

# ST. PAUL'S LETTER

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary is home to an active, caring, and diverse congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Through corporate worship, spiritual development, fellowship, and service we continue to grow together in faith. We strive to be Christ's welcoming, reconciling and transforming presence in the world through our many and varied ministries.*

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## Letter From The Rector

*The Rev. George Adamik*

**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
**May 23, 2007**  
**at 10:00 a.m.**

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Dear Friends:

This monthly rector's newsletter article will be on hiatus for a few months while I am away on sabbatical. As I prepare to leave for a while I want answer some typical questions I have been asked about this sabbatical.

### How long will I be on sabbatical?

I begin my sabbatical on May 10 and return to the parish on Sunday, September 9. According to the letter of agreement between St. Paul's and me, and approved by the bishop, for every year of service at St. Paul's, two weeks of sabbatical time is earned.

### Who takes on the rector's responsibilities during the sabbatical?

While I am on sabbatical the wardens are responsible for the administrative operations of the parish. They are also responsible for any needed communication between the parish and the diocese. The clergy and staff continue doing the work they all do so well. The parish does not go into a holding pattern while the rector is away.

### Does the rector "check in" while on sabbatical?

No. An important part of a sabbatical is to make a complete break from things. All pastoral concerns, as well as weddings, baptisms, funerals, and other special services will be taken care of by the clergy of St. Paul's. There is no contact with the rector during the sabbatical. In the unlikely event that there is some extraordinary news that absolutely must be communicated, arrangements are in place for that to occur.

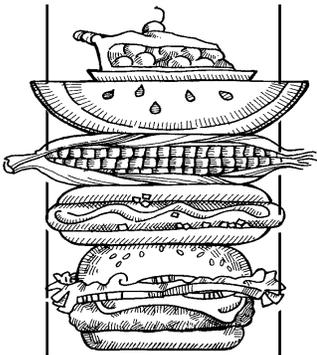
### What are you going to do on sabbatical?

I have to admit that the most important thing I will be doing is entering into a different rhythm in my daily and weekly life. While I love the work I do, stepping away from being on call 24/7 and long hours consisting of constant evening commitments will be renewing and refreshing. On a personal level, I want to explore my passion for teaching and preaching. As I prepare to enter into the next chapter of my ministry as rector at St. Paul's, I want to see how I can do more of both. A few areas of reading and study I am planning to engage in will consist of the early church fathers, as well as some of the great spiritual writers of the Christian tradition. As the Episcopal Church walks through a challenging time, especially regarding our relationship with the rest of the Anglican Communion, I am interested in reading about and studying the early church, which dealt with incredible challenges and conflict. I believe there is much to learn from that early tradition.

My family and I will spend some time in Cape Cod, just about our favorite place in the world. It will be a summer of high school graduation and the start of college for my daughter, Elizabeth. I plan to do some traveling with Mary, Elizabeth, and Rebecca, including some time in New York with family. And I expect I will fit in some golf as well.

I just ask that you remember me in your thoughts and prayers. It is a joy for me to be rector of St. Paul's. I truly look forward to continuing to walk the journey together with you, and discovering where this sabbatical leads me in my ministry in your midst.

See you in September.  
George



Parish Picnic  
June 3, at  
Ritter Park

## From the Halls of St. Paul's Preschool:



Happy May! May has many exciting activities for our children in preschool. Many classes are going to pick strawberries and all classes are planning a special treat for Mother's Day. The children have grown up so much this year and we are proud of all the accomplishments. Our final day of preschool is Wednesday, May 23rd.

I can not believe that it is already here! The three-and four-year-old classes have an End of the Year Celebration that will be at 11:30 a.m. in the Church on this day. Any and everyone is invited to hear the special songs the children have prepared. I hope you all have a wonderful end to what has been a wonderful year at St. Paul's Preschool.

Love In Christ,  
Mary Catherine Troxler

### ELDERBERRIES

We're treating ourselves to BRUNCH AT COURTNEY'S on Wednesday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. Courtney's is located at 1885 Lake Pine Drive. Those wishing to carpool should meet at St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m. Contact Lois Reardin at the office (467-1477) to sign up or for more information.

The Life Writing Class begins Tuesday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Wing.

Watch for information about a field trip in June to the NC Museum of History.

