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Good news in a time
of pandemic.

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Church is not a building

For many of you, this might be one of the longest times you have not been inside St. Paul's. Truthfully, it is the opposite for me. Since our first live-stream of Sunday morning prayer in March, I have been in the pew every Sunday. Not even during my days as a Baptist was I that consistently in church. However, as much as I long for the time we can regather in our nave together (and we will), this season has underscored how much our church life extends beyond the walls of our building as well. This pandemic has focused our mission on evangelism like never before, and every single staff member, volunteer, and clergy person has accepted this opportunity with a fervor that is hard to describe. That's why church is the people that make this world better, not the building itself.

The title of this issue of Parish Life is "The Gospel According to St. Paul's: Good News in a Time of Pandemic," because, believe it or not, there is still good news to share. We live in challenging and heartbreaking times. The plagues, injustices, and unsure futures that start many of the stories in the Bible seem all too relatable today. But those stories in the Bible lead to one triumphant conclusion; that God is with us, and life is everlasting. In this issue of Parish Life, we are sharing stories from the St. Paul's family of the good news in the midst of our current, troubled world.

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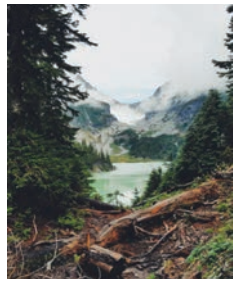
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feeding community



St. Paul's Back Pack program delivered more than 1,000 packets of food to families who came to those schools for lunches provided by the school system since the pandemic began.⁴

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Has this ever happened to you? You get a day's worth of emails, and all of them are positive—except for that one. Yet that is that single negative email that you end up perseverating on all night. Scientists who study the brain call this phenomenon "negativity bias," and it is the reason that negative comments and circumstances stick to our psyche like Velcro, while positive events slide off like Teflon. It is just how our brains are wired; however, they don't have to be.

These same researchers note that hopeful and pleasant experiences can actually last longer than negative ones, but this requires special attention. They have observed that, neurologically, if you focus on a happy thought for 30 seconds, it will imprint on your brain with the same or greater grasp than a negative one. Which experience dominates your heart and mind, then, is a matter of focus. It is about what gets your attention and for how long.

We are living through an unprecedented era of pandemic and protest. This season has revealed much real darkness, and it is hard to not let that evil dominate our hearts and minds. That is what this issue of Parish Life is designed to engage. We want to lift up the myriad of inspiring and hopeful stories of God's work happening in this season at St. Paul's. Not as a way to escape the darkness, but as a strategy to engage it. Yes, the darkness is there, and we will continue to confront it, but only because we know there is a light shining in that darkness (John 1:5).

As you read this issue, take time to focus on each story or photo and give thanks— even for 30 seconds. The darkness is the aberration, y'all, not the real reality. And as Jesus reminds us, in this life, we will have trouble, but take heart! He has overcome the world.

Grace and peace,
Dixon+



The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser,
Rector

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A Community in Action

by Laura Burrows

Some sewing machines have been running at full power for an inspiring community group born out of the COVID-19 health crisis called Project Mask WS, including many members of St. Paul's. The group was formed in early March just as the need for masks was building, especially for essential workers and others in the health care field. The group does not sell the masks that it makes, but instead gives them to qualifying organizations.

An Army of Volunteers

Parishioners Jenny Ryan, Lucy Paynter, Heather Zifchak and Elizabeth Morgan are just a few of the Project Mask WS army of volunteers. Led by Project Mask WS founders – Marissa Joyce, Katie Sonnen-Lee and Melissa Vickers – the volunteers have sewn and distributed more than 110,000 colorful cloth masks.

"I'm just so proud of this community of women who've created this amazing opportunity to make a difference while we're all contained at home," says Lucy Paynter. "I pulled out my 49-year-old Singer sewing machine and fabric from dress-making projects for my grandchildren to make my first masks. It's been wonderful!"

Village Fabric Shop in Reynolda Village, owned and operated by Elizabeth Morgan and her daughter Heather Zifchak, has been a huge part of Project Mask WS. The shop was initially closed when North Carolina was following Shelter in Place and the online orders for fabric from Project Mask WS kept

business going. "We are grateful that Project Mask WS needed us right when we needed them," says Heather. "We have a store full of beautiful, high quality, 'quilters cotton' and that is the exact fabric quality requirement for these masks. We used to imagine our bolts of fabric as stunning quilts but now all we think about is what great masks these fabrics will make!"



The Shop is now helping distribute mask kits that will go to 1,000 poll workers in Forsyth County.

A Mask-Making Community

What started out as an idea to make maybe 200 masks has grown far beyond its original purpose. There are more 2,500 followers to the Project Mask WS, many of whom have formed new connections and friendships. They share

ideas about mask making, sewing machines and the challenges of remote learnings.

"This effort has given me a wonderful feeling of purpose in this uncertain time," says Jenny Ryan. "Every morning I say a prayer of thanksgiving which reminds me to give up myself for the Lord's service. We are all called to use the gifts we have been given to serve. That is what Project Mask WS is about – a community initiative to step up and do what we can to help."



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Medicine in the Time of a Pandemic

by Elizabeth Walsh

As I reflect upon this topic, I must preface with the fact that I am not on the front lines; thus my experience is different from that of my brave colleagues working in emergency departments and intensive care units. In the past five months, my practice as a pediatric endocrinologist came to an abrupt halt, slowly restarted via telemedicine (which offers new advantages and challenges) and has now accelerated to a frenetic pace during what is normally a slow time of year. Working in the midst of fear and the unknown has been challenging in many ways, but one of the most difficult parts for me has been the lack of human contact. Simple things such as a handshake greeting or reassuring smile to a scared patient are lost behind our precautions and protective gear. With the incomplete evidence surrounding this virus, especially as it relates to children, another challenge has been in counseling patients and their families: Are kids safe to return to school? Whenever this feels too overwhelming, I quickly remember that there is nothing I would rather be doing, and I hear this echoed with my colleagues. The positivity, innovation, and initiative to care for others that I have encountered provides strength and hope. From eager first-year medical students to wizened staff of many years, I am grateful to have this role to serve my community in these difficult times. We will learn, we will care for people and we will educate—together.



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Caring for One Another: A Parent's Perspective

by Liz Noland

In late summer, I often remember my mom's favorite commercial from my childhood: "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," a Staples ad featuring a dad joyfully dancing down aisles of discounted school supplies. By August, parents are ready for school year routines to return, including much-needed time apart from our children. This year, however, back-to-school looks very different. Some of us are buying or making masks that our children will be wearing to their school campuses; others are grappling with balancing work and supervising remote learning for the foreseeable future. Parents of preschoolers may be looking for new childcare solutions, and parents of college-age young adults may have them living unexpectedly at home while taking classes online. "Joyful" is not August's emotion for parents this year.

