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## 'A RADICALLY BENEVOLENT UNIVERSE'

My Dear People,

Julian of Norwich, a fifteenth-century English mystic, is best remembered for the following words she heard God speak to her,

I can make all things well;  
I will make all things well;  
I shall make all things well;  
and you can see for yourself that  
all manner of things shall be well.

Countless Christians through the ages have been comforted and buoyed by those words and by Julian's deep trust in God and in God's saving power at work in the world.

The witness that Julian left us comes from the same deep trust in God from which Dr. King was speaking when he famously said, "The arc of history is long, but it bends toward justice."

And, more recently, Richard Rohr, a Franciscan, gives expression to that same faith, that is, to our faith, and its implications for the world in which we live, when he writes that, even with all that is not right with the world and in our lives,



**Pictured:** Some of the more than 70 St. Paul's children, youth, and adults who participated in our 2nd Annual "Get Your Hands Dirty" trash pick-up activity at Belle Isle on Earth Day Sunday, April 25, 2010.

"Until we accept that ours is a radically benevolent universe, we are not Christians."

In a word, because of God, everything is ultimately on a divine trajectory.

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There is, however, a big "however." It is the "however" of "can" and "will" and "shall." That is, while the whole of the cosmos is indeed destined for redemption, we aren't there yet. And, of course, we are, in truth, far from "there," very far.

There is much healing, and repairing, and peacemaking to do. Much feeding and clothing and welcoming. Much praying, repenting, proclaiming, and celebrating to do. On the way to all things being well.

As we pray every Sunday, and sometimes more often, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven."

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Last month, Buford Scott was quoted in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, talking about the origins of Micah, "We made

three decisions: Make a friend at church; bring a friend to church; and change the world."

And, indeed, over ten years later, many friends have been made; many friends have been brought to church; and the world has been changed.

In this month's *Epistle*, you'll read about a whole range of ways that God continues to work through us, here at St. Paul's, on Grace Street, bringing healing and hope and kindness and compassion to God's world and to God's children.

Yes, there's a lot of work still to do. That said, we know the end of the story, and, indeed, the Author of the story is with us in all that we do, as we do our part in helping the "can's" and the "will's" and the "shall's" become realities in God's benevolent universe.

Thanks be to God,  
your brother in Christ,

*Wallace+*

Wallace+



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## ONLINE SPOTLIGHT: NEW ORLEANS

### YOUTH BLOG FROM NEW ORLEANS, 2010

From April 4 - 11, 2010, fourteen service volunteers from St. Paul's Episcopal Church traveled to New Orleans to work through the Episcopal Community Service program of the Diocese of Louisiana ([www.ecsla.org](http://www.ecsla.org)). There, the group worked on a home destroyed during the flooding that followed Hurricane Katrina in 2005. It was a week of sanding, mudding, painting, dancing, singing, laughing, praying, joking, and loving. Below is an excerpt from a reflection written by youth group member Margaret Benson on the last day of work. Save the dates for our 2011 Service Trip: **March 5 - 13, 2011.**

#### Thoughts on the Last Day



"... as we gradually learned how much to wring out the sponges, I noticed that these walls, which we have sanded and mudded multiple times throughout the week, looked gorgeous damp! The water revealed each layer of mud and the screws and the sheet rock. This part of the process led me to thoughts about the storm.

I feel like there are some similarities with the process of cleaning the walls and with Katrina. We will always experience bumps in the roads of life, but when one too large comes through, it can damage memories along the way. I think sometimes that struggle and strife can lead to growth and hope; it is in the risks we take in response to struggle in strife that we have the opportunity to find meaning. We had to risk putting too much water on the walls in order to complete the cycle of rebuilding, as a light wash removed the unwanted. However, at that same time, that substance, water, is what caused the home to become an unoccupied building.

The water is a source of destruction. The water is a source of healing. It is in our choice of how to respond to or how to use the water that we discover something about who we are as people, as Christians, as a community."

Read the full reflection by Margaret and other reflections online at: [http://www.stpauls-episcopal.org/index.php/faith\\_in\\_action/blog/](http://www.stpauls-episcopal.org/index.php/faith_in_action/blog/)

## SHINING LIKE A STAR IN THE DESERT

This year, many in the YAC Youth Group will graduate. Over the years, they have made friends at church, brought friends to church, and - yes - changed the world. Following are photos from their April 2010 service trip to New Orleans, courtesy of Tom Smith and Cindy Wofford.

### AT THE AIRPORT



### GETTING THE JOB DONE



### PRAYERS IN PEACE



# CHANGING THE WORLD

## ST. PAUL'S YOUTH IN COMMUNITY GROUP

**"SWEET - THIS IS GOING TO BE THE BEST PILGRIMAGE EVER"**  
BY DAVID WHITE, YAC MENTOR/ISRAEL EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR

As we began our first planning meeting for the youth pilgrimage to Israel, Si's headline-grabbing comment above captured what we have all been thinking in the back of our minds. What could possibly be better than a trip to the Holy Land to conclude our time together? Eight years ago, this year's Young Adults in Community (YAC) group came together as fourth and fifth graders running around the Youth Center for Third Friday Fun. Over the years they have grown very close – sharing each other's highs and lows. They have built houses in New Orleans, taught children in Mwitikira, fed the homeless in San Francisco, and developed a tutoring program for fifth and sixth grade girls from Woodville Elementary. In August they will go in different directions, having graduated to young adults and many off to college. But right now they have one more thing to accomplish. And they are suddenly realizing that it is actually going to happen. What an opportunity! What a gift from the St. Paul's community to this incredible group of young people!

