl Fatt-dad Benson's - Photos
Mobile Uploads
Couple of dudes I know at church
In this photo: Lewis Holley, John Davis



JOIN THE FUN SOCIAALLY NETWORKED

Join our community and conversation online by following St. Paul's on Facebook and Twitter (twitter.com/stpaulsrva).



FAITH @ WORK

FAITH IN OUR DAILY LIVES

DOWNTOWN BASE CAMP TEAM BY THE REV. FLETCHER LOWE, PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

The Faith in Action Committee's Downtown Base Camp team met in May and June to organize our efforts to explore ways that St. Paul's can expand and enrich our downtown non-residential ministry. From the six focus groups of non-St. Paul's members held over the past year, a number of possible opportunities surfaced, some of which have already been put in place.

To prepare for our next phase of work, the team spent our time breaking suggestions from those focus groups into several more manageable categories: Tours, Facilities, Programs, Marketing, Community Service, Spiritual, and Cultural.

Landmarks That Are a Five-Minute Walk from St. Paul's



Map by the City of Richmond for St. Paul's, a registered landmark.

Among the possible ministries for the downtown community are:

- Early morning gatherings: worship and bible study on weekdays, with one bible study group mainly for St. Paul's folks that already meets on Tuesdays
- An inviting "safe haven," watering hole, quiet space, away from the work place (the parish building and Memorial Garden are open daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- Expand the topic-driven lunchtime opportunities
- Cross connect with others to join with them in their programs (much being done with First Fridays/Curated Culture, The Valentine Richmond History Center, and other museums... thanks Kimberly Allen, Lin Ferrell and members of the Tour Guide, Welcoming, and Education ministries!)
- "Paul's Place," coffee house
- Concerts at noon and/or after work
- Connect with MCV (see related article on this page), support families, patients
- Small group support groups by profession or geography
- General Assembly connections
- The development of a Grace Street corridor
- Promoting, communicating, marketing St. Paul's history, windows, events (many thanks, Kimberly and Lois!)
- Continue to expand network for promoting events, the 12:05 communion service, quiet space
- What about those downtown just beyond walking distance - use our van?

Two non-St. Paul's members, Jack Berry, CEO of the Richmond Convention and Visitors' Center and Brooke Hardin of the City Planning Commission joined six parishioners for this gathering: John Davis (Vestry), Jeanne Lefever, Nancy O'Donnell, Richard Lewis, Dick Ritsch (Vestry), and Philip Brooks, and Betsy Carr and Kimberly Allen as staff support, with myself as convener.

If you wish to join this team, please contact me at jflowe@aol.com!

SUMMER CONNECTION WITH MCV

On June 1, several seminarians began a summer program of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU/MCV). Its primary purpose is to help the student understand his/her abilities as a pastor.

For the second year, we at St. Paul's will join with MCV in an innovative and unique aspect to this CPE program. This summer four of those seminarians will not only visit people in the hospital, but also will visit St. Paul's members where they work. Hopefully, this will broaden their understanding of parish ministry - that a key component is to support and empower the Baptized in their daily life and work. To make that happen they need to experience it first-hand to broaden their seminary education.

The traditional model has been entirely focused on visiting individuals in hospitals, mental hospitals or prisons, sharing verbatims from those visits in a small peer group format.

THE ST. PAUL'S CONNECTION

This year we are expanding our involvement. As last year, a number of St. Paul's members will join in this effort, each to be visited four to five times over the 12 weeks of the program, sharing his/her faith/work connection and how that is lived out in decisions. In addition, each seminarian will spend time visiting with some of the guests during the Emmaus Thursday lunch program, and once during the summer s/he will preach the homily at a 12:05 Prayer and Communion service.

Although there is no financial obligation on our part, we offer the seminarians' hospitality via two meeting rooms two days a week and free parking. Cindy Wofford joins with The Rev. Fletcher Lowe in coordinating our participation, with Margaret Rush providing administrative support.

PARTICIPANT IN A LIVELY DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY

Located in the heart of the city, St. Paul's Episcopal Church is committed to a lively downtown community. Whether it's a weekday or Sunday, St. Paul's Church and Parish Building are open to the 85,000 people who live, work, and visit downtown. From our daily noonday service of prayer and communion to our popular lunchtime offerings to our Micah and Emmaus ministries, the church and people of St. Paul's have long been an active downtown presence.

This year, we became even more deeply engaged, hosting one of the most exciting Jazz Lunch seasons to date with the Richmond Jazz Society and participating in the popular First Fridays Art Walk. We also launched a new series of Downtown Adventures, starting in Shockoe Bottom with a dinner at Aziza's on Main and a night of poetry readings at the Urban Farmhouse Market & Cafe; we continued our participation in the Sportsbackers Anthem Stride Through Time history walk; and tied into the summer exhibit "Tiffany: Color & Light" at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to encourage Richmonders to experience Tiffany at St. Paul's.

