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

July 2014 — The Season after Pentecost

From the Rector

We are excited about you and your ministries within and beyond the walls of St. Paul's

What excites me these days? What has the Spirit been saying, relentlessly and graciously, in Lent, in the Great 50 Days of Easter Season, at Pentecost, and into the summer?

Great ministries are at hand. At our fingertips. Within reach. On our lips. Let's not let God's hopes and dreams for our church go unfulfilled in this summertime of re-creation.

What signs do I see of renewal, growth and new mission? This month: Summer Special Sunday Eucharist is better than ever. If you've not experienced this, come at 9:15. Enter the rear tower doors and come up the stairs or elevator. Casual and refreshing!

Special gifts are coming in to support Vestry's Outreach Committee's grant-making. Ask me how you can help!

On first Sundays this summer we have, on July 6, The Rev. Fadi Diab of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem preaching at 8 and 10:30 and teaching after each of those two services,

On the first Sunday in August, God willing, a new Associate Rector for Cradle through College Ministries joins us. We will publish his name soon!

By then we will also have begun a new name tag ministry — to welcome new clergy and new church members — and to help make connections among long-time members. Vestry members wear blue name tags, and parishioners who have been here more than 50 years will have special name tags as well. A green dot on a name tag identifies a new member.

The first Sunday in September, the 7th, is Kickoff Sunday — and Associate Rector Suzanne Smitherman's last Sunday with us. Pray for her as she moves into a new expression of her vocation and ministry: retirement, or "re-streaming" as someone has called the first stage of retirement.

Also this summer: The Rev. Paul Stricklin arrives in July as Summer Assistant, to work alongside our new lay Pastoral Minister Janet Hale. Janet is a member of the congregation who has been extensively trained, and licensed by our Bishop, to lead pastoral care ministries and teams. Janet is a member of our staff now, on a non-stipendiary basis. (As is Deacon for Outreach Ann Weeks.) I invite you to invite Paul into your home or ask him to lunch downtown. Though he is married, his wife will not be moving with him for this summer assignment, likely to end September 6. Paul will work with Suzanne Smitherman on pastoral care, weekday Eucharists, and assisting at Sunday worship.

Summer reading: The Bishop recently sent every clergyperson in the Diocese a little book. I've given it to every Vestry member and will give it to every nominee for possible service on Vestry. It takes an hour or so to read, though a chapter a day for a week would be better. Ask me for a copy. The title is a misnomer; it is about vibrant ministry. Drop me an email at fishburne@stpaulschatt.org or call 602-5664 and ask for a Kindle or paper copy of "the book." See the note on page 2 of this issue about other summer reading.

A question arises: Do our lives look any different than the lives of people who are not members of communities of faith? Jesus is in the life-changing and life-saving business. I believe God's vision for us includes

new ways to welcome guests, to care for each other and those beyond our walls, and to share the joy of being a part of our funding of our Mission & Ministry Budget (operating budget). More on all this soon!

Your faithful Church Staff members are truly giving their all to empower the ministries of this congregation. As a little reward I have declared overnight sabbaths from non-emergency internal (*infernal*) emails: we have imposed a "no fly zone" from 4:30 p.m. till 8 a.m. We are being less compulsive about trying to keep each other working 16 hours a day.

A Design Team has been at work for a year to bring our Associate Rector for Cradle through College Ministries and his family to join us in August. I'm now recruiting a new Dream Team to be called together by Janet Hale and me — for the purpose of proposing to Vestry a new Associate Rector for Pastoral Care, Adult Education and Spiritual Formation. I have had interviews with a promising priest, and I hope she will join us in late September, as a three-quarter time member of our small, great staff.

What else excites me about our shared ministries these days?

Here are highlights:

We will focus on celebrating a set of ministries each Sunday this fall — and inviting members of the congregation to join those ministries.