As I have talked to friends and fellow parents about how they have been coping with this new normal, a line from the Gospel of Matthew has come to mind: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus's commandment has helped many of us think about how to talk with our children about the safety measures we are taking during COVID. In parishioner Kate Reece's house, these conversations with her three young daughters have helped their family focus on the big picture of "loving others, staying safe, and being good citizens!" Kate says that they have used the pandemic as an opportunity to talk about actions that are for the greater benefit of the community, not just yourself. Examples that her girls gave of civic duties, alongside mask-wearing and social distancing, included "voting, watching the news, and keeping a nice yard."

St. Paul's parent Jennifer Bryan says that her family has been watching and discussing the news together more frequently throughout the pandemic, which has led to conversations about how they can protect grandparents and other people around them. She is hopeful that our children will remember this as a time when we took collective action to care for our neighbors, and that their generation will have more empathy and love for their fellow humans as a result. At a recent swim practice, my daughter's coach said that the word of the day was "impact" and asked the swimmers for examples of how they could make positive impacts on the world around them. My daughter's contribution: "Wear a mask, to keep everyone safe." Her answer brought me joy.



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LISTENING FOR THE SOUNDS OF THE GOSPEL

by the Rev. Nancy Vaders



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A strange thing that I have noticed during this pandemic is the change in daily noise. So many noises and conversations in our lives have changed or gone away completely. These sounds and words are a common part of our working hours, our family time and our lives in this city. There were no more car door slams in the carpool line as kids rush to get to school. No hum of people and conversation in a busy restaurant. No sound of hissing coffee from the office breakroom. I stopped saying things like “How was school today?” or “Let’s go have lunch.” or “Can you meet me at 2:00 in my office?”. Our words changed, our spaces changed and we changed along with it. It was all a part of that now dreaded phrase, the “new normal”. I never realized how much I relied on the structure of life until I didn’t have it anymore. And, I missed the big and obvious things, but I also missed the noises.

Communities make a lot of noise; it’s how we know things are moving and evolving and happening all around us. Bells toll down Pilot View and Summit St. on Sunday mornings, school bells ring to designate classes changing, buses roll through the city streets, and bells chime when someone enters a business or restaurant. Our community hums with the vibrations of movement, life and energy. So, how do we define and participate in community when all the sounds change and some disappear altogether? Community is about people, and people make noise. Hearing the sounds of life is a quotidian blessing, and I’m desperate to hear them again, as I’m sure many of you are too.

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ANCIENT ECHOES OF THE GOSPEL

When I read scripture, I don't often think of how life might have sounded thousands of years ago, when Jesus and his disciples were walking the earth and participating in the community of people around them. None of the modern noises we're so accustomed to hearing existed—no car horns, no cell phone notifications, no automated sliding doors or airplanes overhead. However, I'm sure it was by no means quiet. First century Palestine was under the control of Rome, and many of the places where Jesus' ministry happened would have had bustling marketplaces with sounds of livestock and artisans practicing their craft. Jesus' ministry was nomadic, he moved from place to place, gathering disciples and preaching about God's redeeming love for humanity, in the midst of humanity itself. He visited people in their own homes, he taught in the synagogues and healed people as he moved from one place to another. You could hear the words of the gospel in the quiet intimacy of someone's kitchen, or in a crowd gathered by the Sea of Galilee. With Jesus, communities and the sounds of life were always changing, because he was always moving. The gospel is about movement, and listening for the sounds of God's love in the places and people we might least expect.

HEARING THE CALL

We've had to listen a little harder these past few months, because the sounds of our community have been changing.

We don't hear the familiar sounds of gathering, but I want to assure you, that the voices and the sounds of the gospel are still there, sometimes in new ways that we've never heard before.

There was a real risk that, in the midst of a pandemic, the voices of the vulnerable in our community would be quieted more than ever. That in a rush to secure our own needs, we would drown out the voices and needs of our neighbors. When we are scared or unsure of what lies before us, the natural tendency is to go inward, to hide away until the sounds of the storm can no longer be heard or the vibrations of uncertainty subside. But there were new rumblings and conversations happening all around us. Instead of silencing vulnerability and need by saying, "What do I need," I heard voices rise up and say "What can we do"?

When we heard the call, the people of St. Paul's sprang into action, and looked for new ways to serve. Food from our Backpack program, that could no longer be delivered to a closed school, was repurposed and given to hungry children and their families through new connections and community conversations. Read Write Spell tutors could no longer serve in schools, but a massive order of books was delivered to The Station, and are being distributed to children throughout our community. One phone call for help with a meal at the Center of Hope family

shelter, turned into weekly dinners that parishioners have prepared and delivered each and every Thursday night since the middle of March. Kids in our neighboring communities, unable to attend Summer Enrichment in our building, instead heard the sound of the horn from the St. Paul's bus with deliveries of food, activities and conversations with their long-time mentors.

Even in a time of immense loss and trauma, there are sounds of joy. A student who has participated in Kids Café since elementary school, graduated from high school. In the fall, she will attend Salem College with scholarship money from those communities who have loved her along the way. The troubles of the present won't drown out the eternal sounds of hope. It's still there, we may just have to listen a little harder. In a time when silence could easily overtake us, new sounds of the gospel call to love God and neighbor are echoing through our community.

"IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MORTALS AND OF ANGELS, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM A NOISY GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL."
1 CORINTHIANS 13:1

We all know that there is a big difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is a physical response to the vibrations of sound. Our ears are the intake mechanisms and our brains are the translators. Listening means sitting with another person and hearing, not

just their words, but their stories. If we do something for someone else, without listening, we miss the point. We don't give a child a book, or serve someone a meal just to give something away. We do these things because we believe that food, shelter and education are a human right. We do these things because we believe that participating in our community is not about hearing our own voices, but about letting others tell their story. So, what's the difference between hearing and listening? Love. Without love there is only meaningless noise. You hear that noise on your televisions and through the internet. The forces that perpetuate noise, would prefer us to hear rather than to listen; to hear fear, to hear division, to hear hatred. When we listen with love, we hear the stories of justice, reconciliation and forgiveness.

"LET ANYONE WITH EARS LISTEN." MATTHEW 11:15

We don't have a clear idea of what comes next, we can't hear the familiar sounds that call us into the normal structure of our lives. But know this, God is listening with love and calling us all into action. We are not called to simply give and take, but to listen and respond with voices of justice and peace. We may be preaching in empty sanctuaries and praying online, but the sound of our community's pursuit of God's love and justice in the world is louder than ever.

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small groups

ST. PAUL'S WALKING GROUP:

Our Caring in Community Group invites all for every other Friday walks. Our 40 minute walks begin at 9:30 am in a shaded area in Reynolda Village. We practice social distancing and wear masks. Email Anne Rahn arahn@stpauls-ws.org to be added to the email list. You will receive an email before each walk with details and you simply reply to confirm if you will participate that week. Do join in for exercise and to reconnect with your parish family! Even if you feel you can only join in occasionally, we would love to have you.

