

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS

August 2019

*The mission of St. Paul's is to be the Body of Christ
and instruments of his love and grace committed
to serve and nurture this church and community.*

*The Way of
Love
Turn
Learn
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Just a Conversation

from Marty White, Eucharistic Minister

Ten years ago I was living in Paris, Kentucky attending St. Peter's Episcopal Church. This is the church where I was baptized and where I was confirmed, where I was married and where I also attended the funerals of both my mom and dad. It was also the church where I learned to pray. It was also the church where I joined the Daughters of the King. It was always there, ever present in all aspects of my life, but now prayer had become an important part of my life. Fast forward and I came to St. Paul's and wasn't sure how I could serve in my new church. How can I serve? I struggled with this question, especially after I felt God gave me new life following my serious problems with my hip surgery. I decided to complete the four year EFM classes which brought me even closer to serving God as well as introducing some very prayerful women to our Chapter of The Daughters of the King.

We are all told to be servants of God. But what does this mean? How can you serve? At St. Paul's there are many ways we can serve, whether it be hosting coffee hour, singing in the choir, being an usher or just by returning the passing of the peace. Or maybe just by prayer. So many people say, "What if I cannot or what if these things are just not for me."

You can be a servant of God by praying. And prayer. What is prayer? We all know what prayers are. "Our Father...". But what if we say, "oh I can't just read prayers, that's not me. It doesn't feel personal with God." Most people think that they cannot find the "right words" to offer prayer to God. In my service as Eucharistic Minister taking communion to shut ins and administering anointing, I worried most about how to pray with those I was serving. But then I realized that prayer doesn't have to be structured or come from a book, it can be conversation. And that's the best prayer ever and that's how we can be servants of God by just having a conversation with God and making that our prayer.

Praying is being in relationship with God.

One of the most amazing aspects of our relationship with God is that we can personally communicate with Him through prayer. Prayer may include thanksgiving, praise, worship, or petition, but it always involves speaking from your heart to the Lord. Just as any healthy relationship requires open communication, prayer is one way to develop and grow your relationship with the Lord. Another important benefit to prayer is that it helps us to receive the peace of God. And everything that is good comes from the peace that we receive when we give our hearts to God, either silently or aloud. Find time everyday to talk to God. Learn from him when you feel that there is no one to talk to or when you feel that no one will listen to you. Thank Him everyday for all the good things in your life. Ask for forgiveness when you feel that you need help. All of this is prayer, just having a conversation with God can give peace and clarity to your life.

So talk to God, thank Him for all your blessings and also ask him to help you with your struggles. This will allow you to draw nearer to God. And listen to Him! He may not always tell you what you want, but He will always tell you what you need.

"Lord come into my heart and hear my prayers."

And most of all, pray for those who have no one to pray for them. After all, it's just a conversation.



Upcoming Events

Sundays—8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 9 a.m. Choir Practice, 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Atrium. Coffee Hour following the service.

Tuesdays—6 p.m.—Saints, Sinners, and Cynics—Rookies

Thursday—August 1—9 a.m.—Back to School Picnic final prep—Parish hall

Saturday—August 3—Noon—Back to School Picnic at Audubon Kids Zone

Sunday—August 4—Fr. Rich's first Sunday back

Wednesday—August 7—4-6 p.m.—First Day of School treat with Fr. Rich at Dairy Queen

Sunday—August 11—EYC Back to School Lunch after the 10 a.m. service. Place TBD

Wednesday—August 14—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program

Sunday—August 18—CCO Sunday—Canned Tuna or Salmon

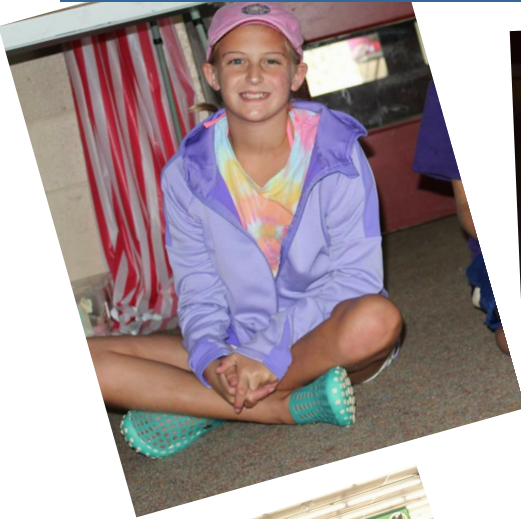
Monday—August 19—Noon—St. Ann's Guild

Tuesday—August 20—5:30 p.m.—Vestry Meeting, Rector's Study

Wednesday—August 28—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program

Saturday—August 31—10 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ingathering, Parish Hall

Around the Parish



Our youth enjoyed All Saints camp this summer, shopping for the BTS picnic, and a visit from the Rev. Becky Durham during a recent vacation in Henderson.