### EXPERIENCING THE BIRTHPLACE OF THEIR FAITH

The preparations have gone on for many months now – weekly presentations by visiting experts on history and current events, as well as monthly presentations by each member of the group about their research into the region. They have studied the land, the people, the politics, the overlay of religions, the stories and the meaning of it all in this crazy, mixed up and yet somehow "holy" part of the world. It is a part of the world in which we all feel some deep sense of ownership. But it is also a part of the world about which we all know so very little.

So on July 18, Si, Julia, Joy, Douglass, Henry, Nena, Elizabeth, Olivia, Staige, Quint, Margaret and Thomas, along with Bryan Appel and mentors Barbara Davis and Michaelle Justice, will begin a two-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They will experience first-hand the birthplace of their faith – to see the Bible in a way very few do – in the land where it all happened. They will experience the land and the stories, and appreciate how each has informed the other. They will meet and get to know Christian youth who are living their faith in the land where it began. They will walk through the desert where Jesus was tempted, stand where he healed the blind, walk where he carried his cross and celebrate his resurrection with a Eucharist by the Sea of Galilee.

We hope you all will join us on **July 11 at the 10 a.m. service** when our pilgrimage is formally commissioned and we are sent on our spiritual journey. And we hope you will follow our progress on the St. Paul's Web site while we are in the Holy Land.



### ST. PAUL'S YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY, NOLA 2008 - 2009



**Kickline:** YAC members Thomas, Douglass, Nena, Staige, Natalie, Si, and Julia in New Orleans, 2008.



**Friends in faith:** YAC members Olivia and Julia in New Orleans, 2009.



# FAITH IN ACTION

## FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY AND OUR FAITH

### ST. PAUL'S & ST. PAUL'S

BY JASMIN BETTS, ST. PAUL'S  
COLLEGE CLASS OF 2010

*St. Paul's College submitted the following article to highlight the connection between Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, a St. Paul's Episcopal Church parishioner, and St. Paul's College.*

Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, M.D., Associate Dean for Admissions at the VCU School of Medicine, encouraged students at Saint Paul's College's to incorporate service into their lives. During an address to honorees at the College's April 7 Honors Convocation, she reflected on the text, "To whom much is given, much is required," and emphasized that "the responsibility of success is sharing."

"Keep one hand up in praise," she said, "the other hand pulling someone up with you." Dr. Whitehurst-Cook left the students with the charge, "Wherever you go, leave it a better place."

Dr. Whitehurst-Cook's ties to Saint Paul's College began in early childhood, when her father, the late William Whitehurst Sr., chaired the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. She stated that her medical education began in the classrooms of the College, watching her father's biology students dissect cats. She shared warm memories of growing up near the college, including her baptism and marriage in Saint Paul's College's Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Whitehurst-Cook, who also serves as Associate Professor of Family Medicine at VCU, has a long record of service and advocacy on behalf of underserved populations in rural and urban areas of Virginia and is the recipient of many honors and awards.

Dr. Robert L. Satcher, Sr., President of Saint Paul's College, presented Dr. Whitehurst-Cook with a plaque of appreciation, and recalled teaching her when she was a child in his Sunday school classes.

A highlight of the convocation was the announcement by William McKee, a representative of the Phelps Stokes Fund, of the formation of a Ralph Bunche Society on campus. Dr. Bunche, the former Under Secretary General of the United Nations, was the first African-American to receive a Nobel Peace Prize. The Phelps

### "WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT HAVING A BIG SISTER"



*Following is a testimony for the Micah mentor program by Christina Smith about her mentor, St. Paul's parishioner Bev Lacy. Christina submitted it to Big Brothers/Big Sisters for their Volunteer Appreciation contest on April 18, 2010. Bev met Christina over eight years ago through the Micah ministry at Woodville Elementary.*

What I like most about having Mrs. Lacy as a Big Sister, is that she always listens. I met Mrs. Lacy when I was in the first grade. Since then, I don't want to get rid of her. She is more than a Big Sister, she's my friend. Nothing in this world would stop me from loving her. What makes Mrs. Lacy special to me is that she is very caring, sweet, and she makes me happy. I know that if I call her and tell her what is going on, she is willing to listen. She taught me to read and to know how to swim. She always encourages me to do better. When I am with her nothing else matters. Most importantly, she is different from everyone else.

#### 'SHE IS PART OF ME'

One of my favorite times with Mrs. Lacy is when we used to make bread together by scratch. One of my other favorite memories with her is that we also read together. It's funny to me how you met someone when you were in first grade, and she turns out to be with you until... whenever. Places that we have gone to are movies, and to lunch. I love it when we make dinner together for my family. What I like the most about her is that we both love to read and watch *Twilight*.

