



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

The Process of Returning to 'in-person' worship

Will we ever return to normal? It's a question that, I must admit, I'm asking myself. I really miss meeting with all of you for worship on Sundays. I miss seeing your faces. But that day will return. The Diocese of Upper South Carolina has issued guidelines for returning to in-person worship. It is a four-phase process and includes strict requirements regarding social distancing and safety. The first phase, which we are now in, limits the number of people who can physically attend a worship service to 10. The second phase limits that number to 25. After consultation with the vestry, we decided that we will continue worshipping only over Facebook Live during these first two phases. We did not want to have a situation where we had to turn away worshippers because we had exceeded our capacity for safe worship. The third phase will begin at the earliest on June 17. At this stage we will have a maximum capacity of about 60. We will meet in the Parish Hall. This larger space will allow us to maintain a six-foot distance between all individuals and groups of family members living in the same household. Also, all worshipper will be required to wear a mask.

June 17 is the earliest possible date to enter this phase. But there will still be health criteria that must be met in the state of South Carolina before we can enter that phase. If they are not met by June 17, our entrance into phase three will be delayed. We will keep you updated on the progress through the weekly Einfo.

For now, we will continue to worship using Facebook live. Each week, our live liturgy is streamed live at 8:00 am. After that, a video is available for you to watch. You can find both by going to www.facebook.com/stpaulsfortmill/.

As we begin June, we begin the season after Pentecost. This is the season of the Church. The first half of the Church year – from the first Sunday of Advent through Pentecost Sunday – the focus of our worship is on who Jesus is. The second part of the church year – the season after Pentecost – the focus of our worship is on who we are as followers of Jesus and how he calls us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to go out into the world, making his life and love known through all that we do. These basic truths remain even in the world we live in today. Despite the pandemic, despite social distancing, despite the request to wear face masks, we are still called to find ways to make the life and love of Jesus known through our words and through all that we do. These basic truths remain even in the world we live in today. When we let our lives reflect the love of Jesus, we are his body on earth. And this is what it means to be the Church.

Christian Education - Children & Youth

“God’s there; keep looking,” was one of the gems my mother often used and the older I got, the more I learned the many places where and how God can be found. More times than I care to admit, I looked long and hard for God. Though God may not have been ‘right under my nose,’ he was certainly right beside me.

Writing is a blessing that helps me to express how I have rejoiced and been glad in a day as well as convey how my soul has been tried. Writing provided a wonderful release though my handwriting was so atrocious most of what I wanted to write remained in my head.

The summer between third and fourth grade, I came across my sister’s school notebooks and began copying everything she had handwritten. Lou had beautiful penmanship and, just like most little sisters, I wanted to be just like her. By the time we were teenagers, Momma would tell people that our handwriting was so similar she had to read what was written to know which of us had done the writing. Occasionally, she would add that she first looked for a capital J, “because Jane’s are a bit odd.”

Third grade had been a very *God* year for me. I had spent many, many hours talking to God mostly about my brother, Bill, and why people weren’t always very nice. It dawned on me that I could write to God what I had been talking to him about. Perfect! I was praying and improving my penmanship in a judgement-free zone.

Unbeknownst to me, I was prayer journaling - the modern term for writing a psalm. I was gaining personal experience that would later help me lead prayer journaling retreats. It was while journaling, using a prompt given in my EfM (Education for Ministry) class, that I realized I was doing the physical act of writing, but it was God sending the messages. Along with that realization was now an understanding of a quote I had once read. “You don’t know what you know until you see what you say.”

I encourage people to give this a try. If this is a new experience for you, don’t be discouraged if you find yourself experiencing the Blank Page Blues. It’s just the paper that is blank. Your mind and heart contain a tornado’s worth of thoughts. More than one of my journal-written prayers began with a literal tornado-looking scribbling full of my fears, joy, needs, cares, concerns, doubts, questions, and hopes. Not all journal entries are written in straight lines. Often, the tornado would fling one of those thoughts at me and even though it might hurt, I would begin to write - in a straight line.

I find it helps to begin by reminding myself that this is a judgement-free zone provided by God who knows everything about me and is happy to hear from me. If the tornado doesn’t provide a stray thought, I keep a number of prompts in a Ziploc bag. Admittedly, not a very glamorous container. I once kept these treasured prompts in a beautiful, hand-decorated jar which they seemed to deserve, but beautiful, hand-decorated jars aren’t portable nor practical. You see, they tend to break when it slips from a hand that just wiped away tears.

So, here are some prompts from my collection. Let me know if you need a Ziploc bag.

