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The Newsletter of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in the City of Chattanooga and The Diocese of East Tennessee

March 2014 — The Season of Lent

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

The Season of Lent provides a unique opportunity to embark on a journey toward encounters with the risen Christ. The *2014 Lenten Meditations* published by Episcopal Relief and Development are available at the Church. In this year's edition, writers were asked to focus on how women can be prayerfully encouraged to become active and vocal members of their communities.

LENTEN INGATHERING

Solar Power for Kenyan Kids!

This year's Lenten Offering From the Children of St. Paul's will go to the Elewana Education Project in Kenya. Bring your change and be ready to bring a generation of people solar power for education! Our funding will go to the development of scholastic resources at schools by building solar powered computer labs that allow secondary schools to have access to 21st century educational material. Place your change (and paper money, too!) in the donation jar in the lobby of the Church. To find out more about the Elewana Education Project, see their website at www.elewana.org. Also, you can find and like them on Facebook at *The Elewana Education Project*.

TROTTER COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Through the blessings of the Scholarship Program honoring W. Henry and Charlotte L. Trotter one hundred fifteen awards have been made to students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate study who have evidenced a commitment to community service beyond the church. Scholarships will again be awarded for the 2014-15 academic year. Awards are competitive and the Trotter Scholarship Committee is charged with awarding a limited number of scholarships. Applications are available March 10. Confidential contact Gail Winterbauer: winter@stpaulschatt.org; direct line 602-5662. Deadline for completed applications: Friday, April 11.

From the Rector

An invitation into a holy Lent — and into a new adventure in giving and forgiving

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5, and I invite you into a season of creative reflection, prayer, thanksgiving and new ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who goes to the cross for us in order to be raised up, that we may be raised with him.

This Lent, especially, is literally another crossroad in our life and ministry together.

Many Christians “give up” something for Lent, or at least for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and each Friday. Others take on some new devotion or ministry for 40 days and nights plus the Sundays that are in but not of The Season of Lent.

The wonder of our life together is that we as a congregation have pledged our lives — including our time, talent and treasure, to follow Jesus and to be disciplined by him. In the last year we have seen what the Spirit can do through an art exhibit (*Icons in Transformation*) which did indeed transform our life together — and funded the operation of St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children here for the year! This year we see what the Spirit can do as we invite others to join together to build a house and home for and with the Ayai family of this congregation — even as we continue in prayer for peace in their native land of the South Sudan.

The children of our parish invite you this Lent to join with them, and with our GreenFaith ministries, to enlighten the children of Kenya, through the Episcopal Elewana Education Project. Details are in this newsletter. Every coin and every dollar counts.

Your Vestry stands poised to call a new minister to build up our Children's, Youth and Family Ministries, from cradle to college. We have the seed money to accomplish that this summer. Special gifts are in hand.

As to our Annual Ministry Budget 2014, we have in hand these days about \$700,000 in pledges from fewer than 300 of our households. If 500 households were to pledge an average of \$3,000 this year the total would be \$1.5 million — doubling our pledge revenue and creating a stunning opportunity for Christ to minister among us and through us.

Forty or fifty households that pledged last year have not yet done so for this year. If they do so before Vestry meets March 17, at even an average pledge of \$3,000 (some lower, some higher, as a proportion of income) your Vestry will adopt a healthy, prudent and balanced budget for this year. In addition, new pledges from new households empower our ministries in new ways.

Currently our budgeted revenue from pledges for 2014 is down about 15% from that of last year. Our annual budget has been trimmed steadily for the past several years, leaving us only very difficult choices if the Vestry must cut further. I am prayerful that we will be able to generate that last 15% of pledge revenue (and maybe even more!), so we can continue to worship the way we do and serve each other and the community the way we do.

If you have not yet made a pledge in support of our common life and ministries (or if you feel led to increase your current pledge), you have in your hands the power to change that — and to change our church for the better. Now is a great time to do so, as we enter into our Lenten Season of preparation for the power of the cross and resurrection.