ROSES GROUP: ROSES (Reach Out and Serve Episcopal Seniors) visitors provide friendship to a homebound parishioner in their home or care facility. Currently by phone, mail, or outside with a mask. This group is sponsored by the Senior Adults Ministry and facilitated by Stephen Ministry. The group meets every six weeks to discuss their experiences, obtain resource materials and pray for the ministry. Meeting currently on Zoom. Contact leader, Pat Marquardt, (Patriciamarquardt936@gmail.com or (336) 923-8089) or Senior Adult Minister, Anne Rahn, arahn@stpauls-ws.org or (336) 749-4906, for more information.

Putting Action to Empathy

by Martha B. Metzler

Well, this is an interesting time, is it not? I find myself clinging desperately to the carefully formulated schedule that I hang on the refrigerator each day, because if I'm honest, my house turns into the Hunger Games if we don't have structure. But at night, when I've checked off my to-do list and sanitized all the things, and lay my head down, my mind races. I'm talking the kind of racing that requires me to speak Scripture so loudly to drown out the unknowns, to drown out the fears, to drown out the guilt that I feel because I lost my cool when my 3 year old shoved 3 cupcakes into his mouth while I wasn't looking.... that kind of racing.

Isolation, especially mandated "social distancing", can be anxiety and depression's playground.

I want to share a way for us to check our hearts and calm our minds as we feel overwhelmed by that sandpaper feeling that is happening each day when we scroll through the news and look at an unforeseeable future of unknowns. But good news friends, sandpaper leads to smooth edges. God is working in this season, yes this season, smoothing our edges and shaping a deeper understanding of each other.

Whether you are stuck at home with school-aged children who are bored and fighting and you're staring down the pipe of e-learning and trying to understand how do teachers do this all day and what is this math they are learning!? Or perhaps you have been living peacefully in your home and now your college-aged children are back.... along with their laundry and need to eat.... ALL.THE.TIME. Or perhaps you are an Enneagram 7 and you are just plain lonely playing Solitaire.

Whatever it is, whoever you are, we see you. We love you. This is hard. It's ok to not be ok. But this is when

we get to tap into one of the most beautiful gifts that we can experience as human beings, empathy. It is a gift that benefits both the recipient and the giver as it stretches our perspective.

We are all different ages with different life experiences going on. We may not always act in the most becoming ways. We may cut you off in traffic or beat you to the last dozen eggs or post an angry Facebook post. But, this is our chance to take a beat and see the hurt or worry or fear behind each interaction. There is a stormy story inside each person. That is what empathy is, yes? Not just seeing the action, but seeing the other's heart and choosing love.

We all have different stories, but we get to do this empathetic dance with one another as we show the love and grace of Jesus. We not only get to experience empathy with one another.... we get to put action to that empathy and point to Jesus- the only consistently stable thing when things feel so unstable.

Be reminded and remind others of hope. Our world is hurting, but I believe God is at work healing our world. So, take heart, take walks, take baths, take care of each other, and take notice. Everyone is hurting in some way, so let us truly see each other through God's eyes and ask for ways to help each other, and then ask for help when we need it.

Empathy in action. You might find it is just what you need to smooth that sandpaper feeling that can creep in so easily these days.



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Searching for Justice and Reconciliation

by Sheri Masters

“We need not be paralyzed by our past or our present,” said the Most Rev. Michael Curry in response to the Memorial Day killing of George Floyd. “Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. ... That work of racial reconciliation and justice – what we know as Becoming Beloved Community – is happening across our Episcopal Church.”

This commitment to doing the hard work of racial reconciliation was evident during a recent St. Paul’s book study of Debby Irving’s *Waking Up White*. The book navigates what the author describes as her “cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions” and shows how she slowly and painstakingly came to a new understanding of the racial justice movement and her role in it. Irving was slated to speak at St. Paul’s in April as part of a five-day tour sponsored by the Diocese of North Carolina and was to be followed by a book study in May. The pandemic threw a wrench into those plans.

Then Memorial Day brought the brutal reality of racial injustice to our attention once again, and the nation—and the world—responded in massive protests. Rev. Dixon Kinser challenged the parish to consider our role in dismantling racism, and

the idea to host an online study of Irving’s book via Zoom was born.

The study was led by Kathy Ausen, chair of the Faith & Justice Committee, and Ricky Shore, who has served in a number of leadership roles within St. Paul’s, including Senior Warden. About 100 people registered for the study, which took place during four one-hour Zoom sessions over four weeks.

“We salute the participants in our book study,” says Ausen. “This is a difficult conversation. Participants held every conversation, every question and every answer with humility. Conversations were done thoughtfully and graciously.”

Shore also appreciated that the study offered an opportunity for all participants to examine this issue through a new prism. “I think everybody ought to read this book,” he says. “I know the book and the discussions that came out of it have made me much more sensitive to my biases. I see things very differently, and I hope I came out of this a better person than I was when I went in.”

People participated in a variety of ways. Some spoke during Zoom meetings. Others chose to simply listen. Some communicated via email. Many tied what they read in *Waking Up White*, written more than six years ago, to present-day

events and shared articles, podcasts, letters, conversations, questions and experiences with the group.

For the final session, author Debby Irving joined the Zoom call. Participants were able to ask questions, which Irving answered thoughtfully, honestly and openly. “She was so warm,” says Shore. “Her perspectives were engaging and multi-dimensional—very fact-based and grounded in asking us how we can improve and grow.”

And growth was, of course, the aim. “We are not slaves to fate but people of faith,” says Bishop Curry.

“We found the tenacity of the participants to be an incredibly hopeful part of the book study,” adds Ausen. “And, without exception, each person approached our talks about racism as a spiritual question. Each persisted even after learning that the issue of racism requires both patience and impatience. That’s hope!”

Want to be join this journey? St. Paul’s Staff is exploring options for further study. “Stay tuned, and please consider participating,” says Ausen. “It just doesn’t get better than this!”



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What Can We Do?

by Dixon Kinser

I love the Blues. Whether it is the soulful guitar and vocals of John Lee Hooker, the Texas Boogie of Steve Ray Vaughn, or the modern punch of Eric Giles, its simple structure makes space for new artists to create infinite varieties of new music. It also reminds me of the profound connection between creativity and suffering. Because the Blues emerged from experiences of pain and oppression, the music always serves as a marker of resurrection for me. God really does bring beauty out of pain.

This hallmark of the Kingdom of God has been on powerful display at St. Paul’s during the pandemic. When so much of what we do has been upended or changed, it would be easy to give up or tap out. Instead, our community seized the challenges of this new context and have used them as fuel for creativity and innovation.

Examples of this abound in Rev. Nancy Vaders’ signature article from this issue. Because St. Paul’s is a church with a long history of outreach and community engagement, Rev. Vaders immediately innovated our models to continue to meet the new needs

the pandemic presented. The question was never, “What can’t we do?” It has instead been, “Given this new context, what CAN we do?”

Further examples of this “What CAN we do?” spirit are on display so many other places too. A Willy Wonka online VBS? Genius. A video-edited Evensong service created by the youth choirs of St. Paul’s? Amazing. Or what about the way our Bible Studies, Circles, and small groups have all adapted their meetings so they can continue to reach out to and care for their isolated members during this season? Beautiful.

