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WORSHIP ✠ MINISTRIES ✠ OUTREACH

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

August 2014 — The Season after Pentecost

HABITAT 'BUILD DAY'

All parishioners 16+ are welcome to participate in our monthly Habitat for Humanity Build Days. **Our August date is Saturday, August 16.** Contact Pat Daniel danielp1345@yahoo.com.

MISSION & MINISTRY BUDGET UPDATE

For the month of June 2014:

Total Revenue: \$139,650.53

Total Expenses: \$106,894.73

Net Income/(Loss): \$32,755.80

Thank you for your Offerings!

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.

USE OF CHURCH ADDRESS LISTS

Parishioners and others are reminded of our standing policy that no lists of parishioners, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, etc., are to be used for any purpose other than our own church ministries. This includes lists of committee members, "St. Paul's after Hours" lists, etc. Specifically, no use of church lists is permitted to promote other non-profit or for-profit organizations, political organizations, or religious institutions without the express prior permission of the Rector and Vestry. (We have had an unknowing breach of this policy recently. That has been addressed swiftly and pastorally.) Questions? Please contact the Rector.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 2:00 p.m. on Fridays. The Church Office will be closed Labor Day, September 1.

From the Rector

Welcome and farewell, joy and generosity

The gifts being showered upon us this summer by God's Spirit of Holiness are nothing short of astonishing.

Here are a few examples of God's generosity:

The Rev. Paul Stricklin has left his family behind in South Carolina to bolster our sacramental and pastoral ministries here in July and August, working hand in hand with Associate Rector Suzanne Smitherman and our team of lay leaders. Deacon Ann Weeks takes some time away for a family wedding but otherwise forges ahead in ministries in the community, mentors Senior Seminarian Joe Woodfin, and heads for the finish line of the funding for the Ayai family's new home — the Habitat House which so many people made a labor of love under the direction of project manager Pat Daniel.

Suzanne continues to minister wonderfully as she has as priest in this parish for nine years. It is beginning to dawn on me how much we will miss her after she retires Sunday, September 7 — and literally heads to the West Coast with her husband Gene for some extended family time together. Suzanne is a caring pastor, preacher, teacher who has nurtured the youngest among us — and the oldest. I am forever in her debt. In recognition of God's many ways of providing "for all our necessities before we ask" Suzanne has requested that the traditional "purse" which this congregation customarily facilitates for clergy at their retirement or leave-taking not be given to her personally but rather be directed to the needs of others. She will let us know more about that. Your gifts through the church should be clearly earmarked *Suzanne* and sent to the attention of Gail in the Church Office.

Generosity? Extraordinary gifts from parishioners make it possible for us to call and welcome The Rev. Quinn Parman this month, together with Rachele and their children Fritz and Mary Karis. Without these generous gifts we would not be able to call him to Cradle through College Ministry here as Associate Rector for Children's, Youth and Family Ministries. He also takes up young adult ministries and teaching of adults, including an EfM group. You may reach Quinn at parman@stpaulschatt.org.

Generosity? Special gifts this summer have empowered the best Summer Special Sunday Eucharists ever, with music under the direction of Andrea Spragins, and homilies by gifted lay preachers from age 20 and up. Special gifts helped to fund the search and call of The Rev. Leigh Preston who comes aboard in late September.

Our Diocese has made a grant to our continuing education funds here. This, coupled with an extraordinarily generous grant from the local Vander Horst Fund (honoring a former rector and bishop), make it possible for me to bring to the parish a three-pronged ministry of the Gallup Consulting firm's Faith Practice group: tools to measure and expand member engagement, well-being, and team ministries among lay people and clergy here, in mutual ministry. All this dovetails with a special weekend in early October by the leaders of a new Episcopal ministry, *Living Compass*, to inspire and enliven health and well-being in heart, soul, strength and mind. See www.livingcompass.org. This offering is extended beyond the parish to other congregations in our community and Diocese — as well as The School of Theology at The University of the South: Sewanee. The husband and wife team of *Living Compass* come to us to teach and preach with no fee — their ministries centered in Wisconsin and Chicago are supported by a foundation grant. I am also privileged to be further trained to mentor adults in discernment for ministry, seminarians, and young clergy — as well as to move more deeply into pre-marital conversations and other tools to strengthen marriages and families. Through God's lavish generosity, Saint Paul's Church is able to engage in pilot ministries and share them as a resource parish to other congregations.

