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TEN YEARS LATER, MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

My Dear People,

Standing just inside the main door to the parish house, I was talking with a young man who had just gotten out of jail (he had come to the church for some help), when a fellow staff member, Diana Butler Bass, hurrying by, called out to us that a plane had just hit the World Trade Center. That was the first I had heard of anything. Moments later, news about the second plane to hit the World Trade Center came in.

With some effort, the staff was then gathered for our regularly-scheduled weekly staff meeting. We had just sat down and gotten underway, when someone slipped into the room and whispered in the ear of one of the senior clergy, who then turned and broke the news about the plane hitting the Pentagon.

I can't remember that the meeting was officially adjourned (though it probably was); what I do remember is everyone getting up and heading every which way. Since we were in Alexandria, the Pentagon news was unsettling in a distinct sort of way: it was local. (Christ Church is located in Old Town.)

I tried to think what Gena had told me that morning about where she would be, and I simply could not remember. I tried to call her on her cell but could not get through. As I would learn hours later (when she finally could make it through traffic and back to our apartment), Gena had been driving up Interstate 395 North when she saw an American Airlines jet flying low, fast, and out of the familiar flight paths. She had just a moment to wonder what was happening before the plane banked, swung over the interstate, and found its target. She describes how everyone driving on 395 simply slowed to a stop, got out of their cars, and stared in disbelief, with hands held to their faces.

THE FAITH FORUM OF GREATER RICHMOND

It is still hard to believe that it all happened. Ten years later, pain, grief, and anger persist. Ten years later, what do we, as people of faith, have to say about the events of September 11, 2001, and the meaning of those events and their aftermath for our world today? More specifically, how do people of different faiths live together in a post-9/11 world?

Over the course of the last year, a group of Richmond faith leaders have been meeting to reflect on these and other related questions. That group has consisted of the Rev. Bill Sachs, Executive Director of the Center for Interfaith Reconciliation in Richmond; Dr. Imad Damaj, President of the Virginia Muslim Coalition for Public Affairs; Imam Ammar Amonette, of the Islamic Center of Virginia; Rabbi Ben Romer, of Congregation Or Ami; the Rev. Jim Somerville, of First Baptist Church, Richmond; the Rev. Craig Kocher, Chaplain of the University of Richmond; and myself.

On Sunday, September 11, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., you are invited to join these faith leaders, and others, for a forum to be held at St. Paul's, in the Parish Hall. It will be a time where we talk about our world, our life together, and our future together. May God's will be done. I have no doubt it will. I hope you'll join us.

Your brother in Christ,

Wallace+

9/11/2011 IN RICHMOND



A Prayer Presence

Saturday, September 10

Doors open 10 a.m.; Service at 5 p.m.

St. Paul's Church will open at 10 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 10 to anyone looking for a peaceful refuge for prayer. Then, at 5 p.m., there will be a service of music and prayers to remember all those who died on 9/11/2001 and pray for peace.

Forum: Moving Forward Together Sunday, September 11

4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Parish Hall

All are welcome to this community forum and discussion, organized by The Faith Forum of Greater Richmond. Thomas A. Silvestri, President/Publisher of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, will deliver the keynote address and Lisa Schaffner will serve as Master of Ceremonies. There will be a panel of college students - "the voices of Richmond's children" - who were between eight and 11 years old when the attacks on 9/11/2001 took place. Open discussion sessions will follow.

Memory and Hope on 9/11 - An Interfaith Service Ten Years Later Sunday, September 11

7 p.m. at Temple Beth El

After the faith forum at St. Paul's we encourage you to attend a service of prayer at Temple Beth El (3330 Grove Avenue). Focused on the theme "Memory and Hope," this community service is organized in part by the Rev. Fletcher Lowe, one of our priests in residence. Participants will include Mayor Dwight Jones, Methodist Bishop Charlene Kammerer, Rabbi Martin Beifield, and Imam Ammar Amonette.



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WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL SERVICES & SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Homecoming Sunday, September 11

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service followed by a celebratory reception. Please join us for this joint service to usher in a new season of worship at St. Paul's.

Sunday Christian Education Resumes, September 18

Christian Education Hour for all ages at 10:15 a.m. will resume the weekend after Homecoming on Sunday, September 18. Offerings include Church School, Adult Bible Study, and small groups - Bible Study, the Women's Spirituality Group, and new groups led by some of the priests in residence and others. During the 9 a.m. service on the 18th, we will also commission our Sunday School teachers and Micah volunteers at Woodville Elementary School for a new school year.

Choral Evensong, September 25 at 5:00 p.m.

All are invited to bring a friend to this evening service of song and prayer with the Parish Choir of St. Paul's. Contact our Minister of Music, David Sinden, at 545-5406 or email dsinden@stpauls-episcopal.org for details.

Generosity Sunday, October 2 at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Join us at any of our morning worship services as we kick-off our 2012 Annual Giving Campaign. The Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews, acclaimed for his creative leadership of Trinity Wall Street's landmark parish in New York City, will be our special guest, preaching at all three services and conducting the Adult Forum at 10:15 a.m. *More details on page 4 by the 2012 Giving Campaign Chairs.*

Blessing of the Animals, October 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden

All people who love animals, along with all pets and their human friends are invited to this blessing which focuses on God's gifts of animals, the natural world and our responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. Refreshments and fellowship for two- and four-legged creatures will follow the blessing. Rain or shine. Please bring a can of pet food to donate to the Richmond SPCA. Contact the Rev. Kate Jenkins for more details.