Submitted by Mary Lee Anderson

### EASTER OFFERING TO EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

St. Paul's Church REACHED OUT in a big way this Easter time. The non-pledge offerings collected at our Easter Sunday services amounted to \$2,661, and this amount is being sent to Episcopal Relief and Development, which responds to human suffering and provides emergency assistance around the globe. ERD's efforts support many of the Millennium Development Goals. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

Alison Arnold, CSM Committee Chair

## WARDEN'S CORNER

A little more than a year ago, St. Paul's faced an important fork in the road of our collective spiritual journey. Our Church School Director and Youth Coordinator positions were vacant, and our ability to fill these positions and support our ministries was being affected by the mortgage expenses associated with our new facilities. Two options emerged: (1.) reduce our staffing and programs, or (2.) carry out an ambitious follow-up capital campaign with the goals of reducing our mortgage debt and its impact on our operating budget.



Wardens Corner

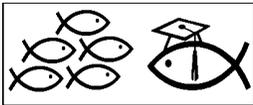
The Vestry opted for the second of these options, and a group of nearly 50 parishioners enthusiastically agreed to organize and participate in the Encore Capital Campaign. We owe many thanks to these parishioners, who led and hosted information meetings, produced newsletters, and gave inspirational talks to the parish, among other valuable contributions. We also owe many thanks to the parishioners who responded so generously to the campaign. To date, nearly 200 pledges have totaled over \$1.13 million, and the amount collected not yet one year into a three-year campaign is more than \$500,000! Early payments have allowed us to make an immediate reduction in our mortgage principle and lock into a low interest rate.

Possibly even more important in the life of our community has been the impact of the Encore Campaign in allowing our Church School and Youth positions to be filled. In the past year, Jennifer Shy and Annie Stoller have provided incredible leadership and energy to these programs, respectively. The results are evident in the long lines of children headed each week to Children's Chapel and in the huge increases in the number of participants in Communion Class, Youth Confirmation, and the Appalachia Service Project. These additions also have certainly been a factor in the many new faces that we see at St. Paul's each week – A recent Newcomer's Class had no empty seats!

In developing the Encore Campaign, the Vestry committed a small portion of the income – less than 5% to be allocated toward one or more projects to make the campus more welcoming and inviting. The main project that was identified was the refurbishment of the old office space to provide a new Kid's Club facility. The design includes a dedicated crib room for infants, as well as spaces set aside for toddlers and older children. In our April meeting, the Vestry approved the Kid's Club renovation, and we are excited by the expectation that this project may be completed by the end of the summer or earlier! This is an important step in living into the message to newcomers on our website: "We feel that it is truly important for children to be engaged in the Worship experience and for their parents to be able to participate fully in the life of the church." It is also yet another step in living into the motto, "All are Welcome!"

We invite those who have joined us in the past year to consider making a pledge to the Encore Campaign. For more information about the Encore Campaign, please contact Kurt Robinson or Melissa Zeph of the Encore Follow-up Committee or access information about the campaign under the Stewardship area of St. Paul's website ([www.stpaulscary.org](http://www.stpaulscary.org)). For information about the new Kid's Club facility, please see Jennifer Shy.

Peace in Christ,  
Dan Loughlin



# Sunday School Scribbles

*"Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." - Matthew 10:14*

## Letter from the Director

We had such a delightful Easter celebration, both in children's chapel and during our Egg Hunt! We enjoyed using the word "Alleluia" again, and the chorus of voices proclaiming that "The Lord is risen indeed" was very triumphant.

In Sunday school, we have begun the last unit of our curriculum. Children ages three through kindergarten are learning about music, grades one through three are learning about saints of the church, and the fourth and fifth graders are getting some church history lessons. Please try to keep Sunday school in your schedules during these last busy weeks!

Sunday school officially adjourns for the summer on May 20 and will resume again on September 9, 2007. But we'll see you all summer long at children's chapel and in July at VBS!  
Jennifer Shy

## Summer Sunshine and Parables

What better way to worship than to drink in the heavenly summer sun and leap into the spiritual pool of the Parables of Jesus! While Sunday School may be on summer break, Children's Chapel continues through the summer months at both the 9:00 and 10:45 summer services (remember the change in service times for the summer months!). The theme this summer will be the Parables of Jesus. We are looking for volunteers to undertake one or more of the Parables during the summer months. The great news is that the lessons will already be planned for you – all you need to do is teach! So, please search out the Children's Chapel sign-up sheets (located in the narthex) and pick your parable or contact Jennifer Shy with the days you can help out!



