



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

August 2017



Celebration Of a New Ministry

The Rev'd W. R. "Rusty" McCown

The Thirtieth Rector of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
510 West Main Street
Franklin, Tennessee

Wednesday, the Twenty-third of August
Two Thousand Seventeen
Six o'clock in the Evening

Gala Reception to Follow
Your prayers and presence are requested

WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Holy Eucharist
(with Children's Chapel)
11:00am Holy Eucharist
(with Children's Chapel)
6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

MOSP BBQ SUCCESS!

The Men of St. Paul's would like to thank everybody that assisted in making the 57th Annual BBQ, Silent Auction and Bake Sale (courtesy of the Women of St. Paul's) a great success this year. We were blessed with good weather and wonderful food, and thanks to the efforts of numerous people we expect the event to raise a significant amount of money to support the philanthropic efforts of the MOSP in the coming year.

We would especially like to thank the many volunteers, the Women of St. Paul's and the Youth Groups for their continuous support and help in making this annual event a success. Thank you as well to the individuals who came out and dined with us or picked up a meal to take home.

We look forward to carrying the tradition forward next summer and in the years to come.

ST. PAUL'S 190TH BIRTHDAY

Friday, August 25, 2017

5 – 7 pm

Otey Hall and Court Yard

Please join the Historic Committee to celebrate the 190th Founding of St. Paul's.

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The Mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Care for All

FROM THE RECTOR

Thank You!

Whew! Well, we are finally here. These past few weeks have been a non-stop but an incredibly joyous time for Laura and me. It's hard to express our appreciation for the love and support you have all shown us in our short time here.

I am so excited about our ministry and the future of St. Paul's. It is clear that we have a dynamic and exciting group of parishioners who are eager to do God's work in the parish and out in the community.

We are blessed with a devoted and talented staff. Each one is dedicated to seeing that the vital ministries here at St. Paul's not only continue but thrive. It is our vision that all parishioners are being spiritually fed in a way that brings us all closer to God.

And speaking of staff, I'm equally excited that in my very first newsletter I get to welcome a new staff member to the St. Paul's family. Libby Sullivan has accepted the call to be our Children's Ministry Coordinator. Libby will be responsible for organizing and overseeing formation and activities for our children, ages 4 through fifth grade. Please join me in welcoming Libby to this most important ministry.

I have so many ideas and thoughts as I settle into my new role as your rector. However, I realize that I need to mostly listen and observe the heartbeat of our parish. Over time I will introduce some new notions that I hope will be beneficial to our parish.



But for now I welcome your insights in making St. Paul's a healthier parish for all.

So, away we go! I can't wait to see where God leads us in this blessed ministry. As always, I ask for your prayers and please know that you are always in mine. Again, thank you.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of this wonderful parish and the opportunity to spread the gospel, the good news, of Jesus Christ to all.

PARISH NOTES

Our Congratulations to:

Mark and Martha Basenberg on the birth of their grandson, Mark Hunter Basenberg, III

Welcome to the Newly Baptized:

James Campbell Mastin, son of Patrick and Carson Carlisle Mastin, and grandson of Greer and Kaye Carlisle.

Our Sympathy to:

Don Hughes for the loss of his wife, Libby Hughes; and his brother Dick Hughes; and to

Gerry Helper for the loss of his niece, Ashley Solomon;

Katherine Dobie for the loss of her husband, Simon Dobie;

Family and Dear Friends of Rita Rae Gathmann;

Gene Brown for the loss of his brother, Kermit Brown;

Paul Deepan and Lori MacDonald for the loss of their niece's spouse, Dallas Beck; and to

Matt Nicks and Bev James for the loss of their mother, Barbara Nicks.

KAIROS - A JOURNALING GROUP

We would like to invite you to join St. Paul's journaling group, Kairos, which meets twice a month on Friday mornings at 11:00 am in the church library. We also meet once a month on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, before the 11:00 am service, You will be welcomed at any or all of these meetings, even if you can't get there right on time.

