



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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Worship in October

In October, our in-person Sunday morning service of Holy Eucharist will be at 10:00 am in the parking lot. We will gather for scripture readings, prayers, a sermon, music provided by Steav Bates-Congdon, and Holy Communion. Jane Kilpatrick will also provide a message for the children.

During this service, please follow our guidelines for the safety of all. Park on the street on front of the church and approach the parking lot from the driveway. Follow the instructions of the setup team. Bring your own portable lawn chair to sit on. If you don't have one, we will have folding chairs available. You will need to wear a face mask whenever you are not seated. You will also need to stay at least six feet from those not in your family. The restrooms will be available to use but will be limited to one person at a time. If there is rain, the service will be cancelled.

At this time, due to the pandemic, communion will look slightly different. We will only offer the bread to the congregation. At this time, we will not be offering the wine to the congregation because we are not sure of the potential consequences of sharing a common cup. For many centuries, communion in one kind has been considered full participation in the Holy Eucharist. When the ushers instruct you to come forward to the altar, follow their direction. Come forward to the altar wearing a mask, pick up one wafer from the tray without touching others. The priest will speak the words of administration. Then return to your seat, remove your mask and eat the bread. If you have children who cannot do this, parents should pick up a wafer for them and give it to them at their seats.

I know at times I am frustrated because it seems that the conditions of our worship are constantly changing. One week it's at 9:00 and then the next it's moved to 10:00. But I have found that right now, I need to embrace flexibility for our changing circumstances. For instance, as the weather changes the timing of our outdoor worship has changed. For those of us who like routine, I know it is difficult but I ask for your patience. I can assure you that we are all doing the best that we can under these difficult circumstances.

Because some are still unable to gather in-person, we will continue to offer Morning Prayer on Facebook Live at 8:00 am. If that is too early for you, it will be available to watch on our Facebook page at any time that is convenient

Christian Education - Children & Youth

Are you enjoying the beautiful weather? This is a favorite time of year for me. When all the talk is that we will begin staying indoors more, this is the time when I open the windows anywhere I can. I am a Southerner who longs for Fall knowing there will be a few months when the temperature will be below 65. Yes, you can blame me when it is in the 20s and 30s outside. If you don't recognize me, I am the adult without a coat!

With the change in weather, come changes in how we come together for worship and fellowship. At staff meeting we were discussing the challenges of meeting the need for us to see *and* be with one another and how we can fulfill those needs for everyone. We make a change, see where that opens opportunities to meet more needs, and make improvements in our efforts to provide as many opportunities for us to see *and* be together.

Sunday mornings in October we will Zoom with the children from 8:30 to 9:00. I will open the site around 8:15 for visiting. How we spend this time together will vary. The reason for this change is to provide an opportunity for the children and I to see and hear one another, share and have God-time. This will also give you time to worship as a family with us outside at 10:00 and there will be time for the children during that service so those who cannot join us earlier in the morning have time specifically for them, as well.

The what, how, and why may vary slightly, but the goal is for your children to connect with one another and learn that there are more ways and places where God can be found than we imagined. Please be in touch.

Parents Beverage and Book Club is a delight. Join us at 8:15pm on Wednesday evenings. Grab your sippy cup and join us.

It is October and some schools have already changed their scheduling and means of providing an education for our children at least twice in the past six weeks. About half of our children are learning remotely, others at their school, and still others both remotely and face-to-face. There are families whose lives have changed minimally with a couple of speed bumps, and maybe a pothole or two since February. For others it has been one detour after another and, to the detours the equivalent of a rock slide onto I-40 (or the Blue Ridge Parkway) the Saturday during leaf-looker season has been added.

