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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.

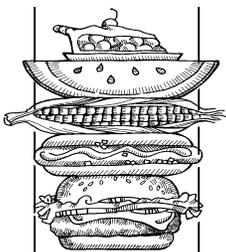
**Newsletter
DEADLINE**
August 15, 2007

Summer Schedule Starts June 10

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and
10:45 a.m.

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**Parish Picnic
June 3, 10:00 a.m.
at Ritter Park**

LITURGY AT ST. PAUL'S Submitted by Rev. Dr. Sally L. Harbold

Those of you who attend 7:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday may not be aware that we have been exploring various formats for liturgy at the 8:45 a.m. service since the First Sunday of Advent, last December. During this time we have printed out the entire service in a booklet. This has allowed us to use not only the Book of Common Prayer but also prayers from other approved resources such as the New Zealand Prayer Book and The Church of England's Common Worship 2000. This year Children's Chapel has grown such that it is offered at both of the later services and the Children's Procession as they leave for Chapel has added a new musical element to both the 8:45 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. liturgy. During the past several weeks a group of about a dozen members of St. Paul's have been meeting weekly to review and critique published song books. They have made a final recommendation to us and, thanks to memorial fund monies, we have ordered a text called The Faith We Sing. We plan to begin using this at the 8:45/9:00 a.m. service soon (along with the blue hymnal) and we will "sadly" (ha ha) be saying goodbye to our long time practice of creating a song book for use every time the Jubilate Choir sings. Gaylene Henry will be leading us over the coming months to become acquainted with this new musical text. For the 12 weeks of the summer, our plans are to use several different liturgical formats (using each for 4 weeks), which will allow us to use and experience the diversity of the Book of Common Prayer.

Why are we messing around with our liturgy at all? (You may be asking.) Reflecting on my own nearly eight years here at St. Paul's, several things have happened to impact how we look at our worship together. Most significant, of course, is that we have built a new church. The design of this space has given us the opportunity to expand what we offer and how we offer both prayer and music. Hand bells can be used at any service without moving tables and chairs. Healing prayers can be offered without interrupting the flow of communion or any part of the service. Musical performances like our Children's Cantata can be presented with stage-like professionalism and still include the ritual at the center of our life, Eucharist.

The second greatest impact on our life together is our growth in attendance at worship. I remember when we were setting up chairs at both the 8:45 and the 11:15 services nearly every week in the space we now call our Chapel. This growth in attendance includes people of all ages: families with and without children; single adults; mid-career folks who have moved here for jobs; and older adults who are retiring or entering second careers.

A third impact on our community is simply the consistency of "our changing world" and the demands this creates for everyone. We have had requests for an evening-weekend service, more family friendly services, informal services, inclusive language services, shorter services, etc.

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And so, because two out of our three services each week were nearly identical, we decided to begin a move toward making each of our three Sunday Worship experiences unique and distinct. At the least, we believed that this would serve the needs and tastes both spiritually and intellectually, of a greater number of people who attend St. Paul's. As you know, we try to put together a Sunday schedule that includes three services as well as coffee hour and education for children and adults.

It is delightful to those of us who can see the whole picture to watch as 400 to 500 people come through the doors every Sunday for worship and fellowship and education opportunities. It is fantastic to see that our building is crowded nearly every night of the week with various church and community programs. It is wonderful to experience our community growing and changing together. Thanks to all of you who have given us feedback about the changes in our Sunday liturgy. We like hearing from you and we ask for your patience as we seek a balance in our liturgy and our programs that serves the many and varied needs of this large community. We certainly are in transition as we walk this faith journey together.

Peace,
Sally Harbold

ELDERBERRIES SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 20:

TRIP TO NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY,
5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC

Guided Highlights Tour at 10:45 a.m. Registration is required. Call Contact Lois Reardin at 467-1477, ext. 21 or Ann Koehler at 851-3943 to register or for more information. Plan to meet in the St. Paul's parking lot at 9:45 a.m. to carpool.

Wednesday, July 18

POTLUCK LUNCHEON
in Youth Wing at 12:00 noon

Program: NCSU Encore Center for Lifelong
Enrichment

August: Elderberry Vacation. No meeting or field trip.

Reminder: Lifewriting Workshop continues: June 5, 19,
and July 3.

