



The Chimes

WORSHIP ✦ MINISTRIES ✦ OUTREACH

JULY 2015 — THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

From the Interim Rector

While serving as your interim Rector, I am renting a home from a wonderful family who have been given the opportunity to go on a year long sabbatical. They have a six year old son and will be home schooling him from their RV as they travel around the country. The house is in a great neighborhood, has a wonderful fenced in back yard with lots of trees and an awesome deck that gets perfect late afternoon/early evening shade. The family are Orthodox Jews and naturally keep a Kosher kitchen. So, therefore, when they moved out, unlike the rest of the house which is very wonderfully furnished, they needed to remove all of the items (cooking utensils, pots/pans, dishware, etc...) from their kitchen. So my only houseware need when I moved in was to supply the kitchen with those normal things found in that room in the house. Although we had plenty of items I could have brought from Michigan, Harriett and I decided it would be easier if I just picked up the basics once I arrived here in Chattanooga, and thanks to an estate sale and bargain shopping at places like *Tuesday Mornings* and *Ollies*, I've been able to put together a pretty basic yet very comfortable kitchen. (Ask me about the encounter I had with a veteran estate sale shopper over a cast iron skillet! She was savvy and tough, but I won out!).

Setting up a kitchen from scratch can be a liberating experience of making choices about what is basic and core to that room in the house. It causes you to think about the sorts of food you normally cook, or want to cook, how many you'll be cooking for, do you have what you need to extend hospitality to others when entertaining, and are the tools you're adding adaptable for multiple uses. Hmmm, I wonder how this might preach?

In the church and maybe in any institution that finds itself in transition of leadership, we most often use times of transition as "the" time to do a bit of soul searching, evaluation of the resources of the parish, clearing the deck for future ministry. These are important things to do, and your search committee is inviting you to do just that through the opportunities of *Holy Conversations* (see page 2). Your input is vital in this process. Among other things, these conversations are another opportunity for St. Paul's to recount its history as well as speaking its present reality of your collective experience with God. It all may well feel like starting from scratch with the filling of a kitchen with the tools of nurturing the household and welcoming guests into our home.

I hope you will also use this time to recognize that St. Paul's is always in transition! You are never a static family of faith. Life is always changing, forever becoming something new. I hope that you see that God is always at work in you, inviting you to ever increasing ways in which you may make God's presence and love known to the world around you.

Our country is still reeling from the unimaginable events that took place in Charleston on Wednesday, June 17th. This has already become one of those days that people say things like, "I can remember where I was when..." And the events have, naturally so, have moved many persons to talk about issues of violence - particularly gun violence, racism, political divisions, symbols of history, etc... But yet, one amazing things has been loudly proclaimed in the midst of all of this - The amazing and powerful voice of love and call for unity from those closest to the epi-center of this tragedy in one room of one church in one city. Over and over, we have heard from those closest to the pain and loss - a call for love, a call for forgiveness, a prayer for unity as a result of this violence rather than division. That, my friends, is the power of individual voices of authenticity bellowing out to the world around them what they know to be true of God's love in the world around them - and what a powerful witness it has become.

May we all be inspired to recognize that no matter the daily twists and turns brought to us in life, God is there with us, and we are invited to create anew, with God, a life that displays love, love, love.

Peace,
Brad +

WORSHIP TIMES AT ST. PAUL'S

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.

9:15 a.m. Summer Special Eucharist.

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday

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

Youth Confirmation Retreat: August 22-23

If your child is in 8th grade or older and has never been confirmed, we would love for them to join our youth confirmation class this fall. The class will run from September - early December of this year, and it all kicks off with a required weekend retreat in Sewanee on August 22-23. If your child is interested in joining us for this class and this important time of community building, please contact the Rev. Quinn Parman at parman@stpaulschatt.org or (423) 602-5659.

69th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee August 14-16 at

DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle



Every year since 1947, laymen of the Episcopal Churches in Tennessee have gathered at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. The Annual Conference of Tennessee Churchmen is the oldest gathering of lay people in the Episcopal Church. We invite you to join in this wonderful tradition of worship and fellowship. Join us for good food, fellowship, extracurricular activities, and inspirational speakers! Visit www.tnchurchmen.org for details and to register, or contact Bruce

Blohm: bruce.blohm@gmail.com.

Please Join Us in Caring for Each Other

If you or someone close to you is heading for the hospital, please let us know. Hospitals do not notify us and we have no way of knowing, or of finding you. Simply call the Church Office and ask for a member of St. Paul's Clergy or contact Pastoral Care Minister Janet Hale: jhale@stpaulschatt.org.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed

One way you can be part of St. Paul's hospitality ministry is to provide refreshments for those informal gatherings after the 10:30 Eucharists on Sundays. The Church will provide all beverages and will reimburse you up to \$50 per Sunday for light fare of your choice. Partner in this ministry with a friend; prepare the goodies as a family – it's a great way to help your fellow parishioners. Please contact Coffee Hour Coordinator Sharon Ludwig at sharonludwig@comcast.net or 910-1119 if you can help!