What is Kairos? More specifically, what is journaling? To us, it means a relaxing time writing short paragraphs using writing prompts — such as, “What was your favorite book as a child?” or “What color do you feel like today?” Or even just the word “Grass.” You write whatever comes to your mind when you hear the prompt. Journaling does NOT mean you have to write every day at home, or on any schedule. Some of us write at home, and some us do not. Kairos meetings are fun and relaxing, and you can express yourself in surprising ways, often with a trip down memory lane. Only one rule in journaling, or in Kairos meetings: : Date everything you write.

No stress, no worries. We would love to have you join us. I am happy to put you on our email reminder list if you are interested in checking us out some Friday or Sunday morning. You will get a FREE JOURNAL AND A PEN to get started.

August meetings will be on:

Friday, August 11, 11:00 am in the library

Friday, August 25, 11:00 am in the library

Sunday, August 27, 9:30 am in the library

Questions??? Contact me, Pegg Macpherson, at pmacpherson@comcast.net.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*There are many ways you can make a difference
in this ministry and in the lives of children!
How can you get involved?*

Children's Chapel Leader

Children's Chapel Helper

Children's Christian Formation Leader

Children's Christian Formation Helper

Week of Wonder Volunteer - (Vacation Bible School)

Creative Kids Helper

Special Events throughout the year Volunteer

Contact Libby Sullivan at libby@stpaulsfranklin.com



Bicentennial Club

1827 - 2027

You are part of the history, why not join the CLUB?



What?

As a member of the Bicentennial Club you will receive a print of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, from a sketch drawn by one of its members. You will also be invited to yearly socials for club members only.

Also, there will be a framed chart listing all the members of the club that will be on display. Additional benefits will be added as we approach 2027.

Why?

Have you thought about what you will be doing in 2027? Not sure many people have, however, the St. Paul's Historic Committee has already been thinking about that important year. August 2027 will mark the 200th birthday of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and that is something to celebrate.

So celebrate is what the Historic Committee is working on a plan to do. This celebration will not be just for one day, rather it will take place over the course of the entire year of 2027! There will be plans for special worship services, grand receptions, visits from former clergy, as well as a celebration including special dignitaries.

In order to accomplish the grand celebration that our Church deserves some fundraising needs to take place. This is where the Bicentennial Club comes in. We are looking for a group of dedicated individuals and families that are willing to make a commitment to join the club to make this celebration GRAND!

How?

You can easily become a member of this GRAND club! You just need to fill out a commitment card (found on the back of this brochure).

A donation of \$1,000.00 over the next ten years will get you a membership. You can choose to make your donation on either a yearly basis - paying \$100.00 per year for the next 10 years, or you can make a one-time \$1,000.00 donation. Of course, you can work out a different payment schedule that suits you as well; as long as it becomes a total of \$1,000.00 over the next 10 years.

Your donation can be made in the name of the family or family member, in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of a family member or loved one. Your payment can be made either by cash or check with the enclosed card. Or by credit card by going to the DONATE TO button on the church website, filling out the information and clicking Bicentennial Fund in the drop down box.

YES! I WANT TO JOIN THE ST. PAUL'S BICENTENNIAL CLUB

I will give \$100 per year for ten years.

I will give a one-time \$1000 gift.

I want to give \$1000 over ten years, on an individual schedule.

I want my gift to be in memory, honor or recognition of _____.

I want to be a part of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



St. Paul's Altar Circa 1927

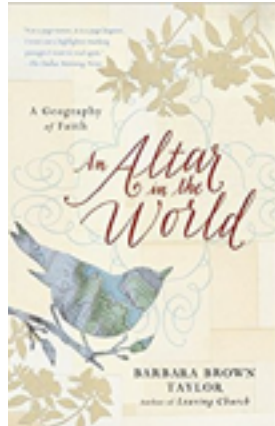
Form of Payment:

Check Credit Card
Card number _____

EXP ____/____ CVV code _____

WITS: WOMEN IN THEOLOGICAL STUDY

WITS – Women in Theological Study – is beginning a new study beginning on Thursday August 10th, based on the book [An Altar in the World](#) by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you need me to order you a copy of the book, please let me know.