SUCCESSFUL JAZZ LUNCH SEASON

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Paul's in partnership with the Richmond Jazz Society hosts Jazz Lunches to celebrate God's ongoing creation through the experience of music. Additionally, the series features local jazz artists and locally-owned restaurants to further support Richmond-based artists and entrepreneurs. In one of our most successful jazz series to date, **over 1,140 meals were served** over the course of the seven-week program. We had over 90 attendees on the opening day with a trio of VCU music scholars -- one of our largest series openings to date -- and closed the series with a **sold out crowd** of 210 Richmonders enjoying the music of Doctors of Jazz and food by Positive Vibe Cafe, a local non-profit organization training and employing people with disabilities in food services. New this year, Community Idea Stations/WCVE Public Radio also became a media sponsor of our jazz series. The series was such a success that plans are underway to expand it beyond Easter next year. Special thanks to **Charlie Dira-dour** at St. Paul's and **Jim Coles** at the Richmond Jazz Society for coordinating the music; **Cassie Sale** for coordinating restaurants; **Betty Moore** for coordinating volunteers; and our volunteers, including **Bev Sale, Iralin Peple, Jean and Dave Williamson, Rob Dillehay, Jerry Applegate, Janet Schwarz, Trudy Russell, Betsy Macorkle, Carter and Ben Johan, Austin McLeod, Sandra Beale, and Eleana Legree.**



Pictured: Downtown worker Frank Guertler gets a front row seat for the Jazz Lunch with Gypsy Roots, May 12.

TRIAL PARTICIPATION IN FIRST FRIDAYS

To further engage with the downtown community and "be present to God" (see page 6), St. Paul's joined the First Fridays Art Walk for the 2009-2010 season. As part of our involvement, we asked artists exhibiting in our parish hall each month to host an opening reception on the First Friday of each month and invite their network of friends and family. We were open 5 - 8 p.m. to attract the after work crowd. During the exhibits, St. Paul's representatives offered guided tours of the church and answered any questions. Additionally, St. Paul's helped launch a new venture called "First Fridays East," a spring feature of the art walk promoting St. Paul's and three of our neighbors: Richmond CenterStage, the Library of Virginia, and University of Richmond-Downtown. The offering was a huge success, generating online buzz and hundreds of visitors to our four sites during the months of March, April, and May!

With the ongoing support of vestry and clergy, St. Paul's will continue our participation in the art walk for the 2010-2011 season.



Pictured: Visitors take in the art on First Friday, May 7. Fox Elementary School's Children's Choir performed at 7 p.m.

SUMMER LESSONS PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

July 18: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 25: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

August 1: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 8: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 15: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 22: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 29: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sept. 5: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 12: Homecoming Sunday

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

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THE REV. KATHRYN "KATE" JENKINS, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING

Sunday Mornings

8 am: Holy Eucharist
9 am: Lemonade & Cookies in the Memorial Garden
10 am: Holy Eucharist with Choir
11 am: Lemonade & Cookies in the Memorial Garden

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 ALAnon in the Youth Center

Thursdays

9 am - 2 pm: Emmaus Walk-In Lunch in Parish Hall
12:05 pm: AA in the Youth Center

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

House of Faith/Habitat for Humanity Build

Thursday, July 15 & Saturday, August 7, 8:15 am - 3 pm
* Help build a house in Church Hill at 33rd & T Streets

Emmaus Family Volunteer Days

Thursdays, July 15 & August 12, 9 am - 1 pm
* Volunteer days geared for younger and older children

Children's Anthem LemonAid Stand

Sunday, July 18, 11 am in the Memorial Garden
* Children and families will prepare and sell lemonade and baked treats for \$1 each to raise money for children with cancer. Volunteers needed. See article on page 5.

Homeward Point-in-Time Count & Emmaus Lunch

Thursday, July 29, 9 am - 2pm
* Toiletries and volunteers needed. Call 343-2045 or 545-5416.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Leslie & Bryan's Excellent Adventure

Tuesdays, July 6 - August 10; Thursdays, July 8 - August 12
6 pm - 8 pm at various locations off-site; see article on page 3

Theology on Tap at Capital Ale House

Tuesdays, July 13 & August 10, 6:30 pm
* A pilot small group offering requested during the Such Great Heights visioning process.

Downtown Adventure: An Evening with Mary Oliver

Wednesday, July 14, 5:30 - 7 pm at the Urban Farmhouse Market & Cafe in Shockoe Slip (1217 E. Cary St.)
* Live gathering music at 5:30 followed by readings and reflections led by our Rector at 6 pm. All are welcome!

Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry of The Rev. Fletcher Lowe

Saturday, July 17, 10:30 am
* Service in the church followed by a reception in Parish Hall

Faith Night at the Diamond with the Richmond Squirrels

Saturday, July 17, 6:30 pm at the ballpark on Boulevard

YAC Youth Group Pilgrimage to Israel

Sunday, July 18 - Sunday, July 25
* We will commission our pilgrims on Sunday, July 11. Follow their adventures at the St. Paul's "Live from Around the World" blog!
www.stpauls-episcopal.org/index.php/faith_in_action/blog/

Minister of Music's First Sunday with St. Paul's

Sunday, August 1, 8 am & 10 am
* A cake/punch reception will follow the 10 am service

Sunday Wind Down with the Eightfifteen

Sunday, August 15, 5 pm
* Gathering for 20- and 30-somethings

Parish Read Book Group Discussion

Wednesday, August 4, 7 pm - 8:30 pm (with coffee & dessert)
Sunday, August 15, 8:30 am - 10 am

Sabbath Retreat at Roslyn

Saturday, August 28, 9 am - 3 pm

Complete calendar is online at:
www.stpauls-episcopal.org