She has done so much for me and I would like to thank her for that. She is one person who has changed my life. I wouldn't ask for anyone else. She is part of me until the day I die. She is part of my family and no one can take her away from me. If she wasn't in my life, I wouldn't be who I am today. I know that everything is going to be all right because she is there with me.

#### 'I LOVE YOU, MRS. LACY'

Mrs. Lacy makes me feel special in the inside and the outside. I admire Mrs. Lacy for everything she has done for me. She always puts a smile on my face. I never thought I could be so close to someone who makes me happy. I have never been close to someone who I can look up to and realize that they are there for me.

No one loves anybody more than I love Mrs. Lacy. She is like my role model. I love you, Mrs. Lacy!



**Pictured:** Back row, left to right: Dr. Robert L. Satcher, Sr., Marian H. Satcher, Dr. Raymond Holmes, William McKee. Front row, left to right: Lovi Holmes, Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, Emma Staples. *Photo by A.J. Gass, class of 2010, taken on Honors Day at St. Paul's College.*

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**Pictured:** St. Paul's Youth Minister Bryan Appel, VCU student Steven Geissing, and *Richmond Magazine* editor Bethany Emerson are interviewed by WRIR 97.3 FM about their participation in "Walking In Their Shoes," an event to raise awareness about the challenges faced by those who are homeless and the services available to them. It was organized by Homeward as part of Affordable Housing Awareness Week. Wallace+ and Bryan were among a dozen community leaders who participated in the event.

## TRANSFORMING LIVES, PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

BY JENNY BILEY, ST. PAUL'S SOCIAL WORKER  
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Each year, thanks to the support of the St. Paul's community, the church is able to provide direct financial assistance to individuals and families. These transformational grants are a crucial part of our effort to not only help those who are homeless, but also prevent individuals from becoming homeless. It is much better for individuals and more cost-effective to work with them *before* they become homeless. Since July 2009, 66 clients have been assisted financially, 18 of whom were assisted a second or third time. The average amount of assistance given is \$440/client/time.

Additionally, St. Paul's has been able to refer families in need of assistance to Area Congregations Together in Service (ACTS) since August 2006. ACTS is an interfaith organization that provides emergency financial assistance to clients in the Richmond area that are in need in order to prevent them from becoming homeless. Since August 2006, St. Paul's has given \$22,500 to ACTS for client assistance. In return, we have made referrals to ACTS and ACTS has assisted 88 St. Paul's client families with a total of \$72,657 in financial assistance. Over \$50,000 has been for rental assistance and the other has been spent on utilities.

Below are just a few examples of those whose lives were transformed in part thanks to St. Paul's Transformational Grants ministry. Names have been withheld for privacy purposes.

**Between Jobs:** Mr. G was a single man who lived in an apartment. He lost his job several months ago and had started the unemployment process. He came to me in need of assistance with his rent. He had an appointment with unemployment scheduled for the end of the month. He was also going to see two agencies that he had worked with in years past who were going to help him find employment. I agreed to assist him that month. He came back to me after his unemployment meeting and they had denied him, but he had two interviews set up in the coming week so I agreed to help him a second time. He got one of the jobs but would not get his paycheck in time for the next month so I agreed to help him the third time. Paying his rent those three months provided him with the time he needed to find employment and maintain his stability and housing. I felt that because he was working so hard and going out of his way to work with other agencies to help him find employment that it was worth the investment to pay for three months of rent.

**Paying It Forward:** Mr. X came to see me because he was behind one month on his rent. He has been put in jail and had to use his disability income to pay his bond. He made enough money to pay his bills going forward and I felt this would help him to maintain stable housing. I paid the rent and he insisted that he would pay us back. He came back two months in a row and

paid us back a portion of the rent, which went right into transformational grants for others.

**Stable Housing:** A couple came to see me that was staying in a rooming house. They had some problems with their landlord and the landlord wanted them to move. He received disability and she was in the process of getting disability. I told them they needed to find other housing and that I would assist them with the start up costs. They found other housing arrangements and I assisted them with the rent/deposit for the first month. They have been stable and able to pay their rent since that time.

**Hope & Self Confidence:** Mr. Z and his girlfriend came to see me several years ago. They were homeless but had both gotten a job and wanted to stay in a rented room. I knew they both had substance abuse problems but I was willing to give them a chance to see if their new employment would help stabilize them. I paid for their rent at that time. Two years later Mr. Z came back to see me. He had been homeless again for a while but he had gotten into a men's shelter and was sober and working on getting his life back together. He had an old debt with the DMV and needed help getting that paid off in order to get his license back and start looking for better employment. He was working for a janitorial company but has had his CDL license and used to be a truck driver. I

agreed to pay off the large bill in order to give him more employment opportunities. I spoke with his case manager recently and he stated that our assistance had really given him the hope and self confidence he needed to continue to move forward. He is still working on getting all of his life together but I think our paying that bill was a good investment in his future. He comes in periodically to let me know how he is doing.

