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MAKING THE OLD EVER NEW AND KEEPING IT SO: RIGHT HERE ON GRACE STREET

My Dear People,

*What have we done?... What are we?
What are we going to do and to be?...
What can we put, not only into shape but
into motion here... for the Church, for our
country, and for our time?... No doubt the
questions have come to many of us in the
form: What new thing can we devise, what
new interest arouse, what new movement in-
augurate? I suggest a better form of query:
How can we acquire the spirit of making
the old ever new, and keeping it so?*

These words were spoken by the saintly William Porcher DuBose, whose feast day we, in the Episcopal Church, celebrated just last month, as we do every August. DuBose was the founder of the School of Theology at Sewanee, and he is recognized as one of the most original and important theologians in the history of the Episcopal Church. He preached these words a century ago in Sewanee, at All Saints' Chapel. His words are, however, as relevant today as they were then, and as relevant to St. Paul's as to Sewanee.

Making the old ever new and keeping it so. That is our mission, as we live out the same faith lived out by our forebears in the faith, the faith of Paul himself, the faith of the founders of St. Paul's Church, the faith of all those who have gone before us. We live out the same faith, the same "old" faith, if you want to put it that way; and yet we live it out in new ways—or, to put it still more aptly: we live out that same old faith in *renewed* ways, in *refreshed* ways. The old ever made ever new, by the ever-creative power of the ever-present Spirit of God.

And Jesus teaches us this over and over;

and nowhere more vividly than in the fifth chapter of the Sermon on the Mount, where he says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished." Then Jesus turns right around and says five times over, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times..." in each instance citing an explicit teaching from the ancient Jewish tradition, and then, in each instance, he immediately says, "But..." and then calls his followers to go still further than what Torah requires.

He says, for instance, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven..."

THE NEW OF RENEWAL

Jesus was not abolishing what had come before, as he said; he was fulfilling what had come before. And so are we. We do not want change for change's sake. We do not want the new simply for the sake of newness. That is empty, as the consumer culture around us demonstrates to us daily.

We want the new of renewal, as in the old made new, as in our faith and our life and our parish church renewed by the presence of the very same Spirit that descended on Jesus at his baptism, and which descended on us in our baptism: the very same Spirit that guided Jesus in all that he did and taught, as he called

RICHMOND CHANGING WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR CITY?

Eyes on Richmond 2010 Season
Fridays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19
12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Parish Hall



Turn over for a complete schedule on the back!

his immediate followers, and us as well, always into a new day.

It is indeed a new day here at St. Paul's Church. Like our forebears before us, we live into our own new day, in which the Spirit makes the old ever new. And so a new Minister of Music has come. And so our mission in Tanzania grows. And so pastoral care grows, and small group ministry grows. And so we grow closer and closer to one another, and still closer to our God, as those relationships are deepened and renewed.

The old ever made new, right here on Grace Street. Every day, by the power of the Spirit of God.

Your brother in Christ,

Wallace+



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SING THE FAURÉ REQUIEM

A PARISH-WIDE INVITATION TO MAKE MUSIC

The St. Paul's Choirs extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of a performance of the Requiem by French composer Gabriel Fauré.

If you've never sung the Fauré Requiem, or you've sung it dozens of times, you are welcome to be a part of this special event. If you are interested in singing, but haven't sung with a choir before, this opportunity is for you. If you enjoy singing, but cannot commit to year-round rehearsals, this is for you. If you've been thinking about joining the St. Paul's Choirs, this is a great opportunity to take us for a "test drive."

The Requiem will be sung during the 11:15 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, October 31. This beloved choral masterwork gains a new and deeper meaning when it is sung as part of a service of worship.

Rehearsals are Thursdays beginning September 30 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Alternative rehearsal times are available for those who have a scheduling conflict on Thursdays.

For more information please contact David Sinden, Minister of Music, at dsinden@stpauls-episcopal.org or 545-5406.

Interested in getting to know David? Turn to page 5 to read a personal profile introducing himself to the parish.

BWANA ASIFWE (PRAISE THE LORD IN SWAHILI)

This summer, a record number of St. Paul's parishioners participated in a month-long July pilgrimage to Mwitikira, a village in Central Tanganyika that has been particularly hurt by HIV/AIDS. Partnering with Father Erasto and the St. Andrew's community in Mwitikira, St. Paul's further deepened and expanded relationships with those in the village. *Photos courtesy of Bethany Gordon, Kate Jenkins and Si Wofford.*



Pictured: Bethany Gordon, Marieke Wichers, and Hannah Grey Jenkins with students they taught in Mwitikira.



Pictured: The village offered pilgrims a warm welcome upon arrival. Here, parishioners Hannah Jenkins, Marieke Wichers, Mark Gordon, Suzanne Johnson, Roger Whitfield, The Rev. Kate Jenkins, Si Wofford, and others are pictured with pilgrims from St. Christopher's School, Father Erasto (center with camera) and villagers upon arrival.