MICAH SUMMER CAMPS NEW EXPERIENCES, FRIENDSHIPS & MORE

Woodville Elementary School Students enjoyed 397 camping experiences across the metro Richmond area this summer thanks to the efforts of volunteers and your financial donations during the Put Happy On A Face Christmas campaign. Special thanks to lead camp coordinators Page Luxmoore and Liz Whitehurst and to Carol Sabatino. Look for reflections from campers on what the camps mean to them in the next issue of the *Epistle*. *Photos courtesy of Adrian Luxmoore.*



Activity: Warming up on the tennis court at Camp Alkulana



Family Support: A mother drops her daughter off at the bus for 4H Camp.



New Experiences A young man stands tall on stage at Theatre IV camp (above) and a young girl stretches at Latin Ballet camp (below).





THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

22 WORDS AND BAPTISMS

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE... IN 22 WORDS
BY THE REV. KATE JENKINS, ASSOCIATE RECTOR
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Love One Another: Micah campers and new friends bid a tearful good-bye at Camp Hanover

Have you come across the Web site 22words (<http://22words.wordpress.com>)? It sponsors an on-going challenge of expressing yourself on some matter in 22 words or less. There are different categories, like ‘my life so far’ or ‘which Star Wars character are you and why.’ You have to answer each one with only 22 words. One of my favorite responses, in the category of ‘describe your greatest experience,’ is: “I am in a hospital. A nurse hands me a screaming baby and I sat there, looking down, and said, ‘Hello son.’”

After perusing the Web site, I began to wonder; what is the essence of the Christian life in 22 words? John is usually not my go-to gospel but, when pondering this challenge, I found myself repeatedly drawn to the end of *John 13* when Jesus takes up a similar challenge. His response, admittedly, runs 32 words in English (I haven’t checked the Greek), but the effect is the same. In these 32 words he leaves his disciples with as clear a summary of the Christian life as one could possibly want:

“Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you should also love another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

What gives Jesus’ statement power is not only its brevity but its laser focus. It’s the one thing – perhaps, if push comes to shove, the one and only thing – Jesus wants his disciples to know and remember when he is gone: love one another. Not “Evangelize one another.” Not “Keep each other accountable.” Not “Give more money to the church.” Not “Resist temptation.” Not “Make me proud.” Not any of the other hundred things we regularly hear lifted up as the pinnacle and priority of the Christian life, but rather this: “Love one another.”

Keep in mind where we are in John’s story of Jesus. It is the eve of the crucifixion, and Jesus knows he will be leaving his disciples shortly. In that context, he offers to them departing instructions and words of farewell – four chapters and more, in fact, of departing instructions and words of farewell! Yet all of them can be boiled down to these first thirty-two words, which he himself has just embodied and modeled by washing their feet, by serving them, by calling them friends.

When you think about it, these few words articulate the simplest and most difficult command Jesus could have given. Simple because on any given day, at almost any given moment, we usually know, deep down, what the most loving thing to do for those around us is. Yet doing it is another matter. So many things get in the way – we are too busy, or tired, or focused on a goal, or impatient, or angry, or.... Yet, Jesus is adamant. To be a disciple is to love one another. Not only that, but others will recognize the disciples – then and now – by whether we love one another.

As the heat of the summer bears down on us and we move into fall, I challenge you, in 22 words (more or less) to summarize the woof and warp of the Christian life – either in your own words, or those of Jesus. Pick up your bible or a pad of paper – I’d love to hear what you come up with.



New Relationships: Micah Summer Camp volunteer Frank Mountcastle on the bus with students on their way to camp. Volunteers pick up students and ride the bus to and from camp with them each day, building new relationships and friendships as time goes by.

BAPTISMS AT ST. PAUL’S
BY THE REV. FLETCHER LOWE
PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

Baptism is *the* sacrament of our Christian faith. It is the event that begins our Baptismal adventure connecting our Sunday Faith with our Monday lives. There are four principal Sundays for Baptisms that highlight our understanding of its importance: **All Saints’ Sunday** in early November, our admission into the community of saints – the Church (*1 Corinthians 12:12ff*); **The Baptism of Jesus** in early January; as Jesus, so we are Baptized (*Luke 3:21-2*); **Easter** in spring, sharing in Christ’s death and resurrection (*Romans 6:3-5*); and **Pentecost** in May, being reborn by the Spirit (*John 3: 1-6*).



Pictured: Baptisms at St. Paul’s on Pentecost, 2011.
Photo courtesy of Nancy Mitchell

Because of its significance for the Christian, **preparation for those being Baptized is crucial.** With infants and young children, that preparation involves two sessions with the godparents and parents. With adults, it is more extensive. The Baptismal dates and session times for infants and young children over the next year are:

All Saints’ Sunday (Nov. 6, 2011)
Preparation: Oct. 2 & Oct. 9

Baptism of Jesus, (Jan. 8, 2012)
Preparation: Nov. 20, Nov. 27 & Dec. 4

Great Vigil of Easter, (Apr. 8, 2012)
Preparation: Feb. 26 & Mar. 4

Pentecost, (May 27, 2012)
Preparation: Apr. 15 & Apr. 22

It is important that parents be in touch with the Rector or the Associate at least two months before the suggested Baptismal day to discuss various aspects of Baptism. A leaflet outlining the process is in the Church Narthex and on the Gathering Space Welcome Table.