**When Employment Is Not Enough:** Ms. D is a single mother who is an Eastern European immigrant. She has two young daughters but no other family and very little social support. She came to me because she had gotten behind in her rent. She works at McDonalds and they had cut her hours. Her manager is hoping to be able to give her more hours and Ms. D is looking for another job but that is difficult. I agreed to pay the rent in order to keep the family stable and out of the shelter system. She came back to me 5 months later seeking assistance with her electric bill. Her electricity was off. She had not been able to get any more hours at McDonalds yet but she was caught up on her rent payments. I agreed to assist her in order to get her electric cut back on. This is a hard situation because she is always going to come up short on her bills and she is always going to have to decide. My decision to help her is not only to help her family remain in housing, but also to prevent another family from falling into the shelter system.

WEEKLY MEETINGS  
SCHEDULED AT  
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

# JUN

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
12:05 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

TUESDAYS  
12:30 PM ALANON  
IN YOUTH CENTER

WEDNESDAYS  
12:05 HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH HEALING PRAYERS

THURSDAYS  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
EMMAUS MINISTRY  
PARISH HALL  
  
12:05 PM  
AA IN YOUTH CENTER

COMING UP IN  
JULY 2010

THURSDAYS, JULY 8 & 15  
EMMAUS CHILDREN & YOUTH  
VOLUNTEER DAYS  
IN THE PARISH HALL  
9 AM - 1 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 11  
EIGHTEEN SUNDAY  
WIND DOWN: BOWLING  
6 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 13  
THEOLOGY ON TAP  
AT CAPITAL ALE HOUSE  
6:30 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 17  
FLYING SQUIRRELS GAME  
AT THE DIAMOND  
6:35 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 18  
ANTHEM LEMONAID STAND  
IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN  
11 AM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY) 6 PM BRYAN & LESLIE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (OFF-SITE) <b>1</b>
<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> CHOIR: CHATTANOOGA BOYS CHOIR 8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 6 PM EXPLORING THE FAITH DINNER AT THE JENKINS HOME <b>6</b>		7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY) 6 PM BRYAN & LESLIE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (OFF-SITE) 6:30 PM THEOLOGY ON TAP (CAPITAL ALE HOUSE) <b>8</b>
<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE <b>13</b>	ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE <u>JULY/AUGUST</u> COMBINED SUMMER ISSUE OF THE <i>EPISTLE</i> NEWSLETTER. EMAIL KIMBERLY, KALLEN@STPAULS-EPISCOPAL.ORG	7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY) 5 PM VESTRY MEETS (NORWOOD ROOM) 6 PM BRYAN & LESLIE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (OFF-SITE) <b>15</b>
<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE <b>20</b>		7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY) <b>22</b>
<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE <b>27</b>	5:30 PM GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING (LIBRARY) <b>28</b>	7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY) <b>29</b>

**TIFFANY, COLOR AND LIGHT** This special exhibition celebrating the works of Louis C. Tiffany is on display at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, May 29 - August 15. St. Paul's is blessed with a highly-significant collection of 11 Tiffany works, including ten memorial windows and the altar piece. Details about Tiffany at St. Paul's are online at [www.stpauls-episcopal.org/tiffany](http://www.stpauls-episcopal.org/tiffany).

# E 2010

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL) * <b>THANK YOU TO CEDARS RESTAURANT</b> FOR DONATING &amp; PREPARING LUNCH FOR OUR WALK-IN EMMAUS GUESTS!</p> <p>6 PM BRYAN &amp; LESLIE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (OFF-SITE)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK 5 - 8 PM YOUTH ART OFFERING GROUP EXHIBIT &amp; RECEPTION (PARISH HALL)</b></p> <p>CHURCH OPEN FOR GUIDED TOURS</p> <p>6:30 PM MOMS' GROUP DINNER HOME OF PAIGE HOLLOWAY PAIGE.HOLLOWAY@COMCAST.NET</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>ANTHEM STRIDE THRU TIME 10K</b> 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM (DARDEN GARDENS / ST. PAUL'S)</p> <p><b>COEN BROTHERS, CHRISTIANITY &amp; MIMOSAS</b> 9 AM - NOON (PARISH HALL)</p> <p><b>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</b> 8:15 AM - 3 PM (33RD &amp; T)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p>5 PM ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>3 PM COFFEE &amp; TEA HOUR AT WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY</p> <p>6 PM BRYAN &amp; LESLIE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (OFF-SITE)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<b>11</b>	<p><b>COEN BROTHERS, CHRISTIANITY &amp; MIMOSAS</b> 9 AM - NOON (PARISH HALL)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL) * <b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAY</b> CONTACT LESLIE CHOPLIN, 545-5418, OR JENNY BLILEY, 545-5416.</p> <p>12 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE (ROOM 207)</p> <p>6 PM BRYAN &amp; LESLIE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (OFF-SITE)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<b>18</b>	<p><b>COEN BROTHERS, CHRISTIANITY &amp; MIMOSAS</b> 9 AM - NOON (PARISH HALL)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p>3 PM <b>TOUR: THE BEAUTY OF TIFFANY GLASS</b> * CALL THE RICHMOND HISTORY CENTER'S TOUR INFORMATION LINE AT (804) 649-0711 X.301 FOR DETAILS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>

“Keep one hand up in praise, the other pulling someone up with you.”

- Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, page 4



# WORSHIP & OUR FAITH

REFLECTION BY KATE+, SATURDAY STUDY & SUMMER SERVICES

## WHO CELEBRATES?

BY THE REV. KATE JENKINS, ASSOCIATE RECTOR  
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What's in a name? Do we identify the ordained priest who oversees the liturgy as the "celebrant," the "presider," the "presiding priest," or the "priest"? And is this question of terminology mere hair-splitting or is there something more to it?

When *The Book of Common Prayer* that we currently use in worship was authorized by General Convention in 1979, one of the most significant changes theologically was the recovery of a thoroughly baptismal ecclesiology – that is, an understanding of the church that defines Christian community in terms of the common ground that **all** of the baptized members share. Baptism became the defining sacrament of incorporation, not Confirmation.



**Pictured:** Kate+ enjoys lunch with Charlie Fox's Micah mentee, Tra, on Earth Day Sunday 2010.

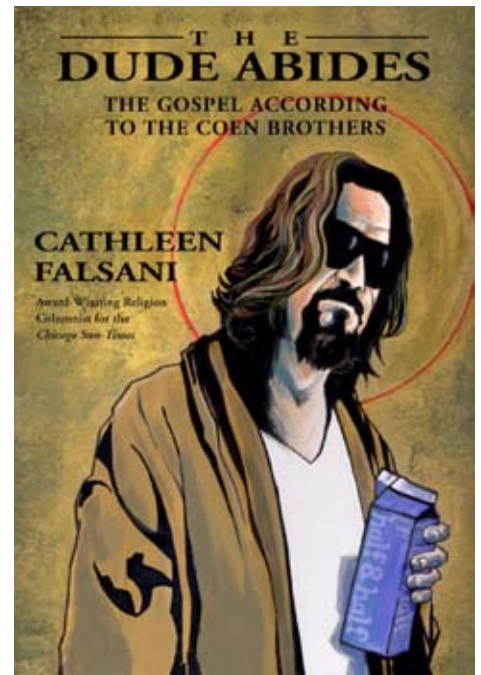
This renewed vision of the church, the "body of Christ," also caused a re-examination of the role of the ordained in relation to the role of the laity. The previous model had been heavily "clerical" in theology – the 1979 prayer book is far more balanced. A baptismal ecclesiology affirms that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to all members so that ministry can be understood as shared by all of the people, whether lay or ordained, each according to the nature of the gifts that the Spirit has given.

## PRESIDER OR CELEBRANT? WORDS MATTER.

Thirty years later, we are still in the process of incorporating the theology of baptism recovered from the early church into our daily life of worship and three decades of reflection and prayer have lead to some subtle adjustments. We see this notably in the words we use to describe leadership roles in the liturgy. In recent years several ancient terms have reappeared to designate the role we have usually called the "celebrant." The term "presider" may seem new, but it is in fact the oldest term in the Christian vocabulary for one who serves as the liturgical overseer at a celebration of the eucharist; the one who proclaims the words of the Great Thanksgiving, the eucharistic prayer by which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated for communion. Newer eucharistic liturgies from various parts of the Anglican Communion, namely from the U.S., New Zealand, England and Canada reflect this recovered theology by using the terms "priest" or "presiding priest" to refer to the liturgical overseer.

The term "celebrant" developed in a context in which the ordained priest was seen as the only essential person for a celebration of the eucharist to take place – the laity were extraneous to the essential action. Limiting the term "celebrant" to bishops and priests sends the message that only the priests are celebrating the eucharist, and fails to recognize that **all the people gathered are celebrants**. All of the people who have gathered are the celebrants of the liturgical action. Thus, the celebration of the eucharist is not an act of the ordained clergy that laity are permitted to observe, but the "work of the people," which is the classic definition of the word *leitourgia*, liturgy.

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## THE COEN BROTHERS, CHRISTIANITY & MIMOSAS

By BRYAN APPEL, YOUTH MINISTER  
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What could the Coen brothers' movies possibly have to do with our faith?! Maybe nothing, but it's worth a shot! Join us for Coen Brothers, Christianity, and Mimosas during the first three Saturdays of June at 9 a.m.

Through the Coen brothers' unique and intricate stories, with a little Jonah, Job, and Jesus, we will reflect on the nature of spiritual journey in our lives.

Coffee, doughnuts and mimosas (for those over 21) will be there to enjoy as we watch a movie and reflect on our faith. RSVPs would be great (for food/drink purposes) but are not required.

Due to the Coen brothers' use of dark humor, strong language, and graphic depictions of violence as storytelling devices, these gathering are limited to those over the age of 18 (16 and 17 year olds may attend with a parent's permission).

**Pictured above:** Cover of *The Dude Abides: The Gospel According to the Coen Brothers* by Cathleen Falsani, religion writer for *Chicago Sun-Times*.