We will meet on August 10, 17, 24, 31, in Barnabas from 9:30 –11:00 am. Come join us. Somehow we always have coffee and something to nibble on!

If you have any questions about WITS, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790- 0527.

ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY

Would you like to volunteer for the Altar Flower Ministry? Each Monday morning, we would like a volunteer to take the altar flowers to a nursing home; to someone who is shut in; and/or to someone who is sick at home. We will provide you with the names, addresses and phone numbers for the individual who would receive the flowers. Please contact Claire in the church office if you are willing to help with this ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Chapel on Sunday Mornings

On Sunday mornings we offer Children's Chapel for children ages 3 years old – 5th grade age during the 8:45am and 11am-services. Children go to church with their parents/grandparents/guardians. At the Gospel hymn, children process out to Founders Hall for liturgy through the lessons, prayers, and activities. Children return to the main church service at the Peace. Children's Chapel engages children through using curriculum through the Episcopal Church, *Lesson Plans That Work*.

These lesson plans, written by experienced church school teachers, are designed to follow the Revised Common Lectionary and use practical approaches that volunteers can follow. The lesson plans can be used as written or easily adapted when necessary. There is a need for leaders and for helpers.

If you are interested in helping with Children's Chapel or if you have any questions, please contact Libby Sullivan at Libby@stpaulsfranklin.com



WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S (WSP) REMINDERS

All women who attend St. Paul's are part of WSP. As such, all are welcome and encouraged to join us for our bi-monthly Friday evening meetings, otherwise known as "Socials." Our next WSP Social is being hosted by Becky Farmer on Friday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. You are invited to bring an appetizer to share; however, it is not required that you bring anything other than yourself. Please join us. We look forward to laughing and sharing time together.

Upcoming events:

Friday, September 1-Sunday, September 3 –
The Bazaar

Friday, September 8 – WSP Social

Saturday, December 9 – The English Tea

AND SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, February 2-Sunday, February 4, 2018
– The Women's Retreat

Keep an eye out for the registration forms. They will be available at the beginning of October.

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends and
Allies United with LGBT People

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, August 14 at 7:00-8:30pm, in Otey Hall. This month we will continue a group conversation focusing on how to handle difficult and painful conversations that tend to crop up unexpectedly. PFLAG is a national non-profit, support, education, and advocacy organization with the purpose of helping people understand and accept everyone equally, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. At every meeting we focus on sharing issues, concerns, successes and celebrations surrounding our LGBT friends and families. Meetings are held in a confidential setting. All are welcome and invited to join the conversation.

For more information, see our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pflagfranklintn.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Collins at 615-591- 5324 or sharoncollins715@gmail.com

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Together we're stronger.

ST. PAUL'S 190TH BIRTHDAY

There will be fun for the entire family with the following events:

Historical items on Display | Light Refreshments and Birthday Cake!

Children: Games and photo opt with Bishop Otey

Learn about the many projects of the Historic Committee and how you can be involved!

Bicentennial Chairmen announced | Music by Fred Newell and Friends

6 Friday, August 25, 2017. 5 – 7 pm. RSVP w.m.lampertz@comcast.net or 615-887- 3568.

Volunteer on Sundays! No Experience Necessary

Ushers and Oblationers

Ushers at St. Paul's greet parishioners and visitors at services, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, and assist at the offertory. They also assist with special services such as weddings and funerals. Oblationers present gifts of bread and wine at the offertory at the 8:45am and 11:00am services.

Chalice Bearers

Chalice Bearers assist the priest at the altar with serving communion. There is opportunity for Chalice Bearers at any of the services. They also can assist with special services such as weddings and funerals.

Readers/Intercessors

Readers and Intercessors have the opportunity to read the lessons and/or the *Prayers of the People* at the services.

Acolytes

The St. Paul's Acolyte Program recruits, trains and offers get-togethers for youth who wish to serve as Torch Bearers and Crucifers during St. Paul's worship services. By participating in the Acolyte Program, you join many others who help make each worship service happen by serving as ushers, choir members, readers, oblation bearers, and altar guild members.