Please call Cheryl at her direct line, 602-5663. Now's the time.

To all who have already empowered us through your gifts of time, talent and treasure, to step forward into God's vision, **thank you.**

Gratefully, **Donald**

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.”
*From the Book of Common Prayer
Liturgy for Ash Wednesday.*

ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION IN HUNTSVILLE THROUGH APRIL 20

If you enjoyed Ludmila Pawlowska's internationally-acclaimed *Icons in Transformation* exhibit while it was here, you have another opportunity: The Church of the Nativity in Huntsville (208 Eustis Ave. SE). Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 - 3 p.m. (256) 533-2455 or www.nativity.dioala.org

WORSHIP . . . at the heart of all we do

WORSHIP AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist, breakfast following.
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Weekdays (Monday - Friday)

12:05-12:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on April 19 (Easter Vigil), May 4, and June 8. If you are interested in Baptism, please speak with the clergy and contact cardwell@stpaulschatt.org for materials.



**March 5 — 7 a.m.,
12:05 p.m. & 6 p.m.**

As together we mark the beginning of the Season of Lent we will gather for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, the Holy Eucharist, and the Imposition of Ashes.

With this mark of remembrance and penitence, we recognize that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

OTHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Study & Reflections. We are currently studying Frederick Buechner's *Wishful Thinking*. Miller Room

Faith & Families. We welcome parents of children of all ages! Ava Wright Room near the Chapel.

St. Paul's Inc. — Adult Confirmation Class. Continues through May 4. For all adults interested in confirmation or reception, or just want to know more about who we are and what we do at St. Paul's. Huckabay Hall.

SPEAKER SERIES: SUNDAYS AT 9:15 A.M. IN KEY-ANDREWS HALL

March 2: Christian Medical Ethics. *The Rev. Dr. Rick Carter, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville.* Christian Medical Ethics starts with Jesus' call to care for the sick. Does our society live up to this call?

March 9: Seminarians and Postulants. Postulants for holy orders and our seminarians share their spiritual journey from being an aspirant to a postulant, to a possible ordinand.

March 16: Survey of Addiction Issues: From the Brain Disease Concept to the Bottom Line Being Pain. Greg Stefaniak, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor, National Certified Addiction Counselor I.

March 23: So, What is a Deacon for Outreach and Why is it Important? *The Rev. Ann Weeks, Deacon for Outreach, St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.* Learn about the deacon's role and mission in the Episcopal Church and specifically at St. Paul's.

March 30 & April 6: Why the Rector Doesn't Always Get What he Wants in Worship Here. *The Rev. Donald Fishburne, D. Min., Rector, St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.* Why do we worship as we do? Who makes decisions about what we say and sing? When do we sit, stand, kneel, and why? If you do not understand — or do not agree with — some aspects of our Sunday worship, this is the class for you. Newcomers welcome!

AN INTENSIVE SHORT COURSE — 9:15 SUNDAYS: MARCH 2, 9 & 16

HOLINESS AND HATE

IN OUR WORLD AND THE WORLD OF FAITH

Life and Death in the Middle East, the Holy Land — and in our Neighborhoods!

The Rector and others offer a short-burst series **by subscription only** in the international *Awareness Course* which helps us as Christians to articulate our faith and to understand Islam and Judaism — and to examine broad-minded expressions of these three Abrahamic faiths — as well as dangerous and divisive ultra-fundamentalist, extremist expressions of each of these faiths. The Awareness Course is a pilot project for us and is based on the work of our friend The Rev. Nadim Nassar, the only Syrian-born priest in the Church of England and founder of the Awareness Foundation — and who recently met with Prince Charles. (See www.awareness-foundation.co.uk) On Sunday, March 2, Bob Corker, Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, addresses the class, offering particular insights on Syria and other hotspots informed by his visits to the region. See www.foreign.senate.gov. Participation in this short-burst Sunday morning series **requires pre-registration** and a commitment to participation in at least two of the three Sunday sessions. The series will likely continue after March 16. Class size is limited. **To register, email amy@stpaulschatt.org or call her or her voicemail anytime at direct-dial 602-5660.**