Pictured: Mark Gordon (left) with fellow pilgrims and villagers in Mwitikira. Mark, a CEO at Bon Secours, worked with a midwife in Mwitikira to identify health needs and purchased medical supplies and condoms for the village.

REFLECTION FROM MWITIKIRA

REVEALING MOMENTS ON A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

THE SWEEP OF A HAND

BY THE REV. KATE JENKINS, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

The hand was so quick I missed it on the first pass. I felt the fabric move but didn't know what had happened until my alb brushed against my leg a second time. I looked down and saw a small hand trailing across the bottom of my white alb, trying to brush the dirt off the bottom. Only the dirt wasn't "brushing" off as it was splatters of mud.

Father Erasto and I had walked a little over a mile in the noonday sun to an "out church" as he called it – a very small mud church where Steve, the lay catechist, leads services on Sunday mornings for the people of Mwitikira who live a little too far to walk to St. Andrew's (the main Anglican church in Mwitikira) every Sunday. The walk had been eventful enough – we had shared the path with a herd of goats that were averse to walking into the brush and so we bobbed and weaved our way through them. We stopped to talk with a group of women who were beating millet with large sticks, and finally, a "welcoming" committee of children met us on the path and insisted on carrying my alb, stole, prayer book, Bible, and water bottle the last quarter of a mile.

"What text will you be using?" Erasto asked as we arrived at the entrance to the church. "Pardon me?" "What text will you be preaching on?" he asked. Preaching... I must have missed that conversation. "You preach and baptize today," Erasto repeated. I found my Bible and settled on passages from Ephesians and John less than a minute before we started the procession. The church was packed – children sat on the dirt floor in the front, women and men sat on low (knee-achingly low) hand-hewn wooden benches – on different sides of the church, and the overflow stood in the back and out the door. As the procession started, I was so busy taking it all in that I forgot to watch where I was walking and smacked my head on a low beam, which elicited peals of laughter from the congregation.

About an hour and a half into the service, we finished the ministry of the word (and the improvised sermon) and moved to the back of the church for the baptisms. A hauntingly beautiful chorus of "Alleluias" accompanied us to the back of the church where a small metal mixing bowl sat on the ground. The candidates for baptism and their families gathered around the "font" and we poured water into the bowl and blessed it. There were ten candidates that day, a few were infants but most were toddlers and small children who did not wish to be picked up so I knelt on the ground next to them. "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" – three handfuls of water sprinkled on each beautiful head. Little droplets clung to their eyelashes and trickled down their faces.

Water, as the prayer book says, is the "outward and visible sign" of baptism – and water, when it mixes with dirt, creates mud. As I knelt on the dirt floor of the church for the baptisms, water – life-giving, wonderful, and precious water – was leaving my hands, washing over the candidates... and then creating mud puddles on the ground – the ground upon which I was kneeling. I had not noticed that my alb was flecked with splatters of mud until the small hand brushed my robe, trying to remove the dirt. I gently caught his hand, smiled and shook my head, "it's OK," I tried to convey as I kissed his hand.

FROM DUST TO DUST

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," we say during the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. We are of the earth, we are from the earth, and our mortal bodies shall return to the earth one day. The name "Adam" comes from the Hebrew *adamah*, or "of the ground." We are of the ground – and yet we have been washed in the waters of baptism and redeemed. We are a part of creation – and yet we are also a new creation.

The mud washed away from my alb with a little scrubbing, but the image of the tiny hand trying to wipe it away is one that can not be as easily removed. Nor should it be. Life and new life, creation and re-creation, past, present and future.

Sometimes the veil separating one life from the next is very thin – and sometimes a tiny little hand can sweep it aside in the blink of an eye.



Pictured: Kate+ with students in her class. Most pilgrims taught English while in Mwitikira. Others worked on public health and water projects.



Pictured: Bethany Gordon and Caroline Kasper help distribute school supplies to the Carpenter's Kids. Each year, thanks to the ongoing support of the parish, St. Paul's provides school uniforms, shoes and basic school materials, as well as breakfast, on school days for 136 children in Mwitikira who lost their parents to AIDS.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

ELEVATION, PRAYER, AND MEETING DAVID

ELEVATION: REFRESHING & ENRICHING THE 11:15 SERVICE

By ADRIAN LUXMOORE, WORSHIP TASK FORCE CHAIR
& DOUGLAS CALLAWAY, JUNIOR WARDEN



Our typical Sunday service schedule (7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.) resumes on Sunday, September 19. Before summer, we refreshed the 9 a.m. worship service as part of Elevation, phase one of implementing our vision from Such Great Heights. With the coming of autumn and the arrival of David Sinden, our Minister

of Music, the time has come to look at our 11:15 worship experience on Sunday mornings. We will do this with the goals set out during Such Great Heights:

1. Enrich the worship experience for current members of the congregation
2. Provide a meaningful worship experience that attracts new members

During the coming months we will have several meetings to look at what works well in our worship; assess what does not work as well so that we can do less of it; and create ideas of what we might do better so that we can do more of it. We will consider the music we sing and listen to, the rites and liturgies we use, the prayers we say and the movement of clergy, choir and congregation. We plan to implement the main adjustments at the beginning of Advent, then provide for assessment and feedback during the Epiphany season.