You don't have to have children in your daily life for things to be unnervingly upended. I find myself going from, "God's there; keep looking," to "God's there Be Still." Admittedly, there are days when I don't think I ever make contact with God - when I haven't been up to looking and I haven't found the time to Be Still. Those are the times when my mind becomes a tornado full of to-dos, what ifs, when, how and I am so overwhelmed I am not sure what to do first, how to do it, and question why I need to do it. Then comes the over analysis of why this is happening which certainly doesn't help my Indy-paced, overloaded mind.

I wonder how other people handle this. I long for respite and the longer I *long* for it, the more I need it. Last week, I had to go to Matthews and decided to take I-485. It had been a while since my car had been over 40 mph and I was curious if that was still possible. I took my bag of disposable masks from the console and saw my favorite CD. I inserted it, took a deep breath and belted out the first few notes of the Alleluia by Buxtehude. The tears began running down my face.

Suddenly, God was there! The chaos in my mind departed on the wind blowing through the open car windows. I had "found" God when I stopped looking. And, Be Still happened at 70mph on I-485. To God be the glory. Amen.

Be in Touch. Jane Kilpatrick, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries 704-968-2902

Ways to Serve at St. Paul's

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS: MISSION AND OUTREACH AT ST. PAUL'S

As I am sure is equally true for everyone reading this, the members of the Mission and Outreach Committee are beginning to find the restraints of this COVID era quite tiresome. We are, however, thankful for the opportunity Zoom affords us to meet and plan as best we can virtually while we wait for the time when we can better reach out in person to share God's love with our surrounding communities. Meanwhile we think St. Paul's parishioners are truly awesome as they continue to support our outreach efforts so generously!

Bethel Men's Warming Shelter Dinner

The response to our call for donations to the September 30 dinner was amazing, and we are so grateful to everyone who contributed:

Leah Abraham	Betty Allegretti	Sue	Craven
Pat Crigler	Jennifer Dickson	Donna	Dudley
Ellen Frank	Janice Hage	Heather	Hovde
Carolyn Line	Barbara McQueen	Megan	Moore
Becky Traynor	Dona Van Leer	Laura	Verastegui
	Sally		Weymouth

We couldn't have done it without you! We also want to thank those who were still offering help after our sign-up genius slots were all filled. Sadly there is little sign of a decrease in the number of homeless people, and the need for support for aid programs is likely to increase rather than diminish as winter approaches. We expect to be providing more meals for the shelter and hope that those who were unable to help in September will be able to participate in the future. If you have any thoughts about possible menus, logistics, etc., please let me know.

Fort Mill Care Center

Hunger is an ongoing problem in our community. In August the Fort Mill Care Center provided food and personal hygiene items for 142 families (379 people), 155 pounds of which were donated by St. Paul's! Thank you, once again, to everyone who has been keeping the grocery cart supplied. Your dedication is very much appreciated. Should you wish to make donations directly to the Care Center, please note that it is "**asking donors to please wear masks**" and to come to our gravel drive in front of our storage building."

Fort Mill Care Center

It is hard to believe that it is already October. The Care Center will begin giving clients the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner on November 2. The entire month leading up to Thanksgiving Day we need **stuffing mix, instant mash potatoes, rice, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie mix, and turkeys**. If you bring a turkey or turkeys to church during regular business hours or on Sunday during service, please place it (them) in the church freezer and email me so I know to pick it up. You can also send Kim an email and she will forward it to me. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry. Our clients really do appreciate what they receive from the care center.

The Care Center was started more than 30 years ago by the Churches of Fort Mill. It is an all-volunteer organization that serves the citizens of Fort Mill/Tega Cay townships. Clients must meet income requirements and prove that they reside in one of the townships. Clients may receive food once every 28 days, receive help with power, gas and water bills once every 3 months, prescription aid, and we do a little dental work – we pay to extract teeth. We have a dentist and an oral surgeon who graciously help our clients. We also have many special programs throughout the year to help the clients which are supported 100 per cent by our community. We are able to provide families with birthday bags for children 1 – 18 (cake mix, frosting, candles, etc.), senior bags (books, puzzles, personal care, etc.), makings for Thanksgiving dinner, makings for Christmas dinner, Santa's helper program (angel tree), Christmas gift bags for seniors, blankets, fans, new tooth paste and tooth brushes for everyone in the household twice a year, and used books for children. In my opinion, the most important thing we do is we spend time talking with the clients.