You will read in *Vestry Highlights* inside this issue bits of news of some of our ministries. And I've pulled up to this article a word from our July Vestry meeting about our Outreach Committee, including partnering in diocesan ministries, funding Habitat for Humanity, Hosanna Community, Community Kitchen, and more. Under Amy Thomas' leadership in the first six months of this year the Vestry's Outreach Committee issued more than 260 food vouchers which are worth ten times their face value. We pay \$10 or \$20 each for the vouchers and recipients receive food valued at \$100 or \$200. The Outreach Committee welcomes new members, and we look forward to Outreach Sunday and Fair in October. Saint Paul's also issues shopping cards to individuals and families who come to us in crisis — for baby supplies, food, gas, and more. Apart from the work of the Outreach Committee, we also put outreach dollars to work in additional grants to Metropolitan Ministries. Church Discretionary Funds administered by your clergy put an additional \$11,000 to work each year keeping the lights on in the homes of the working

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WORSHIP . . . at the heart of all we do

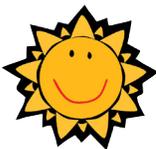
WORSHIP AT SAINT PAUL'S

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.



Summer Special Worship

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the
Yo Room through August 24.

Come one, Come all, Come casual!

The Rev. Paul Stricklin Joins Us in Care and Prayer

The Rev. Paul E. Stricklin is 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 is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the Virginia Episcopal Seminary. Please join us in welcoming Paul. 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 is our primary on-call priest 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.



Kick-Off Sunday: September 7

8:30 a.m. — Breakfast Key-Andrews Hall.

9:15 a.m. — Education Hour Gathering of all ages in Key-Andrews Hall. Children (and parents) will meet Sunday School teachers and visit classrooms. Adults will stay for an introduction to the Christian Education year.

10:30 a.m. — Worship in the Nave.

Youth Confirmation Class Begins in September

*Inviting youth in 8th Grade and above
to prepare for Confirmation*

Watch for summer news and emails to confirmation families. If you have a teenager in the 8th grade or above who has not been confirmed please get in touch with The Rev. Suzanne Smitherman if you do not get an email by the end of July with information about Confirmation. We expect another wonderful year together exploring our faith in preparation for the Bishop's visit in May! Andrea Odle and Ryan Wadley return to lead this class. Details to follow.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 17 at the 10:30 Holy Eucharist

On Sunday, August 17, all children in the parish are encouraged to bring their backpacks and school supplies to the 10:30 Eucharist for a special blessing for a new school year.

Stuff the Bus!

On August 17, school supplies that have been contributed to Stuff the Bus for the Hamilton County Schools will also be blessed before they are delivered to the yellow bus at Finley Stadium. Place your donations in the collection box at the Bonner Tower entrance, or send a check payable to St. Paul's with *Stuff the Bus* on the memo line.

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES THE REV. QUINN PARMAN

Dear People of St. Paul's Church,

It is with joy and excitement that I write to you, anticipating being with you as your new Associate Rector. I come to you ready to hit the ground running with the Cradle to College ministries of St. Paul's. I come to you energized for work with youth and young adults, having served as a youth director before seminary and having focused on youth and young adult ministries since seminary. I come to you a young parent, asking questions about raising my own children to follow Jesus and ready to ask these same questions with the community of young parents at St. Paul's. More than anything, I come to you passionate about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and convinced that this Gospel has something to say to our world. I look forward to moving to the beautiful city of Chattanooga on July 28, and being with you for my first Sunday on August 3. You will also have a chance in the near future to meet my wife of 9 years, Rachele, and our two children, Fritz, 3, and Mary Karis, 1. I invite anyone who is so inclined to connect with me before the move via social media. You can find me on Facebook and Twitter (@frquinnp). I would love to begin getting to know as many of you as possible.

Grace and Peace,

Quinn



Youth Confirmation Class Retreat: August 23-24

We are gearing up for this year's Youth Confirmation Class for kids who are in 8th Grade and above. The Confirmation Overnight Retreat is set for August 23-24. Retreat leaders will include Andrea Odle, Ryan Wadley and Adam Webb. We will leave the church Saturday morning and return by noon on Sunday after spending the night at St. Mary's Sewanee. We will engage sacred space on the Holy Mountain and begin to form our own community of faith. We will spend the rest of the year exploring our beliefs through scripture, tradition and reason so that each person can make an informed decision about their own affirmation of faith when Bishop Young visits next spring on May 3. More communications will be coming soon. For questions or to reserve a space on the retreat please contact Suzanne Smitherman: smitherman@stpaulschatt.org.