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:

We are happy to announce that several of our students will be graduating from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year and moving on to middle school! This means that they will also be leaving our Sunday School program and joining the Episcopal Youth Community in the Fall. We would like to send them off with a big, hearty congratulations! Good luck to Sam Fenimore, Morgan Hajnos, Catherine Gregg, Stephen Henshaw, Andrew Hope, Meagan Lewis, and Neal Lockhart.

## **VBS is Coming...VBS is Coming...VBS is Coming... July 16-20...July 16-20...July 16-20...July 16-20...**

VBS Volunteer meetings to start Wednesdays at 12:00 (noon) beginning June 6. Registration forms are available online or in the education building and narthex.



Our early-bird volunteers are already planning a very special week. Please contact Jennifer Shy to add your talents to the planning and execution of this great program.

## A Job Well Done!

Please join us in thanking our second semester Sunday School Teachers and Children's Chapel Volunteers – those dedicated parishioners who greet our children every Sunday morning with a smiles on their faces, a song in their hearts, scissors in one hand and glue in the other. Our teachers have laughed, loved, learned and prayed every Sunday morning with the children and they are to be commended for a job well done! Applause is welcome for these wonderful servants:

### Sunday School Teachers

Ricky Barker, Chris Barnes, Tony Crabtree, Rachel Crigger, Carol Flickinger, Laura Gorman, Kelly Gregg, Sue Hannum, Sherri and Chuck Hubbard, Suzanne Kosco, Cathryn Lamb, Lesley Lloyd, Dan Loughlin, Alison Lyles, Carol Perrotta, Caroline Shank, Preethi Thomas, Annette Williams, and Jane Womack

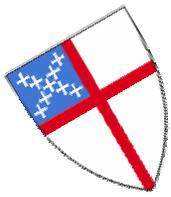
### Children's Chapel Volunteers

Ricky Barker, Cynthia Baron, Annette Carter, Jennifer Clukey, Linda Cozzolino, Katherine Crowe, Leah Dail, Jennifer Durant, Carol Flickinger, Penny Fusco, Stephanie Hirschy, Kristen Holmes, Bev Hope, Beth Hughey, Mary & Andy Kintz, Lesley Lloyd, Dan & Alana Loughlin, Dave Mackie, Aleta McClenney, Kim McCombs-Thornton, Ginger Mole, Tad Richard, Caroline Shank, and Amanda Waterman



While Sunday School is on summer break, please prayerfully consider teaching one or two semesters of Sunday School during the coming 2007-2008 Sunday School year. Contact Jennifer Shy if you can help.





# E.Y.C.

(Episcopal Youth Community)

REMINDER! EYC has moved to Sunday evenings for the remainder of this year!

## May 2007

May 6 — Let Your Light Shine

May 13 — Our Fragile Earth

May 20 — Closing Eucharist & Senior Farewell, 5:15 p.m. for all EYC!

We are collecting new or gently used linens. We need bed sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths, kitchen towels, bath rugs, etc., to take to the families we serve during ASP. Baby crib sheets, blankets, and sheets that fit only twin or full size beds are needed.

Questions? Contact Sheila Reilly at 303-6248. Please put the items in a box in the Narthex or contact Sheila about having them picking up.

Middlers—4:00-5:00 p.m.

SHARED DINNER @ 5:15 p.m.

Seniors—6:00-7:00 p.m.

Check the website for details!

(www.stpaulscary.org)

### ASP 2007

- 37 people are going on this year's summer High School mission trip! If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Annie Stoller to let her know.
- This month we will be doing an ASP Chores fundraiser. If you would like to make a donation to the ASP trip in exchange for a visit from one of our Chores Teams, please contact Kevin Swann.

It's never too late in the year to join EYC! Moving to Sunday nights after Easter has made it possible for a number of new folks to get involved, so feel free to try us out one Sunday!

*Submitted by The Rev. Bernard J. Owens*

For more information contact Annie Stoller at [youth@stpaulscary.org](mailto:youth@stpaulscary.org) or 467-1477 ext. 37

Senior High  
Compline  
and  
Fellowship

Tuesday  
Nights

From 8-9 p.m.  
in the church!