September Sundays include Worship ministries; Christian Education teachers, advisors, committees and teams; newcomer and new member ministries and Welcome Supper.

October includes Living Compass™ wellness and well-being ministries; seminarians and chaplains; being *Stewards of the Riches of God's Grace*; Pastoral Care Ministries; Outreach Ministries; and 50+ year members!

November celebrates the ministries of Vestry members and gives us opportunities to meet nominees; and to elect and greet new Vestry members. Also, Inreach ministries including Pastoral Care. We launch Gallup Consulting's Faith Practice Resource: **Member Engagement ME²⁵** ministry (more about that in August and beyond); and we prepare for the Annual Meeting of Tuesday, November 11, at which all adult **Members in Good Standing** are called to vote. Also in November we have a Celebration Sunday of our Shared Ministries; a GreenFaith Sunday, Advent Wreath-making; Thanksgiving Day; and Arts Sunday.

December continues our Celebration of Funding our Mission and Ministry Budget; giving thanks for our Music and Choirs; our international ministries including Elewana Education Project in Kenya (we will hear from The Rev. Zach Drennen and our own Nicole Blohm. She is in Kenya as I write!). We also celebrate God's gift to us in Christ Jesus, and we share in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Ministry. At the end of the year we give thanks for our Knitters: the warmth of God's love is celebrated in the first week after the winter solstice.

So you see why we as leaders are excited. In late July and August I will be away on vacation plus some study and preparation time for these fall ministries. I will keep you in my prayers and thanksgivings.

Gratefully,
Donald

WORSHIP . . . at the heart of all we do

WORSHIP AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist, breakfast following.
9:15 a.m. Summer Special Eucharist (until August 24).
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Weekdays (Monday - Friday)

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

Happy Independence Day!

The Church Office will close at 2 p.m. July 3 through July 4. There will not be a 12:05 Eucharist on Friday.

Southern Lit.; Christian Perspective

Parishioner Greg Poole offers a class some Sundays this Autumn in Southern Literature. You may wish to read or re-read William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*, James Agee's *A Death in the Family*, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Flannery O'Connor's *A Good Man is Hard to Find*. Details in August.

Summer Special Eucharist

Our summer Sunday Eucharist at 9:15 a.m. in the Yo Room continues through **Sunday, August 24**. If you haven't been a part of this special time of worship and fellowship, now's your chance — casual dress, special music led by Andrea Spraggins, and a brief homily. Thank you to all the 'Summer Special Regulars' for your support and participation! Our homilists this month include Ann Woody (July 6); Bo Armstrong (July 13); and Grace Northern (July 20). We need folks to sign up to preach! Please email Mary Gardner White: white@stpaulschatt.org.

The Rev. Paul Stricklin Joins Us in Care and Prayer

The Rev. Paul E. Stricklin joins us July 7 as Summer Assistant Rector. Paul comes to us from Columbia, SC, where he and his wife Kay have two adult sons, Charles and Samuel.

Father Stricklin has served as rector of a number of congregations, as a chaplain of leading Episcopal schools and as a university chaplain. He recently served on the Board of Trustees of Healthwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia and has held a number of diocesan leadership positions. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the Virginia Episcopal Seminary.

Please join us in welcoming Paul. He has us in prayer already and says he looks forward to being among us in ministry. His primary responsibilities as priest among us are to share in our pastoral care ministries, to assist or preside at Sunday liturgies, and to coordinate and serve at our daily Eucharists. He lives this summer close by the church.

He is our primary on-call priest from July 16 through September 6. To reach him in pastoral emergencies or to invite him into your home or to lunch, please call 667-9519 or email stricklin@stpaulschatt.org.



SUNDAY, JULY 6: THE REV. FADI DIAB PREACHES AND SPEAKS AT ST. PAUL'S



The Reverend Fadi Diab, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ramallah and St. Peter's Church, Birzeit in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, will preach at Saint Paul's on Sunday, July 6 at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Eucharists. He will also speak about his experience as a Palestinian Christian in Key-Andrews Hall in a gathering from 9:15 to 10:15, as well as at a reception with directed conversation at 11:45.