Thank you again for the blessings that you continue to give to those who are financially struggling in our community. Jan janarnold@comporium.net

Stewardship and Financial Information

Annual Stewardship Campaign will begin in October

This is a time to reflect on God's blessings in our lives and in the life of our parish. It is also a time to look forward and make plans for the future of our ministry. Our Stewardship campaign will begin mid-October. Information and a time schedule will be sent in the mail. Please watch for it, read it carefully, and respond faithfully.

Collects and Readings for October

October 4 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

October 11 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

October 18 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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.*

October 25 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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, Pete Addison, Bill Bates-Congdon, Dick Adkins, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, Mark Hawes, Marie Treadwell, Carole Finn, Eric Allegretti, Joanna and Biff Virkler, Noble Treadwell, Brenda Varela Bates, Ken Beam, Jr. Michael and Libby Chambers, Gene Toyota, and Barrett Yatko

Deaths of Family and Friends

Arlene Bibza (Aunt to Ellen Frank)

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.

Giving Thanks for Milestones - October

Happy Anniversary

11 Sally and Kent Wentworth

14 Ann and David Rankin

15 Bill Bates and Steav Bates-Congdon

Happy Birthday

2 Rich Russell

3 Mary Farnsworth

Bayles Mack

Sheilah Reuille

5 Suzanne Krause

9 Avery Close

Mary Mack

10 Jay Allegretti

12 Valerie White

13 Sally Beyer

14 Pam Centea

15 Muriel Thomas

16 Ray Weir

20 Jim Abraham

26 Pete Addison

27 Malcolm Krafft

Greg Moore

29 Marley McKee

30 Adeline White

Rob Yatko



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

OCTOBER EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Sunday Morning at 8:00 Join us on Facebook live for Morning Prayers

Outdoor In-Person Parking Lot Services: Sunday's 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Outdoor in-person modified Holy Eucharist begin at 10:00 am Please plan to come worship with us. This service will be held in the parking lot at St Paul's. Plan to park on the street in front of the church and follow the instructions of the setup team. ***If you have difficulty walking from the street, we do have space in the parking lot for you to be able to park.*** You will need to wear a face mask when you are not seated and stay six feet apart from those not in your family. Dress for comfort and remember to bring a comfortable chair with you.

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE SERVICE WILL BE CANCELED.

St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4, we will have our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. Instead of all meeting at the same time, Rev. Sally will be available in the parking lot from 2:00-3:00 to bless all pets who come. We ask the owners to please come to Rev Sally one at a time, with all pets either on a leash or in a carrier, and being sure that all the humans wear their masks and stay six feet from other humans. If possible, bring a leash long enough for Rev. Sally to bless the animal(s) so she can maintain her 6 feet from the owner.

Dessert and Conversation Every Wednesday Night at 7pm

We will continue to 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 October dates will be 7, 14, 21 and 28. A link will be provided each week in the Einfo for you to join.

Adult Bible Study

The adult Bible study meets on **Tuesday's** with a study based on the book "Original Blessing" by Danielle Shroyer. It will be a 6 week study from 11AM until noon using both the book and a study guide. Contact Doug Spreen for more information.

Parents' Beverage and Book Club

Wednesday nights in October at 8:15pm, get your favorite parent *juice*, pull up a comfy chair and gather online for some discussion, fellowship, prayer, and laughter. You will find the book "**Bless This Mess: A Modern Guide to Faith and Parenting in a Chaotic World**" provides much needed insight with great humor. For more information please contact Jane Kilpatrick at stpalseducator@gmail.com

Living Evangelism

Evangelism - or sharing the good news of God's love - is at the heart of what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ.