This kind of creativity and innovation is happening in so many places at St. Paul’s I can’t mention them all here. However, they all share one similarity: They are fueled by love. It is the love of God, love of neighbor, and desire to embody the Gospel that drives this “What CAN we do?” spirit, and I couldn’t be more humbled and inspired to be part of it all. God does bring beauty out of pain and struggle, and the evidence is everywhere at St. Paul’s. Keep your eyes open: You can’t miss it.



The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser
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St. Paul’s



Abigail Wierman
joyfully married Justin Hoffman
at St. Paul's in the middle of the
COVID-19 Pandemic.



Finding Peace Walking Down the Aisle

by Abigail Hoffman

July 18, 2020. What a time to have a wedding! Masks, social distancing, 25 guests, hand-sanitizing stations ... this is what everyone dreams of for their wedding, right?

St. Paul's has been home to me for the last 26 years. It is where I was baptized and confirmed and where I always dreamed of getting married. After Justin and I set our date for July 2020, we got straight to planning the many details a wedding entails. Just as we were wrapping up the last few details, we got the horrible news of COVID-19.

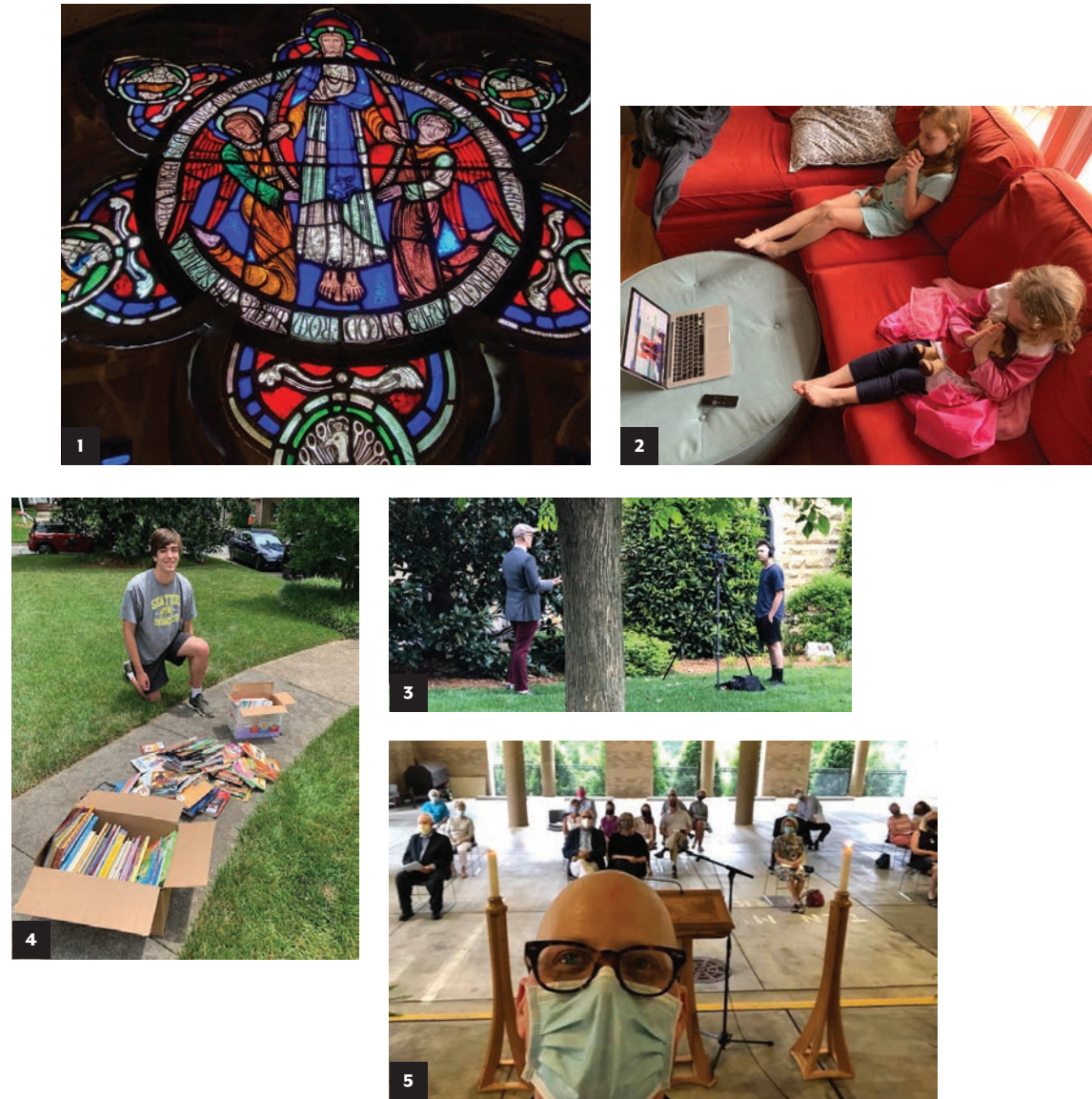
The pandemic has caused so many to feel a new sense of anxiety. We are programmed to take control of situations, plan, execute, repeat. We were quickly learning that our wedding probably wouldn't look the way we originally planned. In April we got the news that our wedding would be 25 people max. This was a great reminder to step back and remember that God is in control and will carry us through any situation.

Justin and I did a lot of praying, talking, and hoping over the next few months. We had so many questions: Are you going to move your wedding to an outside venue? Are you going to wait and do everything next year? Every engaged couple has to decide what is important to them. There

are no right or wrong ways of handling things, especially during a pandemic. Although this would mean we needed to change a few things, at the end of the day we would be married!

Wedding day came, and we were once again reminded of why we decided to stay the course and get married at St. Paul's. After months of anxiety, peace set in as we walked down the aisle surrounded by our closest family and friends, both in person and via live-stream. After reflecting, we both described the experience as very meaningful and fun. Being in such a special place to us brought a sense of some normalcy back to a year without much. We were also very happy to be inside as that Saturday turned into one of the hottest days of the year, with a summer storm quickly approaching. Dixon's homily was right on point, his message underscored by the claps of thunder. This was our biggest day, but the experience reminded us that there is always something bigger. Nothing in the world can overcome what God has planned. Thank you to the St. Paul's staff for working through the details with us every step of the way. July 18 will be a day we never forget, and at the end of the day, the bells still rang, love prevailed, and there is no place we would have rather been than St. Paul's!

AT ST. PAUL'S



AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1. The stained glass inside the Nave, removed for restoration before the pandemic, was reinstalled in early Summer. 2. Deacon Lauren, Director of Children's Ministries, welcomes children remotely during Sunday Children's Chapel. 3. The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser providing a message of inspiration to the community for Fox 8 News. 4. High School parishioner Thomas White collected 190 books for Read Write Spell. 5. In-person, outdoor worship, with special safety protocols returned on August 23, 2020.