Born and educated in the West Bank, Fr. Diab received his theological degree at the Near East School for Theology in Beirut, Lebanon in 1997. He was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem in 2001. He is founder of the Youth Connection for Peace Program, and is a member of the Palestinian-Israeli Theologians Forum.

Fr. Diab has presented workshops at the World Council of Churches on the theological understanding of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and he has spoken widely in churches in the United States. He is also a member of the Palestine Advisory Council of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

Fr. Diab comes to Chattanooga through the ministries of The Rev. Kammy Young, Director of Contextual Education at The School of Theology at The University of the South: Sewanee. The Rev. Kammy Young will be celebrant at 8 and 10:30 on July 6.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed

You can be part of St. Paul's Hospitality Ministry by providing refreshments for our informal gatherings after the 10:30 Eucharist on Sundays. **The Church provides beverages and reimburses you up to \$50 per Sunday for light fare of your choice.** Contact Sharon Ludwig: 910-1119 or sharonludwig@comcast.net.

Family Promise Returns: July 27 - August 3

Family Promise week will be here soon, and the Big Board is already out in the Bonner Tower and the Narthex on Sundays and in the Smith Parlor during the week. Please find time to greet or cook or entertain or spend the night with our families for the week of July 27 - August 3.

For those who are unfamiliar with this important ministry that Outreach Committee sponsors, St. Paul's hosts families four weeks of the year. These are folks who have had a bad time with job loss, illness, housing, and just need a hand up. Family Promise, with the help of 52 churches and synagogues in our area, help these folks get their lives back together. We partner with Mizpah Congregation to take care of these families at St. Paul's. It truly takes a village, and we are part of that helpful community. When they find housing, they have to meet with the caseworker at Family Promise every two weeks for a year. That is what makes Family Promise so successful in keeping them in housing and on track.

There are other ways to help these families too. When they get housing, they need a bed for each child before they can move in, so if you are getting rid of furniture, dishes, or appliances, let me know! Volunteers are also needed to answer the phones at Family Promise. If you would like to help July 27 - August 3, please sign the board. Shannon Mowrer, Volunteer Coordinator: 423-827-4432 or shanbmowr@comcast.net

St. Catherine's Shelter

Your Outreach Committee appreciates your donations to St. Catherine's Shelter. Your gifts of paper towels, toilet paper, powdered laundry soap, and tall kitchen garbage bags are greatly appreciated. Look for the donation box in Bonner Tower.

Sunday School Teachers

Looking for a ministry that truly impacts the future of the church? Consider teaching our children in Sunday School this year. To learn more, contact Mary Gardner White 314-3571 or marygardnerwhite@gmail.com.

Vestry Highlights

At its regular June meeting, your Vestry:

Re-elected the Nominating Committee for Vestry nominees. Committee members are: Billy Tiller, Chair; Amy Arrowsmith; Kelley Elliott; Herb Knowles; Rick Lee; Mardi Longley; Joyce Miller; Robin Miller; Larry Reich; Marie Williams.

Vestry accepted a clean report from the external auditors, including a commendation for Gail Winterbauer, CPA, our Financial Administrator. (She is backed by Cheryl Gaillard of our administrative team.) Copies of the Audit and the Audited 2013 Financial Reports are available from Gail.

Vestry also:

Received with interest the summary of an exit interview with former Associate Rector Andy Olivo.

Celebrated with the Rector his call to parishioner Janet Hale to be Pastoral Minister on staff. She has joined staff as a non-stipendiary lay professional who is trained and licensed by the Diocese.

Celebrated the call of a new Associate Rector who will work with our Design Team, Faith and Families Group, Children's Ministries Coordinator Mary Gardner White, Youth Minister Adam Webb, and others on a new, comprehensive set of cradle through college ministries. His name will be published in July before he arrives from Florida in early August with his wife and young son and daughter.