While we can't gather in person for Diocesan Leadership Day this year, we're expanding our time of learning and discovery around the practice of evangelism. **Living Evangelism** is designed to help us explore evangelism, in all its theological and missional depth, and develop an imagination for what it would look to deepen our understanding and practice. The ultimate goal of this experience is to inspire and equip all people in the Diocese as evangelists. We will begin at **12:30pm on October 5, 2020**, with a **keynote webinar** by the Rev. Dr. Tricia Lyons, Senior Advisor to the Dean for Evangelism Initiatives at Virginia Theological Seminary. To register for the webinar go to www.edusc.org/livingevangelism/. The webinar will be replayed at 7pm that evening on the EDUSC Facebook page for those unable to attend live. Then starting October 6, and continuing for the next 30 days, we will share a series of prompts through social media, helping us develop habits and practices of seeing, naming, and celebrating where God is working in our lives and the lives of those around us. Join us on this journey of **#livingevangelism!**

Announcements Continued:

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL PARISH MINISTRY

The Vestry would like to recognize & thank the Worship Team with Megan Moore as coordinator. She has organized each outside service with careful thought to safety and ease for worship outside. Her team includes: Betty & Jay Allegretti, Donna & David Dudley, Dennis Edwards, Naill Pauls, Dan Ranucci, Jim Symons, and Sally & Kent Weymouth. We appreciate their help especially during these highly unusual times! Contact Megan Moore if you are interested in volunteering.

To our wonderful St. Paul's family –

Biff and I have an announcement! Our 12th grandchild was born on Aug. 28 in San Diego. His name is Howard Noble Treadwell. His mother is under psychiatric care in California, and we are going to be raising little Noble. Quite an undertaking but we feel incredibly blessed. And he is precious.

We have been on quite a journey during the last month, but one thing we must share is how meaningful it has been to know we have a supportive and caring faith community we can depend on.

We are so fortunate that between family and friends, we have everything we need and more to care for Noble. We are looking for a live-in nanny, so please put on your thinking caps and spread the word. We have lovely and private quarters for the right person. We will need references. Beyond helping us in our search, we really appreciate anyone who would like to bring us a simple sandwich lunch. And maybe stay for a short visit! Blessings to all of you – Joanna and Biff Virkler

Introduction to Paradise

No, not that Paradise. Our own Fort Mill Paradise! Many of you surely already know about the Paradise community, but I lived in this area for several years before I ever even heard of it. Others like me may not be aware that Paradise lies next door to the neighborhood that includes St. Paul's. Paradise was born in 1895 with the sale of a tract of land to Bethlehem Baptist Church trustees who developed it into Fort Mill's first organized black community. Settled by former slaves who became teachers, tradesmen, and craftspeople, Paradise became a thriving working class neighborhood. In 1925 Fort Mill's first all-black public school, the George Fish Colored School, was constructed on Steele Street and became the center of the community which boasted a youth baseball team, a band and a variety of civic groups. When textile manufacturing began to decline in the Carolinas and mills began to close, Paradise, like many other communities, was affected by job loss and economic decline. In the late 1970s the school was shut down. A few years later the building was destroyed and replaced by a Duke Energy facility. The Paradise neighborhood center was gone, and the people began to leave too.

Today Paradise is struggling. Most of its houses are old; and many require electrical upgrades, new plumbing, and other repairs. Most residents are black and aging with only low to moderate incomes, many living on less than \$3,000 a month. As Fort Mill prospers and property values rise, many Paradise homeowners face the possibility of tax increases above their ability to pay. There is also concern that residents will be induced to sell to developers, leading to the loss of the neighborhood's historic identity.

The people of Paradise are our St. Paul's neighbors, and the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to make them also our friends. We are currently exploring ways in which we might come to know them better and possibly work with them to address some of their needs. Please stay tuned for further developments!



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OUR NEIGHBORS *THANK YOU!***



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