AT ST. PAUL'S



AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 6. Summer Enrichment Program Directors, Alisha Oakes and Rhett Butler smile for a photo with participants. 7. Congrats to recent high school graduate Aidan Kinser for his triumphant win in the EYC Lip-sync Battle. 8. St. Paul's staff, hard at work (remotely) thanks to Zoom. 9. Live-streaming on Sunday has significantly evolved since March. 10. Special thanks to Anne and Chris Dunn, seen here with their family, for co-charing the Stewardship Committee during these unique times.

On Holy Ground Even During a Pandemic

by the Rev. Darby Oliver Everhard

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come let us adore him.**

The antiphon above is from The Book of Common Prayer (and Psalm 29:2), and we often say it during Morning Prayer. It speaks of worshiping and adoring God in the beauty of holiness during our liturgy. But these are very strange times in which we live, and there are many challenges to what we have always considered our “normal” liturgical way of life. And one of the biggest questions for all of us at St Paul's, and indeed, for any faith community, is this: How do we worship God during a pandemic, and what does that mean for our church?

It's hard when there seems to be no end in sight, and our worship has changed so dramatically, as we all know.

Who would have thought that we would be worshiping at home (maybe even in PJs) with our families, watching a live-stream from the nave where all the leaders wore masks during the service? Or that we would have to learn so many new technology skills? Or that we would be unable to gather in person, receive communion, baptize, sing, pass the peace ... the list goes on and on, right? We surely didn't sign on for all of this, and it's hard to accept what seems unacceptable. And we miss it so much and each other too!

What gives me hope, though, is to remember that in the Bible, worship happens in many different places, in many different ways. Think about the Exodus, the wandering, the wilderness, the tent of the meeting, the hillside of the 5000, the temple, the pilgrims singing the songs. All were ways of standing on holy ground and of worshiping God in the beauty of holiness. God was present with the people no matter what. Even though our church buildings are closed, we can still worship and adore God, pray, and serve others, reminding ourselves that the church itself, the body of Christ, is NOT closed. It's not about perfection; it's about faithfulness and gratitude and blessing and praise. The invitation is to keep our hearts open and humble to be able to glorify God in every place and time and circumstance, even during a pandemic. So take heart, St Paul's, we will be BACK! In the meantime, pray for the world, keep connected on holy ground, and worship God in every way you can.



The Rev. Darby Oliver Everhard is an Associate Rector and mastermind of all things liturgy at St. Paul's.

Stewardship

by Margaret Turner

As we plan for fall, we recognize that our stewardship campaign will be a little different than usual. The in-home gatherings we had planned are not possible, our usual testimonials will be by video, our passing of the plate, and our blessing the pledge cards in November most likely will not happen in person. We are all adjusting and shifting to what seems to be a new normal for right now. St. Paul's has amazingly embraced this strange time with new opportunities for engagement. Our online stewardship efforts have increased with text-to-give and the new Tithely portal. Many parishioners have set up their own recurring weekly giving and are “passing the plate” at home. We are excited and hopeful about our stewardship campaign this year and look forward to engaging all our parishioners with the opportunity to support the ministries and programs at St. Paul's. If you have any questions on how to use our online portal and set up an account with Tithely, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Turner at mtturner@stpauls-ws.org or 336-723-4391 ext. 1210.



Margaret Turner is the Director of Stewardship at St. Paul's.

An Intern's Reflection

by Joseph Curran

I have interned at St. Paul's for the past three summers, and they have been some of the most fun and rewarding times of my life. During the summers of 2018 and 2019 I interned strictly with the youth ministry. This past summer, however, I interned with both the youth ministry and the communications program. As a communications major at Queens University of Charlotte, I really wanted to see what it was like to work for a Director of Communications, and needless to say it was a lot of work. With that being said I loved doing the work because I had done things I never would have before. For example, I learned how to update a website and have to make sure each ministry's weekly promotions are accounted for. I had to be in constant communication with the staff most of the summer.

While working in the communications department was super rewarding, I also worked with the youth ministry this summer. I have worked with them the past three summers, and also each week during the school year. Working with youth is just such a joy. Joking around, talking sports or movies, and getting to know them as people is extremely rewarding. With the Covid-19 pandemic causing everyone in the world to shift, I thought I would not get to see these guys and girls for a long time. The opposite actually happened. I got to see most twice a week. Whether that is playing games on Thursdays, checking up on everyone on Sundays, or talking about what is going on in the world in private or public conversations.

One thing I really loved about moving everything virtual was that the whole church got to see these kids the way I and all the other youth leaders do. Whether that be showcasing their lip-syncing talents or breaking down their biblical knowledge in the context of Willy Wonka, these kids are fantastic and bring me and everyone else that comes in contact with them joy.



Joseph Curran began this year's internship in the middle of the pandemic and rose to the challenge

Children's Ministry Update

by the Rev. Lauren Villemuer-Drenth

One of the wonderful things about children is their resilience. Connecting to children and letting them know that we still care is very important. This summer, we have continued our twice-weekly Children's Chapel, as well as weekly Family Devotions and other opportunities to help children on their spiritual journeys.

In July, we had a Virtual Summer Camp. Twenty-four campers ranging in age from two years to 11 years experienced Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory through the lens of the Bible. The youth got involved and did the storytelling. Their creativity and inspiration were incredible!

After all received their golden ticket, each day opened with a video of "Willy Wonka and Our Oompa Loompa" introducing the theme of the day. A youth would tell or sing or show the Bible story sharing the theme. The mornings were filled with crafts, games, puzzles, music, videos, and challenges. Each morning ended with a Zoom call to the Candy Factory, where we tied it all together and talked about the experience. The excitement and enthusiasm from the campers made the mornings seem magical. All the families got involved. It was like being in a chocolate factory (I love my chocolate!).

The beauty of feeling God's love come alive through the involvement of our youth and the wonder of the children made the happenings of the world melt away. The Bible stories brought us through choices, hardships, victories, and celebrations that reminded us there is another page to turn in our story. Out of darkness springs new life and growth. Easter is coming. Love always wins.



Deacon Lauren
is the Director of Children's Ministries at St. Paul's

Vacation Bible School
went digital this year with lots of fun activities to do at home. Special thanks to the cast and crew of our special video series, including the Rev. Nick VanHorn and Louis-Patrick Mua (on set in the photo on the right). You can view the videos here: vimeo.com/showcase/7524103



The EYC Lip-sync battle not only included some amazing performances from the youth, but even a couple riveting entries from parents.



View the lip-sync battle at stpaulswinstonsalem.org/lipsync



The Rev. Nick VanHorn
is the Director of Youth Ministries at St. Paul's

Youth Update

by the Rev. Nick VanHorn

As Christians, we are used to moving into different seasons and though, liturgically, we are in ordinary time, there is nothing ordinary about what we are currently going through. But church does not end; it merely changes to meet the needs and concerns in the present age. This has always been how the church has worked. It's constant is that there is no constant. Part of our Anglican identity is the ability to contextualize the church identity while keeping its integrity intact. This is not an easy task, but I believe the Holy Spirit has equipped us to be prepared for the challenge. With this, youth ministry has not halted. When we moved to quarantine, we moved our EYC presence online, and while it was strange at first, our youth are resilient and have made the best of it. We ended our year in the same way we have for the last few years, with a lip sync battle, and our situation allowed us to be creative as we encouraged youth to make videos and invited the entire church to participate in the voting process. It was awesome!