Submitted by Mary Lee Anderson

WARDEN'S CORNER



STEPPING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONES

I attended a conference recently where the opening speaker did something very unusual. At the end of a relatively unremarkable speech, he asked the audience of environmental scientists, engineers, and managers to stand. Next, he said, "Turn and look at the person to your right. Now, give that person a hug." There was silence, followed by a nervous laugh or two, and a few pats on the shoulder that substituted for hugs. Our comfort zones certainly had been tested.

That experience started me thinking about comfort zones. Much of our lives are devoted to defining our personal comfort zones, which might include specific things, friends, foods, or routines. When an occasional perturbation may rock the boat, we quickly adapt by reverting back to the norm.

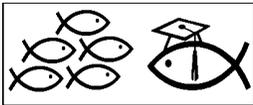
But when is it that we really grow as individuals and as a community? I think it is when we step out of our personal and collective comfort zones. It is when we decide to greet the person we don't know, to sign up to teach Sunday School for the first time, to volunteer at the homeless shelter, or to take on the job of joining or even starting a new ministry.

Stepping out of our comfort zones can be scary. It is important to remember that at St. Paul's we are in a community in which it is recognized that we all have our strengths and weaknesses, similarities and differences. In this community we accept and love all of those in our midst for who they are. With understanding companions on the journey, stepping out of our comfort zones is much less intimidating. Recently George sent a letter and ministry listing and signup sheet. I hope that you will give thought to how you and St. Paul's might grow by stepping out of your comfort zones.

Peace through Christ,
Dan Loughlin

FOYER GROUP SIGN-UP

It's time again to sign up for Foyer Groups for the second half of 2007. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, fill it out, and leave it in the office or offering plate. You can e-mail the information to Tom Pitman at pitmantj@hotmail.com or call at 461-0850 if you have any questions. If you choose to use the e-mail, please make sure you include all the information and your preferences.



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

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 3, at 10:00 at Ritter Park. After the service and the lunch, we'd love to stick around and play some games (weather permitting)! We'll provide bubbles, hula hoops, jump ropes and kickballs, and we hope that we can also play some softball together. Please bring gloves and mitts, balls and bats if you have them, and we can share the equipment to make it possible for lots of children and parents to play.



Parish Picnic

Sunday School Updates

Sunday School is currently on summer hiatus but will return to its regularly scheduled time (10:10 a.m. every Sunday morning) beginning September 9, 2007. Even though we are not holding classes during the summer, there is always a lot of activity as we plan for the new Sunday School year.

We are currently asking for TEACHERS for children age three through 5th grade! To those of you who have diligently volunteered your time and energy to our program in the past – have a great summer off, and please consider teaching again in the upcoming year (either Fall or Spring...or both!). Those of you who have never had the opportunity to work with our younger parishioners, please consider joining our band of merrymaking teachers this year. Please contact Jennifer Shy (churchschool@stpaulscary.org) to volunteer your time or if you have any questions about our Sunday School program.

VBS Meeting Notice



All volunteers – please note that the first VBS planning meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Childcare will be provided. Please plan to attend so that we can officially get the VBS season under way. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Shy.

New Committee Members!

The Church School Committee is thrilled to have four new members join our ranks. We welcome Christine Ingram, Dave Mackie, Kim McCombs-Thornton, and Leslie Vaughan.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Who needs to travel all the way to the beach for summer fun? Instead, why not plan for a week of spy games and space travel with Vacation Bible School? The week of July 16 -20 is set aside for our adventure; registration forms are already available. Our spy classes are for children age three through 5th grade, and our toddler set is welcome to spend VBS time in the nursery while their parent/caregiver volunteers. We also always enjoy having the teen crowd help out with the classes. The fee this year for the fun-filled week (including T-shirt and CD) will be \$10.00 for one child and \$5.00 for each additional child in the family. Scholarships are available.

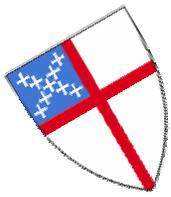
As always, we are looking for adult VBS volunteers. We already have a number of people who are "game" for our biggest event of the year, but we also ask parents and caregivers to help out in order to ensure that the anticipated crowd of 100+ children has an action-packed week. If you have any questions about VBS or if you would like to register your children or volunteer your time, please contact Jennifer Shy. Blast off time is rapidly approaching and we would like to be as well-prepared as possible!