**June 5: Buying Passage to Tarshish  
watching The Big Lebowski**

'But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.' (Jonah 1:3)

"Let me explain something to you. Um, I am not 'Mr. Lebowski.' You're Mr. Lebowski. I'm the Dude. So that's what you call me. You know, that or, uh, His Dudeness, or uh, Duder, or El Duderino if you're not into the whole brevity thing." (The Dude, *The Big Lebowski*)

**June 12: In the Belly of the Fish  
watching No Country For Old Men**

'Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name.' (Mark 13:12)

"I always figured when I got older, God would sorta come into my life somehow. And he didn't. I don't blame him. If I was him I would have the same opinion of me that he does." (Ed Tom Bell, *No Country for Old Men*)

**June 19: Quarreling with God under  
the Unpredictable Plant  
watching A Serious Man**

'Then the Lord answered Job out of a whirlwind...' (Job 38:1)

"The Uncertainty Principle. It proves we can't ever really know... what's going on. So it shouldn't bother you. Not being able to figure anything out. Although you will be responsible for this on the mid-term." (Larry Gopnik, *A Serious Man*)

**WHO CELEBRATES?**

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St. Paul's is a church which embraces this transformed vision of ministry – you, the people of God – live a baptismal-shaped life. Just ask Fletcher Lowe! However our continued use of the term "celebrant" did not accurately reflect or support that vision. Beginning on the First Sunday in Lent, we began referring to the priest overseeing the liturgy as the "presider" rather than the "celebrant" to more accurately acknowledge that the Eucharist is truly the shared action of the whole people of God – not one person wearing a stole.

Words matter.

**WARM & WELCOMING SUMMER WORSHIP**

By THE SUMMER WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM

At 10:00 a.m. on Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2010 St. Paul's will try something new. We will offer a liturgy that has been designed from scratch. We will offer a liturgy that is intended to provide a rewarding and moving worship experience to all of the St. Paul's family. It will contain a wide variety of music, some of it familiar, some of it new – what is new for you may be familiar to your neighbor and vice versa. We will include some quiet time for reflection. We will reduce the amount of furniture in the chancel to allow the focus to be on the central element. Some of the words will be familiar and some will be new, an opportunity for us to hear new messages from God, new invitations to ministry.

**We hope to connect our worship to our ministry in the world.** Each Sunday we will ask a different group, engaged in a specific ministry, to serve in our worship as greeters, readers and Eucharistic Ministers. We will recognize them in the announcements and pray for them in the prayers. We will connect our ministry in the world with our worship during the service just as we do when we recite the prayer at the end of the service. We hope that the participation of these groups will help encourage a sense of community and perhaps some of you will be moved to make a connection with a new ministry. We hope too that it will involve more people in the worship ministry at St. Paul's

**We are going to provide some educational material.** Each Sunday the Grace Notes will include a note about some aspect of the liturgy we have designed. Often we will touch on the specifics of why we did it that way in this service but also we will include more general information about the theology of every Eucharist. We will collect all those notes in one area on the Web site for future reference.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE, QUESTION, REFLECT**

After the worship service on the fourth Sunday of each month during the summer we will offer an opportunity for anyone who wants to share their experiences and/or ask questions about the liturgy. Or, you can talk to the clergy, write a note on the tear off sheet on page 4 of the Grace Notes bulletin insert, or email your comments to Adrian Luxmoore (amcl@aol.com).

We hope and pray that you will come to worship each Sunday this Summer with an open mind, open to experience worship in a fresh new way, open to God's message to you, open to receive God anew into your life. That you will come and worship in the fellowship of all the members of St. Paul's; those you see most Sundays during the rest of the year and those who you see less often because you are on different schedules!

Our goal is to offer a high quality, warm and welcoming worship experience that involves the whole congregation, honors our diversity and expresses our connections to one another. And especially we hope to provide opportunities for rich experience and deep meaning. Please let us know how we do.

**"Come and worship in the fellowship of all the members of St. Paul's; those you see most Sundays during the year and those you see less often because you are on different schedules!"**

**GET INVOLVED****LOOKING FOR GROUPS TO FEATURE**

Do you participate in a ministry or group that would like to be "featured" one Sunday during the summer? Contact Sally Ray Griffith (sallyg@i-c.net) or Adrian Luxmoore (amcl@aol.com) to volunteer.

**LAY MINISTRY SIGN UP**

On Sundays throughout May, we had a Lay Ministry Sign Up table in the Gathering Space for Chalicers, Lay Readers, and Prayer Leaders. If you didn't sign up, there's still time! Contact Sally Ray Griffith at 285-7124 or sallyg@i-c.net.



# FAITH @ WORK

## FAITH IN OUR DAILY LIVES



**“Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen”**

– From “A Service of Blessing at Glave & Holmes Associates” with The Rev. Fletcher Lowe, April 24, 2010

### BLESSINGS IN WORK

BY ED ZAKAIB, ED.ZAKAIB@RICH.FRB.ORG

A year ago, I heard The Rev. Fletcher Lowe speak at an Adult Forum about faith at work and how our church life intersects and shapes our work life. The presentation made me think about my relationships with my coworkers very closely. Was there something to what Fletcher and so many parishioners said that Sunday? I thought about the discussion the day after and said, “That doesn’t apply to me.” How can I influence other people in the course of my day as I help them debug their code; or when a critical software component that works perfectly for months suddenly fails in the middle of the night? That’s life in the Information Technology (IT) trenches of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. The answers to those questions became apparent when Fletcher visited me at work.