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE

The meetings, will be open to anyone who wishes to contribute – time and place will be announced in the Friday emails and the Sunday Grace Notes. If you would like to be part of the process please let us or the clergy know and we will make sure you get both notices of the meetings and the notes from them.

Our mission is to provide a Sunday morning experience that will have those who came leaving with uplifted hearts, renewed energy for the coming week and feeling excited about the community to which they belong.

HEALING MINISTRY

By THE REV. ROGER M. ROBILLARD, PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE
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Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. – James 5:14-15

During the summer St. Paul's offered anointing and prayers for healing during communion at our 10 a.m. service. As we return to our typical Sunday Schedule, we hope to continue to make this traditional ministry of the church freely available during the 9 a.m. service to all who wish to take advantage of it.

This ministry of prayer and laying-on of hands is a gift of the Holy Spirit: "to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV). Who can avail themselves of this blessing? Everyone can.

Whether you seek healing for yourself or for others, it is equally appropriate. Clergy and lay ministers, trained to offer this ministry, will be found at the left side of the sanctuary, just behind the pulpit. You will be asked your name or the name of the person you are praying for and specifics on the healing need. In addition to physical healing, this anointing is also appropriate for spiritual healing and restoration of proper relationships.

THE PRAYER CHAIN

POEM BY ADRIAN LUXMOORE

Many of the stories we hear
Are heartbreaking

The mother dying
At the moment
Her daughter comes into life

The family wracked with grief
Their daughter/wife/mother
Dead by her own hand

The devastating accident
Violent interruption
In life's journey

The cancer spreading
Like wild fire
Consuming life

We are seemingly helpless
Unable to reach out and touch
Those who suffer
Whose stories we hear

We can only
Be with God
Hold their stories in our hearts
Let them echo in our minds
Be touched by them

Having faith
That in some mysterious way
Our prayers help those who suffer
That they are comforted
Sensing God's presence

And sometimes we
Hear a baby is thriving
See a smile on one who was grieving
Hear the victim has returned home
Discover the cancer's appetite has diminished

We sense God's healing presence



Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Have someone for whom you would like us to pray (names are kept in strict confidence)? Email StPPrayers@aol.com, write your request on a "tear off" in Grace Notes, or tell the clergy.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MINISTER OF MUSIC PERSONAL PROFILE BY DAVID SINDEN, DSINDEN@STPAULS-EPISCOPAL.ORG

DOUBLE VIOLIN CONCERTO - J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

I have been making music for as long as I can remember. My first serious musical pursuit was not the organ, but the violin. I also sang in the children's choir at the church my family attended. There was something about church music, and the organ in particular, that fascinated me. Though I was too young to take lessons (my feet couldn't yet reach the organ pedals) I spent hours at my parents' piano playing hymns.

In middle school I jumped at the chance to take lessons. I practiced both violin and organ daily. One of my fondest memories is playing Bach's Double Violin Concerto during a church service with my father, who also played violin. Music, especially church music, was an increasingly important part of my life.

PRÆLUDIUM IN E MINOR - NIKOLAUS BRUHNS (1637-1718)

I studied the organ and the violin simultaneously in high school, but eventually, I decided to focus on the organ. Many people ask if it was the organ's complexity or its sheer volume of sound that drew me to the instrument (and the organ is certainly a noisy instrument!) What ultimately helped me decide, however, was the organ's essential role in church music.

The German organist and composer Nikolaus Bruhns was rumored to have played the violin while seated on the organ bench so that he could accompany himself with the organ pedals. There are hints of this technique in his Præludium in E minor. Because of my training on the violin, I was able to attempt playing the organ and violin simultaneously like Bruhns might have done. I also began to realize that my violin training could serve me well in church music.

MASTER TALLIS'S TESTAMENT - HERBERT HOWELLS (1892-1983)

Having decided to study organ and church music seriously, I auditioned at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. At Oberlin, I practiced, studied and performed on a remarkable collection of organs. I also sang in a choir that specialized in early music. One semester, the choir director stood me next to a young woman, Anne Timberlake, who was a great singer and recorder player. I didn't know it at the time, but four years later she would become my wife.

The musical training and experiences I had at Oberlin were remarkably varied. I could be singing music by the 16th-century English composer Thomas Tallis one moment, and performing a 20th-century organ piece influenced by his music the next.

"ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR"

During my last two years at Oberlin I was the Assistant Organist & Choirmaster at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lakewood, Ohio. St. Peter's was hoping to develop a children's choir and wanted me to help establish the group. After establishing a choir of fifteen young singers and rehearsing for several months, the St. Peter's Choristers sang their first service on Palm Sunday, 2003. Working regularly with these young people was challenging and inspirational. It instilled in me a deep love for this important ministry.