Children's Chapel Begins a Summer of Parables

Children's Chapel is splashing into the summer months with a plethora of parables! Children's Chapel will continue throughout the summer during two services – 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Each week we will be exploring one of Jesus' parables; and, in order to embark on this adventure, we need adult volunteers who are willing to lead. We will provide suggested lesson plans, which you can use for either advance or last minute planning. Total exploration time will be approximately 20 minutes.

For the 9:00 a.m. service, we need one leader for older children and one for younger children. For the 10:45 service, one leader tells the story and the other provides the activity. Please volunteer to spend a few of your precious summer moments with our children. Jesus' parables include some of our most important spiritual messages and we are looking forward to briefly sharing these messages during the relaxed summer atmosphere of Children's Chapel. If you can assist with this program one time or several times, please contact Jennifer Shy with your availability.



E.Y.C.

(Episcopal Youth Community)

Check the website for details!
(www.stpaulscary.org)

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST

ASP-June 10 -16



Compline and Fellowship will continue every Tuesday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in June.

(except for the week we're at ASP!)

The final Compline and EYC event will be June 26th!

For more information contact

Annie Stoller at youth@stpaulscary.org or 467-1477 ext. 37

EYC ADVISORS MAKE THE WORLD GO 'ROUND...

Have you ever thought about being an adult advisor for the Episcopal Youth Community? Advisors are adults of all types and ages – parents, non-parents, people with years of youth ministry experience and people with none at all – who regularly participate in youth events at St. Paul's. I have had the pleasure of working with EYC advisors and teenagers for two years now, and am having a really great time. The good news is that we are growing, which means that we need adult advisors now more than ever!

The only requirement is a willingness to share your time and yourselves with teenagers. If you've thought about being a part of this community, please have a conversation with me. The Youth Committee (and the new Youth Council – made up of high school students) will be working this summer to create a tentative schedule for the fall, and we will be holding an Advisor Training Session in the early fall as well...so feel free to jump right in!

The Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Associate Rector for Children's and Family Ministries

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Paul's will be having its quarterly Blood Drive on Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please sign up to receive a donation time as soon as possible. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sunday mornings or you may contact Mary Marshall at daisymae5061@nc.rr.com or by phone at 388-1856. We will be able to accommodate 3 people every 15 minutes.

Some facts about donating:

- Anyone that is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days (our last drive was March 24, 2007).
- Donors should eat breakfast/lunch and drink plenty of fluids before a donation.
- Donors can resume normal activity after donating; however, avoid lifting heavy objects or strenuous exercise for 24 hours.
- Most people feel great after donating. If you have abnormal symptoms, let a staff person know.
- Travel outside the U.S. may be a cause for deferral. Check with a staff member about any overseas destinations.
- Donors must not be taking antibiotics. Symptoms and medication should cease for at least 24 hours.
- There is no longer a 12-month deferral for having had a tattoo applied, if it was administered in a licensed U.S. facility.
- Bring a photo ID or blood donor card and a list of medications that you are taking.

PLEASE GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Rex Blood Services needs all blood types, and by donating one pint of blood, you can save 3 lives.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM We rejoice in the baptisms of. Nathan Ross Hamlett, son of Jeremy and Rebecca Hamlett; Alexander Gerardo Palma, son of Alejandro Palma Garcia and Alicia Dietrich; Cole Benton Smith, son of Richard and Jennifer Smith; Tuesday Linda Taylor, daughter of Richard and June Taylor; John Fletcher Waterman, son of Daniel and Amanda Waterman and Lucy Danielle Waterman daughter of Daniel and Amanda Waterman.

We express our sympathy to Barb Magee, Katie, Emily, and Julia Magee for the death of their husband and father, Matthew Edward Magee; and to Linda Targoskey for the death of her brother-in-law, Jason Bridges.

Congratulations to David and Kelly Gray on the birth of their son Carter Nile Gray.



We welcome our new communicants Jacquelyn Sisson, from Laurel, MS; Christa Magee, Winston-Salem, NC; Dan and Katie Teitelbaum, and son Davis, from Asheville, NC; and Steve and Kathie Ritchie, and children Sarah and Ben, from Elkhorn, NE.

MUSICALLY SPEAKING

Before I begin news on our summer program and schedules, I would like to commend several people in several of our choirs for excellent attendance for this past season.

Proclamation Bells (grades 3 – 5)

perfect attendance – Aaron Clukey, Hannah Reed and Shannon Stewart; missed one rehearsal – Sara Richard, Katie Shy



Canterbury Handbell Choir (grades 7 – 12) perfect attendance – Phenix Byrd; missed one rehearsal – Shelley and Wendy Cernel.

