

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS

May 2021

*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.*

A Truly Glorious Easter

from the Rector

Last Easter I tried very hard to offer the praise and thanksgiving that are the due of every Christian for the wonderful and glorious work completed by our Lord in the Resurrection. But this year that praise and that thanksgiving required no effort whatsoever!

As always, the lilies provided by many of you in honor or memory of loved ones filled the place with beauty. But having scavenged flowers from the church's landscaping to deck the cross by myself last year, the flowers so graciously offered and prepared, and so loving placed by the little hands that carried them to the cross, literally overwhelmed me on Easter morning.

And the music did it to me again mere moments later. With a doubling of the number of choristers that are allowed to sing unmasked at any given time, Suzanne and Marla set out to recruit additional musicians to join our own Choir members that were available to make some *very* fine, *very* "joyful noise unto the Lord." From the trumpet fanfare to the anthem to the hymns and the choral responses, it was beautiful and it was worshipful.

But it was the people that really blew me away. I was honored and blessed to be able to alone represent us all in worship before the Lord for the four months that was required, including last Easter. I never realized so fully before that profound part of my calling to be your priest in addition to being your pastor. But having so many here Easter morning was a true blessing, and I thank each of you for it.

The cap on attendance has been raised to 60% of capacity, so our bountiful Easter attendance of 88 was still within proper limits. But I hope that when you are able, and when you are ready, you will come again to be with your Parish Family in body as well as in spirit. I really like seeing your face—even if only from the bridge of your nose to your hairline.

Peace and joy,

HCHS Graduation Plans

Leslie Newman—Friday May 21, 2021 is graduation day for our Henderson County High seniors! The ceremonies will return to the Ford Center this year, at 7 pm, with limited seating. Our seniors will be allotted ten tickets to distribute to their proud families and friends. I look for WSON (860 AM) to broadcast the ceremony. The last day of school is May 18. The Senior Parade, an innovation of the pandemic, will take place that evening at 6:00, and the Senior Sunset will follow at 7:00, at Colonel Stadium. Both are special ceremonies that will allow all our community to celebrate this milestone.

In addition to being loved and adored by our Parish Family since we first saw them, our two 2021 graduates, Kaleigh Purdy and Rad Mattingly, both provide big warm smiles and ready laughs with our youngest to our eldest members. The two have been actively involved in EYC since they were old enough, and even before, as both followed in the footsteps of their elder siblings and couldn't wait to do what the older kids were doing. Having older siblings in EYC gave them a sample of what they had to look forward to, the safety nets of their older siblings, the push from their older siblings, a raised bar of expectation for themselves and a spirit of competition. Both Kaleigh and Rad have participated in six years of EYC activities, service to our church and community, and fun projects like building gingerbread houses and pancake suppers, making cards and boxes for Christmas on the River, filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child and VIC's Build-a-Bed project. Kaleigh and Rad will present their senior sermons to our parish family on Mother's Day at the 10 a.m. service. Please come or tune in to hear them!

If you can't put your hands on our parish directory and would like to send a card of congratulations to Kaleigh and Rad, you may send or bring it to the parish office and Judy will see they receive your well wishes. Please join me in congratulating Kaleigh and Rad!

Upcoming Events

We are delighted to continue to welcome you to join us for in-person worship, but please know that depending on your situation, you are always welcome to continue to experience services livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsHenderson>

Sundays

8 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I (In-Person and FB Live)

10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II (In-Person and FB Live)

Wednesdays

12:10 p.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Prayers for Healing (In-Person)

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

6:00 p.m. — Family Supper on the Lawn, with Compline (In-Person)

All other Parish activities continue to be suspended for now.

Around the Parish



Chandler and John Tyler stood still for a very brief moment to pose with the Flower Cross On Easter Sunday.



Caroline pulled down her mask just long enough to give a big Easter smile.



Alexis and Gisele join Miranda, Kaleigh, and Trae with their father, Clarence at the Cross.

Saint Philip and Saint James

from the Deacon

I was admitted to the postulancy by the Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White, Bishop of Kentucky on May 1, 2015, on the feast day of Saint Philip and Saint James. It was an honor and blessing to have been admitted into the Postulancy for Holy Orders on their feast day, and I thought this might be a good time to focus my article on the two apostles.

The Apostle Philip is one of four people named in the New Testament, and he is often confused with Philip the Deacon, who is mentioned in the book of Acts. The other two Philips are both sons of King Herod the Great.