Holy Land Travels (part 3)

from the Deacon

St. Peter's is a beautiful Church located above the ancient port of Jaffa. It was so beautiful, I noticed that some of our fellow tourist stopped taking pictures for a moment and actually sat down to enjoy the beauty around them. The interior had high vaulted ceilings, stained-glass windows, marble-covered walls and a huge painting hung behind the altar of St. Peter's visitation by an angel. The Church is dedicated to St. Peter because several of the deeds of St. Peter took place in Jaffa: the raising of Tabitha; his stay at the house of Simon the tanner; the vision of the sheet let down from heaven.

Before leaving Jaffa, we walked through the narrow streets and up a few steps to view the hanging orange tree, growing out of a huge iron pot that was hanging about 4 feet from the pavement by three large cables. This iconic old Jaffa Landmark is a symbol of prosperity and a reminder of the days when the famous Jaffa oranges were actually grown near Jaffa.

Our next stop Ruben drove north along the Mediterranean Coast to the ruins of Caesarea Maritima. Caesarea was founded by Herod The Great on the site of an ancient fortified town. They had built massive breakwater walls for ships to anchor, a sewage system was flushed by the high tide, and a vast amphitheater was built for chariot races, gladiator combats and other events. It was amazing to see how large the arena along with the seating of thousands, and how they managed to build such a place.

It's off to the next stop, Mount Carmel where a dramatic stone statue of Elijah stands, with his sword raised to heaven as he slaughters a Baal priest. We had a superb view looking toward the plain of southern Galilee and just below us the plain with the Kishon brook, where Elijah had the false prophets put to death.

We stopped for lunch at a family owned restaurant, where I had my first fresh squeezed pomegranate for lunch. I wasn't very hungry because I had eaten a large breakfast that morning. I was delighted when the gentleman said it only cost six shekels that's about two dollars in our currency.

After lunch we traveled to Megiddo, identified as the site of the battle of Armageddon will be fought. In the Book of Revelation, Megiddo is the setting for a future battle between the forces of good and evil and is for archaeologists perhaps the most important site in Israel dating from biblical times. According to our guide, Jerry, at its prime Megiddo was ruled by King Solomon in the 10th century BC. We saw the remains of Solomon's Gate and what is believed to have been his stables. This is the site where we had 187 steps to conquer in order to see the well persevered water supply system. Once you reached the bottom you walked through a tunnel which would have supplied the residents of Megiddo with water from a nearby spring.

After climbing back up the steps and into the 103 temperature it was time for a water break. And yes! They were experiencing a heat wave the week we were there! The air-conditioning on our coach wasn't functioning very good on our way to the next sight.

We continued on to our next stop, the town of Nazareth. Nazareth is the largest city in the Northern District of Israel. According to Jerry, our guide, the inhabitants are predominantly Arab citizens of Israel, of whom 80% are Muslim and I assume the rest Christian. We stopped at the Church of the Annunciation which stands over the cave that tradition holds to be the home of Mary. I describe the inside of the church in the next month's issue.

All Saints Camp

from Miranda Purdy

I went to all saints as a junior high camper. My favorite part was learning how to swim with the life-guard Will. My second favorite part was fishing with Caroline and Carter. I did a lot of fun things like tie dye, canoed, swim at the lake, we had a dance and a talent show. At the dance I danced with a boy named Sam and some of my other friends. After the dance on Thursday the girls went to the cabin and did spa night and watched the movie The Greatest Showman. That was a fun night. On Friday at morning Eucharist I read the old testament Genesis 18: 1-15 and it said that " Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son. But Sarah denied, saying I did not laugh; for she was afraid. He said, Oh yes, you did laugh."

I want to thank all of the people from Saint Pauls Henderson for taking us to church camp.

from Sophia Preston

All Saints Camp is a great experience! I hope to return each year because of the friends and the fun. All Saints Camp will always be a part of my summer because it is a wonderful opportunity for each camper. I love everything about camp, the counselors, the games, the songs and fun camp traditions. This is one camp where everyone is nice to each other, we get to spend time outdoors and even the food is really good. I am thankful for the opportunity.

from Trae Purdy

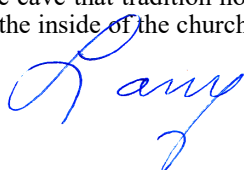
Camp was great. This year I got to be a counselor, but only for one week. I had a fun time that week, not only having fun myself, but seeing the campers have fun also. I loved seeing and hearing the campers as their belief in God. Also watching the campers enjoying old friends reunions, and having new friendships unfold. I'm excited to see what happens next year.

from Leslie Newman

Many thanks to the members of our parish family who drove or rode as a second adult to transport our children and youth to and from All Saints' Camp this summer. Special thanks to our senior warden, Susie Watkins, and to Deacon Larry for making multiple trips themselves, for shaking the trees for volunteers and for procuring a rental vehicle from Bruce Woodring Auto Leasing and Sales, at a discount, to make those trips. Thanks, too, to the vestry and parish of St. Paul's for making scholarship funds available so all our youth can have the life-changing experience All Saints provides. The impact of All Saints on St. Paul's and the youth of our diocese was even more palpable as the committal and interment of Madeline Hayes' ashes at the outdoor chapel took place there, on Saturday July 20.