Diocesan Convention Highlights: Saint Paul's Provides Leadership in our Diocese

Three Saint Paul's leaders were elected to important offices at the February Diocesan Convention in Knoxville. Associate Rector Andy Olivo was elected Deputy to General Convention in 2015. Andrea Odle was re-elected to Standing Committee of the Diocese. Alison Shaw was elected to the Diocesan Disciplinary Board.

Other Clergy Deputies to General Convention elected are Leyla King, Cal Calhoun and Maggie Zeller. Elected as Alternate Deputies are Robert Hartmans and Gordon Brewer. Lay Deputies are Lisa Leopold (formerly of this parish and now a leader in Southside Abbey), Henry Lodge, Lynn Schmissrauter and Jennifer Dunn. Alternates are Michael Moore, Lynn Sweringen, Boyd Evans and Rob Luffman. The Rev. Bob Leopold who began his ordained ministry here and is now of Southside Abbey was elected Trustee of The University of the South.

Parishioners Sarah Cardwell and Ben Thomas were introduced as postulants for holy orders. She is a student at Virginia Theological Seminary; he is applying for admission to several seminaries.

The Cathedral and Saint Paul's Church each pledged \$1,000 to the special ministries fund of Southside Abbey.

Convention adopted a Budget of \$1,837,669, an increase of 4.85% over actual expenditures in 2013. St. Paul's Church's fair share of this revenue amount is \$179,939.

Convention enjoyed great Blue Grass music from ETSU. Noel Reagan, Campus Minister of Project Canterbury, was introduced. Saint Paul's Delegation hosted a brief gathering Friday afternoon of all lay and clergy Delegates from the South East Region of the Diocese (Greater Chattanooga) to Convention. Also present were Saint Paul's Church parishioners and staff members

Susan Cardwell and Cheryl Gaillard. Thirty-five young adults from across the Diocese met with Andy Olivo Friday evening of Convention.

Your delegation (which stays in office for a year) includes Vestry Members Hank Hopping, Alison Shaw, Bo Hixson, Randy Odle and Russell Craig. Alternates present at Convention were Marie Williams Cleary and Rick Govan. (She is a former Vestry member and is Vice Chancellor of the Diocese. He is a former Vestry member and is on Diocesan Staff.) Vestry member Herb Knowles was ready to travel as an Alternate if necessary. Clergy Delegates are Donald Fishburne, Andy Olivo, Suzanne Smitherman and Ann Weeks.

Convention closed with the Eucharist at our Cathedral, to which we processed from our Convention Hotel. The preacher was the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, South Dakota.

Vestry Highlights

At its regular February Meeting your Vestry: Accepted Financial Reports for January – and Vestry must await further pledges in support of our 2014 Annual Ministry Budget before adopting that budget in March. Regular contributors to St. Paul’s are asked to make a pledge as soon as possible.

Vestry accepted a report from the Investments Committee chaired by Hugh Sharber: At year end 2013 compared to 2012, market value of major endowments totaled \$9,465,957, up from \$8,257,545. We reviewed asset allocation as of December 31, 2013 for each fund, which were in line with allocations established by our Investment Policy Statement. The Committee’s decision to replace Globalt as one of its investment managers with Russell Investments has not yet been effected due to contractual issues between SunTrust as our trustee and Russell as investment manager. Resolution of these issues is anticipated to occur relatively soon, after which Russell will assume investment responsibility for the funds now invested by Globalt.