Philip's home town was Bethsaida of Galilee and no doubt he was a close friend of Andrew and Peter who lived in the same fishing village. Philip was probably a disciple of John the Baptist, because Jesus called him directly near Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing those who repented.

The Apostle Philip was asked by Jesus the unusual question to test his faith before the feeding of the five thousand (John 6:5-6). Philip also was a contact for the Greeks who wanted to see Jesus. And in Acts 1:13, we are told that he was among the disciples in the upper room. According to tradition the Apostle Philip was missionary to Greece, Syria, and Phrygia.

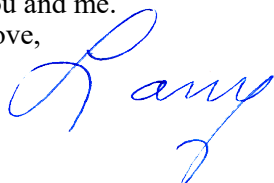
The Apostle James was the brother of the Apostle John. The brothers were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, in partnership with Peter and Andrew, when, early in his ministry, Jesus called them to leave their nets and follow him.

James and his brother John had the nickname "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" (Mark 3:17), because their headstrong ways sometimes got them into trouble with Jesus or the other disciples. In one instance, they asked Jesus to give them the seats next to him in heaven. Another time, they offered to call down fire from heaven to destroy a Samaritan village that had refused hospitality to Jesus and the disciples. But along with Peter, James and John seem to have belonged to an inner circle among Jesus' followers. Only these three apostles were with Jesus at the healing of Jairus' daughter, and when he is transfigured on a mountain-top. Jesus, himself asked these three to follow him in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his arrest.

Philip and James were both present for the last supper in the upper room, and they were also there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples behind locked doors after the Resurrection and when their risen Lord appeared to them in Galilee.

James and Philip remind us that there is a place for unremarkable, run of the mill disciples and perhaps they were like you and me.

Peace and Love,



\$100—Soldiers' Sweethearts

Susie Watkins—*Soldiers' Sweethearts* was established at the Western Kentucky VA Center to purchase gifts for Veterans who live at the Center to give to their spouses on holidays and special occasions. With the help of a foundational gift from St. Paul's, this organization began as an idea two years ago to provide gifts for residents to give Christmas gifts to their spouses.

It was so well received that it has grown to provide those gifts throughout the year with the hope of expanding to every Veterans Center in Kentucky and other local nursing facilities. Donations are used to buy birthday and anniversary gifts on behalf of the Veterans that are in care. For Valentine's Day, cards with a recorded message from the Veteran are sent.

At Christmas, gifts are purchased and each Veterans may choose one to give to their Sweetheart. In addition, each widow who was one of *their* soldier's Sweetheart receives a memory angel ornament.

The giving of these gifts brings pleasure to the Veterans that need our help. While they can't get out and shop, they still want to show their wives that they think of them and love them. On the other hand, the Sweethearts get their own days brightened by getting these tokens of love.

While they have had a few small fund raisers, most of *Soldiers' Sweethearts* funds are through individual donations. You can learn more about this organization on their Facebook page, "*Soldiers' Sweethearts*," or by contacting Mary Buckman, one of the co-founders, at mary.buckman@icloud.com or 270-577-3887.

I hope you will join me in honoring a Veteran, and making a Soldiers' Sweetheart's day by adding your donation today.

CCO Donation for May:
Shave Cream & Razors
Bring your items to church with you, or drop them by the Parish Office by the third week of the month.

Kaleigh Michelle Purdy

Kaleigh has been part of our St. Paul's Parish Family since she was thirteen months old, with older siblings Robin, Alexis and Trae, when younger sibling, Miranda wasn't yet born. Their mother and the person who has devotedly seen that her children have remained involved and engaged at St. Paul's is Gisele. If you attended St. Paul's in person on Easter Sunday and saw a guest with the Purdys and recognized a familiar and welcome smile on that gentleman, it belonged to Kaleigh, Miranda, and Trae's father, Clarence.

Kaleigh will present her senior project on May 5, to a panel of teachers. Her project explores the subject of genealogy, an area of keen interest to Kaleigh since she was adopted by Gisele and Jerry and maintains open ties to her biological family. Kaleigh gave EYC a practice run of her presentation. Those who know the Purdy family know their work and study in genealogy. Kaleigh has absorbed it like a sponge and finds it interesting to have learned more about herself by completing a DNA test. She is quite knowledgeable about the topic, and her teachers/judges will no doubt learn a lot from her presentation.