Website Update

The St. Paul's website has been updated thanks to the hard work of Lydia Johnson. Check it out at www.stpauls-henderson.org.



All Saints Camp

from Alexis Purdy

When asked to write something about All Saints it was very clear to me what I wanted/needed to say.

All Saints isn't just a camp or a retreat center, it's a place that has been what I consider my Favorite place, it has been very near and dear to my heart for 9 years, and I couldn't imagine it being any other way. It's a place where everyone feels welcomed and loved no matter what they have going back at home.

For 4 years I have been a counselor, and that has been the most rewarding experience, being able to be part of a wonderful community, watching the campers and staff form friendships that will last a lifetime. Some of my best friends came from camp, and even though we may live 2-3 hours from each other, our bonds are strong.

A big shout out goes to all who helped transport everyone to and from camp, and to the parents who have allowed their children to experience the magic at All Saints.

from Kaleigh Purdy

All Saints Camp is like my second home. I always look forward to the times for camp. I feel like I can talk to anybody there about my feelings. I have seen old friends and met new friends.

Everytime I go to All Saints my faith grows extremely. I attended another type of camp this summer and All Saints is my all time favorite. I feel a closeness there like no other place. I get to show more of myself at All Saints than I do at home. The time spent there is like a release of feelings.

I would like to say thank you to the people of St. Paul's Henderson that took us to camp. I really appreciate everyone taking time so very much.

Congratulations Hannah Stocum

from Leslie Newman

To conclude the feature stories about our recent high school graduates, this month we highlight **Hannah Stocum!** Hannah graduated in May from Henderson County High and will matriculate at Henderson Community College this month. Hannah is a Rotary Colonel to College awardee and she also received foreign language honors for her study of Spanish. Hannah is the daughter of Mischelle Stocum and the granddaughter of Susan Sauls. Hannah sees how hard Mischelle works and believes her Mom deserves the world and she can't thank her Gigi enough for her help and the important role she has played in Hannah's life.

Hannah's favorite memories of St. Paul's are of lock-ins, playing hide 'n seek, eating pizzas and watching movies in the parish hall. She surprises herself with her love of VBS because she doesn't particularly enjoy working with children, yet she can foresee her future involvement with St. Paul's as a sub at VBS. Mischelle took time from work to join Fr. Rich, Hannah and the VBS helpers on their reward trips to Holiday World. Hannah's first major purchase was Fr. Rich and Jenny's well-cared for and gently used Nissan Altima. Unfortunately, Hannah was involved in a vehicle crash where the Altima was totaled and now she has obtained a 2010 Toyota Camry, which she likes a lot, although she misses the bells and whistles of the Altima.

Hannah is a product of women with good work ethic and she inherited their motivation. In her young life, Hannah has accumulated much experience in the food industry. She has worked at Little Caesars, KFC and now for more than two years at McDonald's on 41 where she has advanced and is a crew trainer. Hannah says it is challenging to train new workers and it is apparent Hannah is quick to determine if someone hires on with the intent to learn and like their job, which makes for a good long term employee, or if the worker is just there for the paycheck, which leads to turnover and frustration. One of the skills Hannah teaches is how to make a sandwich, and she has learned and takes to heart that not everyone learns, or more importantly, wants to perform that duty correctly. She has learned there is a big difference between seasoned employees who have committed to performing their duties well and enjoying their job and those who have a "don't care" or disrespectful attitude. Hannah enjoys her job, has the energy for the fast pace and finds and likes that there is always something to do. She appreciates that McDonald's has given her 40 hours of work each week since graduation. Her store manager is encouraging her college career and is offering a flexible schedule to accommodate the 12 hours she will be taking this semester. Hannah will be busy and she likes it that way as it helps combat her tendency to procrastinate. She looks forward to attending classes at HCC and has chosen the classroom over online learning as the best way for her to learn.

Hannah's true love is animals and after she earns her associate degree at HCC she plans to transfer to Murray State University on the long (and expensive) road to becoming a veterinarian. Her favorite animals are horses – you may remember her bringing her toy horses to St. Paul's when she was a child, and her drawings of horses, and how she learned to ride when she was young. Her current schedule doesn't allow time for horses so she bestows her affection on Lucy (black cat), Bella (gray tuxedo cat) and Bessie (gray cat).