The Junior Warden’s Report: Facilities Coordinator Amy Sandy is negotiating with a bank to rent, perhaps, 30+ spaces in our lots. Other: A few roof leaks are being addressed in areas previously not worked on. The Junior Warden is addressing concerns about the crumbling of brick in column in the Narthex near the Strang Room as well as one column on outside of building. Landscaping issues are also ongoing; there is no present funding for improvements near our front entrances.

Capital Projects Committee reported that the removal of the Conversion of Saint Paul window will begin in mid-March according to a careful plan timed to begin in Lent. We hope the restored window will be back in place before Christmas.

Associate Rector Andy Olivo presented an update of his Position Description. Associate

Rector Suzanne Smitherman described some of her present ministries including adult education. Deacon for Outreach Ann Weeks continues to call us out into the world in service to our Lord and his people — and to bring individuals and organizations to our campus.

The Rector’s Report included the Diocesan Convention Report as well as the ongoing Vestry Retreat follow-thru by Action Teams:

Marketing: Vestry members Brad Pope, Bo Hixson, Alison Shaw, Lori Govan, Katherine Betts, Senior Churchwarden Hank Hopping, the Rector, former Senior Warden Robin Miller, our Membership Coordinator Cheryl Gaillard and our Communications Coordinator Jenny Nalley.

Lay Ministry Engagement: Vestry member Janet Hale, Deacon Ann Weeks, former Vestry member Rick Govan, The Rector, and our Membership Coordinator.

Ministry with Children, Youth and Families: Vestry members and the Rector join the Design Team in place since last June.

Reaching out/in to those we want to see more of from our congregation! Katherine Betts, Russell Craig, Suzanne Smitherman, Robin Miller, the Rector, our Membership Coordinator and others.

We are making progress on our website (one of our most important “front doors”) and on an application by the Rector to the Episcopal Church Foundation’s Fellows Program for a pilot project that would directly benefit our ministries here, specifically including all those above.

We also heard that the Rector completes a term on March 1 as President of the national Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes and Seminaries. The Rector also reported on his participation in the National Prayer Breakfast — eye-opening and inspirational.

Vestry meets the third Monday of most months.



Volunteer Opportunities at the Ayai Habitat House

Lead Sponsor: St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

Volunteer work days are Saturdays. The number of volunteers each work day at building sites is limited to ten for safety reasons. Minimum age is 16 and volunteers are expected to be at the building site 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please bring a lunch. Water is provided. **Site Address:** 1127 E. 14th Street. **Projected completion date:** May 10.

Pat Daniel, Scheduler-in-Chief for the Ayai house, has to know by Monday noon if you plan to work the following Saturday. Contact: (423) 521-3398 or danielp1345@yahoo.com. To contribute please make your check payable to St. Paul’s with *Ayai Habitat House* on the memo line and give directly to Gail Winterbauer. **All other inquiries or questions contact The Rev. Ann Weeks at (423) 802-0939 or weeks305@gmail.com.**

Annual Ministry Budget Update

For the month of January 2014:

Pledge/Non-pledge/Plate Offerings (Cash): \$65,377.88
Year to Date Received: \$65,377.88
Year to Date Budgeted: \$64,342.43
Difference: +\$1,035.45

Thank you for your Offerings.

Family Promise Volunteers: Thanks!

Family Promise Coordinator Shannon Mowrer and our January *Family Promise* families extend their thanks to all the volunteers whose hospitality ministry made the week safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. **Our next Family Promise week: April 27 - May 4.**

Points 4 People benefits St. Catherine’s Shelter



Betsy Bailey, a senior at GPS and member of St. Paul’s, has named St. Catherine’s Shelter for Women and Children, a St. Paul’s outreach ministry, as the recipient of her Points 4 People project. GPS does not require a Senior Project so Betsy undertook this on her own initiative.

During Betsy’s research she discovered there are 330 different types of credit cards available and many of these offer points that can be redeemed and transferred into dollars and sent to a charity of your choice. Betsy encouraged people to make this phone call to their credit card company and as a result St. Catherine’s Shelter has received an \$800 contribution!

