St. Paul's Episcopal Church

GOOD NEWS April, 2012

For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 2:14

The St. Paul's annual yard sale will be held this year in September. Start saving your items now. For more information, please contact Marcia Stinnett or Ella Thomas.

St. Ann's Guild will again host a bake sale in conjunction with the Yard Sale.

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Getting to Know Me

As I've said, I am delighted to have gotten to know so many of you so well already—and I'm committed to keeping it up until we can all say that we know one another. It's not that I want to be the best pastor in the Church, it's that I want to be the best pastor I can be *for you*. I could pray—and I do—that none of you would ever have a time of crisis or need. But we all know better than that, don't we? So, when those times come, I want to know you well enough to be able to help, and I want you to know me well enough to let me.

With that goal in mind, there have been a handful of questions that have come up over and over that I have answered over and over over the course of my first couple of weeks with you. (If you had to read that more than once, yes, I did that on purpose.) I thought I might answer some of those questions here in this broader forum, not to save time—relationships take time, and they ought to—and not to circumvent the asking of them again—if you haven't learned it about me yet, I don't at all mind talking—but just to speed up the practical spread of information—though I know I will be unable to surpass the speed of the grapevine—oh, every church has at least one, so there's no use trying to hide it.

Squirrel!

There's a scene in the animated movie *Up!* in which a dog, equipped with a collar that lets him speak to the human protagonists is explaining the plot of the evil antagonist, when something catches the corner of his eye and he jerks his head and shouts, "Squirrel!" then turns right back to continue where he left off. When Jenny and I first saw the movie, I thought that part was really funny—but Jenny thought it was *hilarious*. I found out why the next time I headed off on some tangent and she shouted, "Squirrel!"

Yes, I do it a *lot*! I am sometimes even painfully aware of it when it is going on, but I not only can't seem to do anything about it, I'm not entirely sure I *want* to. I do it when I'm writing often enough that I've been declared by one former secretary to be the King of Dash (perhaps you've noticed). And I especially do it when I'm talking, which is part of why I write out my sermons—not even I want to hear me preach for thirty minutes!

Sorta' Reverent

As one of my previous cures, I was Dean of St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Hastings, Nebraska, what is left of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska. During the seven years of my ministry there, I had many occasions to explain that the presiding priest at a cathedral is called the Dean, and that this is the source of the academic rank of dean, not the other way around, with the titular form of address, the Very Reverend.

When I left St. Mark's to become Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus, Georgia, things got a little less complicated when I went back to just plain Reverend. But a couple of years after I had left, in recognition of my ministry among them (and probably because I raised a lot of money for some very important projects) the Vestry awarded yours truly the lifetime title of Dean of St. Mark's *honoris causa*, restoring the "Very Reverend" appellation.

During my years as a working dean, in response to questions about how I should be addressed, I have taken to saying that I have a hard enough time being even sorta' reverend. I am always humbly honored to be called "Father" by those for whom that title pays respect to me, the office, and the Church. I am content to be hailed as "Preacher," "Pastor," or some other functional title that goes with my vocation as Priest of the Church. But I am quite sure that my Father calls me "Rich," so that is fine by me.

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SKY: Everything is Possible with God

For the first time, St. Paul's is hosting the Henderson Community Churches Vacation Bible School!

2012 is the 11th year of our joint adventure and this year's theme is
"Sky: Everything Is Possible with God."

Mark your calendars to remember that Orville and company will be entertaining and educating kids of all ages
Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7.

Watch for bulletin inserts with more information and check out the Parish Hall display case.
Registration begins shortly after Easter.

You can contact Michelle Green at 831-2394 or email m_green@insightbb.com with questions.

Just call me

As a general principle, I hope you will remember that I would much rather hear a dozen times about some Parishioner's emergency or crisis or joy than not hear about it at all. I want to be a good pastor, but I can't help when I don't know something is going on. So if you or someone you love is in a place where your priest might be able to help, don't wonder even for a moment whether I already know about it, just give me a call, drop me a note, come by the church, or even tackle me on the street (please be gentle!), whatever works best for you.

You can call me at St. Paul's, but I hope everyone will put my number where they will know where to find it – 270-823-7269. That's the cell phone that is usually attached to my hip. I can't always answer it immediately – I leave it in vibrate mode most of the time so it doesn't interrupt "real world" conversations – but some of you can testify that I'll call back as quickly as possible.