Please join me in congratulating Hannah for having achieved the milestone of her high school graduation!

Vestry Notes

At their meeting on July 23, St. Paul's Vestry:

- Approved the minutes of the previous meeting
- Received the financials
- Building & Grounds Update
- Leak in the front of the church being addressed. Met with gutter people and it appears to be an issue with the roof. Arranging meeting with roofers
- Parking lot redone with angle parking
- Lights went out in Church on Sunday. It is a problem with breaker box in the basement due to water damage. Breakers to be replaced
- Communication-Lydia gave us an update on re-vamping our website and FB page. Vestry commended her efforts.
- East End Community Picnic is Aug. 3. There is a signup sheet in Parish Hall for volunteers
- Heard Pastoral Report
- Discussed the need to make a plan to meet the needs of parishioners—What can we do to make St. Paul's better? We will schedule a planning meeting for this.
- The next meeting is August 20, 2019 at 5:30 in the Rector's study.

Scholarships Awarded

from Leslie Newman—

The Bishop Woodcock Foundation again offered \$1000 in scholarship funds to a postsecondary St. Paul's student. Hannah Carroll Caudill was chosen as this year's recipient. Hannah is a graduate student at Georgetown College, working to obtain her rank I in Teacher Leadership with an endorsement in teaching students with moderate/severe learning and behavior disabilities. Her expected completion is May 2021. Hannah completed her bachelor's degree at Western Kentucky University with a major in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis on business and her master's degree from the University of the Cumberland in teaching students with disabilities. Her goal is to become a National Board Certified Teacher. Hannah currently is an MSD teacher at Union County High School and a basketball coach at Holy Name School as well as wife to Tyler and mother to John Tyler and Chandler.

Thanks to a gift designated to match the Woodcock funds, St. Paul's will award scholarships to the other applicants for the Woodcock Foundation grant. Hannah Stocum, about whom you read in this issue, will receive a scholarship, as will Zoe Green, Warner Mattingly, and Reade Mattingly.

Zoe, a 2019 high school graduate, has enrolled at the University of Oregon where she intends to pursue a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Environmental Studies. Zoe's first job has been this summer, with the Eagle Point School District, and she has con-

tinued the volunteer tradition she began at St. Paul's as she also volunteers for an animal care farm and is a youth advocate for stewardship of the environment. In Eugene, Zoe plans to join student groups focused on sustainability and to obtain part-time employment.

Reade will continue his studies in mechanical engineering with emphasis in manufacturing in the honors college, in the Center for Manufacturing Excellence, at the University of Mississippi with an expected graduation date of May 2022. Reade has a cumulative GPA of 3.65 and intends to maintain his grades when he obtains a part-time job at school this year, as he will be moving from the dorm to an apartment. He also intends to volunteer for the Big Event at Ole Miss this year, and to become involved with the Episcopal Church in Oxford. Reade worked for Joe Mattingly Builders again this summer.

Warner Mattingly continues his studies in civil engineering at the University of Kentucky with an expected graduation date of May 2020. He has worked as an engineering intern for Gray Construction and for the Henderson Water Utility and as another side job in addition to his work for Joe Mattingly Builders, Warner worked as a door knocker for Weed Man. Warner also serves as scholarship chair of his fraternity, encouraging the pledges to develop their study skills.

Back to School Again

On the first day of school, Fr. Rich will once again celebrate what has become his back-to-school tradition. From 4:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, August 7, he will be at the Dairy Queen to offer any youth and children a back-to-school ice cream treat in exchange for their first day stories.

EYC will celebrate the beginning of the school year and hear about the first days of the first week, with a lunch after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday August 11, place to be determined by popular vote with preference for a place with a round table where we can hear each other!

More EYC News

On July 28, Connie, Dave and David Walaskay hosted EYC and the planning committee for the August 3 AKZ family picnic. While the committee reviewed the plans and heard of the generosity of donors to the event, our youth and children swam and enjoyed the beautiful afternoon. Ice cream, cookies and (for the adults, wine) and good conversation were the refreshments. We then had a memorable outing to the Dollar Tree where nine of our children and youth each chose \$25 worth of prizes to be given at the picnic on Saturday. The kids did a great job and the young men who work at Dollar Tree were most accommodating at ringing up our purchases youth by youth, basket by basket. Our day concluded with dinner at Rockhouse on the River where we were joined by junior warden Mike France and surprise guest the Rev. Becky Durham, who was visiting Henderson on her vacation from Peace Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville NC where she now has been the pastor for a year.

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Service Times

Sunday 8:00 Rite I
10:00 Rite II
Wednesday 12:10 Rite II w/ anointing for healing

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