Southern Lit Deep-Fried with a Christian Perspective

An Invitation to one of our early autumn Sunday morning Adult Education Offerings

Do you enjoy sweet tea and grits while listening to stories as timeless as the dew which coats Chattanooga on a summer morning? If you do, then let me be your guide to this land of endless Southern Literature. My name is Greg Poole, a native Chattanooga and graduate of UTC class of 1999. What I am planning to explore with you is the role our faith has played in the thematic and plot structures of such giant master works as: William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*, James Agee's (graduate of St. Andrews School, Sewanee, Tennessee) *A Death in the Family*, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Flannery O'Connor's *A Good Man is Hard to Find*, and Ernest J. Gaines' *A Gathering of Old Men*. Additionally, there will be surprises along the way because the American South always has a few more tales to tell. The class begins Sunday, September 21.

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poor and the elderly and meeting other needs. We are a leader in supporting ministries through our Diocese (our fair share is funded by income from the Neiland Fund — a very generous gift years ago by the late Helen Neiland). Special gifts to our Outreach Committee's grant-making fund have made up, in part, cuts to our Mission and Ministry Fund (Operating Budget) this year. I invite you to join me in making a special gift. Earmark your check *Outreach* and every dollar will go to help people in our community — ministry beyond the walls of St. Paul's. Generosity, from joyous and grateful hearts. I'm sure you will be surprised at the depth and breadth of our ministries: see www.stpaulschatt.org/community-outreach. Not the least of these is our Saint Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children here on campus — funded this year by proceeds from last year's *Icons in Transformation* exhibit.

As we move through summer and into autumn you will be invited into a new spirit of thanksgiving for the abundance of God's blessings upon us. God calls us to share our strengths, our gifts, our talents, and our treasure. How can we help but give back to our Lord's ministries a measure of his gifts of love to us! More to come on all this from our Stewardship Team Co-Leaders, Lynn Hodge and Barbara Seals. In the meantime, if you missed in your mail a letter from me lately, you can find a copy at www.stpaulschatt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/From-the-Rector.pdf

Finally for now, read the article below about our own Nicole Blohm's ministry with Elewana Education Project. Say a word of thanks when you see her or write swimmernicole@gmail.com.

Blessings and thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus.

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Vestry Highlights

At its July Meeting your Vestry met Summer Assistant Rector Paul Stricklin. The Rector thanked Suzanne Smitherman, Deacon Ann Weeks, Pastoral Minister Janet Hale, Susan Cardwell, and others for their ministries.

Vestry discussed a book our Bishop and Rector recommended and which members read in early July on changing the way we empower Members in Good Standing of the congregation to live into support of our Mission and Ministries Budget. Vestry members highlighted these themes: Celebrating high expectations in mission and ministry — and in members; strengthening new member ministries; making outreach and mission ministries even more evident; summoning members to greatness; publishing our "Financial Statement of Mission"; and continuing to celebrate and highlight a ministry of the week.

The Rector re-emphasized his plan for the Vestry (and Ushers and Greeters) to lead in re-introducing congregational nametags, beginning with Vestry members, as part of our ministries of welcoming new clergy and new members of the congregation. (Only Greeters and Ushers wear nametags on Sundays now.) It is essential that we wear nametags as new members and new clergy come on board: it is a ministry of hospitality as well as a ministry of care for each other.

The Rector invests much of his study leave and vacation time this summer in intense training in Gallup Consulting Faith Practice's ME25™ Mem-

ber Engagement ministries (we are a pilot congregation this fall) and using our strengths to build healthy teams for ministries. He has received two financial grants, one from the Diocese, to help fund his study. The Rector has also invited the founders of *Living Compass* ministries to lead a parish event the first weekend in October on well-being for individuals, families, youth — and the congregation. See www.livingcompass.org.

Vestry member and Nominating Committee member Herb Knowles reported for the committee that it soon begins meeting toward nomination of 10 nominees for five scheduled terms of office to be filled at the November Annual Meeting of the Congregation, plus one vacancy to be filled this summer after the resignation of Amy Thomas from Vestry before the last special meeting of Vestry in late June.

Senior Warden Hank Hopping reported for the Outreach Committee on grants to ministries and to persons in need made to mid-year.