The Bells of St. Paul's (adult handbell choir) perfect attendance – Gaylene Henry; missed one rehearsal – Jay Casler.

Epiphany Choir (grades K – 2) missed one rehearsal – Gretchen Mackie

Junior Choir (grades 3 – 5) missed one rehearsal – Trevor Daeke, Katie Shy

Youth Choir (grades 6 – 12) missed one rehearsal – Katie Magee

I list people in these choirs because it shows what kind of commitment it takes to have a successful music program. That commitment is on the part of the parents as well as the youth.

For the first time in our choir history at St. Paul's we have a chorister who attained 900 points in our children's choirs program. Points are earned when a chorister attends choir, arrives on time, memorizes difficult anthems, sings in church, and for special occasions such as Christmas Eve and the cantata. I congratulate Trevor Daeke for 904 points earned through many years of choir attendance. I applaud his parents for their support. I also applaud and commend those who have served as choir assistants and accompanists this season. Thanks to all of you who make the music program at St. Paul's such a dynamic ministry.

Our Parish Picnic at Ritter Park **June 3** will begin with a celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. Members from both the **Jubilate and Senior Choirs** will be leading the music.

The Senior Choir will sing through the month of June for the 11:15 a.m. service and in the following summer months the Chancel Ensemble will sing. Jubilate Choir will continue rehearsals through the summer and sing on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

The month of August will bring several musical opportunities. Phillip



Phillip Lamb, organ and piano recital

Lamb, freshman at North Carolina School of the Arts in the fall, will give an **organ and piano recital** on Friday, **August 10 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Paul's.

The 19th Annual Church Music Conference sponsored by the Diocese of East Carolina and North Carolina will be held at Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC August 16 – 19. David Flood, Organist and Master of Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral, England, will be the clinician. A variety of workshops will be offered Friday and Saturday covering many areas of church music. Registration forms are located in the choir room. Deadline for early bird discount is August 1.

The 10th Annual Youth Choir Camp will also take place at Trinity Center August 17-19. Ginger Wyrick, Professor of Music at Queens University in Charlotte will be the clinician. Ginger will also be offering two workshops on Friday afternoon at the Church Music Conference. Youth Choir Camp is for rising 4th through 9th graders and is a weekend packed full of rehearsals, games, swimming, a talent show and great fellowship as we worship together in Evensong, Taize Worship, and the Sunday morning Eucharist with those attending the Church Music Conference. Registration forms are located in the choir room.



Fall rehearsals begin on the following dates:

- Beginning handbell ringers instruction – Wednesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Senior Choir – Wednesday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- Canterbury Handbell Choir – Tuesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.
- Epiphany and Junior Choirs – Wednesday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Bells of St. Paul's – Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir – Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Have you ever found that you cannot silence the insistent memory of certain fragments of music you have sung the previous week or recently? It is as if an internal CD player is with you throughout the day. . you cannot get it out of your mind. Music that we remember like this can become a focus of contemplative prayer. Words that have stayed with me for some time are those "lost is wonder, love and praise." (you guess from which hymn it is derived). Are there times when we can get lost in wonder, love and praise?

Tunefully yours,

Lee Harris
Minister of Music

FROM THE HALLS OF ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL

Preschool had a fabulous school year!

The 3-, 4- and 5-year olds performed an End of Year Program for the parents on the last day of school. They were creatures from Eric Carle's "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" book and sang their favorite Chapel songs led by Father BJ. The children did a fantastic job and ended our year with a bang.

Our Summer Fun Program is full for both weeks. We look forward to two fun filled weeks of camp.

As we prepare for our next school year, please mark your calendars with the following dates: Parent Orientation, Thursday, August 30th in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. (parents only) and Friday, August 31st is Meet Your Teacher for the children.

Have a Happy, Relaxing Summer!

Love In Christ,
Mary Catherine Troxler



SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education will offer Tuesday night book discussion groups during the summer. Spend the summer with good books and lively discussions within the St. Paul's community.

My First White Friend: Confessions on Race, Love and Forgiveness

June 5, 12, & 19 – 7:00 p.m.

Room 10

The power of forgiveness can transform hate to love. This process is explored in depth in the book: *My First White Friend*. Author Patricia Raybon details her journey toward healing and reconciliation drawing on her own Christian background. Barbara Capone will facilitate these discussions. Contact Barbara at 363-9338 or bwcapone@bellsouth.net if interested.