STEP UP FOR ST. PAUL'S 2012 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

BY BARBARA DAVIS & TOM SMITH, 2012 GIVING CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Get ready! On Sunday, October 2, the St. Paul's 2012 Annual Giving Campaign will launch with special guest, the Rev. Dan Matthews, former rector at Trinity Wall Street in New York City. The generosity campaign will be in high gear for three weeks, concluding with the **Celebration Feast on the evening of Sunday, October 23.**

Our theme this year is Step Up for St. Paul's. As we move toward October, we are each asked to both think and pray intentionally... on what we have been given by St. Paul's, and how we will step up this year to give to this, our beloved church. As St. Matthew reminds us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (6:21)

Where is your heart? Consider taking some quiet time to genuinely think about all that St. Paul's has meant to you. What are the programs, people, fellowship, and worship experiences that have fed you? As you look back, remember the various aspects of all that has made you love St. Paul's. As you do so, a sense of gratitude and generosity will arise in your heart. Giving to that which you have loved is then a natural outcropping of your thankfulness. Stepping up to pledge your money is a concrete manifestation of generosity towards this community of people doing God's work.

WHAT'S TO COME

Shortly we will be sharing our financial goals for the upcoming Annual Giving Campaign - in a mailing, on the Web site, and in the Sunday bulletin insert. The programs you love and souls we serve are funded with our pledges, not some mystical source. Thursday lunches, Woodville School, Youth and Children Programs, Pastoral Care, Food Pantry, Music Program, the annual Lenten Series, Faith in Action ministries in Richmond and abroad, Christian Formation, Eyes on Richmond, and so much more depend on your financial commitment.



Pictured: Madelyn prepares hamburgers for Emmaus Walk-In Lunch guests during a summer Children & Families Volunteer Day. The Emmaus Walk-In Lunch and Children & Family activities are among the many ministries supported by your gifts. *Staff photo*

You will hear testimonials from parishioners on how and why St. Paul's has graced their lives. Why they choose now to step up and give from their hearts by making an annual pledge. What we know is that the vibrant financial health of the church is absolutely crucial to the overall health of our parish. To ensure the financial health of the St. Paul's 2012 budget, a monetary pledge of commitment is needed from every one of us, each according to ability. We are a lay driven community; it is up to all of us to serve, and if our ministries are to thrive, our pledges will need to increase.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE IT HAPPEN

Each one of us is a vibrant and valued member of this body we call community. As one body in this community, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring us together as the family of God. Here then is our family, our faith, our future. May we come together this year to step up for St. Paul's with joy and remembrance, with gratitude and generosity. Together we make it happen.

Tom Smith and Barbara Davis, 2012 Annual Giving Campaign Chairs, can be reached at tomjoycesmith@comcast.net and barbaradavis2010@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Generosity Sunday & Forum with the Rev. Dan Matthews

On Sunday October 2, the Rev. Dan Matthews will join us on Grace Street for the exciting kick-off of our 2012 Annual Giving Campaign. Dr. Matthews will preach at all three services and will lead an Adult Forum at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. To enable all to participate, other adult education offerings will not take place this morning.



About Dan: Acclaimed for his creative leadership of Trinity Wall Street's landmark parish with its large global and urban ministry in New York City, Dr. Matthews is also recognized for his leadership in interfaith television. He is the founder of VISN's religious television network and led the merger with the Odyssey family channel. Dr. Matthews is a memorable image-creating preacher, a gifted national and international Episcopal Church leader, and a true bridge-builder of things secular and spiritual.

Dr. Matthews is a longtime friend of St Paul's Church, and has expressed delight at the opportunity to be with our community on October 2. Be sure and mark your calendars now to hear one of the nation's most well known and vibrant preachers.

Invitation to Our Celebration Feast

All are also welcome to join us for our Celebration Feast on Sunday, October 23. There will be a sit down dinner at 6 p.m., preceded by a Saxophone Evening at 5 p.m., featuring a Saxophone Quartet performing Tayloe Harding's "Seven Churches of Easter."



FAITH @ WORK

FAITH IN OUR DAILY LIVES

THE POWER OF LISTENING

BY SARAH K. LAGEMAN, SARAH_LAGEMAN@HOTMAIL.COM

“There is often no antidote to the challenges we face in our lives, but our connections with one another give us support and strength, just as we ask God to give us support and strength.”

I have now been in Richmond for almost a year and truly feel that I am home, after searching for a home for many years. I know this comfort and sense of belonging that I feel is largely due to finding St. Paul’s and joining this community. One of the aspects of St. Paul’s that I appreciate is how we encourage one another to practice our beliefs in all aspects of our lives.

When the Reverend Fletcher Lowe asked me if he could visit me at my work place to talk about how I practice my faith in my work, it did not seem an unusual question, although I had never been asked it before. And how strange that is – to have a faith and not incorporate it into the environment where we spend so much of our lives! But yet it is a topic that is rarely touched upon in my discipline. I am a clinical neuropsychologist. I have a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and specialize in a field called neuropsychology, which is the study of brain and behavior relationships. I evaluate individuals’ thinking and emotional functioning after types of brain injury or neurologic disease and provide treatments and treatment recommendations. I moved to Richmond to join Virginia Commonwealth University’s Parkinson’s Disease Center, where I engage in clinical work as well as research. My research involves developing compensation techniques and intervention programs to help people cope with changes, maintain their independence, and improve their quality of life.

A TREMENDOUS NEED TO BE HEARD

In my work, I continue to be surprised by the power of listening. As a neuropsychologist I am fortunate to be able to spend time talking with people prior to their evaluations. In this time I try to understand who they are and how they are coping with whatever changes they are experiencing and then I use this information to make specific recommendations tailored to their needs. This is the aspect of my work that I enjoy the most – my interactions with individuals. While in my clinic work I guide the interview with specific questions, the most critical information comes from listening to the people I meet – hearing and witnessing their story.