Proposals are in the works for grant applications by Outreach Committee for future funding of the operation of St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children on our campus. That ministry seeks volunteers to stay overnight from time to time.

St. Paul's also contributes \$12,240 this year to Metropolitan Ministries Human Needs' Fund. Parish Discretionary Funds last year granted \$11,010 individuals and households in crisis. Generous parishioners also contributed hundreds of dollars in shopping cards to be put in the hands of those in need of emergency food, baby supplies, or gasoline.

Nomination and Election of Vestry Members

A Nominating Committee of Billy Tiller (Chair), Amy Arrowsmith, Kelley Elliott, Rick Lee, Br. Larry Reich, Herb Knowles, Marie Williams Cleary, Mardi Longley, and Joyce Miller is receiving suggestions and will arrive at ten nominees for five openings on the Vestry. Elections are in November. Those elected to serve on the Vestry beginning February 1 will also be among those serving as St. Paul's delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention. Please do not seek prior approval from your suggested nominee(s). The Committee has this as part of its process. You may email your suggestions to Billy Tiller at billyt@msn.com.

Completing Vestry terms and not eligible for re-election are members of a strong and gifted class: Lee Culpepper, Lori Govan, Janet Hale, Herb Knowles, and John Woody. Continuing until early 2016 are Katherine Betts, Junior Warden Rick Lee, Clay Patton, and Brad Pope. The Vestry in August will elect a member to fill the term expiring in 2016 of Amy Thomas who resigned last month. Russ Craig, Bo Hixson, Randy Odle, Alison Shaw and Sr. Warden Hank Hopping continue serving as Vestry members until 2017. The Rector is Chair of the Vestry, and Hugh Sharber ministers as Chancellor.

All confirmed communicants in good standing of St. Paul's Church who are sixteen (16) years of age or older shall be entitled to vote at the annual Parish meetings and special Parish meetings. All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

(Canons of St. Paul's Church)

Parishioner Nicole Blohm Volunteers for the Elewana Education Project



Nicole Blohm traveled to Amagoro, Kenya from June 15 to July 1. She joined eight other Episcopal High School students from Alexandria, VA to volunteer for the Elewana Education Project. One primary goal for the trip was to promote a cultural exchange

and build community between the two groups of students. Visitors participated in all school activities with St. Peter's Alterait (SPA) high school and elementary school students. They both taught and learned. Volunteers learned Swahili, helped build a cistern for the school to catch clean rain water, and stayed overnight with SPA student families. Nicole stayed with "Ch Ch" and her family. Ch Ch is 17-year-old SPA student and new friend. Nicole already misses the people of Amagoro and her experience in Africa.



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The Rev. Quinn Parman Arrives August 3 as Associate Rector



Our Sunday service is broadcast live on our website each week: 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 September issue of *The Chimes*: August 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. **For details and to register: www.episcopalchurchmen.net or contact Bruce Blohm: (423) 503-8365 or bruce.blohm@gmail.com.**

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



Come one, come all, to the ballpark to see the Lookouts and to donate to Family Promise! **On Sunday, August 31, at 6 p.m.**, help support Family Promise by bringing St. Paul's and Mizpah Congregation members to watch the Lookouts. It is a great way to spend part of our Labor Day weekend and help this wonderful charity.

Tickets: \$5. Contact Shannon Mowrer, 827-4432 or shanbmowr@comcast.net with the number of tickets and to arrange payment. You can pick tickets up beforehand or the night of the game. This fundraiser will be great fun — baseball, hotdogs, and all that jazz!

Also, I really appreciate all the help you volunteers gave for our Family Promise week. It was a great success! **Our next Family Promise week is October 26 – November 2.**

Exum Gallery Art Show Opening Reception Friday, September 5 — 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Arts Committee invites you to the opening of an exhibit featuring works by art teachers and educators from the Chattanooga area.

New Ministry Opportunity! Personal Money Management Coaching

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 others in a one-on-one relationship. Training will be provided by Thrivent Financial (a non-profit faith-based organization with which St. Paul's has a working relationship).

Training Sessions in Key-Andrews Hall

Friday, August 22 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
 Saturday, August 23 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Gail Winterbauer: 602-5662 or winter@stpaulschatt.org. **You must be able to attend both sessions. Registration ends August 10.** Cost: \$20 (St. Paul's discounted price). Light Refreshments will be provided.

50+ Members Celebration

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