Set Free

Early July – 7:00 p.m., dates to be published on the website

Set Free is a fascinating book that explores the state of

racism in our country today and suggests with each chapter things we as Christians can personally do about it. Martha Waters will facilitate these discussions. Contact Martha at 469-5154 or marthaleewat@aol.com if interested.

Eat Pray Love

Late July – 7:00 p.m., dates to be published on the website

The protagonist of *Eat Pray Love* traverses Italy, India, and Indonesia and encounters characters who weave spiritual insight into irreverent circumstances with wit and liveliness. *Eat Pray Love* calls us to laugh, question, and rejoice. Join us as we experience this novel, and possibly eat something ourselves. Nita Byrd will facilitate these discussions. Contact Nita at 460-9456 or peacewings@byrdlawcary.com if interested.

All information for Adult Education will be posted on the St. Paul's website at www.stpaulscary.org.

YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP

Submitted by Mary Wood

Money is often the first thought that comes to mind when the word "stewardship" is spoken. This is an unfortunate situation. Stewardship is about one's whole life, not just the pocketbook. At the same time the fact that the "pocketbook" often occurs to us when we hear the word "stewardship," suggests something about the importance of our wealth and its fundamental place in our lives.

Stewardship is a whole way of life. It is how we manage and care for, in a responsible manner, the world around us, and our own gifts and abilities. It is an attitude that is often only slowly developed and matured in us as we become informed by and grow in the liturgy and a life of commitment. The foundations of stewardship are contained in the ancient texts of the Bible. These

foundations are part of the very fabric that creates the identity of the people of God. They are found in some of the most ancient parts of the text and ancient stories of the prehistory of the people of God. They form part of the ancient cosmology that shapes the identity of the people, and, in turn, shapes our own identities as well.

Remember that giving is not something one does in order to make sure that one is doing the "right thing." Giving is a way of life that finds its paradigm in the Eucharist. It is the offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies. Hence, it is a way of life that impacts our whole view of the world.

Comments compliments of the Episcopal Church website (www.episcopalchurch.org)

BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION



On Sunday, September 9th, the Bishop will be at St. Paul's! That's "Kick-Off" Sunday as well, when our church school, youth, and fall programs begin, so mark your calendar for this big day. The Bishop will be confirming adults and youth who participated in the class, as well as receiving those from other church traditions into the Episcopal Church. There will not be a rehearsal service. The service times will be announced as soon as we receive the Bishop's schedule. If you have any questions, please direct them to B.J. Owens or Melanie Fairbrother.

PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup will continue throughout the summer on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on the playground. And since your older kids may be out of school, bring them along. If the weather is rainy or just too hot, we'll meet in the nursery. So come socialize and play all summer long! For more information call Leah Dail at 233-0604.

QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Check Your



Contribution Statement

Quarterly contribution reports will be going out the beginning of July, 2007. When you receive your quarterly statements, please make sure they are correct, as you will have 30 days to notify me of any changes. You may either send me an email at financial@stpaulscary.org or you can call me at 467-1477 ext. 21. Thank you so much.

Chris Lewis

CARE n' SHARE

Have a great summer everyone!
And a safe summer.
Call us if you need us.
Whether it's Summer, Fall,
Winter or Spring.
We're here for you.

Meals, transportation, assistance.

Susan Coulter 362-4100	Margie Best 303-3830	Sally Harbold 467-1477 ext.12
Dee Barker 303-5581	Kristin Holmes 468-6046	Harry Kincaid 387-3824
Jennifer Durant 465-3965	Judy Crow 363-4421	Larry Cupitt 387-7993

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO REACH OUT...

Good day, I want to share with you opportunities to make a real difference in starvation **GLOBALLY!** St. Paul's will be sending teams to the Stop Hunger Now facility to package food (specifically designed for malnourished people) three times during the summer months. The dates are **June 30, July 28** and **August 11**, (all on Saturdays) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please consider what it would mean for your hands to actually package the food that will feed a malnourished person. This is a fantastic family outreach ministry as children ages five and up can participate. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding these dates in the church bulletin and sign-up sheets in the narthex.



Together, we truly can make a difference!