AVE MARIA - FRANZ BIEBL (1906-2000)

While in graduate school at Indiana University, I continued to hone my organ skills. In the summers, I would work as a camp counselor and choir director at Lake Delaware Boys' Camp in the Catskill Mountains of New York. In that rustic setting, with an organ still pumped by hand, we worked to make beautiful music in daily worship services in the camp chapel. I will never forget singing Biebl's *Ave Maria* at one of our Sunday Evensongs, a performance that involved the youngest campers and the oldest counselors singing together in sweeping harmony.

IMPROVISATIONS ON A THEME

After graduate school, I began work at Christ Church, the Episcopal cathedral in Indianapolis. I had come to feel a very real call to church music, and I was delighted to go to work. There were young choristers to be trained, Eucharists and Evensongs to be sung, and concerts to be given.

I find church music to be an incredibly rich field in which to work. The music that we sing and hear is a treasure which aids our prayer and worship in remarkable ways. Here at St. Paul's, I am thrilled to continue this ministry, one I find best summarized in the Royal School of Church Music's prayer for choristers:

"Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



David Sinden at the St. Paul's organ. Photo by Jeanne LeFever on August 15.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
SCHEDULED AT
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

MONDAY - FRIDAY
12:05 PM NOONDAY
PRAYERS & COMMUNION

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
OCTOBER 2010

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
OPENING RECEPTION
IN THE PARISH HALL
5 PM - 8 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
ST. FRANCIS DAY SERVICE
5 PM, CAPITOL SQUARE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
FOYER DINNER GROUPS
RESUME GATHERING
6 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
ALL HALLOWS EVE
4 PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 29 - OCT. 31
WOMEN'S RETREAT TO THE
OUTER BANKS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
FAURE'S REQUIEM MASS
11:15 SERVICE

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9 AM LEMONADE & COOKIES 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM LEMONADE & COOKIES 4 PM YOUNG FAMILIES POOL PARTY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>CHURCH CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY</p> <p>ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE <u>OCTOBER</u> NEWSLETTER. EMAIL KIMBERLY ALLEN AT KALLEN@STPAULS-EPISCOPAL.ORG</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
<p>Homecoming Sunday & Celebration of New Ministry to Install Minister of Music</p> <p>10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE * RECEPTION TO FOLLOW SERVICE.</p> <p>** NEW NAMETAGS AVAILABLE FOR ALL! PLEASE WEAR YOURS!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>12 PM MICAH COMMITTEE (LIBRARY) 7 PM EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY)</p> <p>6:30 PM THEOLOGY ON TAP (CAPITAL ALE HOUSE)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>
<p>THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>7:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 AM PARISH BREAKFAST 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM ADULT FORUM CHURCH SCHOOL 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 1:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>7 PM EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY)</p> <p>4 PM WELCOME COMMITTEE (LIBRARY) 5 PM VESTRY MEETS (NORWOOD ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
<p>THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>7:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 AM PARISH BREAKFAST 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM ADULT FORUM CHURCH SCHOOL 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 1:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>5:30 PM GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING (LIBRARY) 7 PM EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>7:30 AM REFLECTION & PRAYER (LIBRARY)</p> <p>12 PM BASE CAMP/GROUP D (NORWOOD ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS This year's blessing of the animals is Sunday, October 3 and we are finalizing details to make this year's blessing a very special service. Please check Sunday Grace Notes, the Friday email, and the Web site closer to the date for further details when they're released. Questions? Contact The Rev. Kate Jenkins, katejenkins@stpauls-episcopal.org.

ABER 2010

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHOIR ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK 5 - 8 PM PHOTOS FROM SCOTLAND AND IONA BY BOB WYNNE OPENING RECEPTION & EXHIBIT (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>CHURCH OPEN FOR GUIDED TOURS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	4
<p>9:30 AM ST. PAUL'S STAFF MEET WITH CONSULTANT</p> <p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>3 PM COFFEE & TEA HOUR AT WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY</p> <p>4 PM PARISH LIFE MEETING (LIBRARY)</p> <p>7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHOIR ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>12 PM PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11 (CHURCH)</p> <p>2:30 PM SHAPING PUBLIC DISCOURSE (NORWOOD ROOM)</p> <p>6:30 PM MOMS' GROUP DINNER HOME OF LAURA CARR</p> <p>7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS (YOUTH CENTER)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 8:15 AM - 3 PM (33RD & T) CALL 545-5416 TO VOLUNTEER.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p>12 PM FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>12 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE (ROOM 207)</p> <p>7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHOIR ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16</p>	<p>EYES ON RICHMOND BEGINS THE HON. KATHY GRAZIANO CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOOD BY CEDARS RESTAURANT 12:30 PM (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>5 PM WEDDING REHEARSAL (CHURCH)</p> <p>6 PM THIRD FRIDAY FUN (YOUTH CENTER)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p>6 PM WATLINGTON WEDDING (CHURCH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18</p>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p>5:30 PM ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHOIR ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p>EYES ON RICHMOND MICHAEL RAO, PRESIDENT & CEO VCU & VCU HEALTH SYSTEM FOOD BY POSITIVE VIBE CAFE 12:30 PM (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>5 PM WEDDING REHEARSAL (CHURCH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p>2 PM HOLLOWAY WEDDING (CHURCH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>
<p>1:30 PM PASTORAL CARE MEETS (LIBRARY)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p>9 AM - 2 PM EMMAUS MINISTRY LUNCH (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHOIR ROOM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>EYES ON RICHMOND CHIEF OF POLICE BRYAN NORWOOD FOOD BY RUCHEE EXPRESS 12:30 PM (PARISH HALL)</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK 5 - 8 PM NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH ART OFFERING OPENING RECEPTION (PARISH HALL)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>