The hours for the Parish Office have not changed since my arrival; the Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 to noon. That does not mean that I will always be there during those hours, or that I am not available there at other times. I am generally in the office doing administrative stuff Monday through Wednesday mornings, and out and about in the afternoons (and a lot of evenings). I'm trying to be disciplined about using Thursdays to prepare for and write sermons and articles and such – it doesn't always work out that way, but that's my own disciple problem. Friday is my day off (I work Sundays, you know) and I try to reserve that day and Saturday for time with Jenny.

Please, please say hello if you see me on the street or in a restaurant or even at the Walmart. If you catch me out of the context of church, do remember that I have met a lot of people in the last month and a half – I am trying to connect everyone's face and name, but a reminder would be helpful in such situations. Jenny and I have taken an apartment in the first block of Powell and the downtown area is beautiful, especially this time of the year, so if you see me out and about, please, please say hello.

All of the schedules make it easier to catch me, but please know that I'm ready (make that excited!) to see you when you are ready to see me – mornings, afternoons, evenings, even early in the morning (though you may have to put up with me looking pretty bleary eyes).

Well, there you go. I suppose that a few more questions may come up over the course of our years together, but that's a start. Give me a call!

Peace and joy,

April's Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday—April 1—8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Parish Family Breakfast, Choir Practice, **10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Sunday School.** Coffee Hour following the service

Wednesday—April 4— 6 p.m.—Education for Ministry, Parish Hall

Maundy Thursday—April 5—Noon—Lenten Luncheon, Zion United Church of Christ
6 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Footwashing and Stripping of the altar

Good Friday—April 6—Noon—Lenten Luncheon, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church,
6 p.m.—Stations of the Cross

Saturday—April 7, - 10 a.m.– Prayer Shawl Ministry "Learn to Knit Classes", Parish Hall.

Easter Sunday—April 8—8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Parish Family Breakfast, Choir Practice,
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Sunday School, J2A. Coffee Hour following the service.

Wednesday—April 11—6 p.m.—Education for Ministry, Parish Hall

Saturday—April 14, - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.– Vestry Retreat, Brain Injury Adventure Camp
10 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry "Learn to Knit Classes", Parish Hall.

Sunday—April 15—8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Parish Family Breakfast, Choir Practice,
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Sunday School, J2A. Coffee Hour following the service.

Monday—April 16 Noon—St. Ann's Guild meeting in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday– April 17, 6 p.m.—Vestry Meeting—Parish Hall.

Wednesday—April 18—6 p.m.—A Celebration of New Ministry

Saturday—April 21, - 10 a.m.– Prayer Shawl Ministry "Learn to Knit Classes", Parish Hall.

Sunday—April 22—8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Parish Family Breakfast, Choir Practice,
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Sunday School, J2A. Coffee Hour following the service.

Wednesday—April 25—6 p.m.—Education for Ministry, Parish Hall

Thursday—April 26—6 p.m.—St. Anthon's Hospice Memorial Service

Saturday—April 28, - 10 a.m.– Prayer Shawl Ministry "Learn to Knit Classes", Parish Hall.

Sunday—April 29—8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Parish Family Breakfast, Choir Practice,
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Sunday School, J2A. Coffee Hour following the service.

Financials as of February 29, 2012 (Year to date)

Pledged Amount to Date	**$22,500**
Pledged Income received to Date:	**$27,123**
Other Income to Date (plate, trust and other)	**$16,483**
Operating Expenses to Date:	**$31,794**

Youth Happenings

Leslie Newman—Please bring any plastic Easter eggs and any Easter baskets which made their way home with you last year after the St. Paul's Easter egg hunt, or any eggs basket, candy or change you want to contribute to the cause to St. Paul's on or before Maundy Thursday. EYC will host the Easter egg hunt following the 10 a.m. service on Easter morning.

The next Sunday, April 15, at 9:15 a.m., upstairs in the youth room, Father Rich will meet with youth and their parents and anyone else who is interested in being confirmed. We anticipate classes will start now, suspend in the summer and resume in the fall, pending a visit from the Bishop at a time Father Rich is working to establish.

The Purdys and Renner helped Father Rich and Jenny move into their newly refurbished, light-filled apartment in a lovely historic downtown home on March 2. While the Martindales travel impressively light, the move was quick, easy and fun with everyone's help. We were glad he thought to ask us, and also that we could be the first to see their new home.

EYC made chili for the March 13 Lenten supper, and sampled it, with grilled cheese sandwiches, and ice cream sandwiches, the night before. It was fun to have a cooking project besides pancakes, and to have everyone working together. Thanks to Gisele for thinking of a way for EYC to contribute to a parish event and for supplying the ingredients for the chili. We were glad Father Rich could join us for dinner and fellowship!