Endorsed the call of a Summer Assistant, The Rev. Paul Stricklin, to join us from July 7 to September 6 and perhaps beyond. Paul is a contemporary and long-time friend of the Rector and will be heavily involved in pastoral care, including older members, this summer as we move through staffing transitions together. He has served Episcopal churches, schools and university chaplaincies for more than 30 years.

In other news, the Vestry heard that the Rector is in conversions with women candidates for a position of Associate Rector for Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Spiritual Formation.

Adult Education Chair John Payne presented an exciting set of Sunday classes for the fall,

winter and spring to come.

The Rector gave details of his work this summer to prepare for the more intensive use of Gallup Consulting's Faith Practice resources here to build faith strengths among parishioners and in staff teams — along with the introduction of Gallup Consulting's Member Engagement *ME25* resource this fall, to encourage parishioners to give voice to their joys and to the strengths they find at St. Paul's — as well as areas of disappointment. The *ME25* ministry will assess our present ministries and levels of parishioner involvement and engagement — and help us design ministries to address the concerns of those who are inactive or disillusioned, and to strengthen and support those who are becoming active.

A new Annual Giving ministry will be introduced in more detail at the July 14 Vestry meeting — along with a new name tag system and hospitality ministry to help welcome our new clergy — as well as new members joining us at the rate of more than 60 a year.

Vestry also invites parishioners to be with us Sunday, July 6 to hear The Rev. Fadi Diab of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem preach and teach here. Other guest preachers from the church in Africa and elsewhere are being lined up for the winter. Vestry heard a report from Vestry member Janet Hale on her recent pilgrimage to Tanzania.

Vestry also invites parishioners of all ages to a weekend of learning October 1-3 on well-being as individuals, families, and as a congregation, though the ministries described at www.livingcompass.org. This includes a component for teenagers, and the weekend and its follow-up will be a part of our new cradle through college ministries.

Vestry celebrated the resumption of Summer Special Sunday Eucharist at 9:15 with Staff Musician Andrea Spraggins and Lucia Sánchez and Erin Bas leading the music and singing.

Vestry gratefully received and endorsed a report from the Huckabay Seminarian Scholarship Committee awarding grants to parishioner Sarah Cardwell at Virginia Theological Seminary and parishioner Ben Thomas at Sewanee.

Vestry's next regular meeting is July 14.

Traveling this Summer?

Help the homeless! Join the Outreach Committee in donating travel size hygiene items — toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc. — to be distributed to homeless women and men in our community. Look for the collection box in the Bonner Tower. Thanks!

Stuff the Bus is Back!

St. Paul's was the Only Non-Profit Honored for Support in 2013

St. Paul's is partnering with United Way and other area churches and agencies in providing Hamilton County teachers (and children in need) with school supplies for their classrooms. As many as 55% of Hamilton County public school students are classified as economically disadvantaged. That means many of these students lack the supplies they need to go back to school prepared for success. Most public school teachers spend almost \$1,000 of their own money annually on school supplies and educational materials. In 2013, more than \$54,000 in supplies were collected and donated to the Hamilton County Parent Teacher Association's (PTA) Teacher Supply Depot. Saint Paul's was the only non-profit recognized for significant support of the drive!



Stuff the Bus Event 2013: Will, Jack, and Clay Patton joined by fellow parishioner and United Way President Eva Dillard and 2013 Campaign Chair Tom Decosimo.

In July we gather: Backpacks, Scissors, #2 pencils, Rulers, Blue or Black Ink Pens, Paper Towels, Notebook Paper, Erasers, Spiral-bound Subject Notebooks, Pocket Folders, Glue Sticks, Zip Lock Bags (gallon), Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, Pencil Boxes, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Dry Erase Markers. Look for collection boxes at the Bonner Tower entrance. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this effort, send a check payable to St. Paul's with *Stuff the Bus* on the memo line.