“Sometimes the veil separating one life from the next is very thin – and sometimes a tiny little hand can sweep it aside in the blink of an eye.” - The Rev. Kate Jenkins, page 3



FAITH IN ACTION

FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY AND OUR FAITH

INVESTING IN HOPE

BY JENNY BLILEY, SOCIAL WORKER, JBLILEY@STPAULS-EPISCOPAL.ORG

Each month, St. Paul's Social Worker works with individuals in need in various ways, including counseling, referrals, assistance with social services agencies, and the food pantry. Through our transformational grants ministry, she is also able to provide financial assistance to some clients to help prevent them from becoming homeless. Below Jenny shares the story of a recent recipient.

I walked downstairs from my office and was greeted by a very tall, strong man who was on the verge of tears. He explained that he had lost his job the month before and was in need of assistance with his rent. He had never been homeless and was paralyzed with fear about this happening. Mr. G had been actively looking for work every day and had been walking all over the city applying for jobs. He went to a local public library every week where there was a volunteer who could help him on the computer.

All Mr. G wanted to do was work. I could tell that he was trying everything in his power to find a job. So, St. Paul's helped that first month with his rent. He was moved to tears and asked that I would pray with him and repeatedly asked me to trust him and believe in him because he was a good person and he was going to find work. Mr. G was holding onto a very thin line of hope and needed to know that someone else believed in him and trusted that he was working hard.

Over the next several months he continued his job search and we assisted him a couple more times. I also referred him to ACTS for assistance. As each month passed this very humble man became more and more depressed and struggled to hold onto that hope that he would find a job. I tried to encourage him and let him know that St. Paul's was there to support him. I did have to tell him that I would only be able to help him one more time financially because we could not become his sole means of financial support. He understood and left that day feeling very overwhelmed by his situation.

He called me the next morning and he had gotten a job!!! He was going to work for Walmart and started the next day. I was very proud of his diligence and it was a great outcome for Mr. G. Investing in his life and providing him with the support and hope that he needed was truly transformative for Mr. G.

"Life sends rain. Hope dances in the puddles until the sun comes out again." – Holley Gerth

TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS

St. Paul's budgets \$58,000 for our transformational grants ministry, \$7,500 of which is given to Area Congregations Together in Service, which also provides direct assistance to those in need and accepts referrals from St. Paul's.

- Grants given in July 2010: 6
- Amount of assistance provided to those six clients: \$2385.23
- Types of Assistance: Rent (4) and Utilities (2)

The need for assistance has increased dramatically. The 2-1-1 call center for those seeking services has seen a 53% increase in call volume for services in the last year. Out of 20,000 calls, over half were for financial assistance.



MICAH SUMMER CAMPS

Thank you to all those who support Micah summer camp experiences for the students at Woodville Elementary as volunteers and through the Put Happy On A Face Christmas campaign.

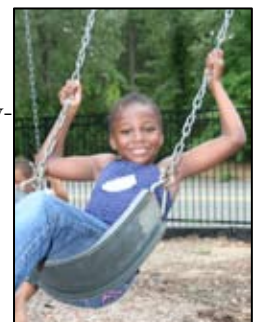
This summer, 206 students attended at least one camp. Overall, 344 camp experiences were enjoyed, totaling 2,950 days at camp for students! 53 volunteers helped get students to and from camp.

With the addition of two new camps this year, students attended one or more of 35 different camps. Parishioners Helen Landry and Bruce Yoder arranged for our newest camp experiences this year at the Steward School and YMCA's Camp Thunderbird, respectively.

Pictured: (Above) MiKayla makes bracelets with a new friend at Steward School and Chris learns to paddle at YMCA Camp Thunderbird. (Right) Tania swings at Steward School.



Pictured: Parishioners Suzanne Spooner-Munch and Michelle Whitehurst-Cook at the Homeward Point-in-Time Count (a survey of those who are homeless with a service fair) at St. Paul's on July 29, 2010.