While we usually take a break from formation and EYC in the summer as we focus on our summer events, we decided that we would continue all our offerings throughout the summer months. As a matter of fact, we doubled-down and have offered EYC twice a week as well as formation after online worship on Sundays, and we have not taken a break! We understand that our community is stuck at home, and we wanted to take advantage of the fact that, for many youth, the church is their only community right now. While we continued our practices, we also offered another event calling on the spiritual gifts our youth have. Deacon Lauren and I put together an online program for our children, and our youth put all the videos together, including scripture reading, teachings, music, and skits. This was another example of how resilient our youth are and how we can adapt to continue the good work of the church.

This fall will not slow down. EYC and Formation will continue, and we have online events planned for each month. We are also working on how Confirmation will look this year and are very excited about its possibilities. Church looks different and will be different for a while, but we must realize that we are not in a holding place but rather a time of transition. And in God's story, transition is always followed up with resurrection.

Outreach Update

by Laura Burrows

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Paul's stepped up our efforts to provide food for those in need.

The Backpack Program: When schools closed back in March, the Backpack Program continued to provide food and expanded our distribution to include both South Fork Elementary School and Bolton Elementary School. A team from St. Paul's delivered more than 1,000 packets of food to families who came to those schools for lunches provided by the school system. Our meals helped with weeknight and weekend food. Special thanks to Greer Cawood and her daughter Emmie, Jim Stroupe, and Chip Morgan for pitching in to help get the food to those schools. With Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools moving to remote learning for the first nine weeks of classes, we are still determining how best to support families during this period.

The Center of Hope Shelter: We partnered with the Salvation Army's Center of Hope shelter in downtown Winston-Salem to provide weekly meals. This is the only shelter in our community for families with children, and during the pandemic, those who can't be housed are required to remain in the shelter each day.

The Winston-Salem Street School: St. Paul's joined forces with The Porch Kitchen and Cantina, as well as the investment firm Front Street Capital, to provide frozen, delicious casseroles for students to take home each week and share with their families. The Street School is an alternative, nonprofit high school for at-risk youth located only a few blocks from our parish. Each Wednesday, they allow students to come to the school to pick up food for themselves and their families.

For us, we hope these partnerships have a dynamic ripple effect that serves, promotes, and fosters community outreach and connection. We don't know what the upcoming months will look like for our community, but we do know that the generosity and support of our parishioners and community partners mean that the Gospel call to love and serve our neighbors remains stronger than ever.

WORSHIP

Please note that, in light of the pandemic, worship at St. Paul's will likely change as we continue to follow the guidance of the Diocese of NC, and government and medical professionals. Weekly updates are available through email, on Facebook, and the St. Paul's website.

The Daily Office Online

Mon-Fri at 8:15 am, 12 pm, and 5:30 pm on Facebook Live

Join clergy and others in the daily office live-stream on our Facebook page.

Morning Prayer, in-person Worship

Sundays at 8 am at the Porte-cochère (outdoor)

Reservations required. A link is made available the Wednesday before the service.

Morning Prayer, live-stream

Sundays at 10 am

Streaming on Facebook, Vimeo, YouTube, and the Website.

Evening Prayer, in-person Worship

Sundays at 5 pm at the Porte-cochère (outdoor)

Reservations required. A link is made available the Wednesday before the service.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

These are just some of the many activities happening at St. Paul's. Please visit stpaulswinstonsalem.org/events for the most up to date information information.

Outreach:

Dinner for Center of Hope

Thursdays in September at 4 pm

Visit stpaulswinstonsalem.org/coh to learn more.

Young Adults: Small group Bible study ¹

Twice monthly, Aug-Dec at 7 pm

This group is currently meeting in the backyard of the Rev. Sara Ardrey-Graves' home.

Young Adults: Taco Tuesday/ Game Night

Monthly, Sep-Nov at 7 pm

Email the Rev. Sara Ardrey-Graves for more info; sardrey-graves@stpauls-ws.org

Living Abundantly in a Time of Scarcity ¹

Sundays, Sep 13- Oct 11 at 11 am

This class will bring us back to the basics of the Christian faith, outlining 12 historical practices that are central to life in the Christian community.

Seeing White: A Study of Racism from a historical and spiritual lens ²

Tuesdays, Sep 15- Oct 13 at 12 pm or 7 pm

This class will focus on episodes of the podcast Seeing White produced by the Scene on Radio podcast team from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.

St. Paul's Walking Group ³

Every other Friday at 9:30 am

Our Caring in Community Group invites all for 40 minute walks (practicing social distancing and wearing masks.)

Socktober Sock Drive

Taking donations throughout October

St. Ruth's Circle is collecting socks during the month to benefit the Center of Hope. Drop off at the Goodheart Entrance.

St. Paul's Flu Shot Clinic ³

Mon, Oct 5 from 9 am to 2 pm

The quadrivalent flu vaccine which protects against four strains of the seasonal virus will be given. Sign up online or via Anne Rahn.

Children's Chapel

Sundays at 10:45 am and Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Join us on Facebook live.

Youth Formation

Sundays at 11 am

Led by the Rev. Nick VanHorn via Zoom after the Morning Prayer live-stream.

Sr. High Virtual Dinners

Thursdays at 6 pm

Led by the Rev. Nick VanHorn via Zoom.

Confirmation Info Meeting for Parents and Youth

Sun, Sep 13, 20, or 27 at 12 pm

To all youth 8th grade and older: We will have Confirmation this year! Join us online for a info meeting.

Daring Disciples Youth Group

Sun, Sep 20 at 11:30 am

For St. Paul's 4th and 5th graders via Zoom.

Second Graders Breakfast with Deacon Lauren

Sun, Sep 20 at 9 am

Grab your breakfast and video in to eat, see friends, and share how school is going.

Youth and Family

NOTES Upcoming events are subject to change. For the most up to date information, please visit stpaulswinstonsalem.org/events. **1.** Email the Rev. Sara Ardrey-Graves for more info; sardrey-graves@stpauls-ws.org **2.** Visit stpaulswinstonsalem.org/seeingwhite to sign up. **3.** Email Anne Rahn arahn@stpauls-ws.org



Please note that currently, there are only limited in-person services and activities at the church. Worship, formation, and outreach all continue remotely and the situation will change as certain requirements are met.