Kaleigh has been an active participant in all aspects of EYC since sixth grade. She has served as an acolyte and on altar guild. Her favorite memories of St. Paul's are of her Easter 2011 Baptism, and her Confirmation in 2016 following the preparation retreat in Kuttawa. Kaleigh has served on the Diocesan Youth Council all four years of high school, learning leadership skills and how to speak up and express herself in the course of her service. She has loved all her time at All Saints Camp and the chance to meet new people and make friends from around the Diocese.

Kaleigh also has enjoyed her time at the Western Kentucky 4-H Camp, her membership in FFA, the FBLA (business leaders), the FCCLA (child care leaders), and the Leo Club. Kaleigh especially has enjoyed service projects like serving Thanksgiving dinner at Redbanks and working with the children at the Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center. She has served summer work programs at Colonial Assisted Living and the Henderson County Public Library. Kaleigh was in the HCHS Choir, she is a member of the Henderson County Homemakers, and was in Girl Scouts through her junior year.

Kaleigh has survived the pandemic by praying, listening to music, watching videos and talking on the phone with her friends. She also enjoyed road trip outings with her family, seeing the beautiful old homes of Louisville, and photographing covered bridges in rural Kentucky.

The absolute (and vocal) highlight of her spring return to in-person school, one that she feared she would miss, was the opportunity to attend her senior prom with a group of good friends.

Kaleigh plans to attend Henderson Community College. She hopes to transfer to Western Kentucky University and plans to major in early childhood education and development. Kaleigh loves kids and wants to make working with them her life's work.

Radford Ellison Mattingly

Radford is the son of Joe and Christy Mattingly, the youngest brother of Warner and Reade, the devoted grandson of Marie "Mimi" Huber, and a cradle Episcopalian. Rad has served St. Paul's as an acolyte and most recently in the project he chose to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

To achieve this distinction, Rad used the skills he has learned and honed through Scouts: leadership, planning, and persistence. It was a long process and countless hours of work, but Rad is most proud that he was able to give back to St. Paul's through his choice of the project to refurbish the Columbarium. Rad emphasized that he learned the importance of following through. He believes having achieved this goal will serve him for life, and he hopes it will more immediately serve him with college scholarships.

Rad is in a cooperative program on his Capstone engineering pathway at HCHS, beginning each school day before 7:00 at *Joe Mattingly Builders*, organizing the shop, running errands and doing what is asked of him at job sites before he goes to school at 9:00. Rad will continue his work there full days this summer.

Since he was a child, Rad has participated in football, basketball, golf, archery, soccer, ultimately narrowing to soccer, where he has played on club teams *and* the school teams. Rad was named to the academic All-District and All-Region teams for his junior and senior years and lettered both years.

The low point of the pandemic for Rad was practicing in the heat of both the summer and the pandemic, not knowing whether he and his teammates would get to play their senior year. But not only did they get to play, the HCHS Soccer Team won at District and Regional tournaments, only missing their chance at the State title by the team's exposure to the Coronavirus.

The high point of the pandemic for Rad was going to Lake Barkley where he could be outside, see people and socially distance on the water. His Scouting experience helped Rad as he learned the safety features and equipment and how to care for and operate his family's boat. His favorite aspect of his senior year was returning to school with his friends four days. Rad really enjoyed the prom, and aside from wearing masks, appreciated that it felt like a return to normal.

Rad has kept his focus on his school work, too. He has been in advanced placement classes since his freshman year, is in Kickstart for College, and has been inducted into the National Honor Society. He serves as a Student Ambassador for HCHS and has employed leadership skills learned in Scouting as he interviews and trains applicants for next year's Ambassadors.

Rad plans to attend the University of Mississippi, *Ole Miss*, where he will survey the School of Engineering before he chooses his field of study. When brother Reade went for *his* college visit, Rad fell in love with Oxford, MS, a small town with the feel of Henderson. He looks forward to meeting all the new people, and finds the thought exciting and scary at the same time. Rad sees himself returning to Henderson to live after he graduates from college.

