



# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit ..."

John 15:5

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### *From the Rector*

#### Walking the Path of Life

A few weeks ago, while I was away on vacation at Lake Junaluska, I had the opportunity to walk the prayer labyrinth near the Chapel. A labyrinth is a path that winds around in a circle. Some people compare it to a maze. But unlike a maze, there are no choices on the path. Eventually if you follow the path, it ends in the center. It reminds us of our lives and our journey toward God. There are points in our life journey when we are close to God, close to the center of life. And there are times when we are far away.

This labyrinth is near the lake and the lake is home to many geese, especially in the summer. These geese obviously like to visit the labyrinth too, because as I walked the path, I was constantly confronted with goose poop. At first, I was aggravated by the distraction. I wanted to be spiritual in that moment. I wanted to pray and yet it seemed that I was constantly having to step around the poop. Then it hit me. This is a metaphor for life. Life is filled with goose poop. Life is filled with problems, conflicts, health concerns and other issues that threaten to keep us from living the life that God wants for us. If we let them, they will keep us from living a life focused on loving God and loving each other.

But we don't have to let it. On the labyrinth at Lake Junaluska I made the decision to simply step around the poop. I couldn't ignore it. If I did my shoes would have been really messy. But instead I simply choose to not make it my focus. I kept my focus on moving forward on the path. We can do the same with our lives. If we will keep our focus on God and his call for us, then we can step around the poop and leave it behind.

#### Outdoor Worship

Beginning on Saturday June 27, and the second and fourth Saturday of each month afterward, we will have worship at 7:00pm in our parking lot. If it rains, our "rain date" will be the next day (Sunday) at 7:00pm. We will gather for Evening Prayer with a sermon and Steav singing hymns (the congregation will not be singing.) We invite you to bring your own portable lawn chair and a face mask. We will all need to be very aware of our distancing. We must keep 6 feet between people of different household. The restrooms will not be open so please come prepared for that. And when you arrive, you will be instructed to park on the street so that we can fit as many as possible in the parking lot. We also ask that everyone use the driveway to access and depart form the building. And of course, if you are sick or worried about your health, please stay home.

*Rev. Sally*

# Christian Education - Children & Youth

## Déjà vu, God, History, and Writing

When I wrote my June newsletter article, I had no idea I should have ended it with - To be continued. I had talked about copying my big sister's handwriting because her penmanship was excellent, pretty, and I wanted to be like her. I also talked about writing my prayers as a way to perfect my forgery of her handwriting. I chuckled as I wrote that and remembered how I irritated her because I always wanted to do everything she did.

The following week I was going through a box of my mother's mementos. Momma kept most every sheet of paper imaginable - Lou's birth cost Momma and Daddy 50¢ and my first baby checkup was \$1.75. I'm not *that* old so I determined that my parents had good insurance. This box; however, was different. There were cards and letters from friends and family and I realized she kept only greeting cards in which the sender had written something beyond the proverbial salutation and a signature.

What a gift it was to learn the many special things Momma did for others. How wonderful to read the expressions of love and appreciation that had been shared with Momma. I hit the jackpot with the handmade cards that Lou, Bill, and I had created. Lou's were meticulously created with her beautiful artwork. Bill's cards were adorable, most having lots of cotton balls in various shapes (Santa's beard, clouds, etc.) glued to now faded construction paper. Most cherished are the individual letters each of us had written to Momma beginning with those from summer camp when we were in elementary school.

Then there was a bundle of school papers and report cards. Lou's grades were as pleasing as her penmanship and my grades caused as much cringing as my penmanship. Between some report cards was an English assignment Lou had written. I opened the folded paper to find an essay entitled "My Pet Peeve". Simultaneously I began laughing as I heard myself say, "This'll be good!"