As I began my career, I often had difficulty when I felt I had no solution for someone who had experienced significant illness or trauma. But I have learned over and over again not to underestimate the power of listening. It is something we rarely receive in our daily lives and yet we all have a tremendous need to be heard. I believe when we feel alone with our pain, we feel a despair that is debilitating. After talking with people, they often appear more at ease and often they tell me they feel better. I know this is the power of being with someone, completely focused on them and their experience. There is often no antidote to the challenges we face in our lives, but our connections with one another give us support and strength, just as we ask God to give us support and strength. In this way we become the love and support God has given us to give to one another.

THE HEALING POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS

In my own search for meaning, I feel that if I am able to make a difference in other people’s lives, this is the meaning of my life. I remember people I have worked with closely and their stories will always stay with me. When I struggle with my own challenges, knowing we are together in our journeys in this life comforts me. That kind of genuine, deep connection can be hard to find but is so vital to our existence. I have grown more comfortable asking people I work with to tell me about their faith and spirituality. Sometimes people clearly identify faith as a cornerstone in their life and sometimes not. But I think all of the people I have worked with closely eventually come to recognize the healing power of our relationship. While there are many therapy techniques and perspectives, I know this connection is the most important aspect of helping another person and I am grateful to be able to incorporate my spiritual faith into my work.

My meeting with Fletcher encouraged me to consider my work as part of my ministry and after our meeting I realized how important it is for me to recognize my faith in all aspects of my life. When I think of my favorite quote – “You must be the change you want to see in the world” by Mahatma Gandhi – I know my faith helps direct me to be the change I want to see in our world. I try to be that change with each person I meet with in my work, my ministry.



Pictured: Sarah Lageman (center) with the Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley and members of the eightfifteen group for young adults in their 20s and 30s. *Photo courtesy of J.J. Flores*

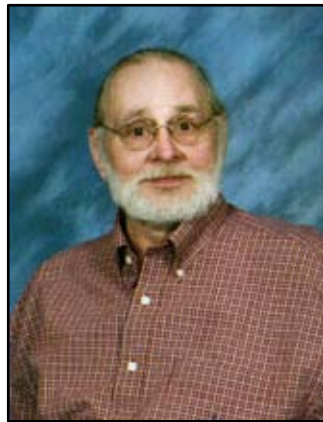


FAITH IN ACTION

FRIENDSHIP, COMMUNITY AND OUR FAITH

REMEMBERING BUTCH GRINER

“Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.”



For over ten years, Butch Griner served those in need through the Emmaus Feeding Program at St. Paul’s. As St. Paul’s Master Chef, Butch coordinated the meals that were served each week. Even as he battled cancer in the hospital, Butch ensured the planning and preparation of a tasty lunch. St. Paul’s hosted a well attended memorial service for Butch on Tuesday, August 9. Following is the family’s obituary, which appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

GRINER, Robert Glen, affectionately known as “Butch” to friends and family, died August 5, 2011. Formerly of Norfolk, Butch was a resident of Richmond, Virginia, where he was employed by, and a member of, Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church. As the church’s coordinator for the Downtown Community Ministries, Butch was privileged to serve the homeless of Richmond through the Emmaus Feeding Program. For over 10 years, he coordinated the care and feeding of over 140,000 guests. This was Butch’s ministry which he greatly loved!

Born February 25, 1952, the eldest son of the late Margaret Ray Knowles and Robert Kitchen Griner, he is survived by his loving companion of 13 years, the love of his life, Linda Pitts; a son, Scott Griner; two grandsons, Tyler and Logan Griner; a granddaughter, Brooklan Griner; siblings, David A. Griner and Kelly K. Midgett and her husband, Paul; an aunt, numerous cousins, and a host of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, or to the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 2519 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Va. 23220. Please share your love and condolences with the family at www.blileys.com.

NON-MONETARY NEEDS FOR OUR EMMAUS GUESTS

GENTLY USED MEN’S TENNIS SHOES

Many of our weekly guests at the Emmaus Feeding program are in need of new shoes. We are looking for donations of gently used men’s tennis shoes. If you have any donations, then please contact Jenny at 545-5415, jbilley@stpauls-episcopal.org.



HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY? DO YOU HAVE SMALL TOILETRIES THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH?

Please consider donating your toiletries to the Emmaus Ministry. Each week our lunch guests ask for items such as shampoo, soap and lotion. If you have donations, then please place them in the food donation baskets in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jenny Bliley, Social Worker, at 545-5416, jbilley@stpauls-episcopal.org.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SERVES SUMMER SWEETS TO HELP KIDS WITH CANCER

On Sunday, July 17, the St. Paul’s Children’s Ministry hosted an Anthem LemonAid Stand in the Memorial Garden between services. Their stand raised \$150 for the Children’s Hospital of Richmond. Thanks to all who donated for a glass of lemonade or a baked good and special thanks to all of the children and parents who volunteered for the stand, especially coordinators Shari Johnston and Paige Holloway.

JUSTICE IN JULY

What is your definition of social justice? That’s the question members of the St. Paul’s Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Communities (RISC) Team posed on Sunday mornings in July this summer. Pictured: RISC Team Co-Chair Michelle Whitehurst-Cook invites parishioner Nangula Shejvali to join the team. *Photo courtesy of Bruce Crusier*



BECOME A MENTOR

CHANGING THE WORLD ONE RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME

Interested in volunteering as a mentor during the new school year at Woodville Elementary School? Contact Carol Sabatino, Outreach Social Worker at Woodville, at 780-4009 or email her at csabatino@cisofrichmond.org. You can also speak with Betsy Carr, St. Paul’s Outreach Director, at 545-5415.