Vestry Notes

At their monthly meeting held by videoconference on April 20, St. Paul's Vestry:

- Received March financial reports showing income, including pledged giving, lagging behind budget, while expenses are slightly over budget so far.
- Heard from the Treasurer that we have received our second round of SBA loan through the Payroll Protection Program in the amount of \$27,400. We anticipate being able to apply to conversion of that loan to a grant by late summer.
- Discussed the latest modification of the Bishop's pandemic directive, which essentially left most provisions unchanged. The previous change to allow as many as eight properly distanced choristers to sing has allowed additional music to be offered for Sunday services, with still more to be added soon.
- Considered plans for Suzanne's retirement this summer. With her last Sunday at the organ being July 4, the Worship & Music Cmte will plan thankful recognition for her contribution to our life these last years, and the Parish Life Cmte will plan whatever reception meets the pandemic limitations at that time.
- With both the weather and pandemic considerations making it possible, decided to begin a transition back to Wednesday evening programs with an outdoor, bring-your-own supper program for the last Wednesday in May, with hopes to expand as the summer continues.
- Confirmed that due to pandemic restrictions and the challenge of recruiting volunteers, we will not participate with Vacation Bible School again this year.
- Asked the Rector to consult with the County Extension Agent before meeting with our new neighbor to the west who has proposed trimming the holly tree on Center Street.

The next Vestry meeting will be at 5:30 May 18, in the Parish Hall.

Parish Office Reopens

Beginning Tuesday, May 4, St. Paul's Parish Office is again open 7:30-11:30, Tuesday-Friday for your visit. Though through the marvel of technology and the help of HMPL, calls to the Office have been answered without interruption throughout the pandemic lock-down, and though Fr. Rich or Judy have been available in the Office without regular hours for some time, we are delighted to announce the full return of normal Office operations. Come on by to say hello!

An Evening Out at Church—Finally

With the loosening of restrictions by health authorities and the Diocese, especially for outdoor activities, we are finally ready to once again schedule a non-worship activity at St. Paul's, specifically, Wednesday Evening Family Supper at 6:00 on May 26.

Plans are still being laid, and the inclement weather plan is to move to the next Wednesday, June 2, but look forward to some good food commercially prepared and individually served just for us. The program that evening will be just being together, but we will end our time with the very short, and very English, *Prayer Book* service of Compline. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come enjoy an evening with folks you love.

Pastoral Visits Resume

One of the most difficult complications to their ministries that Fr. Rich and Dcn. Larry have faced during the pandemic has been the inability to visit the homes of St. Paul's Parish Family.

Now, with the availability of vaccines and the lightening of restrictions, our Deacon and Priest are anxious to get back on the road. "I'm looking forward," Dcn. Larry has said for weeks, "to being able to see my people face to face." With his two shots and two weeks fulfilled, he is hard at it making that longing a reality.

That completion date is still a couple of days away for Fr. Rich, but he has already started accepting invitations that he has had to decline for so many months. He will be making calls throughout this spring, but if you'd like to see him sooner, as always, you can call his cell phone. Or call the Parish Hall; Judy has access to most of his calendar.

Prayer Books Back in the Pews

One of the earliest casualties of the pandemic season was the use of anything in worship that required handling by multiple people. We Episcopalians have a long association with the *Prayer Book* that contains not only the text and instructions for our liturgy, but the theology, very understanding of God, upon which our common prayers are based. So it was particularly difficult for congregations like St. Paul's to lay aside our *Books of Common Prayer* last spring.

With new understanding of the transmission of novel-coronavirus-19, we have now been able to return Prayer Books to our pews. We will, however, continue to print the service leaflets for a while longer while we reorient ourselves. And Hymnals may take a bit longer to return.

Financial Summary as of March 31, 2021

Pledged Income Received to Date	\$31,405
Non-dividend Investment Income Transferred	\$0
Small Business Funds Available	\$27,400
Other Operating Income to Date	\$7,977
Total Budgeted Expenses to Date	\$66,841

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Service Times

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

Vestry Ministry Teams *(*indicates Vestry liaison)*

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Jr. Warden
Clerk
Treasurer

Susan Sauls
Bill Brodsky
Susie Watkins
Mike France

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Mike France, *Bill Gentry, Hugh Hennessey
Fr. Rich, *Susan Sauls, *Connie Spivey, Mike France
*Bill Brodsky, *Corey Hill, *Connie Spivey, *Alexis Purdy, *Susie Watkins,
Susan Sauls

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Building and Grounds

*Lydia Johnson, *Jacob Martin
*Corey Hill, *Alexis Purdy, Leslie Newman, Monessa Curry
*Bill Brodsky, *Bill Gentry, *Susan Sauls, *Susie Watkins, Hugh Stone,
Michael Minton, Joe Mattingly

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