



The Chimes

WORSHIP ✦ MINISTRIES ✦ OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER 2015 — THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Labor Day:
Monday, September 7
The Church Office will be closed
Labor Day. There will not be
a 12:05 p.m. Eucharist.



Sunday, September 27: Welcome Reception

On Sunday, September 27, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's will host a Welcome Reception for new members, newcomers and their spouses, partners, or guests. Meet, mingle, and get acquainted with our Clergy, Vestry, Staff, and other parishioners at the Church! Please park in the rear lot and use the rear tower doors for this meet-and-greet event, hosted by the Welcoming Ministries Committee.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 26

HYMN FESTIVAL

At Sewanee with Richard Webster.

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

ARTIST SERIES:

ROSELLA EWING &
KYUNG-EUN NA

Mezzo-soprano and piano

Featuring works by Debussy and Haydn. Cabaret songs by Schoenberg, Britten, Weill, Duke, and Sondheim. Reception follows.

Sunday, November 1 — 4:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

A Service of Remembrance with St. Paul's Senior Choir and instrumental ensemble. Reception follows.

From the Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

Over the past several weeks, both Leigh and Quinn have preached two really wonderful sermons inviting us all into spiritual practices which will bring us closer to God and to a deeper understanding of God's call for us. Leigh opened for us the reading from Ephesians and its particular focus on gratitude in our lives. This past week, Quinn gave us some homework to do by choosing particular words from the Eucharistic texts of both Rite 1 and Rite 2 and inviting us to pray on those words (our selves, our souls our bodies in Rite 1, and unity, constancy and peace from Rite 2). Both sermons invited us to examine the ways in which we see our relationship with God, with Christ, with the Holy Spirit, and to be moved into new and deeper ways of living out that relationship. If you haven't heard them, I encourage you to listen to them both (August 16th and August 30th). What I took away from both of their sermons was the reminder of God's grace towards us and the many opportunities we have in life to deepen that relationship. I am very thankful for the unique ways both Leigh and Quinn invite us into a deeper relationship with God.

Inside this edition of *Chimes* you will find many announcements and invitations into a variety of ministries initiated by the staff and laity of St. Paul's for the purpose of our collectively living out the mission of this parish. There are programs aimed at pastoral care for those in our parish, Christian Formation for children, youth and adults, Outreach opportunities in the name of St. Paul's, opportunities to support the daily administration of the office at St. Paul's and of course our collective efforts in worshipping together. St. Paul's is a busy place!

Please put our Ministry Fair — Sunday, September 13th on your calendar as an opportunity to have face to face conversations with those leading the many opportunities available to each of us.

Whether you are renewing your involvement in the ministries done in the name of St. Paul's or signing up for something for the first time, I hope you will also find ways to remember that while all of the ministries in the name of St. Paul's are important, you also have the blessing of serving Christ in the daily events of your lives. Whether parenting, or at work, volunteering for a local non-profit, or being present for a friend in need — every living, breathing moment of your life is an opportunity to show Christ to others by your actions. I heard a term on the radio this week playing on the phrase Human Being, it was "Human Doing". As followers of Christ we are called to be Human "Beings" (being present with Christ in our daily prayers) as well as someone who is a Human "Doing" the work of Christ in the world.

The ministries of St. Paul's are important — even more so — they are essential for the life of this parish as a community that supports one another in our life with Christ. Ultimately, the ministries are offered as a means of assisting us in deepening our gratitude to God as well as putting our selves, our souls, our bodies to work for Christ in our daily walk of life.

Peace,
Brad +



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WORSHIP TIMES AT ST. PAUL'S

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.
- 8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast.
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour.
- 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

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

Weekdays: Monday - Friday

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

Are health issues keeping you from church on Sundays?

Join our weekday Eucharists in the chapel at 12:05 Monday through Friday. The brief service is a good option when you do not have the stamina for an hour's worth of church. Or let us know if you need Communion at home.



Acolyte Training Sunday, September 6

If you have a child in grades 6-12, and they would like to serve as an acolyte, they must attend a required training session on September 6. Please contact Fr. Quinn: parman@stpaulschatt.org.