EYC had the opportunity to join with the Presbyterians for disaster relief on March 18. Originally, plans were to travel to Harrisburg IL but as best laid plans are wont to be, that didn't work out. I have attempted to reach the Episcopal Church there, to no avail, to see if there is anything we could provide in the way of assistance. Through Pastor Tim Hobbs from Community Baptist, we learned of needs right here at home, and we spent a sunny warm Sunday afternoon demolishing a mobile home on Old Corydon Road behind the college. There are several mobile homes in a row there and they had been hard hit by hail; this particular home had been blown off the foundation and wasn't repairable. What could be salvaged, such as cabinets and plumbing, was donated to Habitat for Humanity. The tenant works at the nearby mouse factory. He doesn't have a drivers license and walked to work, so is looking for a place to live in that vicinity, or another mobile home to put in that spot, in case anyone wants to help.

We received three lovingly-packed boxes of blankets, gloves, scarves and other items for disaster/tornado relief from a California Episcopalian, and we will be distributing those items to tornado victims in central Kentucky via the Purdy children who are participating in a disaster relief fundraiser pageant in Frankfort. They receive extra points for the items they collect so the generosity of this thoughtful woman will help in more ways than one.

No one was able to attend the diocesan Spring Gathering at All Saints the weekend of March 23-25.

There are brochures for summer camp on both bulletin boards at church, and St. Ann's Guild provides scholarships for St. Paul's children and youth who would like to attend All Saints. It's an experience most of our kids love and look forward to year after year. The theme this year is OLYMPICS! As you have seen in the postcards in the bulletins, there are opportunities for staff, volunteers, campers and donors. The dates for camp are as follows:

- Senior high camp (grades 9-12) is June 17-22.
- Counselors-in-training (CIT) (entering grades 9-12) is June 24-28 and July 8-13
- Primary camp (entering grades 2-4) is June 24-28
- New Horizons camp (entering grades 5-6) is July 8-13
- Junior High camp (entering grades 7-8) is July 15-20.

More information about Camp is available at www.youth.episcopal.ky.org

You are Invited!

The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White
Bishop of Kentucky

will be with us at

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Henderson, Kentucky

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
6:00 in the evening

to help us celebrate

The Renewal of Our Ministry

with

The Very Rev. Rich Martindale
as our New Rector

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall

St. Paul's Vestry Minutes

February 28, 2012

Meeting called to order by Susan Sauls @ 6:35 pm.

Present: Becky Carroll, Steve Pruitt, Michelle Green, Ellen Redding, Holly Vickers, Susan Sauls, and Fr. Rich Martindale. Absent: Leigh Ann Wehr and Larry Courtney.

Susan Sauls welcomed Fr. Rich and thanked him again for accepting our call.
Opening prayer: Fr. Rich.

Susan Sauls wondered as did some of the rest of us, about the difference between Very Reverend and Reverend in
Fr. Rich's title. Apparently Very Reverend refers to his being Dean of a Cathedral.

Treasurer: Becky Carroll gave a financial report. We have a working budget for 2012. Financials were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Steve Pruitt and seconded by Louis Smith. It passed unanimously.

Junior Warden: Steve Pruitt is continuing to work on a bid for the windows and now is getting a bid on painting the Narthex.

Christian formation: Michelle Green is heading up the Vacation Bible School for this summer and the cost will be $500.00. We are hosting it at St. Paul's this summer June 4-7. 4 churches will be involved. Holly Vickers made a motion to appoint Michelle Green to chair Christian Formation. Ellen Redding seconded and Michelle graciously accepted the position.

We are changing vestry meeting times to 6 pm instead of 6:30. All agreed.

Communications: Ellen Redding. Website up and current. Postcard to welcome new couple from Owensboro and a follow up phone call from Susan Sauls.

Youth Ministry: Holly Vickers nominated to be liason to Leslie Newman by Becky Carroll and seconded by Ellen Redding. It passed unanimously.

Parish Life: Susan Sauls. Working on a committee to plan parish life over next year to have a long range plan.

Pastoral Care: Fr. Rich. Visits to homes and families going well.

Senior Warden: Susan Sauls. Received letter from diocese thanking us for our pledge. We will begin recycling in the church, developing education and awareness about going green. We will start collecting caps for Brain Injury Adventure Camp.

2012 Budget: Budget was discussed at length and motion to adopt the budget made by Susan Sauls and seconded by Steve Pruitt. All in favor.