I don't think I need to tell you who was the Pet Peeve. I could envision her expressions as she wrote, "Janie (nickname used by family members, ONLY), is an annoyance because she copies everything I do. She is a spoiled brat though she can be kind when I am upset. As soon as she thinks I am alright, she's right back to being the Queen of Sheba!" There were times of tears and laughter as I spent the afternoon propped against a piece of family heirloom furniture, with a glass of wine that had magically appeared, and began a trip of discovery down Memory Lane for which I am still thanking God.

The news over the past few weeks expanded my Memory Lane trip. I remembered that many of the prayers I had written included the civil unrest, daily death tolls, violence, our government's responses to the current crises (Vietnam War, Civil Rights Movement, Women's Liberation, etc.), and what should be the appropriate use of the military and National Guard in our cities, streets, parks, and on campuses. God heard about my fears, confusion, anger, frustration and disappointment. It was during that time, I had the gut wrenching realization that my parents could not protect me from everything though they would have died trying.

Now, our youth are experiencing for the first time my disturbing déjà vu. Never could I have imagined our youth experiencing civil unrest, daily death tolls, violence, our government's responses to the current crises, and the appropriate role of our military and National Guard in our cities, streets, and parks. My heart and prayers are with them. I do not have an adjective to express how I feel that yet another generation of youth is being flooded with adult-produced issues that only exacerbate the usual growing pains of youth. Adding insult to injury, our youth cannot or are restricted in being with friends, going to church and school, participating in vacations, events, celebrations, and extra-curricular activities. It makes me wonder what they would divulge in letters to God.

I am the only one left of my birth family to tell my great nieces and their parents what it was like growing up with Lou, Bill, Momma and Daddy, and my grandmothers; about living in a small, south Georgia town in the 1960s; how frightened I was by what I heard on the radio, saw on the Huntley-Brinkley Report, read in the Tifton Gazette, Newsweek, U. S. News and World Report, and what I learned by eavesdropping on the conversations between adults.

I will share the fun things like how we had to hide the tool boxes because Bill loved to take things apart. Then there was the trip to the farm when the bull shoved his head through the window of our Volkswagen Bug and my father said, "Let's hope he doesn't sneeze!" He did snorted (gross), looked at each of us, then pulled his head out and walked away. Oh, yes, there are the adventures with Lou's science projects - the mice, the bugs; the turtles, tadpoles and, the snakes.

They should know about the precious family keepsakes we lost when our house burned and how the people in our community became God's hands and feet as they helped us through this tragedy. Most importantly, I want them to know the ways in which each of us experienced God and what I know of the importance of faith in each of our lives.

All this led me to send letters to my great nieces. Emily, my oldest great niece, said she would write me but it would be a text. I told her I love hearing from her anyway and anytime followed by, "I'm not really sure how I would put text messages in my memory box." I will be sending pretty stationery, including self-addressed, stamped envelopes to both girls along with a journal available for their letters to God.

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The Bible is a memory box containing stories, letters, and prayers of God and his people. The stories of God and his people have never stopped - our stories, too, are of God and his people. The memory boxes of our children and youth will contain their experiences of this time in their lives. Let us pray for them. And, decades from now may they never need to include déjà vu moments about recent events as the stories of God and his people continue.

What contribution will you make to life's memory boxes and the stories of God and his people? Future generations will delight and benefit from them. Let me know if you need some stationery, stamps, and a journal.

To God be the glory. Jane

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## Financial Information

### Monthly Finance Committee Meetings

The monthly Finance Committee meetings will be opened up to anyone interested in St. Paul's finances when it is appropriate to do so. In the interim, if you have any questions about St. Paul's finances, please contact Ed Reuille at 803-547-6559 or [edwardreuille@gmail.com](mailto:edwardreuille@gmail.com).

### Giving during the Pandemic

Through May, contributions have held up reasonably well even though in person worship has been suspended for the last 3 months. The monthly schedule on year-to-date contributions elsewhere in this Epistle shows that although giving is under what the budget anticipated based on pledges (Pledging Members) and last year's giving (Non-Pledging Members & Guests and Loose Offerings), we are still a little ahead of 2019 giving levels.