Altar Guild

This ministry gives people the opportunity to prepare the Altar for regular services, and maintain the linens, vestments, and silver. The Altar Guild also takes part in the set up for weddings, funerals, and other services.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

This ministry gives people the opportunity to take Holy Communion to people who for varying reasons, are unable to come to a church service to receive Holy Communion. Lay Eucharistic Visitors or LEVs take communion to parishioner's homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals. The LEVs are sent forth from whatever service they attend, with a communion kit of blessed sacraments to take to

No prior knowledge or experience is needed for any of these ministries. For more information about these ministries, please contact Claire Gaddis at Claire@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527

ANN VAN DERVOORT LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder from your friendly Library Committee: The Ann Van Dervoort Library will be open all summer. The Library's large collection of fiction and non-fiction continues to grow with recent additions of current popular fiction.

We would like to encourage parents to select books from our excellent collection of juvenile fiction and nonfiction. Summer is a critical time for beginning readers who must constantly reinforce their newly acquired skills.

If you would like a quick preview of current books available in the library take a look at the bulletin board next to the Vesting Room (formerly Mona Mayhall's Office).

The church library is self-service and is open whenever the church buildings are open. Check us out!

CONSIDER ST. PAUL'S FOR YOUR AMAZON CHARITY

St. Paul's is now available for selection as a charitable organization via AmazonSmile! This is "a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you." To ensure contributions reach St. Paul's, please be sure to select St. Paul's Franklin as your charity at smile.amazon.com. From then on, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Paul's.

WOMEN'S BAZAAR SEPTEMBER 1ST AND 2ND

9:00 am until 5:00 pm

Our motto is: "We don't do junk!!!" It's a great time to clean out your attic, garage and closets and donate the good stuff to the Women of St. Paul's Annual Bazaar. Sign-up sheets to work and/or donate will be located in the narthex. You can drop off items for Granny's Attic and books in Otey Hall beginning August 27th.

Bazaar Needs:

Dishes – Collectibles/Knick-knacks
Small Furniture (small tables, etc.)
Jewelry | Children's toys | Area rugs
Lamps/Shades | Decorative pillows
Sports equipment | Working Stereos/DVD's
Seasonal decorations
Garden equipment/tools | Tools
Small electrical appliances (working)

PLEASE NO LARGE FURNITURE/
MATTRESSES/CURTAINS/LAZYBOYS/
CLOTHING

Book Nook Needs:

Current/Classic Novels
(Paper backs/Hard cover)How-to Books
Children's Books | Young Adult Books
CD's, DVD's , Computer games, Audio Books
Cook Books | Biographies

PLEASE NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, COL-
LEGE TEXTBOOKS, MAGAZINES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ALL AR-
EAS!!!! Please contact Kathy Ulezelski@
615-791- 6380.

**This is a great way to get involved and meet
new folks!**



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CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH®

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, September 9, 2017
Franklin First United Methodist
Church's Main Campus
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee (COMT) will host its annual Gathering on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Franklin First United Methodist Church's main campus. All are welcome to attend. COMT is the Middle Tennessee chapter of Contemplative Outreach Ltd., which offers programs and support for those who want to deepen their relationship with God through the practice of Centering Prayer.

This year's keynote speaker will be the Reverend Tom Ward, an Episcopal priest and longtime centering prayer practitioner and facilitator. His topic will be "Next Steps on the Journey." Ward is a retired chaplain of the University of the South who now spends his days focusing on the contemplative dimensions of the Gospel.

Many Christians are increasingly involved in daily Centering Prayer, an ancient practice that is experiencing a resurgence across major denominations. Tennessee's churches are particularly active in this area.

Rooted in the contemplative tradition, the prayer invites practitioners simply to sit in interior silence for a brief period of time, daily, attentively "consenting to God's presence and action" within them. It is practiced both privately and in small groups. In Middle Tennessee, some thirty organized centering prayer groups meet weekly. Each year, Middle Tennessee centering prayer practitioners and persons wanting to learn more come together for learning and community building.