YEAR-END REPORT Transformational Grants

There was a budget of \$58,000 for transformational grants to prevent homelessness during the fiscal year 2010 - 2011. \$7,500 of that money went to Area Congregations Together in Service, an organization that accepts referrals for financial assistance from St. Paul's and which helps support our grants ministry. Our social worker, Jenny Biley, used the remaining \$50,500 to assist 117 clients with rent, heating and utilities, and other needs that would help them remain employed or seek employment and/or remain in their home or find housing.

FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK A Ministry of Presence stpauls-episcopal.org/firstfridays

As a committed partner in the vitality and promotion of our downtown Richmond community, St. Paul's proudly participates in the First Fridays Art Walk. We helped launch 'First Fridays East' in spring 2010 in part to support a vibrant downtown community and we continue to believe in the importance of welcoming all those in the area to visit the heart of the city. We invite you to visit us on Grace Street where we have been proclaiming Christ since 1845; take a guided tour of the church; and enjoy a new exhibit each month.

This September will feature a new exhibit of paintings and photographs inspired by the American West and Western Europe by Bob Wynne.



Painting by Bob Wynne, on display September 2011

All artists' opening receptions take place in the Parish Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on First Fridays. Exhibits and activities are booked through September 2012 with one available month for booking (June 2012). Please share the invitation with a friend or help us welcome visitors by volunteering as a greeter one month!

BUILDING COMMUNITY DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

St. Paul's 2011 Eyes on Richmond season begins Friday, September 16 and continues Fridays (12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.) through November 18. Our speakers will cover some of the different ways Richmonders are nurturing community during these challenging social and economic times. We are pleased that once again this year, **WCVE Public Radio, a community idea station, will be our Eyes on Richmond media sponsor.**

This educational and outreach ministry also features lunch catered by a locally-owned restaurant. The cost is \$9 and reservations are required. For details, call (804) 643-3589 or visit www.stpauls-episcopal.org/eyesonrichmond.

ANNOUNCING THE 2011 EYES ON RICHMOND SCHEDULE

September 16



College Athletics in RVA: Our Time is Now with Norwood Teague, Director of Athletics, VCU

October 21



Seeking Consensus Amid Strife: Jobs & Education with The Hon. Bobby Scott (VA-3), U.S. House of Representatives

September 23



Poverty in Richmond: An Analysis of the Census with John Moeser, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, University of Richmond

October 28



How the Economic Crash Has Changed Housing Opportunity with Laura Lafayette, CEO, Richmond Assoc. of Realtors

September 30



History, Heritage & Memory: Journeys of Discovery with Christy Coleman, President, American Civil War Center

November 4



Arts & Culture: VMFA in the National Spotlight with Alex Nyerges, Director, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

October 7



Community Policing: Serving with Integrity with Major Odetta Johnson, Office of Professional Responsibility, Richmond Police Department

November 11



Virginia Legislature with Jeff Schapiro, Columnist, Richmond Times-Dispatch

October 14



The Future of Leadership and Education with Ed Grier, Dean, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business

November 18



More Than Games: Building A Vibrant Community with Bobby Ukrop, President, Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers

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EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY & GROUPS

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

JOURNEY TO ADULthood... J2A YOUTH GROUP & MENTORS

Nine intrepid, interested, and hard-working J2Aers, and four of their adult mentors, spent a week in San Francisco this past July. The experience, as mentor Maureen Hains wrote on the Live from San Francisco blog, was an opportunity to take time out to be present, experience God's blessing, love one another, and perhaps make a difference in someone's life.

While there the group volunteered at Bay View Mission cleaning toys for the kids who attended the feeding program; crushing boxes to recycle; handing out fresh vegetables; and walking around with a local priest handing out food, socks, and medical supplies to those without homes. They ended the week working in the Tenderloin district with St. Anthony's helping to serve over 3,000 lunches as well as organizing clothing as part of St. Anthony's clothing program. This is just a taste of the many experiences the J2A had serving San Francisco.

Of course, the Urban Adventure wasn't *all* work. The adventurers had a little fun sprinkled into their time, with a day at Fisherman's Wharf and Ghirardelli Square where they visited the Ghirardelli chocolate factory.

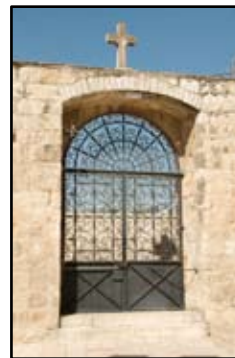
Reflecting on her experience with the young members of the Journey to Adulthood Youth Group at St. Paul's, Maureen wrote: "I have been highly impressed with the maturity of our youth group as they gave 100% of their energy, time, and effort to reach out, listen to, feed and clothe people from all walks of life. They did all of this without judgment and they opened their hearts to let this whole week have an effect on how they look at life. I know it has changed my outlook tremendously."



Pictured: Lawrence (top left) works on a Mosaic while Caroline (top right) paints a recycled can in preparation to use it as a planter in the Episcopal Community Services Garden. The entire J2A group, mentors, and Kate+ enjoy a break on the cliffs in Pacifica, right outside the city. *Photos courtesy of Maureen Hains*

DISCOVERING THE HOLY LAND PREPARING FOR THE 2012 ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

The journey doesn't end at 18. Next year, St. Paul's will also lead an adult group on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. To prepare, a series of information sessions will be held this fall for those on the trip, as well as all others who are interested in learning more about the Holy Land, its people and its history. Our first meeting is **Sunday, September 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** (immediately after the joint worship service) in the Norwood Room. This first meeting will be a chance to go over various coordination and travel issues for those who are going on the pilgrimage and to plan our time in the Holy Land. We will also have a broad overview of the land, its people and its history to create a framework for our continued preparation and study for our pilgrimage. Please bring your own bag lunch. The church will provide drinks. Subsequent meetings will be held in the evenings on October 16 (The Politics of the Holy Land), November 13 (The Divine Drama), December 4 (Geography, Archeology and Faith) and January 15 (Getting Ready to Go). Questions? Contact David White at dwhite@swa-co.com. *Shalom / Salaam*



SPLISH SPLASH

Young Families Back-to-School Pool Party on September 4 at 4 p.m.