With the help of technology, St. Paul's is able to continue providing worship opportunities during these uncertain times. Please keep St. Paul's in mind and mail contributions to the church as you can. The Church will continue to have expenses and bills that need to be paid so your continued financial support during this period is as important as ever. You should be able to use your bank's bill pay feature to send contributions to St. Paul's. Most banks' bill pay services are free to both the sender and receiver unlike online credit card payment processors such as PayPal. From a review of the online bill pay functionality at Bank of America and Wells Fargo, it appears the account number field can be used as a memo field. For those who have pledged for 2020, if there is no indication on the contribution, it will be applied to your 2020 pledge.

### 2020 Collections & Offerings

### 2020 through May

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Statement of Mission</u>	<u>2019 through May</u>
Loose Offerings	798.00	1,580.00	1,392.00
Members & Guests	72,510.00	82,458.00	64,904.00
Non Pledge Members and Guest	6,005.00	9,529.00	8,920.00
Total	79,313.00	93,567.00	75,216.00

# Ways to Serve at St. Paul's

## MISSION & OUTREACH: Serving Our Neighbors in Fort Mill

Dear St. Paul's Family,

This has certainly been a strange several months for all of us, but now as the world begins to "re-open," Mission & Outreach is working on how we at St. Paul's can continue to serve our neighbors while keeping them and ourselves safe from contagion.

**Our Classroom Ready school supply drive** has been our summer focus for a number of years, and we have recently received a request to help again this year. For various reasons surrounding the challenges of social distancing with volunteers and students, the Foundation has suggested that we make "targeted single item donations."

After considering the items listed on their Signup Genius, we have chosen **index cards** and agreed that St. Paul's will provide **350 packs** as soon as possible. We have also agreed to continue to collect dispenser rolls of high quality **tape**, this summer and throughout the year. (Our tape donations have been very much appreciated: so much so that the Foundation mentioned our project specifically in their information letter.) Please help us meet our goal:

**What:** packs of lined/ruled 4 x 6 inch index cards (100 cards per pack)

**Where:** a collection box will be available in the grocery cart outside the church office

**When:** as soon as possible!

You can also help the Classroom Ready Foundation with individual donations. For more information, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084fafa62aa4fe3-classroom1>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact any member of the committee or me at [ginnyarthur@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnyarthur@yahoo.com).*

## Fort Mill Care Center

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I miss seeing my Church family. Thank you for your continued support of the people in our community who are struggling. You are making a difference. During the month of July please donate **canned fruit**. Thank you, Jan Arnold **The collection cart is on the covered porch near the office for you to place your donations.**

**If you're able to make financial donations please consider:**

Bethel Men's Warming Center

Food for the Poor

American Red Cross

Kanuga Conference Center

Episcopal Relief and Development Pandemic Response Effort

Food for the Poor Emergency Appeal

Fort Mill Care Center



PLEASE DRIVE  
THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT IN THE CHURCH



## Collects and Readings for July

### **July 5 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45: 11-18  
Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **July 12 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **July 19 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23  
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **July 26 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Collects and Readings for August

### **August 2 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7,16  
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **August 9 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **August 16 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **August 23 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **August 30 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# Prayer List & Milestones

## St. Paul's Prayer List

*May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength.  
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to His  
heavenly country; where He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

### THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

#### Members and Friends

May Hennessy, Will Close, Alyia Strickland, Gene Meyer, Claire Addison, Pete Addison, Bill Bates-Congdon, Jim Parrish, John Pruitt, Dick Adkins, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, John Freeman, Sandy Boone, Mark Hawes, Atalaya Perkins, Marie Treadwell, Carole Finn, Lizann Rex, Noelle Congdon, and Lindsay Carpenter

#### Deaths of Family and Friends

**June DeHollander** - Nance Griffin's aunt.  
**Esther Withers** -Church's next door neighbor

**If you are a member of St. Paul's and have a family member or friend who needs to be added to our Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office so that we may add them to the list. Names of friends and family members currently enlisted and serving in our Armed Forces will gladly be added also.**