## STOP HUNGER NOW RETURNS TO ST. PAUL'S

We will be packing food for **Stop Hunger Now** in the parish hall on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We are asking people to sign up for a two-hour shift, 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00-1:00 p.m. We also need a set-up team at 7:45 a.m. and a clean-up team from 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. On May 19 the program will be co-sponsored by the Cary-Page Rotary Club, and other folks from Cary will be coming to join us.

Ages 5 and up are invited to join us for another exciting day. Given the scope and duration of this event, no child care will be provided. Please wear a baseball cap (or you'll be asked to wear a hairnet). Space is limited to 130 each shift, so sign up early.

Stop Hunger Now provides rice based meals with soy and vegetables and vitamins for starving people in many parts of the world. The meals are vegetarian, so people from all religious backgrounds can use the food. Those who receive the meals can add their own spices, so that the food will taste familiar to people in many different cultures.

The meals cost \$.20 each, and the Cary-Page Rotary Club will be subsidizing the costs for the day, but we are asking that everyone who comes to pack contribute something to the total costs. We will have collections at the registration tables.

We had over 150 participants in early January, and packed 25,000 meals in two hours. There is information about the January 7 event on the St. Paul's web site, under Outreach, as well as pictures from that day.

There will be sign-ups in the narthex, or you can sign up by sending an e-mail to Jane Smith at [janelsmith@mindspring.com](mailto:janelsmith@mindspring.com). We hope to be able to support Stop Hunger Now as well as we did in January!

*Submitted by Jane Smith*

## MUSICALLY SPEAKING

I wish to thank all of our choirs who participated in our services throughout April and especially Holy Week and Easter. It is wonderful to work with choristers and handbell ringers who are excited about the music they sing and play.

The Epiphany and Junior Choirs blessed the residents of Chatham Creek Rest Home and Cary Rehabilitation Center when they presented the cantata, "Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet." It was a real joy to feel the excitement of the children during the worship services on April 29 when they sang the cantata in church. These choirs along with the Proclamation Handbells will conclude their year on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. with a party in the Youth Wing. Thank you, parents, for your help and support throughout this choir season. We will look forward to the fall and to welcoming everyone back to choir and to the new faces who will join us.

The Youth Choir and Canterbury Handbells will close their season by playing on Sunday, May 6 at the 8:45 a.m. service. The last time we will meet is for our choir party Tuesday, May 8 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. It's been a great year with the youth and the best Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choir yet!

For all youth in grades 4 – 9, please mark your calendars for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Choir Camp at Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC. This will take place Friday – Sunday, August 17–19. Our clinician will again be Ginger Wyrick from Queens University in Charlotte. Camp brochures will be mailed the first week of May. These brochures will be available in the music room. The Church Music Conference will be held Thursday – Sunday, August 16–19 at Trinity

Center and will again feature David Flood of Canterbury Cathedral, England. It will also feature one of the members of the *Anonymous Four*, Jacqui Horner who is also from England. Jacqui will be giving private voice lessons on a first-come first-serve basis. So all adult choristers interested in attending should register early. Those brochures will be in the music room in May.

Here is the choir schedule for May:

May 2 – 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs End-of-Year Party  
May 6 – 8:45 a.m. Youth Choir and Canterbury Handbell Choir  
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir  
May 8 – 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Canterbury Handbell Choir Year End Party  
May 13 – 8:45 a.m. Jubilate Choir  
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir  
May 20 – 11:15 a.m. Senior Choir  
May 27 – 8:45 a.m. Jubilate Choir  
11:15 a.m. Senior Choir

*"Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: Holy, holy, holy Lord...."*

*Book of Common Prayer. page 362*

Tunefully yours,  
Lee Harris  
Minister of Music



## FUNDRAISING POLICY

*Submitted by Jennifer Durant*

Several years ago the Vestry established a specific fundraising policy to ensure members of our parish would not be inundated with additional monetary requests throughout the year. The policy is published here for easy review.

Q: I want to raise funds at St. Paul's for my ministry or for my favorite charity. How do I do that?