Make a final splash before school begins at the home of Martha Anne Ellis (4267 Cheyenne Rd) on Sunday, September 4 at 4 p.m. What could be better than a late summer evening of hamburgers, chips, fellowship and swimming? All "Young" Families are warmly invited to attend. Please bring either an appetizer or salad to share and RSVP to the Rev. Kate Jenkins at 643-3589 or katejenkins@stpauls-episcopal.org.

Children's Church School and Sunday Youth Groups resume on Sunday, September 18.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

BY ANNA MONCURE, ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Last spring the Adult Education Committee hosted a discussion on programs offered during the in-between service hour on Sunday mornings. The group had a wonderful and enthusiastic conversation with an emphasis on the need for more small group opportunities at St. Paul's.

This fall, in addition to the Bible Study and Women's Spirituality Group, St. Paul's will offer at least one (if not more!) additional small groups on Sunday morning. We're currently in the process of collecting ideas on topics and issues which people may want to discuss over a series of weeks. If you would be interested in leading a small group or have an idea for a topic of conversation, please do not hesitate to contact me at amoncure@gmail.com.

And make sure to mark your calendars for two speakers St. Paul's will host this fall. On **October 2**, the Rev. Dr. **Dan Matthews**, former rector of Trinity, Wall Street, will address St. Paul's on the ministry of giving to the church. On **December 4**, Brother **Curtis Almquist** from the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts, will speak to us.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRI., OCT. 28 - SUN., OCT. 30

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 the gracious hospitality of Jean White, Mary Jo Kearfott, Melinda Mahan, Mary Kay Huss, and Martha Anne Ellis, we are returning to the Outer Banks for the Women's Retreat for the third year. **Registration begins Sunday, September 18.** Please register early as spaces fill up quickly! Questions? Contact the Rev. Kate Jenkins at 643-3589 or katejenkins@stpauls-episcopal.org. *Pictured: Debbie Jones and Michaelle Justice on the Women's Retreat, October 2010.*



REFLECTIONS ON ART AND A "MIDDLE WAY"

BY DAVID SINDEN, MINISTER OF MUSIC, DSINDEN@STPAULS-EPISCOPAL.ORG

It is said that St. Paul's "foremost work of art" is the mosaic of the Last Supper by Louis Comfort Tiffany, but I wonder if it isn't the organ.

Designed by noted Los Angeles organ builder Manuel Rosales, and finally installed and given voice by the hard work and persistence of many St. Paul's parishioners, it is a remarkable achievement. All organs are designed to hold together many disparate elements (2,667 different pipes in our case), but few work as seamlessly and as convincingly as the organ at St. Paul's.



St. Paul's Rosales Organ, from the Picasa Web Album: Orgels in de USA

Manuel Rosales's fame among organists rests on his uncanny ability to "voice" organ pipes so that they are not only especially beautiful on their own, but also blend in remarkable ways with other sounds of the organ.

The St. Paul's organ is not of one specific style. It is not German, French, English or American; nor does it try to be all of these styles at once. Rather, it falls into its own category. Seeking insight from many different organ building traditions, Manuel Rosales found a middle way, and the result is a true work of art.

Anglicans, too, are known for seeking a *via media*, a middle way. Like our organ, the middle way we seek is not a compromise, but rather "a positive position, witnessing to the universality of God and God's kingdom working through the fallible, earthly ecclesia Anglicana."

This is especially true in our worship and music. Rather than compromise, we seek the positive, grace-filled approach of the middle way.

In our altarpiece we see myriad shining tiles that comprise an image of the Lord's Supper, a sacrament in through which we strengthen "our union with Christ and one another." In our organ we hear thousands of varied pipes that form a cohesive orchestra. In our church we are many souls that join to sing the praises of God.

UNDERSTANDING GOD THROUGH MUSIC



To further explore your faith through involvement in the music ministry, please contact David Sinden at dsinden@stpauls-episcopal.org or 545-5406. **Pictured:** Members of the St. Paul's Chancel Choir, Parish Choir, and Choristers on the steps of St. Paul's. *Photo by Jeanne LeFever, mother of Choristers member Lydia Galvin.*