Cost is \$20.00, which includes coffee and muffins. To learn more and to register for the event, please visit www.centeringprayermidtn.com. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Please note the location is the church's Main Campus, 120 Aldersgate Way, off Mack Hatcher in Franklin; not the church's historic sanctuary in downtown Franklin. (Your GPS may not recognize this.)

Contemplative Outreach Ltd. is a spiritual network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel. The common desire for Divine transformation, primarily expressed through a commitment to a daily Centering Prayer practice, unites our international, interdenominational community (www.contemplativeoutreach.org).

THE HISTORIC CORNER

It is with heavy hearts that the Historic Committee of St. Paul's cherishes the memory of St. Paul's own Rita Rae Gathmann. For those who did not know her, this snippet should help you understand the enormous loss we feel since her recent and unexpected death. For those of you who did know her, you can understand why we specifically are honoring her memory as she was an invaluable asset to our mission at this church, and one of the people to whom our latest project *The History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church: A Good Story of Saints and Sinners* was dedicated last year.

Born on New Year's Day in 1946, the doctor who delivered Bertha Maye Johnson Gathmann of her only daughter had to be summoned from a party—to which he promptly returned after this event. So Rita Rae entered the world with a little drama and danced to a different drummer from that day forward. She was christened at the font of St. Paul's Church the following Easter.

When the Gathmann family moved into "Boxmere" on West Main Street, it was like a homecoming. Bertha Maye's grandmother had owned this very historic property which had been a hospital during the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. At that time "Boxmere" was owned by Bethenia Perkins Figuers—a lifelong communicant of St. Paul's (just like our Rita Rae). A Figuers son climbed to the top of a giant tree in the front yard and watched the first few hours of the battle from that viewpoint before retreating to the cellar where bullets shot past him and sizzled into bags of potatoes instead!

That tree recently fell when Rita Rae was still residing in the home.

Miss Gathmann graduated from MTSU with a teaching certificate and then earned a masters degree in English at Peabody School (now Vanderbilt University); however, destiny offered her an alternative. Rita began working alongside her adoring father Dr. Ray Gathmann—a well-loved veterinarian in Franklin who practiced at "Boxmere." Rita Rae wrote prescriptions on behalf of her father's four-legged patients like she did her Christmas cards—utilizing a ruler to guide her for spot-on penmanship that was unmistakably her own.

As a communicant of St. Paul's from the cradle to the grave, Rita Rae left her footprint at the church in numerous ways. Always a faithful worker for the Women's Bazaar, she constantly oversaw the book sale each year and organized and priced in her own systematic way. For over thirty years Miss Gathmann was in charge of the flower fund and it has always been one account that is always in the black at the church! She would also retrieve the altar flowers following services and carry them to the sick in the hospital or the shut-ins of our roster. Oftentimes being their own hospitality team, the Gathmann ladies would greet visitors to the church with stories about how they were related in some way or another to nearly all of the Tiffany stained glass windows. A lifelong genealogist and amateur local historian with minute details to offer, Rita Rae like her mother could relay story after story about the history of St. Paul's—many by first-hand accounts.

But the most important and certainly memorable task of this remarkable lady was her ability to bake sugar cookies from her

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mother's own recipe captured from Bertha's home economic cookbook which is now over 100 years old. They would either contain double vanilla or, if Rita Rae was feeling a bit impish, that ingredient would often be replaced with bourbon. Thousands of parishioners and guests alike enjoyed these delicacies through the decades. Although these were all quiet and unassuming tasks, their appeal and reception were mighty indeed and her services to the entire community were invaluable in an individual manner.

Upon the death of her parents, Rita Rae opted to sell "Boxmere" which is being renovated. Meanwhile, she moved into a new apartment in NHC. Unlike many who go to assisted living facilities kicking and screaming, Rita Rae took to it like a bee to honey. She adored the camaraderie of numerous new friends (she saw more movies in a week than in her lifetime combined and she was so happy). And it was among this motley crew that Rita Rae was visiting at breakfast when she suffered a massive stroke and died at age 71.