I focus on the various things that customers bring me. Installing software on servers, configuring the hardware and software to work together, analyzing problems and working to correct them are things I see every day. I work with many different people. Some do not work in Information Technology, but use services that my division provides. The majority of people with whom I work and interact are in IT. I work with people predominantly from the United States, but in addition there are others from China, India, Pakistan, South America, and the former Soviet Republics. I have to strike a balance between being teacher, coworker and project leader and it can be different each day.

As Fletcher and I discussed my work, I did have a few ideas about how I bring my faith to work. I have always believed that God is not just at church on Sundays, but with me all the time. Some days I send swift, “arrow” prayers for help, guidance and strength as I am working on problems; always with short deadlines. Some problems seem bigger than me! Each day is different. That is what I enjoy about my career in IT. Each day brings new experiences and sometimes new people together. The interactions with my customers are what I enjoy most about my work. The computers are just a perk of the job. Many years ago, I told a programmer that I was starting to work with that I would make him a “people person” like me. He barely smiled and said, “Sure Ed, that will be the day.” Over the years Bob and I have become quite close. Even though we are not in the same department, we talk on a daily basis in addition to the regular work we do together. Bob recognizes that he’s become more of an extrovert like me and most of my team would agree.

I want to take the problems people bring me and turn them into opportunities. Opportunities include working on something I have not seen before. It is the opportunity for me to work with new people and more familiar ones. Each day I learn something new about a process, or technology, or even about a coworker\customer. Being open and receptive is the key to being successful. I often say to those customers, “I want to make your problem my problem!”, or “Let’s take your software and make it better!” People are not used to hearing that and it surprises them. Now people ask me questions in addition to bringing me more problems or projects to work on. It brings me great satisfaction in knowing people appreciate my help and expertise. I didn’t think about it at the time, but that’s a blessing when people entrust you to help them.

In retrospect I recognize that I bring enthusiasm, teaching, leading, administration, compassion and other talents to work each day. Being attentive and open reinforces my relationships with people as we fix a problem together, or automate a business process. I thank God each day for allowing me to work with so many different people. Fletcher enabled me to think about my faith at work in a way I never had before. I really benefitted from our time together and encourage others to explore how faith and work intersect.

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### FAITH, WORK & DAILY LIVING

On March 29, the Alban Roundtable, a blog of The Alban Institute in Washington, D.C., began hosting a weekly series of guest posts on the relationship between faith, the work that people do, and our need to make sense of our faith in the context of daily living. Posted every Monday, the articles should be familiar to the people of St. Paul’s.

That’s because they are written by the laity of St. Paul’s as part of this “Faith @ Work” series and made available courtesy of The Rev. Fletcher Lowe, a St. Paul’s Priest-in-Residence. Fletcher is also convener of Episcopal Partners for Faithfulness in Daily Life, now in its fourth year.

You can read the articles, written for *The Epistle*, online at: <http://albanroundtable.org/archives/category/faith-daily-living>



# EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY & GROUPS

## THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

### FROM THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

BY SUE BLAND & CHRISTIE MONTGOMERY, CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

School is winding down, kids are looking out the windows and I'm looking in the rear view mirror as another successful program year at St. Paul's wraps up. Amazingly, it has been two years since I became chairman of the Children's Committee. The time has passed swiftly and sweetly. As required, I am stepping down and so very happy to announce that Christie Montgomery has agreed to become the next committee chairman. Our families are fortunate to have many dedicated people with energy and compassion for our kids. These good folks see to it that we have a robust Sunday School program; parental resources; a fantastic array of events geared to every age group and to keep an eye that St. Paul's events are family-friendly whenever possible and appropriate.

**Thank you, thank you:** to our kids, every one of them, for showing up, sharing and being open to the Spirit that surely moves among us through your eyes, hands and souls; to all the parents for their time and talent especially when cookies need to be baked, goodie bags stuffed, cards written and all that goes into so many fun activities; to all the committee members for their insight and hours spent in meetings and preparing for and working our many successful events; to Nina Rodriguez for her graceful assistance at first and throughout; to Bryan Appel for his continuing care and creativity as we help our children move into independence, while creating a safe place and a group dynamic to experience the transitions of childhood; to The Rev. Kate Jenkins for her multi-level involvement and especially for her calm approach during the transition and with us mothers through moms' dinners, retreats and her perspective; and to Leslie Choplin for all of her efforts, many phone calls, Facebook tags and her sincere work on behalf of all our families.

### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE CHANGES, SHOUT OUTS & SUMMER CALENDAR

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we offer the following family events to make it memorable, along with a few special staff notes:

**Emmaus Family Volunteer Opportunity:** Thursdays, June 17, July 8 and 15 and August 19. While families may help any Thursday, these four dates are family-focused and make a great summer project. Younger children can help from 9-11 a.m. and older kids can come from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. or so. Bring a hat for hygiene.