PARISH NEWS & CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 2011

JANE HALL
 SCOTT ILNICKY
 SHANE CAUDILL
 MARINA CHAVEZ
 SCOTT HAMP
 SUZANNE MCWILLIAMS
 AUDREY BAIRD
 WILL BAIRD
 LISA MCKNIGHT
 JOAN COOGAN
 MARSHALL EARL
 KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
 ANNE SNYDER
 EMILY WATKINS
 DAVID WHALEY
 KAT DINSMORE
 DOUGLASS JAMES
 MACY STIKELEATHER
 MARION SHACKFORD
 PATRICIA MILLER
 JONI DRAY
 TOM DAVIS
 SID JONES
 HERBERT CLAIBORNE
 STUART CONNOCK
 ALEX HAMP
 CELIA LUXMOORE
 LINDY WRIGHT
 RACHEL CORNETT
 MARGGIE FROST
 KASEY HAWKES
 BERTA BOCKOCK
 DAVID WHITE
 SALLIE SHEPHERD
 BEN JONES
 JO ANN O'HARA
 DAVID ROMAINE
 STEVE MICAS
 RADCLIFFE BURT
 GENA ADAMS-RILEY
 JENIFFER MALONEY
 CHRISTIE MONTGOMERY
 KIERA GODDU
 WESTY BYRD
 JANICE BILYEU
 GRACE MOUNTCASTLE
 HUGH EWING
 DANIEL MEAD
 GEORGE HUSS
 MARY LEWIS
 REED MOSES
 EDWARD ZAKAIB
 POLLY WRINKLE
 ALTON AYER
 MEAGAN JUSTICE
 MARIAH ROBINSON-SPIGLE
 DEBBIE COLE
 MARIE CHARDON
 BILL HARRISON
 MELANIE BAKER
 EARLE DUNFORD
 LILI IRVING
 LEW FLINN
 SAM DAVIS
 QUENTIN ALCORN
 BOB HOKE
 BACHELER BURT
 CHARLIE WITTHOEFFT

SEPTEMBER 2011

MARY LEAVELL TOMPKINS
 LYNN KOTRADY
 AUDREY LITZENBERG-MAZIARZ
 STEVE PEPLER, JR.

MADelyn DIRADOUR
 AGNES RICHARD
 JUNE NICHOLSON
 TJ BRENNAN
 SARA JENKINS
 SUSANNE CRUMP
 CHRIS HILBERT
 STEVE RICHARD
 ELIZABETH STEVENS
 MARY FRAN LOWE
 AUDREY WILLIAMS
 SUSAN STARKE
 LAURA SHAFFNER
 SEMORA KILLINGS
 GINNY SMITH
 DOUG CALLAWAY
 WILLIAM SMITH
 VIRGINIA MARTIN
 AARON MOSES
 SUSIE SCOTT
 TALLY MOSES
 CAROLYN ILNICKY
 BILL STUCHELL
 ANNE DOBSON
 TIMOTHY BUNTIN
 DINAH MITCHELL
 ELIZABETH HUTCHINS
 GEORGIA ZWICKER
 SHIRLEY GOPLERUD
 ANNA CREECH
 LORETTA MCWILLIAMS
 FRANCES VALENTINE
 CECILIA LEWIS
 JERRY YOUNT
 CALLIE FLEET
 JIM STIKELEATHER
 JIM STUTTS
 DANA SCHUTTE
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 ARCHER MCGIFFIN
 LUCA BARBER
 CHRISTIAN ALCORN
 HUGH EDMUNDS
 DALE MERCER
 SARAH LAGEMAN
 MARY JONES
 ANDREA JANSEN
 JONATHAN MOSHER
 JEFFERSON SMITH
 MARIA EVERETT
 JOE KEARFOTT
 LINDA CARR-KRAFT
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 ALEXANDER SADLER
 BOBBY HAWKES
 CAROLINE HUDSON
 CARTER READ
 SUSAN EWING
 TOM BURNS
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 BUNNY BROWNING
 HUGH ANTRIM
 NELSON ADAMS-RILEY
 RAY PERSON
 TOM SMITH
 MELISA HUDSON
 SUZEN COLLINS

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

JILL & FRANK MOUNTCASTLE
 HEATHER & LYNNIE BRUGH
 CONNIE & LEE RICE

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WOFFORD AWARD



On Sunday, June 12, Anna received the 2011 Wofford Award. The award is presented each year to a member of the St. Paul's Choristers by the Wofford family in memory of their daughter Caroline. Pictured: Anna with David, Cindy and Si Wofford and St. Paul's Minister of Music David Sinden. Congratulations, Anna! *Photo by Jennine Sherrill.*

MARY & GEORGE WICKHAM 8/11
 JANET & PHIL SCHWARZ 8/12
 MARY & LEE ARTZ 8/13
 DAVID BAKER & CELIA LUXMOORE 8/14
 LAUREN MCGEE-SNOW & ROSSTAN SNOW 8/15
 J.J. FLORES & BRIAN LEVEY 8/15
 LAURA & TED SHAFFNER 8/15
 CONNIE & WADDY GARRETT 8/16
 ANNE & JERRY APPLGATE 8/16
 KIRSTIE & JEFF SADLER 8/16
 CARTER & CHARLIE MCDOWELL 8/17
 PAGE & ADRIAN LUXMOORE 8/18
 POLLY & DAVIS WRINKLE 8/20
 KIA BENTLEY & MARTI TRUMAN 8/22
 JENNINE & SCOTT SHERRILL 8/22
 GWEN & STUART CONNOCK 8/22
 JOHNNA SHOWERS & BRUCE CRUSER 8/24
 LAURA & DABNEY CARR 8/26
 LOUISA & SCOTT SIRLES 8/26
 MARY K. & PHIL HUSS 8/28
 ELLEN SPONG & GUS EPPS 8/31

SEPTEMBER

LISA & JOHN ANDERSON 9/03
 HOLLY & JON DAVID 9/06
 JANINE & SCOTT DAVILA 9/06
 KELLY & ED HETRICK 9/07
 MELANIE & MICHAEL BAKER 9/07
 AGNES & STEVE RICHARD 9/08
 YVONNE & SONNY HARRIS 9/10
 NITA & BOB JONES 9/13
 ARCHER & TERRANCE MCGIFFIN 9/16
 SUSIE & BUFORD SCOTT 9/19
 MARCIA & PETER ALCORN 9/23
 MEGAN & VIE LOWDEN 9/25
 JENNIFER & GEOFF SWITZ 9/28
 LEIGH HULCHER & RON CLONINGER 9/30

FAREWELL LETTER FROM JOHN HIRSCHMAN

Dear Vestry, Staff and Members of St. Paul's,

Thank You for the memories!