But if it is true what our own Charley Crumpton says: "a person is never truly gone until the last person stops remembering them," then Miss Gathmann will never be lost to time for the stories about her are boundless.

For this and for so much more we celebrate the life of Rita Rae Gathmann, and all of the saints in glory who have gone before us at St. Paul's Church.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE WISH LIST

The Historical Committee continues to meet regularly and we are working diligently to catalog our historic resources. As part of that work we need a fireproof, lockable filing cabinet. If you have one you are willing to donate to the Committee, please let us know!

Additionally, we are in the early stages of planning some events for the coming year.

Stay Tuned!

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

A GOOD STORY OF SAINTS AND SINNERS

The long awaited and beautiful book chronicling the history of St. Paul's has been well received by the St. Paul's and Franklin community. These books have been selling fast; we have raised over \$4,281.62 for the Parish's Bicentennial Celebration Fund thus far. Make sure you get your copy of this fascinating story of the spiritual community of St. Paul's. These texts would make a great gift to share with family and friends.

The books are \$15.00 each and can be purchased by contacting the church office at 615-790- 0527 or claire@stplaulsfranklin.com, or Melanie Lampertz w.m.lampertz@comcast.net or 615-887- 3568.

OUR DIRECTORY IS "LIVE"

Download the app to your smartphone, tablet, or computer and see pictures of your parishioners along with street addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

On a smartphone, you can call or email fellow parishioners directly from the ICD app, which is free. If you haven't turned in your picture for the directory please do so. You can do it from the link you received by email or you can send it to gwbrown1965@gmail.com, either way is fine.

If you prefer, Gene Brown, will take your picture after a Sunday service. After we get more pictures, we will make the printed directory and anyone who wishes, may get it by contacting the Church Office.

This new Directory with online access should really help us to get to know one another better and facilitate better communications between us.

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.

MEN OF ST. PAUL

The Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee's 71st annual conference August 18-20, 2017. It's not too late to register at <https://tnchurchmen.org/>.

As always, this is a weekend of renewal, reflection, refreshment, and fellowship - with old friends and new friends from all across Tennessee.

Enjoy the great speakers, the Bishops, All Saints', ribs, activities...all the great traditions of the weekend on the Mountain.

The Men of St. Paul's will pay for accommodations. We'll be staying on the Dubose grounds in Cabin 6.

If you have questions, call Mike Wesson at 615.478.3851. Otherwise, see you on the Mountain!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday August 13 at the
8:45 am and 11:00 am Services

Bring your school backpack with you to church!



UPDATE ON THE RECTORY RENOVATIONS

From the Junior Warden

It has been a frantic couple of months since Bill and Sara Barton moved out of the Rectory. We have been working in the Rectory to prepare it for Rusty and Laura McCown. Rusty moved into the Rectory on Saturday, July 29th. Some of you have inquired as to what kind of repairs and upgrades were made at the Rectory, so here is a summary of that work.

First, the plumbing from the street and throughout the house was replaced. The plumbing was original to the house and had become quite clogged through the years. This work required one wall and one ceiling to be completely removed and subsequently replaced.

Second, the electrical wiring in the house had several areas that needed to be upgraded and brought up to local code. Third, all but 2 of the windows in the house were replaced.

The original windows were single pane windows that were very energy inefficient and none of which would actually open. The new windows are energy efficient and are fully functional. This has improved the ability to properly cool the second floor of the Rectory which had always been a challenge. Fourth, and probably the most aesthetic change was a remodel of both bathrooms with new tile including the floors, tubs, and towel bars.

The rest of the work was mostly smaller items such as repairing a water leak in one of the bedrooms, touching up the paint throughout the house that had been damaged during the work above, and other miscellaneous punch list items.

We have a few items left to complete, but the remaining work will not be hindered by having the McCown's present in the Rectory.