ABOUT ST. PAUL'S

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Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101

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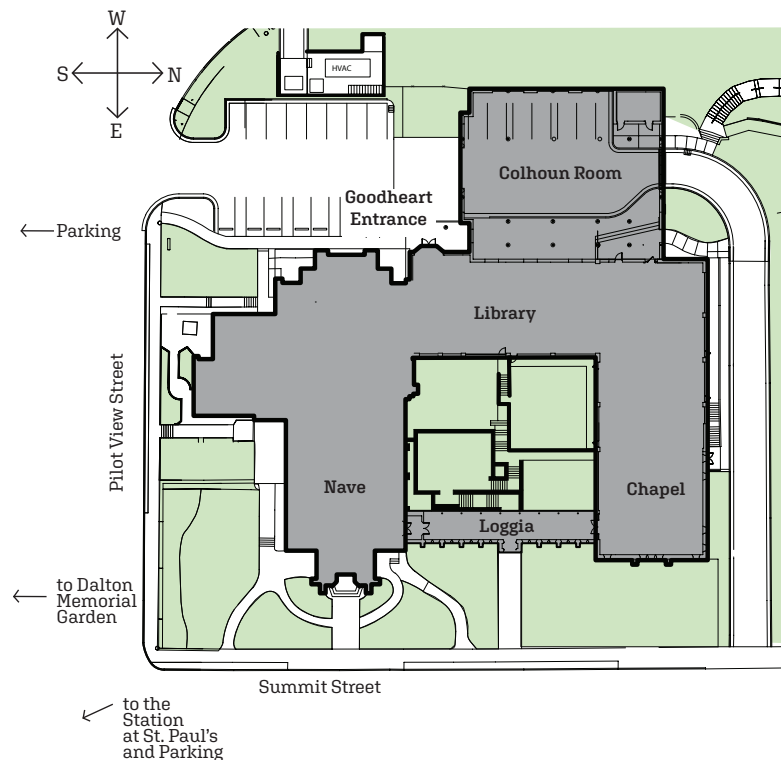
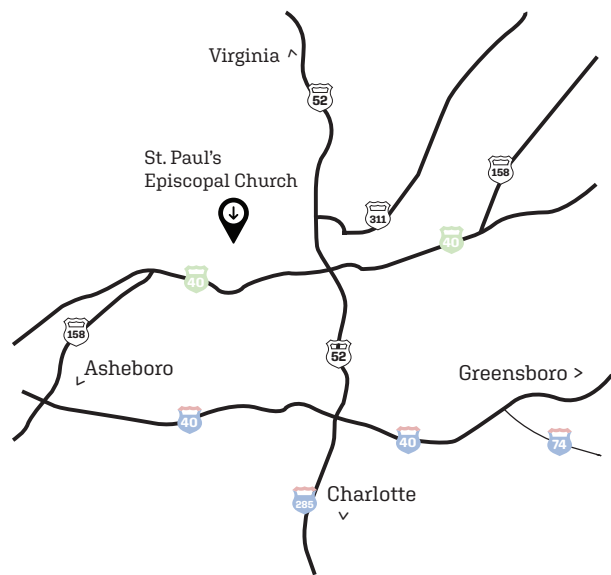
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Glorify, Inspire, Serve, and Transform

St. Paul's is a vibrant parish family that strives first to follow Christ. We are a large, downtown congregation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with a long history of moving worship, active Christian formation, and transformational outreach. St Paul's offers both sanctuary and challenge. It is a church grounded in the grace of God that seeks to bring God's love and light into the world. We gather together so that we may go out into the world, radically loving our neighbors.



TRANSITIONS

Births

Ramsey Kate Holmes
September 16, 2019
Daughter of Blair and Andrew Holmes, sister of Drew Holmes, granddaughter of Susan and Bill Brady

Charlotte Elizabeth Keiser
January 4, 2020
Daughter of Kristopher and Sarah Keiser and Granddaughter of Kris and Tricia Keiser

Avery Hall Allen
March 25, 2020
Daughter of David and Chris Allen, Niece of John and Caroline Allen, Granddaughter of Warren and Elizabeth Allen

Lucy Peyton Meyer
June 2, 2020
Daughter of Kabler and Mark Meyer, sister of Freddy Meyer, granddaughter of Ed and Bonnie Colhoun and great granddaughter of Sara Hill Colhoun

Alistair Bryce Hassanali Jinnah Weeks
July 7, 2020
Grandson of Sarah Jinnah

Baptisms

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, baptisms are on hold, but will return shortly

Marriages

Alyson Bobbitt Jamison Benjamin Spencer Baker
May 23, 2020

Abigail Ann Wierman Justin Lee Hoffman
July 18, 2020

Jamie Lee Whitfield Phillip Francis Petros
August 8, 2020

New Members

John and Trish McRae

Amy Sowell and Simon Briggs and sons Mills, Sam and daughter Connor

Kate and Dave Estey

James Broome-Blanchard

Katie and Cambridge Hines and son Tripp

Matt and Heather Bratland and daughters Charlotte and Gwen

Bethany and Houston Symmes and daughter Catherine and son Henry

Walter McDowell

Chris and Alex Towery and daughter Leeds

Rob and Katie Ferguson and daughter Emmy and sons Winn and Cliff

Drew and Carol Cleland

Ted Hodges

Katie and Daniel Leach and daughters Tyndall and Emily and son Woods

Doug and Elizabeth Winn

Paige and Joe Mone and daughter Amelia

Austin Humbert and Wes Neal

Sarah Jinnah

Michael and Amy Shuman and sons Nate and Jack

Mary Jo and Chris Thompson

Alexx Anderson

Gray and Susan Kimel

Morgan and Jack Reece and son George

Dixon and Anne Pitt and daughter Mary Haskelle

Deaths

John Allen Cobb
January 22, 2020
Husband of Kitty Cobb

Jones Pharr Byrd, Sr.
January 27, 2020
Father of Jones P Byrd, Jr, father-in-law of Whitney, grandfather of Anna and Macie, brother of Sam Byrd and brother-in-law of Ashley.

Mary Cynthia Cox Moore
January 30, 2020

Daline Sophia Montag Gregory
February 2, 2020
Mother of Kathleen Hutton, mother in law of John, grandmother of Jonny, Willy and Beatrix.

Susan Calvert O'Neill
February 2, 2020
Sister of Ian Calvert and sister in law of Cindy Calvert

Todd Kenneth Borton
February 10, 2020
Husband of Kathy Borton, father of Chandler Borton Wagner and father in law to Matthew Wagner, father of Michael Borton and father in law to Aubrie Borton

Arlene Ray
February 10, 2020
Mother of Denice Clark, mother in law of Joe Clark

Nicholas Charles Stavrou, Jr.
February 12, 2020

William Gray Cobey
February 15, 2020

William Edward Pike
March 18, 2020
Father of Crawford Pike, father in law of Ashleigh Pike, grandfather of Tatum and Harrison Pike

Dolores Taylor Hutton
March 25, 2020
Mother of John Hutton, mother in law of Kathleen Hutton, grandmother of Beatrix, Johnny and Willy Hutton

Louise Casparian Mingus
March 28, 2020

William Morton Hildebolt
March 28, 2020
Husband of Sandi Hildebolt

Carol Shull
March 29, 2020
Sister of Dick Madison, sister in law of Gayle Madison

Barbara Martin
March 29, 2020
Mother of Fronie Gillespie, mother in law of Allen Gillespie

John Lewis Krell
April 7, 2020
Father of John Krell, father in law of Michelle Anderson Krell