The first time I saw St. Paul's Episcopal Church was Easter weekend in 2002. Merle and I were visiting our daughter and family who lived in Richmond and I had recently talked to Lew Flinn about the Parish Administrator's position. When we walked into the church I was awestruck with the beauty and majesty that surrounded me – from the stained glass windows, to the beautiful ceiling, to the Last Supper mosaic – it was all more than the senses could absorb. The thought that came into my mind was what an honor and privilege it would be to work at such a place as this!

Little did I know at the time, but by the middle of May, Bob Hetherington would offer me the opportunity to join St. Paul's church family as your new Parish Administrator. Not only was I offered an opportunity to work in this beautiful facility, but to work with an impressive staff and a leadership team second to none. This was truly an answer to prayer – to serve in a capacity where the gifts given to me by God could be used for His glory in a ministry and mission that promotes justice, peace and love.

What a whirlwind of activity for Merle and me as we prepared to move to Richmond and St. Paul's in the summer of 2002. That was the start of a challenging and rewarding adventure in shared ministry with so many of you. And now, exactly nine years later, it is time for me to move on to the next phase in my journey of life.

As many of you know, I have been thinking and planning for this since last year when I started working a four day week. Although I am excited about the prospect of retirement, it was a difficult decision for me and is bittersweet in so many ways. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity and privilege to serve with you the members of St. Paul's; the many vestries, committees and boards that have comprised the lay leadership; and the talented and dedicated staff that is so supportive in helping St. Paul's live out its mission of Proclaiming Christ in the Heart of the City. I could not have picked a better and more satisfying way to complete my working career, a career that has now spanned 45 years.

Although I am retiring from my working career, I am not retiring from life and I look forward to finding out what God has in store for me during this next phase.

Thank you again for all of your support and help during my nine years here at St. Paul's, and thank you for the wonderful and meaningful "farewell" service on Sunday June 26th. I will always count the relationship we share as one of the highlights of my life.

Thank you and God bless.



Pictured: Celebrating Eucharist with the staff was one of John's favorite times and he requested a staff Eucharist during his last week. This photo of John with the staff was taken that day. Pictured are Mike, Kathy, Kimberly, David S., Mimi, Kate, Butch, Andrew, John, Margaret, Jenny, Aliasha, John, Betsy, Wallace, and David R.

UPCOMING LESSONS

September 4: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 11: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Homecoming*)

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 18: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 25: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25: 1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 2: The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (*Generosity Sunday*)

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 9: The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 16: The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 23: The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

October 30: The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

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ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING

Sunday Mornings

Our typical service schedule resumes Sunday, September 18.

7:45 am: Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am: Holy Eucharist with Choir*

10:15 am: Christian Education Hour for All Ages

11:15 am: Holy Eucharist with Choir**

* The Chancel Choir rehearses Sundays at 8:15 am

** The Parish Choir rehearses Sundays at 10:15 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Choristers (ages 8 and up) rehearse Sundays at 1:00 pm

One joint 10:00 am worship service will be offered on Homecoming Sunday (Sept. 11) and on All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 6).

Monday - Friday

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

Tuesdays

7:30 am Reflection & Prayer in the Library
12:30 pm ALAnon in the Youth Center

Thursdays

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

SPECIAL SERVICES, OFFERINGS & EVENTS

First Fridays Art Walk (Fri., Sept. 2 and Oct. 7)

5 pm - 8 pm, Parish Hall/Church. Artist's opening reception in the Parish Hall. Free guided church tours throughout the evening.

Young Families Back to School Pool Party (Sun., Sept. 4)

4 pm at the home of Martha Anne Ellis. RSVP to Kate+ 545-5404.

Service of Music & Prayer in Remembrance (Sat., Sept. 10)

5 pm, Church. Remembering those who died on 9/11/2001 and praying for peace.

Faith Forum: Moving Forward Together (Sun., Sept. 11)

4 pm - 6 pm, Parish Hall. *See cover for details.*

Theology on Tap (Tues., Sept. 13 and Oct. 11)

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

Eyes on Richmond 2011 (Fri., Sept. 16 - Nov. 18)

12:30 pm, Parish Hall. *See page 7 for details.*

Choral Evensong (Sun., Sept. 25)

5 pm, Church. An evening service of music and prayer.

St. Paul's History & Architecture (Weds., Sept. 28 - Oct. 12)

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm in the Norwood Room. Calder Loth will lead this class. Space is limited. Call 643-3589 inquire about participating.

LOOKING AHEAD

Generosity Sunday with the Rev. Dan Matthews (Sun., Oct. 2)

See page 4 for details.

Blessing of the Animals (Sun., Oct. 2)

5 pm (rain or shine), Memorial Garden

Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP)

Regional Meeting at St. Paul's, Saturday, Oct. 15

Details and registration online under "News & Announcements"

Celebration Feast & Saxophone Evensong (Sun., Oct. 23)

See page 4 for details.

2011 Women's Retreat (Fri., Oct. 28 - Sun., Oct. 30)

Registration begins Sunday, September 18.

All Saints' Sunday with Baptisms (Nov. 6)

10 am Joint Worship Service followed by a celebratory reception.

"Walking the Organ Trail" (Sun., Nov. 6)

3 pm, a progressive organ concert presented by organists with the Downtown Church Ministries (DCM).

DCM Thanksgiving Service (Sun., Nov. 20)

6 pm on the Portico steps. St. Paul's will host this year's service.

Questions? Call (804) 643-3589
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