O U T R E A C H
MINISTRIES

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MS WALK



Dear members of St. Paul's: Thank you so much for your support of the MS Walk! On March 24th, I walked with my "Dessert First!" team through RTP. It was a joyful day for me to celebrate walking, on the tenth anniversary of my diagnosis with multiple sclerosis. Thank you especially to my St. Paul's walkers, Michele Fountain, Carl Gipson, Olivia Ittoop, Paul Ittoop, Ann Lockhart, and Sagan Woolner for joining me. As a team of 40 people, we raised \$12,500 for the National MS Society. It's marvelous and I'm so pleased! That money will help to provide services for people with MS in our community and fund research to find a cure.

Again, thank you! I appreciate your support of this event and for embracing and praying for me. I'm so grateful for your kindness. If you have any questions about MS, please let me know. I'm happy to talk with you. Peace, Kathy Woolner (kpw@woolner.com)

THE NEWCOMER MINISTRY

The Newcomer Ministry consists of several “mini” ministries within the larger committee. We are the Sunday morning Greeters. We are the Bread Bakers and Bread Deliverers. We maintain the pew cards and pamphlets and newcomer packets. We telephone visitors. We order name badges for parishioners. We arrange social events, mainly luncheons, for the parish to meet its newest members. We maintain the Newcomer web page.



We want to make note of some significant changes in the personnel within this group. Sue Remavich has stepped down as chairperson after many years at its helm. We thank Sue for her graciousness, dedication, and leadership of this essential ministry over the last several years. Mary Jane Pugh has been in charge of scheduling the Greeters each Sunday, but will be relinquishing this post. Pam Heaton and Carolyn Anderson have coordinated the bread baking and bread delivery, but will be stepping away from these roles.

Ann Lockhart will step in as chair of the Newcomer Ministry effective in May. Susan Hawkins has agreed to

coordinate both the bread baking and delivery. Maggie Pittman coordinates the name tag orders. Paul Gregg trains our greeters. Susan Brown maintains the Newcomer web page. But there are many, many opportunities for volunteering within this group.

As we enter the leisurely months of summer, this ministry is considering sponsoring some new activities, primarily so our newest members feel immediately and warmly connected to the community at St. Paul’s. Some ideas tossed about are a summer picnic, a wine tasting, sporting events, a newcomer tea, and of course, continuing the traditional newcomer luncheons. A New Members bulletin board will be (re) installed; its location has yet to be determined.

We were all Newcomers at some point in time, be it last week or twenty years ago. Each one of us probably has an idea or two as to how St. Paul’s can best welcome and engage our newest parishioners. This is a great time to step up to the Newcomer Ministry as it is in a state of transformation. You are encouraged to contact Ann Lockhart (annlockhart@nc.rr.com or 678-1132) with your input and ideas.

KIDS CLUB

The vestry has approved a budget, the permit is in place and the wheels are in motion for the renovation of the old office building into the new Kids Club! Larry Ray is acting as the project manager, working with Chris Lewis to coordinate bids and schedule the different contractors who will do the initial construction work. We will need volunteers and donations later in the process, but right now we can simply be grateful to those who have worked tirelessly to get the Kids Club project going.

In our new building, we’ll have a separate infant room, a craft/homework area for older children, and a much larger space for the active young ones to play. Many of you have asked about donating toys and equipment

to our new space. Soon we’ll be ready to receive all those gently-used items!



KIDS CLUB PROJECT GOING

Thanks to the moms who have volunteered in the nursery this month. Deb Mettler and Heather Gates graciously volunteered their time and were a great help to the staff on some busy Sunday mornings. If you are interested in holding babies, playing with toddlers, distributing goldfish crackers, or welcoming new families, please consider volunteering in Kids Club. If you stop by the nursery on a Sunday morning, the staff can help you sign up for a date and time, or you can email Jennifer Shy at kidsclub@stpaulscary.org.



COFFEE TALK

Our semi-monthly chat sessions have been a blessing. We will be continuing during the summer but we will have a much more relaxed format. Nothing planned, nothing to plan for – just the way we like it when the weather turns hot! Starting in June we will meet in the Library at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We will work on personal projects (stitching, photo albums, crafts) and to talk about anything that strikes us. The purpose of these chats

will be to maintain the connections we have made this spring and to plan for next year. All are welcome, whether you have attended our “talks” previously or not. If you don’t have a project you are currently working on, just come and keep the rest of us company. Child care will be provided. Coffee and snacks will be available. Please check the weekly bulletins for updated information. And, if you have any questions, please contact Sherri Hubbard at shubbard@ncdoi.net. See you on Wednesday, June 13!

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