An Invitation from Brother Ron Fender

As St. Paul's Church entered a time of transition upon the retirement of our rector, I felt called to offer some support and care to our parish. Having very limited resources, I realized one gift I could offer was focused prayer. With the amazing support of our Clergy and our Pastoral Care Minister, I was encouraged to spend some time each week in prayer at our church and to invite others to join me. **Every Wednesday, we gather in St. George's Chapel at 8:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer.** Following the service, we continue with an intercessory prayer meeting, during which we lift up the names on our parish prayer list and offer other prayers as requested. We conclude with a brief service of Noonday Prayer at 11:45 a.m. We try to make ourselves accessible to those who want someone to pray with and for them, and we welcome others to join us at any point during our gathering. It is our hope that others might share this need to pray and participate in this important ministry. For more information, feel free to contact me at 828-808-1484 or brronfender@yahoo.com.

Children's Ministry Opportunities

If you are looking for a place to invest in the community of St. Paul's and you have a passion for working with children, please contact the Rev. Quinn Parman (parman@stpaulschatt.org) about the many opportunities to serve in our children's ministry as a volunteer. There are lots of different areas in which assistance would be welcomed. Please note, all potential volunteers will need to get training in child abuse prevention and submit to a background check.

September 13: Kick-Off Sunday at St. Paul's

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Worship in the Nave.

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

9:15 a.m. Ministry Fair and Education Hour Kick-Off!

Join parishioners of all ages in Key-Andrews Hall for a **Ministry Fair** — find out more about opportunities to learn, serve, volunteer, and get involved in the life of the church! Opportunities include outreach activities, committees and guilds, worship ministries, formation for children and youth, fellowship events, music and art at St. Paul's, and more! Children's Sunday School will also resume.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Worship in the Nave.

11:30 a.m. Ministry Fair and Coffee Hour Reception

St. Paul's Ministry Fair continues in Key-Andrews Hall — find out more about opportunities to learn, serve, volunteer, and get involved in the life of the church!

Kick-Off Sunday Parishwide Pool Party

Sunday, September 13 at the Enclave Pool — All are Welcome!

Please join us after church on Kick-off Sunday September 13 for an all ages pool party at the Enclave pool! Lunch will be provided for a donation — bring your beverage of choice for your family. All in the parish are welcome to swim and socialize as we start off a new year at our church! Contact the Rev. Quinn Parman for directions or more information: parman@stpaulschatt.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: FALL 2015

Sunday Morning Speaker Series *I Will, With God's Help*

This year, our Sunday morning Speaker Series will be focusing on the questions of our baptismal covenant and exploring what it means to be a Christian in this time and place. We will begin our series with the last question, which has taken on greater urgency in light of recent tragedies in our community and nation as whole: "Will you strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being?" In order to address this question, we will be hosting several different speakers on the issue of racism in particular.

Conversations about race are not easy. Many of us avoid them because they are complicated and uncomfortable, and we don't want to risk offending someone or being perceived as prejudiced. Yet, events in cities like Ferguson, Baltimore, and Charleston have made it clear that we cannot remain silent about racial injustice. It is essential for us, as members of a Christian community, to engage in an open and faithful conversation about race and to consider how we might contribute to a more just and peaceful society.

The first three presentations of our series will be:

September 20: Franklin McCallie and Curtis Baggett will tell us about Chattanooga Connected, an effort to foster understanding and build relationships across racial lines.

September 27: Billy Eiselstein will give us an overview of The Episcopal Church in the segregated South and discuss St. Paul's role in efforts to integrate Chattanooga.

October 4: Chattanooga Councilman Moses Freeman will share with us his experience growing up in segregated Chattanooga, as well as his perspective on race issues in our city today and his hopes for the future.

Please join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in Huckabay Lecture Hall. We look forward to a substantive and meaningful discussion of race issues in Chattanooga and beyond, as we strive to honor our baptismal commitment to justice and peace.