Thank you Betsy for helping to ensure that the guests of St. Catherine’s Shelter continue to have a warm and safe place to stay!

Year Round Stewardship

St. Paul’s is embracing a Year Round Stewardship Calendar as a way to help us, God’s people, be Christ’s hands and feet in the world. In each monthly Stewardship Calendar, the church season is explained and a theme identified along with suggested individual and congregational activities in five categories: *Spiritual Growth, Ministry Spotlight, Financial Health, Outside Ourselves, and God’s Creation.* **The Stewardship Calendar is available at the Church or at www.stpaulschatt.org/stewardship.** If you and your family participate in any of the activities, share what you are doing! Cheryl@stpaulschatt.org or 602-5663.



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Our Sunday service is broadcast live each week at 10:30 a.m. on 95.3 FM WPLZ. Listen online at: catcountry953.com.

Click on *Listen Live*.

Find the Order of Service at www.stpaulschatt.org. **Are health issues keeping you away from church on Sundays?** You might join our weekday Eucharists in the chapel at 12:05 Monday through Friday. The brief daily service can be a good option when you do not have the stamina for an hour's worth of church. Come join us there, or let us know if you need Communion at home.

Send your email address to cheryl@stpaulschatt.org to receive *eChimes*, our weekly email newsletter!
Deadline for the April issue of *The Chimes*:
March 15. Send news to stpaulspubs@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS . . . at St. Paul's Church and around the Diocese

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Friday, March 7 — 7:30 p.m.

ARTIST SERIES CONCERT — DUO 2: BACH TO THE FUTURE

Peter H. Bloom, flutes and piccolo; Mary Jane Rupert, harp. Music of J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Saint-Saëns and Pamela Marshall. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Students. Reception follows.

Tuesday, March 18 — 7:30 p.m.

ARTIST SERIES CONCERT — CUARTETO QUIROGA

The exciting young Spanish string quartet in their Chattanooga debut! An evening of Haydn, early Schoenberg, and Brahms performed by the prize-winning quartet from Spain, the quartet-in-residence at Fundación Museo Cerralbo in Madrid. Reception follows. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Students.

Sunday, March 23 — 4:00 p.m.

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS MEMBERS RECITAL

Celebrating 100 years of the AGO in Tennessee with a members recital, as well as the Chapter premiere of the commissioned anthem by Daniel Gawthrop. Reception follows.

CHILDREN'S EVENSONG

Sunday, March 2 — 4:00 p.m.

Led by the Children & Youth Choirs of Good Shepherd, St. Timothy's, and St. Paul's. A preview of music that these choirs will be singing at the Diocesan Chorister Festival at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Let the Good Times Roll! Come to the Annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper sponsored by the Youth of Saint Paul's **March 4 at 6 p.m. in Key-Andrews Hall**. This family-friendly fast-paced fun evening will conclude by 7:15 p.m. so folks can get home for homework and other activities. \$5 adults, \$2 children, Max. \$20 per family.

YAMs Third Sunday Lunch

St. Paul's Young Adults head out to Poblanos Mexican Restaurant off of Frazier Ave. on **March 16**. We'll gather in Key-Andrews Hall after the 10:30 Eucharist and carpool to Poblano's for great fellowship and a tasty meal! Contact: olivo@stpaulschatt.org.

Exum Gallery Show

Analogy and Exaggeration featuring Lolly Durant and Bradley Wilson continues through March 18.

THORNE SPARKMAN SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Wednesdays in Lent: March 12 - April 9

This year's format features keynote speaker The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler on **March 12** and five courses offered on subsequent Wednesday evenings (**March 19 and 26; April 2 and 9**). Participants may register for two classes each evening. Organ Meditations, Holy Eucharist, and Optional Dinner in Key-Andrews Hall will precede the presentations.

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Church, see the weekly *eChimes* newsletter, or visit our website: www.stpaulschatt.org.