FAITH @ WORK

FAITH IN OUR DAILY LIVES

A MIDDAY OASIS: NOONDAY PRAYERS & COMMUNION

The 12:05 service in St Paul's chapel provides a midday calm in the downtown sea of the weekday rush. This island of calm and spiritual refreshment helps to refocus our minds on the essential and eternal. This ongoing ministry welcomes business persons from the many surrounding offices both commercial and governmental. In the last few months we have had a number of refreshing changes with a major refurbishment of the space. In addition we have added an Icon, some prayer candles and some fresh greenery to provide a meditative atmosphere. Below, our usual celebrants tell The Rev. Roger Robillard why the noonday service is important to them. Roger, who celebrates on Mondays, considers this ministry a natural outgrowth of his availability to the community in thanksgiving for ongoing ministry.

Gene Moritz, who celebrates most Tuesdays, said: "I think that this is an important ministry to the downtown community and visitors. As a retired priest, it is a privilege for me to be able to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis."

Our Wednesday service includes special prayers for healing. **Kate Jenkins**, who celebrates on that day, said, "It provides a moment of silence and an opportunity to ground ourselves in God in the middle of the day."

Fletcher Lowe has introduced a Celtic service as part of the Thursday celebration. He said, "It is a witness to the downtown community that all those who work and live downtown are offered in prayer, and I am a Celtic Christian at heart and having the opportunity to express that on Thursday liturgically is a grace-filled moment for me."



Our Rector, **Wallace Adams-Riley**, occasional celebrant, said, "It helps me to remember not to be swept up by the busy-ness of a day, and allows me to choose to live consciously. It also helps me to remember the presence of God in the midst of the workday."

Ben Campbell rounds out the week with Friday celebrations. He says it is meaningful that each day of the week prayers are offered in the heart of the city.

Service of Prayer for Peace

On Friday, September 10, our noonday prayer service will take place in the Church as our Rector and The Rev. Ben Campbell lead a service to remember 9/11/2001 and pray for peace.

IN CHURCH, AT THE OFFICE & OVER LUNCH

BY JOSHUA TRAUTMANN, CPE STUDENT, TRAUTFOLK@MAC.COM

For the four of us in the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University (MCV), this summer has been one filled with excitement, learning, long days, and many memories. The experience changed us all, and St. Paul's has been instrumental in this process. As we look back over the past ten weeks, we can see the ways in which our ministries came together and ways we were ministered to by this community. For all of these connections, we are extremely and forever blessed.



Pictured (left to right): Herbert Jones, Katie Boykin, Wendi Steinberg, Sheryl Johnson, and Joshua Trautmann on a segway tour of Richmond, August 11.

Thursdays became especially important to our class. We were afforded the opportunity to work with the Thursday mission ministry that serves lunch to the Emmaus guests. We could talk with and get to know the guests. As we were spending time in the hospital learning to minister to the needs of the patients and staff, this opportunity showed us how those skills were also appropriate in ministry to the marginalized of our city. The interaction with the guests became formative to our pastoral identities.

Meeting with parishioners several times over the summer was another unique aspect of our time with St. Paul's. Some of these meetings took place at their workplace where we could see how faith and profession meet. These meetings also informed our pastoral identity in that they modeled one way we could, in our own future ministries, meet with parishioners in places few ministers dare to tread.

Each of us also had two opportunities to participate in the daily worship of the congregation through preaching at the 12:05 service. In one situation, the student even served the Eucharist. We enjoyed our time preaching and the wonderful ways we were able to interact with the church staff and clergy as the interactions provided invaluable ministry to all of us!

How could we ever thank you enough for these learning and formative opportunities and the other help and care you gave to us this summer? We are fortunate to learn in this expanded classroom setting, an experience only a precious few CPE students have as of now, and for this we sincerely and truly thank all of you! St. Paul's has become for us a shining example of what "church" is really all about. Special thanks to The Rev. Fletcher Lowe for your example and to Cindy Wofford and the church for the reception on our last Sunday here, August 8.



EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY & GROUPS

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS

BY LESLIE CHOPLIN & CHRISTIE MONTGOMERY

September brings back-to-school excitement and the return to a more regular routine than many of us keep in the summer. St. Paul's children's and family programs are restarting many of their regular routines and programs as well. Here is a list of programs and their return date. For information about any particular one, please contact Leslie Choplin (lchoplin@stpauls-episcopal.org, 545-5418) or Christie Montgomery (christie.montgomery@lexisnexis.com, 878-8612).

All It Takes is a Spark... Children's Church School Resumes Sept. 19 Sundays, 10:15 a.m. in the Upstairs Gathering Space

Help spark your child's faith by bringing them to Church School this year. Church school is an opportunity for your child to get to know adults of St. Paul's who love and cherish them, to learn the stories of our faith, to learn the traditions that shape how we live out our faith as Episcopalians, and to make new friends. We have classes for 3 year olds through 5th graders.