Vestry Highlights

Your Vestry, at its August 18 regular meeting...

The Meeting was convened by Interim Rector Rev. Brad Whitaker. The Rev. Whitaker read from The Gospel of Luke and shared with the members requests for prayer from those in the parish and invited our own prayers requests.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the June Vestry Meeting was approved.

The Rev. Parman shared that he is buying a house. Quinn shared concerns with vestry about parishioners requesting news about children's ministry. A committee has been formed of which he is very excited.

The Rev Leigh Preston talked about the Shepherd's program and about plans for Wednesday night programs. The Rev. Ann Weeks report was shared with Vestry.

Lynn Hodge reported that there are twenty-five members for the newly formed Stewardship Committee.

Head of the Search Committee Robin Miller reported on the series of *Holy Conversations* which took place during July and early August. She conveyed that the conversations revealed that our congregation is first looking for a rector with relationship skills who will be engaged with parishioners, strong focus on families (cradle to college), Christian formation and a strong financial focus. She reported that 340 parishioners answered the survey. Robin told the group that the search website will go live on October 1.

Anita Vetter asked that Vestry join the greeters for a period of three months. The request was well-received and the Vestry will serve as greeters.

Billy Tiller will once again head up the Nominating Committee. We are seeking a list of ten nominees.

Ed Barels stated that the stained glass windows on the east side have been repaired under warranty. Ed asked Emmanuel Studios out of Nashville to provide the reason(s) for the cracks in the sacking.

Treasurer Bobby Crates reported on the situation with the elevator repair. The cost of the repairs is roughly \$30K and we have been advised by the local Otis Elevator people that we have a legitimate insurance claim as the failure was likely due to the flood we had in the basement several years ago. Since we do not have operating funds available to repair the elevator, he recommends, upon the approval of Vestry, that we borrow the money from "ourselves" in the form of a loan from the Capital and/or Endowment Funds. The Bowie bequest and/or funds in the Capital Fund derived from the sale of the rectory are possible sources of funds. The tentative terms of the loan include, but are not limited to: Amount — +/- \$30K; Terms — Insurance settlement of approximately \$22K to be applied to the loan upon receipt. Balance of loan to be paid from the annual operating budget by monthly installment payments starting in January 2016 and running for a period of eighteen months or less. The interest rate of the loan would be determined by the investment committee.

Bobby Crates reported that the church is in the red for the month being \$35,000 less than this time last year. There was a \$21,000 spike in expenses, which included \$7,500 for Outreach and \$7,500 for the annual audit along with quarterly payments. The church is \$62,000 in the red year to date. Pledge income is better than the prior year and 54.5% of revenue is from endowment. July should not have that high of a percentage from endowment. All in all, the numbers held up fairly well. We have an income problem not an expense problem. The endowment and the open offering has doubled, which has made it possible to stay afloat. A deficit could go as high as \$50,000.

Bobby continued with the plan for a special solicitation to make an appeal to supplement this year's pledges. We will also want to ask members to pledge for 2016 staying at the requested increased amount. Tom White asked how the Capital Campaign has impacted the budget.

Bobby Crates has a draft for new accounting categories. Bobby asked that we take a look at the categories. This should align our budget to our ministries.

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!

Thank You from Susan Cardwell

Dear Friends,

It is difficult for me to convey in words my heartfelt gratitude to God and to all in this wonderful parish for the years spent in ministry with each of you. The Lord has blessed me beyond measure in sharing with you special times of worship and service. The many friendships grounded in our ministry and love of God and his Kingdom work together at St. Paul's are truly cherished by me.

For the ministry of Margaret Baker, the Parish Life Committee, Curt Hodge, the clergy and staff, our Vestry, and so many others in organizing the wonderful reception on August 23; for the cards and scrapbook; for the kind words and totally unexpected gifts to me and to St. Catherine's Shelter and partner agencies made on my behalf; and above all — for your prayers — my daughter, Sarah, and I are most grateful.