**Summer family time:** We are setting dates for several fun gatherings for St. Paul's families, including a Richmond Kickers soccer game (May 29); a Flying Squirrels baseball game (July 17); a night at the Goochland Drive-In (August TBA); and our annual Farewell to Summer pool party (September 5).

**Anthem LemonAid:** An opportunity to help the community and beat the heat one cup and one dollar at a time on Sunday, July 18.

**Congratulations:** To Rachel Wolfe, our nursery staffer, on both her graduations from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond & Virginia Commonwealth University with a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Social Work degree and to Lindsay Pruitt on her graduation from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond with a Masters of Divinity degree.

**Thanks!** We thank Lindsay for her leadership as our Children's Led Worship Coordinator and we wish her well as she prepares to return home to Birmingham, Alabama and her ministry there. God be with you!



**Pictured:** Top Bryan Appel works with 5th & 6th graders during "Does The Bible Really Matter?" Youth Bible Study in February. Bottom Grace wears her Anthem LemonAid hat during the 2009 lemonade sale in the Memorial Garden.

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Stokes Fund partners with colleges and universities to establish Ralph Bunche Societies which are open to all, but which emphasize minority and working class students. The societies are extracurricular, undergraduate, student-led associations dedicated to developing global citizens, regardless of their field of study, and Saint Paul's Ralph Bunche Society will help expand and deepen the College's involvement in the international arena. The Ralph Bunche Societies began in 2006 and are now on the campuses of Winston-Salem State University, the University of Maryland-College Park, and the University of Virginia.

Dr. Satcher presented one of the College's Rays of Light Awards to Dr. William H. Jones, author of *Looking for God's People in Rural Places*. The Honors Convocation recognizes students who have excelled academically. An impressive 71 scholarships were awarded during the program.

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## PARISH CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

DIANE WORTHINGTON	6/01
TOM BRYAN	6/01
ELIZABETH BIGGS	6/02
CARTER SCOTT	6/03
PERRY CAMPANELLA	6/04
CINDY STUTTS	6/04
MISSY BENSON	6/04
ALEXANDER CARR	6/04
AUSTEN WRINKLE	6/04
MARTHA WARE BRYAN	6/05
MARGARET WEBB	6/05
KATY COWLES	6/05
MARGARET GUPTON	6/05
LIZ CARTER	6/07
NANCY SMITH	6/07
JOHN DOWLING	6/07
SALLIE NOLTE	6/08
SCOTT DAVILA	6/08
MARY JO KEARFOTT	6/10
BILL SMITH	6/11
LISA ANDERSON	6/12
ANNE MCGRAW	6/13
CYANE LOWDEN	6/13
NATE JONES	6/14
SALLY FLINN	6/15
JOHN BOTTGGER	6/16
BERT LONDON	6/17
MARY MILLER	6/17
KIA BENTLEY	6/17
GINNY CAMPBELL	6/18
SANDY STODDART	6/18
VICTOR SMITH	6/19
ARIEL AYCOCK	6/19
LUCY EDMUNDS	6/20
MALCOLM HESS	6/20
REBECCA JOHNSON	6/22
DON STEEBER	6/23
SONNY HARRIS	6/23
DAVIS WRINKLE	6/23
ANN MACAULAY	6/23

JIM NORWOOD	6/24
JACK KLING	6/25
LIN FERRELL	6/25
JOE AMADO	6/25
JOHN ANDERSON	6/26
GENE HARRIS	6/27
JOE JAMES	6/27
DYLAN CURETIN	6/27
HENRY WILSON	6/28
LINDA WALKER	6/28
MARK GORDON	6/28
PAT ARCHER	6/29
KITTY BELEW	6/30
WALLY STARKE	6/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

IRALIN & STEPHEN PEPLE	6/04
FRANCES & MELVIN REYNOLDS	6/05
JONI & MARK DRAY	6/05
DEANE & FRANK MOUNTCASTLE	6/08
STEPHANIE & STEVE MICAS	6/10
MARGIE & ANDY NEA	6/13
SHIRLEY & DEAN GOPLERUD	6/15
SUSAN & JAMES KALANGES	6/16
SUSAN GRAY EAKIN & RONALD PAGE	6/16
KATIE FESSLER & CATHY VAUGHN	6/17
JANE & DON COWLES	6/19
SUSAN & HUGH EWING	6/19
RUTH & JAMES SNOKE	6/21
KATE & JASON GAREAU	6/22
MELVA & JOHN JONES	6/23
SUSAN BLAND & BILL HOLWEGER	6/25
KATHLEEN & WILLIAM RYDER	6/25
KATIE & GENE WEBB	6/26
JENNIFER & JOHN MALONEY	6/26
MARY K & JOHN McDONALD	6/26
MARY FRAN & FLETCHER LOWE	6/27
LIZ & WILSON WHITEHURST	6/28
CAROLYN & WAYNE LEONARD	6/28
MAY & ED DICKSON	6/30

## JUNE LESSONS

### June 6: The Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)

Psalm 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

### June 13: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a

Psalm 5:1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3

### June 20: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

### June 27: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62