We use the rotation model in our classrooms allowing a multiple intelligence approach to learning. For three weeks we study the same story, such as the story of Ruth. However, each week, we explore the story through a different mode of learning, such as cooking, storytelling, computer, music, science or games. All participants 3 years old through 5th grade will study the same story each week at a developmentally appropriate level. This allows for continuity across the ages and for families. Each family is encouraged to purchase a Spark Story Bible for their younger children and a Spark Bible for their older children. This fall's units are: Joseph and His Brothers; Joseph and Pharaoh; Ruth; and Jesus is Born.

The Sound of Music... Children's Choir Rehearsals Start Sept. 19 Sundays, 1 p.m. in the Choir Room (3rd grade & up)

We are thrilled to welcome David Sinden to St. Paul's as Minister of Music (see page 5). During the short time that he has been with us (three Sundays as of the printing of this *Epistle*), we have been impressed by his talent and desire to become an integral part of St. Paul's. This extends to his work with the Children's Choir, which begins September 19. The choir is open to all children in 3rd grade and older (2nd grade for advanced readers). To learn more, please contact Leslie Choplin at 545-5418 or David Sinden at 545-5406.

The Christian Hope... Adult Forum Returns Sept. 19 Sundays, 10:15 a.m. in Parish Hall

The Adult Education Committee has been busy this summer preparing for the start of the 2010-2011 Adult Forum season. Kate+ and Wallace+ will kick off the Adult Forum with a session on The Christian Hope on September 19. The Adult Forum meets most Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall; please join us! Questions? Contact Anna Moncure at amoncure@thediocese.net.

Exploring the Faith... Sunday Evening Conversation Sundays, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5; 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)

Do you have questions about the Episcopal Church, who we are as a faithful people, about Christianity, about the promises we make in the Baptismal Covenant or St. Paul's? Then this is the class for you. Wallace Adams-Riley and Kate Jenkins will lead large and small group discussions about "Who is God?;" "Who/What is the Church?;" "Who are We?;" Whether you are new to the church or are a life-long Episcopalian and member of St. Paul's, all are invited to join the exploration. Contact Leslie Choplin to sign up or ask about the evening.

SHRINE MONT CAMP



Pictured: This summer, several St. Paul's children and youth participated in Shrine Mont Summer Camps, including Will and Stephen, pictured here at the Explorer's camp session. Hiking, camping, worship, new friends, canoeing, games, dances, chaplain's time, etc. are all part of the Shrine Mont Summer Camp experience. Registration for summer camp opens in February; consider sending your child next summer.

GROUPS & GATHERINGS

After a summer hiatus, the following regular gatherings resume this fall!

First Fridays Art Walk

Friday, September 1, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The artist Bob Wynne will host an opening reception for an exhibit in the Parish Hall. Enjoy photos and paintings inspired by his travels to Iona, Scotland.

Moms' Dinner

Friday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.
Gather for an evening of laughter, relaxation, friendship, food and wine with other moms. RSVP to host Laura Carr at dabneyj.carr@comcast.net.

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.
Conversation continues on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with a reading from a current journal or news article. Sign up with Leslie Choplin to receive this month's reading. This helps us make appropriate reservations as well. We gather at Capital Ale House (6th & E. Main).

Third Friday Fun

Friday, September 17, 6:00 p.m.
An evening of games and pizza for 4th and 5th graders in the Youth Center.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Beautiful beach sunsets, the warmth of laughter with friends, mouth-watering food, the relaxation of prayer yoga, sweet sounds of music and the opportunity to be in community together. Thanks to Jean White, Mary Jo Kearfott and Martha Anne Ellis, we are returning to the Outer Banks for the Women's Retreat this year. Registration begins Sunday, September 19. There are only 32 spots; please register early. Past photos and details online at www.stpauls-episcopal.org.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Leavell Tompkins	09/01
Lynn Kotrady	09/01
Audrey Litzenberg-Maziarz	09/01
Steve Peple, Jr.	09/01
Agnes Richard	09/02
Sara Goodall	09/03
June Nicholson	09/04
TJ Brennan	09/04
Sara Jenkins	09/04
Susanne Crump	09/05
Chris Hilbert	09/05
Steve Richard	09/07
Elizabeth Stevens	09/07
Mary Fran Lowe	09/08
Audrey Williams	09/08
Susan Starke	09/09
Loryn Brazier	09/10
Semora Killings	09/10
Ginny Smith	09/10
Doug Callaway	09/10
William Smith	09/10
Aaron Moses	09/11
Susie Scott	09/12
Tally Moses	09/12
Bill Stuchell	09/13
Anne Dobson	09/13
Dinah Mitchell	09/14
Elizabeth Hutchins	09/14
Shirley Goplerud	09/15
Loretta McWilliams	09/16
Frances Valentine	09/16
Cecilia Lewis	09/16
Jerry Yount	09/16
Jim Stikeleather	09/17
Jim Stutts	09/17
Erol Aydar	09/17
Scott Sherrill	09/18
Yvette Welch	09/19
Archer McGiffin	09/19
Luca Barber	09/19
Ashley Cureton	09/19
Hugh Edmunds	09/20