## JULY CELEBRATIONS

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

4 Kathleen & Cedric Jagers  
5 Lauren & David Condon  
6 Claire & Pete Addison  
14 Pam & Dan Centea  
Tracy Timony & Randy Rodrigue  
28 Sarah & Gene Meyer



2 Debbie Kavanagh and Rick Smith  
6 Leslie Griffin  
7 Janice Hage  
12 Noah Battle and Bradley Close  
13 Dabney Close  
15 Ryan Lingren  
19 Charles Lieske  
21 Ann Rankin and Christy Reuille Gropp  
22 Dana Allegretti  
24 Amy Llewellyn and Laura Verastegui  
26 Barrett Yatko  
28 Henry Carver  
Sue Craven  
Linda Gedney  
JaneKilpatrick  
29 Jennifer Dickson  
Judy Thomas  
Dona Van Leer  
30 Megan Moore  
31 Nance Griffin and Kay Jaitly

*If you have a milestone which is not listed, please  
let us know. We wish to celebrate with you .  
Thank you!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Zoom Dessert and Conversation Wednesday's at 7pm

Throughout the summer we will meet for fellowship on Zoom each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite dessert and beverage to enjoy as we gather to see each other and catch up on our lives. This will be an open conversation with no planned agenda. Our July dates will be 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. A link will be provided each week in the Einfo for you to join.

### Zoom Summer Bible Study

We are considering a summer Bible Study on Zoom. We are thinking of restarting our study of The Social Justice Bible Challenge. We started this study in March but had to end it because of the quarantine. If you are interested in participating in this study this summer, contact Rev. Sally at [revsfranklin@yahoo.com](mailto:revsfranklin@yahoo.com) or Clare Hawes at [clare@monksgroovybeans.com](mailto:clare@monksgroovybeans.com). We will poll the group of those interested to see what time during the week they would like to meet.

## Pastoral Care

### Caring Community Caregivers

At St. Paul's we have a wonderful ministry called the Caring Community Caregivers. These are lay people who have been trained to give pastoral care. This means that they can minister to those who are sick, grieving, unemployed, or have any problem that makes them feel lonely or sad. The ministry of the caregiver is to remind people of God's love by being present with them in the difficult times of life. If you or someone you know needs the ministry of a caregiver, please contact Rev. Sally or one of the caregivers:

Alan Arthur, 803-802-9981; Clare Hawes, 803-230-7894; Joanna Virkler, 704-588-1939;  
Libby Justice, 803-547-4441

This ministry is in addition to the Rector's pastoral ministry. It does not replace that ministry. As always, if you would like to talk with Rev. Sally or you have an emergency you may call her at 803-547-5968.

### VESTRY

*In the event of a pastoral emergency,  
contact The Rev. Sally Franklin,  
803-517-2832.*

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Jr. Warden, Catherine Lindgren

Clerk, Donna Dudley

Betty Allegretti

Ginny Arthur

Dennis Edwards

Chris Krafft

Tiffany Lawrie

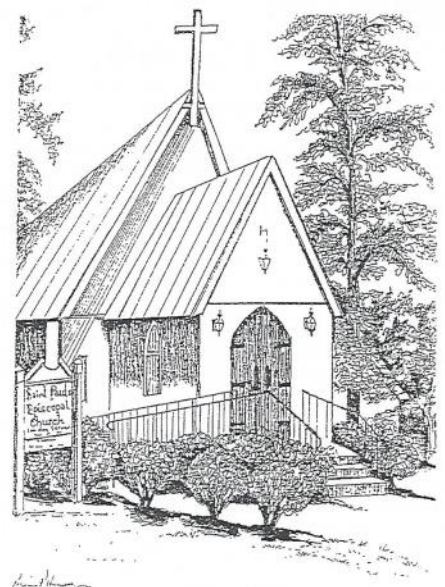
Megan Moore

Sally Weymouth

Treasurer, Dennis Edwards

Finance Commissioner, Ed Reuille

Contributions Secretary, John Connor



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