On Sunday, August 17, we will have a *Blessing of the Backpacks* to ask for God's blessing on the children in the parish as they begin another school year and for all those children and educators who will use the donated supplies. Following the 10:30 Eucharist, the items collected will be taken to the Chattanooga Market where they will be placed in a school bus to be taken to the Hamilton County Schools supply depot. Thanks to parishioner Meg Patton and to Mary Gardner White, Family and Children's Ministries Coordinator, for their help in this important ministry!

Second Quarter Pledge Statements

Second Quarter Pledge Statements will be sent out by July 15. You will receive it either by email or by USPS. If you don't receive it, can't open the link, or if you have questions regarding its contents, contact: 602-5662 or winter@stpaulschatt.org. Thank you for your many gifts and ministries to St. Paul's Church!

Annual Ministry Budget Update

For the month of May 2014:

Total Revenue: \$124,961.96

Total Expenses: \$126,485.52

Net Income/(Loss): (\$1,523.56)

Thank you for your Offerings.



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The Rev. Fadi Diab, Episcopal Palestinian Priest, Preaches and Speaks on Sunday, July 6



Our Sunday service is broadcast live on our website each week: www.stpaulschatt.org

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 August issue of *The Chimes*: July 15. Send news to jenny@stpaulschatt.org.

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

68th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee August 15-17 at DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle

All men in the parish are invited to enjoy this year's Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee Laymen's Conference! In addition to the good food, fellowship and extracurricular activities, there will be three inspirational speakers. They are the perfect match with this year's theme statement: "If anyone is in Christ, he becomes a new creation."

The Rev. Bob Leopold, who began the new Southside Abbey ministry at the Hart Gallery in Chattanooga, after successful work directing Young Adult Ministries at St. Paul's.

Justin E. Crisp, whose multi-faceted leadership of young-persons' groups began during his Baptist upbringing and flourished following Confirmation and Ordination.

The Rev. Dan Matthews, Jr. is the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Atlanta. He is an active member on the boards of the Regional Council of Churches, Crossroads Community Ministries, and the Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's. Prior to coming to St. Luke's, he served Episcopal churches in Kingsport, TN, Jacksonville, FL, and at St. Paul's.

For details and to register: www.episcopalchurchmen.net or contact Bruce Blohm: (423) 503-8365 or bruce.blohm@gmail.com.

Exum Gallery Art Show Continues through August 3

Skyworks featuring works by The North Georgia Skypainters Society continues. Skypainters is a group of eight local painters who come together in workshops to "interpret with paint the marvelous ever-changing shapes and moods of the sky."

Save the Date! 50+ Members Celebration Moves to October

Join St. Paul's Fifty-Year Members on Sunday, October 19, for Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception in their honor in Key-Andrews Hall, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.

Interested in Helping Others Become More Confident with Money Management?

Do you have a kind heart? Empathy for other's situations and emotions? Feel confident with your own personal finances? Then you'd be a great Personal Money Management Coach! It is an opportunity to share your personal financial experiences and help another in a one-on-one relationship. You will be able to meet others with similar interests in coaching, and experience 8 hours of training here at St. Paul's, provided by the coaching team from Thrivent Financial (a non-profit faith based organization with which St. Paul's has a working relationship with). Lunch will be provided! **Please contact Gail Winterbauer: winter@stpaulschatt.org or 602-5662 by July 31.**

Check out GreenFaith News

Our GreenFaith Ministry Coordinator Bruce Blohm invites you to check out the bulletin board by Key-Andrews Hall for the latest news and tips on how we can all be better stewards of God's gift of our world. The articles are also available for download on the GreenFaith page at www.stpaulschatt.org. If you have news to share or have questions about any of the posts, please contact: bruce.blohm@gmail.com.