A huge thanks goes out to Debbie Brake who spearheaded this work and to Susan Miller who as usual added her design skills to the finished product.

Jim Miller

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)

Registrations Due August 15

St. Paul's has an active Education for Ministry (EfM) group that meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm. Meetings will resume in September, but now is the time to register. EfM is an adult formation program that is open to all.

If you are interested in learning more about the bible, church history, and Christian theology in a small group setting this could be the program for you. Scholarship money is available. For more information contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987- 6949.

A DANCING MONKEY

There is a call to revitalize and rebuild, the global system, our political system, in our regions, in our Parish and in the Third Order of Franciscans. It has been suggested that this can only be accomplished when one embraces the mind of Jesus and are completely committed to the will of God. Richard Rohr has been giving clues of what this process might look like but where does one start? Several of us started reading "The Wisdom Jesus", by Cynthia Bourgeault. She contributes often to R.Rohr's meditations presenting consistency to the clues. An element that began to take form was the dualistic nature that was cultivated in religion, nourished by a dysfunctional social order. Jesus argued against this through his teachings, his parables and the way he lived his life. To embrace "The Mind of Jesus", one must move beyond a "them and us" mentality. Equality of all things created and non dualistic thinking does not seem to be the same but they are. It's interesting how easily we accept the idea that God created everything but we can not accept that everything is equal. The best we can do is accept that nothing is created nor destroyed, it only changes form. A mental disconnect occurs when we try to understand that concept with the mind of man. Man only comprehends what the material world looks like, feels like, smells like and so on.

Once you bridge the material world to a level where energy and creation are the common elements, the concept of equality, oneness, begins to present itself in a simple way. That is the level that Jesus was operating on. A level that went much deeper than the material surface. That is the level we must operate on, at any other level the core value of love you neighbor as you love yourself will remain impossible. You will only see the color of the

skin, the clothes being worn, the language spoken, etc. The "fight or flight" portion of the brain will never let you arrive at the level of oneness, or understand of the mind of Jesus.

The second element of "revitalize and rebuild" is being completely committed to the will of God. One story told about St.Francis was that he stayed up one night praying, "God, who are you and who am I?". That story, that prayer sounds simple until you sit with it for awhile. The more you sit with it, the more you realize about yourself, your relationship with God, God-Jesus-Spirit-You. I am using the phrase "sit with it for awhile" because the word meditate scares so many people. Let me ask you about prayer. If you are teaching praying to a child, some suggest that you talk to God like you would talk to a friend, have a conversation. Many of those same people will say they can not meditate, that is listen to God. I wonder if their conversations are just as one-sided? To be committed to the will of God is to listen to God. If you're in a class room always talking to the Master, you will learn very little of what the Master knows.

Where does one start? I suggest with yourself. "Be the change you want to see in the World," Gandhi. Humble oneness with your neighbor, with creation, listening to God are the foundations, the common building blocks to any lasting change. This Summer we visited Washington, D.C. and were told the Washington Monument was built by stacking stone on stone, no mortar between the stones. I liken that to what I'm talking about.

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CITY	CITY
Columbarium	Columbarium
Daughters of the King	DOK
EFM Fund	EFM
Flower Fund Income	Flowers
General Memorial Fund	Memorial
Historical Committee Fund	Historical
Local Outreach Fund	Outreach
Magdalene Fund	Magdalene
Men of St. Paul	MOSP
Men of St. Paul BBQ	BBQ
St. Paul's Endowment Fund	Endowment
Rector's Discretionary	Discretionary
Music Ministry Fund	Music
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Women's Retreat	Retreat
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SECOND ANNUAL TASTER'S LUNCHEON



Sunday, September 24, 12:30 pm in Otey Hall. Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$5.00 for children 11 and under.

If you missed last year's event, you have another opportunity to taste some of the best cooking that St. Paul's has to offer. Three teams- three different menus- one great price! You get to try everything and cast your vote for "Best Cooks of St. Paul's." Currently Donna Honeycutt and her team of Ladies hold the title, but there are challengers ready to take it away! Tickets are available from Donna Stokes-Rogers. All proceeds will benefit the Music Ministry Fund.