Your Voice, Our Future

A key duty of the Rector Search Committee is to create a Parish Profile which will aid us and those priests who will discern with us. The Profile will define where we have been, who we are now, and where we are going. It is through a **two-part process** that your voice is heard in the Parish Profile: a survey and interactive meetings, called **Holy Conversations**. We encourage all parishioners to participate in both parts of the process.

The survey is available online: <http://ow.ly/P3tX3>

(Please contact the Church Office if you need a paper copy.) The survey will be used by the Rector Search Committee to create our Parish Profile. The Parish Profile is a key component of the search process, as it guides both the Search Committee and the priests who will discern with us. The Parish Profile will only accurately reflect who we are and who we want to be – as a Parish – if we have everyone's input, so your participation is critical! The survey will take about 20 minutes and all responses are strictly anonymous. We know your time is valuable, but please be assured that completing this survey is time well spent.

Our **Holy Conversations**, or small group discussions continue this month. We will begin the process of listening to your vision for the future of our church and your hopes for our next rector. We are hopeful that all parishioners can attend one of meetings:

Sunday, July 12 — Meetings After Each Worship Service

Breakfast in Key-Andrews Hall after the 8 a.m. Eucharist and the 9:15 a.m. Summer Special Eucharist.

Refreshments in the Yo Room after the 10:30 Eucharist.

Sunday, July 19 — 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wine and cheese in Key-Andrews Hall.

Sunday, July 26 — Meetings After Each Worship Service

Breakfast in Key-Andrews Hall after the 8 a.m. Eucharist and the 9:15 a.m. Summer Special Eucharist.

Refreshments in the Yo Room after the 10:30 Eucharist.

Sunday, August 9

After the 8 a.m. service, a continental breakfast will be served.

Summer Special Eucharist Continues through August 30



Our Summer Special Eucharist is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Sunday worship at 9:15 a.m. upstairs in the Yo Room — with a more relaxed setting casual dress, special music, and a brief homily. It is also a time for meaningful formation and fellowship, especially for the younger families of St. Paul's.

This year, our theme for the summer is **Seeds of the Kingdom**. We will be learning about the way we grow in Christ through three different 'seeds': **Prayer** in June, **Community** in July, and **Service** in August.

We have an additional all-ages activity planned each month to enrich our summer worship and help us discover more about each 'seed':

July 19 Community Picnic (see page 4)
August 16 St. Paul's Service Day

We hope that you will join us on Sundays through August 30 for a season of growth and transformation!

Vestry Highlights

Your Vestry, at its June 15 regular meeting...

The members approved a proposal from Hunter Huckabay III to disperse \$4,000 in an equal distribution from the Huckabay Scholarship Fund to seminarians Sarah Cardwell and Ben Thomas.

GreenFaith Committee chair Bruce Blohm shared a report focusing on the installation of a mini herb garden. A motion to approve was made by Lynn Hodge and seconded by Alison Shaw, and passed by the members. Lynn Hodge and Beverly Rhoden proposed the formation of a broader year-round Stewardship Committee in order to keep the needs of the church in front of the parish.

Treasurer Bobby Crates reported that our audit report was clean. A target date for resolution of job descriptions was made for the end of the year. Senior Warden Hank Hopping spoke to what will be done to tighten control systems. An Employee Handbook will be created along with a Policies and Procedures manual. A protocol for whom is authorized to open vendor accounts will be established.

Senior Warden Hank Hopping asked for thoughts from members on what we would like to see from Interim Rector Brad Whitaker. Members brought up missing Wednesday evenings and Supper Club, and the value of Christian Education. Facility care, help from parishioners with cleaning, and taking ownership at the church was acknowledged as very important.

The Rev. Brad Whitaker asked that for those members of Vestry on the Search Committee to report to him on when and how often updates will be made to the parish. Father Whitaker praised Keith Reas and the choir.

Junior Warden Rick Lee requested \$1,800 to replace the handrails at entrances to the church. Treasurer Bobby Crates made a motion to approve the expenditure, and Hank Hopping seconded the motion. Ed Barels asked that Capital Projects pay for the handrails. It was suggested funds from Capital projects reimburse the expense. Vestry approved paying the \$1,800 from the operating budget.

Treasurer Bobby Crates reported that the church is in the red for the month of May due to financial improvements in cash flow. Gail Winterbauer and Bobby Crates anticipate pulling from the line of credit in the month of June. Beverly Rhoden has been looking at a *Let Me Park It* business for parking after hours. Gail and Bobby will meet in July as a mid-year review. Bobby Crates stated that we are looking at making the Rev. Leigh Preston full time on August 1, 2015. He spoke to conversation churches don't want to have i.e. changes to account names to reflect that of the mission of the church.

Dr. Keith Reas announced that three youth choristers will be attending choir camp. He also announced the exciting news of the likely possibility that "The Anonymous Four" will perform at St. Paul's on December 8, 2015. This group is world-renowned.

It was noted that the Rev. Quinn Parman, Deacon Ann Weeks and Adam Webb will take our youth on a mission trip to New Orleans.