William Charles Warlick
April 11, 2020
Father of Kim Parrish. Grandfather of Wes Parrish and Rand Parish

Gail Allen Nash Lake
April 25, 2020

Joseph Edward Hall
April 27, 2020
Brother of Edyce Elworth, brother in law of Pat Elworth, uncle of Jonathan Blanco

Pauline Sims Medlin
May 5, 2020

James Robert Phillips
May 13, 2020
Brother of Bill Phillips, brother in law of Gail Phillips

J. K. Norfleet
May 13, 2020
Father of Mary Walker Fry, father in law of Kirk Fry

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Josephine Moretz Shipley Lauerman
 May 26, 2020
Mother of Taylor Shipley, mother in law of Alston Shipley

James Sommers Rodgers
 May 28, 2020
Husband of Dawn Rodgers

Samuel Bernard Davis
 June 8, 2020
Father of Aliasha Oakes

Robert Edwin Gaddy Myers
 June 9, 2020
Son of Anne Myers, brother of Lily and Turner Myers

Barbara Ann Lively
 June 13, 2020
Mother-in-law of Ashley Wimmer, Grandmother of Collier Wimmer and Lawson Wimmer

Jane Joyner Burton
 June 28, 2020
Sister of Marjorie Northup

Janet Arlene Endres Hartman
 July 2, 2020
Mother of Cindy Lou Franke

John King Boardman
 July 8, 2020
Father of Scottie House

Bill Leo Sparks
 July 11, 2020
Father of Carole Murray

James Reed Locklair
 July 15, 2020
Uncle of Dan Locklair

Neil Curtis Glass
 July 22, 2020
Husband of Claire Glass

Ann Rutter
 August 13, 2020

Betty Jean Fischer Barrow
 August 15, 2020

Cecelia Jean Ulinitz Sue
 August 18, 2020
Mother of Missie Vaughn, mother in law of Jim Vaughn, grandmother of Anna and Curren Vaughn

Cornelia "Nina" Kahle Weigl
 August 20, 2020

Jane Gilmore McDowell Williams
 August 24, 2020
Mother of Walter and Tom McDowell, mother in law of Anne McDowell

Richard Dudley Moore
 September 1, 2020
Husband of Mary Lou Moore, father of Virginia Bannigan, father in law of Brian Bannigan, grandfather of James, Emily, Lucas and Chris Bannigan

VESTRY ELECTIONS

PLEASE BE INFORMED AND PARTICIPATE

What Changes Will Occur?

At this year's annual meeting, the parish voted to create a new process for vestry elections. In 2021, our parish will move from contested elections to a proposed slate. Your vestry is excited about this change, as we believe the new process will help the Nominating Committee meet its goals to have:

- Capable, committed vestry members who want to serve the parish
- An Inclusive vestry that represents a broad cross-section of our parish
- Vestry members that represent the gifts and talents we think we need
- A process that encourages capable, faithful members to agree to stand for election

Some things will remain the same. A nominating committee will still discern which candidates will stand for election, additional nominations will still be accepted, and people will continue to vote at the annual meeting.

Some things will change:

- The Nominating Committee will now be composed of both current vestry and non-vestry members.
- The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for vestry equal to the number of open positions to be filled (four, not eight)
- Additional candidates may be proposed up to 12 days before the vestry election. After that date, nominations will be closed.

Who Will Serve on the Nominating Committee? When will they be chosen?

This year, we will have a seven-member Nominating Committee. The four (4) retiring vestry members will serve on Nominating, as they have in the past. We will also have three non-vestry members on the committee. During the last month, Vestry has been requesting that parishioners nominate, or self-nominate, if they are willing to serve on Nominating.

We expect to have the Nominating Committee appointed during September. If you have a suggestion for the committee, please send in your name ASAP to Henri Brown at henridbrown@gmail.com. Please ask people if they are willing to serve before sending in a nomination.

Everyone on Nominating must be eligible to vote in Vestry elections, meaning they must be enrolled Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing sixteen (16) years of age or older. In other words, if one can vote, one can serve. Once on Nominating, a person must "rest" for three (3) years before serving on this committee again. The final selection for non-vestry members will be made by those Vestry members NOT on the Nominating committee.

What happens next?

After the Nominating Committee is selected, this committee will solicit names for Vestry service. This will happen in early fall. The Committee hopes to have its recommended nominees by early December. By January 10, 2021 at the latest, the names, bios and photos of the nominees will be published for the parish. This will be at least 4 weeks prior to the annual meeting.

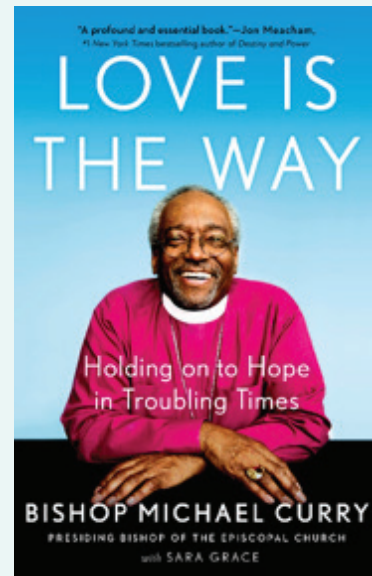
Should anyone want to propose additional candidates to run for Vestry, names would need to be submitted by Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00. The annual meeting and vote are currently scheduled for February 7, 2021.

Who should I contact to suggest a name?

Please send your suggestions for Nominating or Vestry Service to Senior Warden Henri Brown at henridbrown@gmail.com.



The 2020 Vestry at St. Paul's
 Scott Adams, *Junior Warden*
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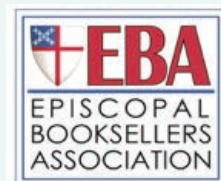
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 THE MOST REV. MICHAEL B. CURRY

author of
Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times

Thursday October 8, 2020
 7:00 pm (EST)

TICKETS: Purchase Bishop Curry's new book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* from the St. Paul's bookstore. The bookstore will collect the necessary information to send you a Zoom invitation to the conversation.

With the purchase of this book, we encourage you to make a donation to the Cook Literacy Model School fund that assists families with meals and school supplies. During the Covid-19 pandemic, students and their families have been placed under new and extraordinary pressures, and assistance with meals and school supplies is essential. Thank you for helping us continue to do the good work of serving our neighbors!



For more information please email Caro Humphrey at chumphrey@stpauls-ws.org

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SOCK TOBER

visit stpaulswinstonsalem.org/socks
to participate

St. Ruth's Circle is collecting socks during the month of October for the first annual Socktober Drive to benefit the Center of Hope. Looking to fill a perennial need at the Center of Hope, Socktober aims to get a pair of new, warm socks on the feet of the residents at the shelter as we transition to winter. Socks for men, women, and children are needed. Socks can be purchased through the Amazon Wish List linked here, or you are welcome to purchase socks and drop them off at the bin at the Goodheart Entrance at St. Paul's. For any questions, please reach out to Kathryn Vernon at kathryn.vernon@gmail.com or at 336-408-8029

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