Dale Mercer	09/20
Mary Jones	09/21
Andrea Jansen	09/22
Jonathan Mosher	09/22
Jefferson Smith	09/22
Conner Jones	09/22
Maria Everett	09/23
Joe Kearfott	09/24
Linda Carr-Kraft	09/24
Bobby Hawkes	09/26
Caroline Hudson	09/26
Carter Read	09/26
Susan Ewing	09/27
Tom Burns	09/28
Bunny Browning	09/29
Hugh Antrim	09/29
Ray Person	09/30
Tom Smith	09/30
Melisa Hudson	09/30
Suzen Collins	09/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa & John Anderson	09/03
Holly & Jon David	09/06
Janine & Scott Davila	09/06
Kelly & Ed Hettrick	09/07
Melanie & Michael Baker	09/07
Agnes & Steve Richard	09/08
Yvonne & Sonny Harris	09/10
Nita & Bob Jones	09/13
Archer & Terrance McGiffin	09/16
Susie & Buford Scott	09/19
Lynn & Dan Evans	09/21
Marcia & Peter Alcorn	09/23
Megan & Vie Lowden	09/25
Jennifer & Geoff Switz	09/28
Leigh Hulcher & Ron Cloninger	09/30

DEATHS (JAN. - AUG. 2010)

Ophelia Lowndes (April 8, 2010)
Tom Yates (April 14, 2010)
Joseph L. Antrim (June 3, 2010)
Joanne Williams (June 9, 2010)

YOUTH IN THE HOLY LAND



Pictured: Liz, Joy, and Nena take a camel to the promised land in the photo that generated the most conversation this summer! In July, the St. Paul's Young Adults in Church group took a life-changing pilgrimage to Israel. Their reflections and photos will remain online at the "Live from Around the World" blog. This pilgrimage is one of many profound experiences for those who participate in the St. Paul's youth group.

UPCOMING LESSONS PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

September 5: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 12: Homecoming Sunday

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

**** We will install our new Minister of Music during a combined 10 am service on Homecoming Sunday and the Welcoming Committee will rollout new nametags for the whole parish! Be sure to join us!**

September 19: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 26: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

October 3: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Parish Database

Please help us keep the parish database up-to-date and accurate. Contact Kathy Coleman (643-3589, kcoleman@stpauls-episcopal.org) if you recently changed addresses, added a phone number, or need to tell us your birthday or anniversary.

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EYES ON RICHMOND 2010 SEASON BEGINS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Our 2010 Eyes on Richmond season begins this month! Forums are Fridays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Each forum costs \$8 and includes lunch catered by area restaurants, a beverage, and dessert. Make reservations by the preceding Wednesday. To RSVP, visit www.stpauls-episcopal.org/eyesonrichmond or call 643-3589.



September 17

LEARNING FROM OUR PAST, HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The Hon. Kathy Graziano
President, Richmond City Council
Food by: Cedars Restaurant
(106 North Seventh St., 771-1665)



October 22

50 YEARS ON MAIN STREET

S. Buford Scott
Chairman of the Board
Scott & Stringfellow, Inc.
Food by: Peking Restaurant
(1302 E. Cary St., 649-8888)



September 24

VCU & RICHMOND: LEADING

RESEARCH Michael Rao, Ph.D., President, Virginia Commonwealth University & VCU Health System **Food by:** Positive Vibe Café (2825 Hathaway Rd., 560-9622)



October 29

BETTER HOMES FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

T.K. Somanath, President and CEO
Better Housing Coalition **Food by:** Café Rustica (414 E. Main St., 225-8811)



October 1

STRONG COMMUNITIES, SAFE STREETS

Bryan T. Norwood
Chief of Police, City of Richmond
Food by: Ruchee Express
(1201 West Main St., 354-6011)



November 5

THE 2010 MIDTERM ELECTIONS AND BEYOND

Daniel Palazzolo, Ph.D.
Political Science Professor, University of
Richmond **Food by:** Comfort
(200 W. Broad St., 780-0004)



October 8

FROM HIGHWAYS TO RAILWAYS

The Hon. Thelma Drake
Virginia Department of Rail and Public
Transportation **Food by:** Maldini's (4811
Forest Hill Ave., 230-9055)



November 12

RICHMOND CHANGES ITS TUNE

Steven Smith, Music Director & Conductor
Richmond Symphony
Food by: TJ's at the Hotel Jefferson
(101 W. Franklin St., 788-8000)



October 15

VIRGINIA'S STORYTELLER

May-Lily Lee, Host, *Virginia Currents*
Community Idea Stations, WCVE PBS
Food by: Millie's Diner
(2603 E. Main St., 643-5512)



November 19

THREAT ASSESSMENT: FROM

URBAN SPRAWL TO OFFSHORE DRILLING
Trip Pollard, Esq., Senior Attorney, South-
ern Environmental Law Center **Food by:**
Bistro 27 (27 W. Broad St., 780-0086)

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