Family Promise Returns: July 19-26

Our *Family Promise* guests will arrive this month! Summer is a busy time for us all, and a great time for families to participate in this wonderful ministry. We need greeters, entertainers, cooks, and overnight hosts. The Big Board is up, and you can also sign up on Volunteer Spot (<http://vols.pt/SatSaa>) if you are away from church vacationing now but want to lend a hand! For information about other ways you can help — including buying food or setting up and taking down the space where our families sleep — contact Shannon Mowrer: 423-827-4432 or shanbmowr@comcast.net.

Support St. Catherine's Shelter

Thanks to the generous gift of a high efficiency washer and dryer, the women and children of St. Catherine's Shelter now have better means of laundry care — please consider donating Tide Pods HE (High Efficiency) detergent for use in the new machine. Your Outreach Committee asks that you also consider adding a few other items to your shopping list and donating them to St. Catherine's Shelter. Your gifts of dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, and tall kitchen garbage bags make a difference! Your travel-sized toiletries from your summer travels will also make a difference. Please consider donating hygiene items for use by the Community Kitchen, Family Promise, and other organizations helping our neighbors in need. All items can be placed in the donation box near the Bonner Tower entrance.

Would You Like to Be More Confident with Money Management?

St. Paul's Financial Coaching ministry is here to help! If financial pressures are impacting you, you may benefit from the assistance of a Financial Coach. St. Paul's volunteer Financial Coaches — trained by faith-based Thrivent Financial — will support, encourage and guide you on your path to financial health. Coaches have been trained in techniques and industry accepted options for addressing personal finance needs like budgeting, addressing debt, and improving savings habits. They can connect you with the support and information you need right here in our community! Coaching sessions are one-on-one and completely confidential. **For more information, please contact Gail Winterbauer: winter@stpaulschatt.org or 602-5662.**

From the Interim Rector

I am writing to let you know that Chrissy Gray, our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator, has accepted a full-time position doing similar work at Signal Crest United Methodist Church. Her last day with St. Paul's will be Friday, July 24th. We are thankful that Chrissy was able to step into this open position several months ago and served the parish well. Fr. Quinn, members of your Vestry and I are in conversation about transition and evaluating what will best serve the parish for the long term in regards to Children's Christian Formation. Fortunately we have the summer to take action and Chrissy has several tasks to complete prior to her departure that will be helpful for our start up with Sunday School in the Fall.

On Sunday, July 19, we will have a gathering following the Summer Special Eucharist to share our appreciation to Chrissy for her brief but important time on the St. Paul's staff. Please look for announcements regarding moving forward with Children's Christian Formation, and please always know that your questions and thoughts are welcomed.

We wish Chrissy the very best as she transitions to Signal Crest and are thankful for her work at St. Paul's.

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!



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COMMUNITY PICNIC: SUNDAY, JULY 19 AT 4:30 P.M. IN RENAISSANCE PARK



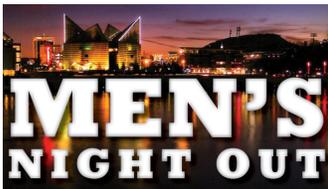
Our Sunday service is broadcast live on our website each week: www.stpaulschatt.org

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 beverly@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



**Men's Night Out:
 Thursday, July 9 at 6:15 p.m.**

The men of St. Paul's gather to enjoy food, drink, and time together on the second Thursday of each month. We will continue to meet at **Southside Social** (1818 Chestnut St.) — offering food, drinks, and games including pool, darts, skee ball, ping pong, and bowling. Visit thesouthsidesocial.com. Contact The Rev. Quinn Parman: parman@stpaulschatt.org.

**Save the Date: Kick-Off Sunday Family Pool Party
 Sunday, September 13 at the Enclave Pool**

Please join us after church on Kick-off Sunday September 13 for a family pool party at the Enclave pool! Lunch and beverages will be provided. Bring your entire family to swim and socialize as we start off a new Sunday school year at our church. Watch for more information and details later this summer!

**Forward Small Group
 Begins Saturday, July 11**

Forward is an ecumenical group that offers mutual support for those who have lost a spouse. St. Paul's will host a new small group — eight sessions in all — beginning Saturday, July 11 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Library. These groups offer space for the newly and sometimes not-so-newly bereaved to share experiences and begin to find ways to step *Forward* into the future. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this groups, please contact Gene Hunt (755-2460) or Ruth Ann Quiroga (875-0107).



**All are Invited to a
 Community Picnic:
 Sunday, July 19 at 4:30 p.m.**

Join your fellow parishioners at the Renaissance Park Pavilion on July 19 for a Community Picnic! All are welcome to bring picnic chairs, blankets, outdoor games, and your favorite dishes to share as we gather for a mid-summer celebration of community and fellowship. Look for sign-ups in the Narthex and outside the Yo Room to bring a picnic dish, dessert, or drinks. You can also RSVP and sign up to bring a dish at: <http://ow.ly/P5ZdQ>. See you there!