A DANCING MONKEY

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If the stones (your relationship with others and to God) are solid and created by the Master, no mortar is needed. The mortar in your life is all the stuff, the lies, the fear you created that makes your life unstable. Without that mortar, your life crumbles. Are you, your church, your institution built on solid ground, constructed with stones shaped by the Master, or is it mortared together with dogma, useless tradition, old self-serving practices?

My prayer is an Ancient Eastern Orthodox verse; "Fold the wings of your mind. Place your mind in your heart. Come into the presence of God."

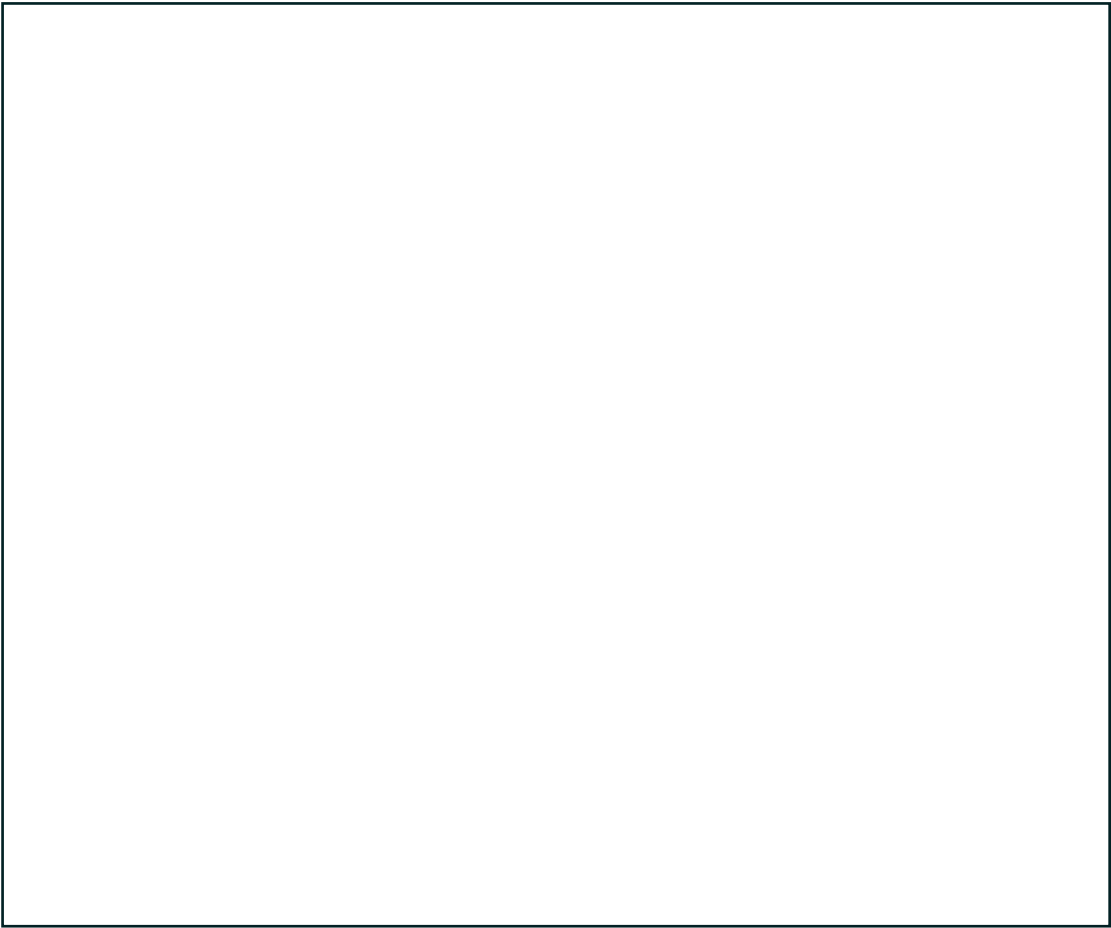
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