Please know that I continue to hold each of you in my prayers. God is good. Joshua 1: 9

Blessings,
Susan Cardwell

Family Promise: November 1-8

A sincere thanks to all of you who volunteered to help with Family Promise this summer! Stop by the Ministry Fair on September 13 for more information about Family Promise and mark your calendar for our next Family Promise week — November 1 - 8. *Shannon Mowrer*, Volunteer Coordinator: 423-827-4432 or shanbmowr@comcast.net.

St. Paul's After Hours Groups to Transition

After four successful years of Saint Paul's After Hours, which has touched the lives of many and established new and meaningful relationships, the Steering Committee of After Hours is ready to pass the baton for leading small group social gathering to others who are interested in this ministry. We are grateful to the participants and facilitators who made this ministry such a great success. The staff is presently gathering input from the Steering Committee and facilitators and will support new leadership in designing social gatherings that give each of us at St. Paul's the opportunity to develop deeper relationships with our fellow parishioners. Times of transition are key moments for new beginnings and the developing of new relationships. Look for information soon about the next rendition of social gatherings at St. Paul's! In the meantime, if you have been involved in the After Hours groups, please share your thanks to Debbie Martin, Lee Moore and Lee Thomas for their leadership with After Hours and their commitment to building up the Body of Christ here at St. Paul's.



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KICK-OFF SUNDAY & MINISTRY FAIR: SEPTEMBER 13



Support the many ministries of St. Paul's Church! Scan this QR code to make a secure online donation!

Send your email address to beverly@stpaulschatt.org to receive *eChimes*, our weekly email newsletter! Deadline for the October issue of *The Chimes*: September 15. Send news to jenny@stpaulschatt.org.

Special Events

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Exum Gallery Art Show Opening Reception

(Date Change!) Friday, September 4 — 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, September 4 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. you are invited to the Opening Reception for the exhibit *Verdant* featuring nature-inspired paintings by Sandra Babb, Carol Hobbs, Sherry Hullender, Janice Kennedy, Leslie O'Rear and Evelyn Marie Williams. The show will continue through September 27.

Men's Night Out: September 10 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. Men's Night Out will resume on Thursday, September 10 at 6:15 p.m. **We will meet at Chattanooga Brewing Co.** (1804 Chestnut St.). See www.chattabrew.com for a menu. Contact the Rev. Quinn Parman: parman@stpaulschatt.org.

Sunday, October 4: Blessing of the Animals

Bring your furry, finned, or feathered friends, or just come as you are for fun and fellowship as we remember the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi and offer thanks for the animals of God's creation and for pets entrusted to our care. Rain or Shine!

Sunday, October 18: 50-Year Members Celebration

The Parish Life Committee invites you to join in honoring all those who have been members of St. Paul's for fifty years or more. Special prayers of thanksgiving in our worship at the morning Eucharists and a reception in their honor in Key-Andrews Hall following the 10:30 Eucharist.

Habitat for Humanity Build Day

Saturday, September 19

Time to start thinking about hammers, nails, paint and ladders! Now that summer is almost over it is time to think about our mission of assisting families in Chattanooga to fulfill their dream of home ownership. At the end of the last school year, St. Paul's Habitat for Humanity team decided to transition to quarterly Build Days. We will continue our partnership with Rotary to team up each Build Day. **The goal is to provide a team of volunteers quarterly beginning on Saturday, September 19.** Our Saturday dates for 2015-2016 are September 19, December 19, March 19 and June 18. Think about adding these dates to your calendar now to keep them open for some great days of helping Habitat families build their homes! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Pat Daniel: danielp1345@yahoo.com.

Baltic Capitals Cruise Next Summer

Sarah and Donald Fishburne invite you to join them for a Baltic Capitals Cruise — including artistic and historic sites of Stockholm and Copenhagen, cathedrals and holy places of St. Petersburg and Helsinki, and the Russian Orthodox Cathedral at Tallinn. May 28 to June 5, 2016. The Rev. Bob Dannals, just-retired Rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas and now Interim Rector of St. Bart's, NYC, will be our speaker. <http://ow.ly/RBzpZ> or contact fishburne.public@gmail.com.