Vestry Retreat. April 14, 9 am at the Brain Injury Adventure Camp. Susan and Holly will bring food.

Vestry Member of the Month position will be discussed at the retreat.

Motion to adjourn: Ellen Redding and seconded by Steve Pruitt. All in favor.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Rich

Lay Ministry April, 2012

Date &	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Coffee Hour	Breakfast
1—Palm Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Phlippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47	Marie Huber, Kim Crabtree, Giselle Purdy *Palms furnished by Church*	8 Tom Windberg 10 Givens Dixon, Jody Payne	8 Aaron Thomas 10 The Purdy children	8 Ellen Redding 10 Larry Courtney, David Walaskay, Becky Carroll	**Open Note: The Coffee Hour is nearly empty, please sign up now**.	Larry & Diane McMindes
8 –Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	Ruby Burlison, Susan Sauls, Ella Thomas *See Easter I nsert*	8 Lary Wehr 10 Givens Dixon and Jody Payne	8 Renner Wehr 10 Jacob Deep	8 Seymour Brodsky 10 Susan Sauls & Leslie Newman	**Open**	Barbara Butler, Marilyn Dixon, Martha Polk
15-2 Easter Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Barbara Butler, Bobbie Soaper, Zoe Green *Mr. & Mrs. Kent Preston*	8 Lary Wehr 10 Joe and Rad Mattingly	8 Renner Wehr 10 Warner and Reade Mattingly	8 Seymour Brodsky 10 Susan Sauls and Susie Watkins,	The Mattinglys	Kurt Wilson, Mark Vickers, Johnny Jones, Mitchell Deep
22-3 Easter Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Marilyn Dixon, Ellen Redding *Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll and Family*	8 Steve Pruitt 10—Givens Dixon and Jody Payne	8 Aaron Thomas 10 Zoe Green	8 Seymour Brodsky 10 David Walaskay, Larry Courtney, Becky Carroll	**Open**	Louis Smith
29 –4 Easter Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Ruby Burlison, Susan Sauls, Ella Thomas *Susie Watkins*	8 Charlie Crabtree 10—Todd and Michelle Green	8 Aaron Thomas 10 Zoe Green	8 Ellen Redding 10 Leslie Newman, Susie Watkins	**Open**	E. Y. C.

Special Offerings

The plate offering and checks so designated on Easter Sunday will go to support the Henderson County Schools Backpack Program which provides food for the weekend for children who otherwise would have no food during that time.

Also, during the month of July, the plate offering and checks so designated will go to St. Ann's Guild Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for St. Paul's children and youth to attend All Saints summer camp.

St. Paul's Calendar April, 2012

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8 A.M. Rite 1
9 Parish Breakfast
9 Choir Practice
10 Choral Eucharist Rite II
10 Sunday School
10 J2A

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-Palm Sunday	2	3	4 **6 p.m. EfM**	5 Noon Lenten Lunch—Zion UCC 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot-washing, Strip-ping of the Altar	6 Noon Lenten Lunch—Holy Name 6 p.m. Station of the Cross	3 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry
8-Easter Sunday	9	10	11 **6 p.m. EfM**	12	13	14 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Vestry Retreat at the Brain Injury Camp 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry
15-2 Easter	16 **Noon St. Ann's Guild**	17 **6 p.m. Vestry Meeting**	18 **6 p.m. A Celebration of New Ministry**	19	20	21 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry
22 –3 Easter	23	**25**	25 **6 p.m. EfM**	266 p.m. St. Anthony's Hospice Memorial Service	27	28 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry
29—4 Easter	30					

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

The Very Rev. Rich Martindale, Rector
Leslie Newman, E.Y.C. Director
Evalyn Champion, Organist/Choir Master
Donna Mulcahy, Parish Bookkeeper
Judy Duncan, Parish Secretary

Prayer List

Parish Family	**Our Family & Friends**
Larry	Madison
Betty	Ric
Bebe	
Tom	
Joan	

Please Note: Because our newsletter is published on the internet, only first names are listed.

Vestry Members

Senior Warden	Susan Sauls
Junior Warden	Steve Pruitt
Treasurer & Finance Committee	Becky Carroll
Stewardship	Holly Vickers
Building and Grounds	Steve Pruitt and Louis Smith
Parish Life	Susan Sauls
Communications	Ellen Redding
Youth Ministry	Holly Vickers
Worship and Music	Leigh Ann Wehr
Christian Formation	Michelle Green
	Larry Courtney

Service Times

Sunday	8:00	Rite I
	10:00	Rite II

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