A. St. Paul's has guidelines related to fundraising. They are:

- The events for which the funds are being raised should provide specific goods or services in support of a Parish ministry, or support Parishioners in the development of caring and giving ministries.
- No active solicitation of Parishioners on church property is permitted without the express written permission of the Senior or Junior Warden.
- The fund raising event should be a one-time event, or

accomplished in a short period of time, generally two weeks or less.

- Parishioners will at all times have a free and unencumbered choice of participation.
- All Parishioners must be allowed to participate and there will be no discrimination of any kind.
- The Vestry has published a list of recognized fund raising activities. In conjunction with the master calendar, this will provide the opportunity to coordinate event planning and minimize scheduling conflicts. Funds collected for Parish ministries shall be deposited with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and all disbursements made from designated event funds.

Questions? Please contact your ministry's Vestry Liaison. The fundraising application is found on the St. Paul's website, under POLICIES or COMMON QUESTIONS. Submit the form to a Vestry member or to the church office, a minimum of 14 days before your event.

# ADULT EDUCATION

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

### **NEWCOMERS CLASS:**

May 13 in the Library at 10:10 a.m.  
The Rev. Bernard J. Owens will lead a discussion on the Anglican Communion. This class is open to anyone who has questions and wishes to gain a greater understanding of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

### **PASTORAL CARE AS A HEALING ART**

May 6 in the Library at 10:10 a.m.  
The Rev. Candy Snively and the Rev. Bernard J. Owens will lead classes on Pastoral Care as a Healing Art. Pastoral Care is a part of ordained ministry, but it is something which we can all practice in our care for one another. Candy is currently a Chaplain Resident at Rex Hospital, and B.J. served as Chaplain Resident in the North Carolina Children's Hospital at UNC before being ordained to the priesthood.

### **PARENT'S FORUM**

May 6 in the Chapel at 10:10 a.m.  
Celia Hartnett, MSW, will present a class for parents on alcohol use/abuse. The class will discuss how parents can set limits for youth. Celia is a long time member of St. Paul's who operates a local social work practice.



## **ADULT EDUCATION BRAINSTORMING SESSION**

May 20 in the Parish Hall at 10:10 a.m.  
The Adult Education Ministry will co-host the coffee hour on May 20. We wish to celebrate the contributions of many who have made this year a success. Additionally, we invite all interested parishioners to share their views with the committee as it plans the fall Adult Education offerings. Please join members of the Adult Education Committee in the Parish Hall on May 20, 2007.

## THURSDAY OFFERING

### **EFIRD BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

#### **THE BOOK OF MARK WITH DR. MICKEY EFIRD**

Thursdays, May 3 - May 24  
Conference room at 7:30 p.m.

A new video Bible Study unlocks the secrets of the Book of Mark. You will marvel as Dr. Mickey Efird helps you understand what the scriptures say and what they mean to us today. Dr. Efird has trained pastors for over 40 years at Duke Divinity School. One pastor described Dr. Efird's studies as a "feast for the soul." Kevin Swann will facilitate this informative study.

### **ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 8, 2007  
Library at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Nita J. Byrd, chair  
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[www.stpaulscary.org](http://www.stpaulscary.org)

## ABOUT OUR CHURCH

*Congratulations* to Patricia Quick for the birth of her grandson Hunter Charles Bailey, son of David and Heather Bailey.



*We express our sympathy* to Susan Adams for the death of her sister-in-law, Lynn Marten; to Kelly Isaacs for the death of her friend, Jim Talton; to Ed Szigethy for the death of his sister, Susan Szigethy; to Mary Catherine Troxler for the death of her friend, Robert Barbee; for Bill Fierke for the death of his brother, Donald Howard Fierke; to Carl Gipson and Karen Coates for the death of Carl's sister and Karen's aunt, Edith Polly Epps; and to Gary Stambaugh for the death of his mother, Kathryn Stambaugh.

*We rejoice in the baptisms* of Bryce Charles Patisaul and Sarah Loretta Patisaul, children of Charles and Heather Patisaul; Charlotte Grace Magee, daughter of Shayne and Christa Magee; and John Fletcher Waterman and Lucy Danielle Waterman, children of Daniel and Amanda Waterman.

*Wedding Bells* *We celebrate the marriage* of Ann Wheeler and George Grigg. They were married on Saturday, April 14. We also celebrate the marriage of Kristen Arnott and Adam Davis. They were married on Saturday, April 21. Kristen is the daughter of Randy and Becky Arnott.



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