Prompts:

God, thank you for...	Dear God, help...	Please shower your blessings on...
It was a time when...	I am troubled by...	I want to know...
Let me count the ways...	Today God answered my prayer ...	I am especially grateful to/for...
I pray for guidance as I...	I really should have...	I have something for which I am...
I feel...	Dear Lord, I am so...	I want to understand...
Please forgive me.	Thank you for the gift of...	Today I smiled about...
It would be fun to share...	How can I help...	I have learned that...
I was so angry about...	Next time I hope I will...	I want to remember to...
I got a good laugh...	I had a good cry...	I am so happy for...
I wonder...who, what, when, where, how		I saw God...

“God is there; keep looking.”

“You don’t know what you know until you see what you say.”

In God is your judgement-free zone.

To God be the glory. Amen.
Jane Kilpatrick....

Financial Information

Contributions during the Pandemic

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 the receiver, unlike online credit card payment processors such as PayPal. From a review of 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 of you who have pledged for 2020, if there is no indication on the contribution/memo line, it will be applied to your 2020 pledge. Here is the address to use when you set up your 'bank by mail' account for St. Paul's:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 753, Fort Mill, S.C. 2971

2020 Collections & Offerings

2020 through April

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Statement of Mission</u>	<u>2019 through April</u>
Loose Offerings	798.00	1,286.00	1,286.00
Members & Guests	60,255.00	68,207.00	57,611.00
Non Pledge Members and	5,105.00	7,837.00	6,348.00
Total	66,158.00	77,330.00	65,245.00

Ways to Serve at St. Paul's

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

He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor . . . release to the captives and the regaining of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Luke 4:18-19

We are encouraged to stay home and avoid personal contact with others as much as possible. However, there are still many ways in which we can serve our neighbors. Loneliness and anxiety are increasing among some of those who are socially isolated; and economic hardship is sure to intensify as many jobs, hopefully only temporarily, disappear. We can each stay in touch with family, friends, and neighbors by checking in on a regular basis via the telephone, Skype or Facetime, email, snail mail. If you are healthy and able, offer to help with needed shopping or other errands. There is now a list of those who are willing to help at the church. Please call Kim, our parish secretary, at 803.547.5968 and she will get you the names and numbers. Continue to donate food and other necessary items to the **Fort Mill Care Center**, either directly or by means of our parish grocery cart -which is still available outside the door to the parish hall. **At this time they are in need of:** cereal, oatmeal and grits (either regular or quick packs).

If you are able to make financial donations please consider: **The Care Center, Bethel Men's Warming Center, Food for the Poor, Kanuga Conference Center, Episcopal Relief and Development Pandemic Response Effort, Food for the Poor Emergency Appeal.**

*As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions,
please contact any member of the committee*

Collects and Readings for June

June 7: The First Sunday after Pentecost

The Liturgy of the Word

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20; Psalm 8**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

June 14: The Second after Pentecost

**Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1, 10-17
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

June 21: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

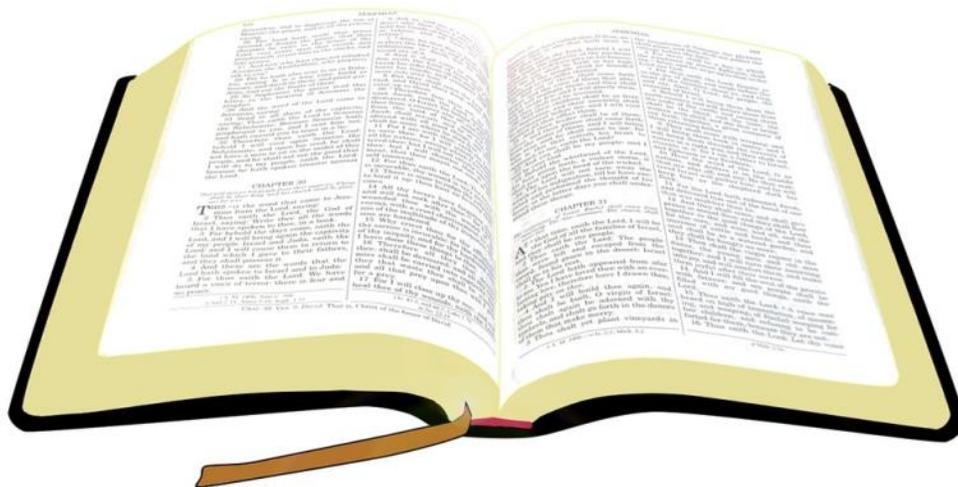
**Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

June 28: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 July

July 5 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgy of the word

**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

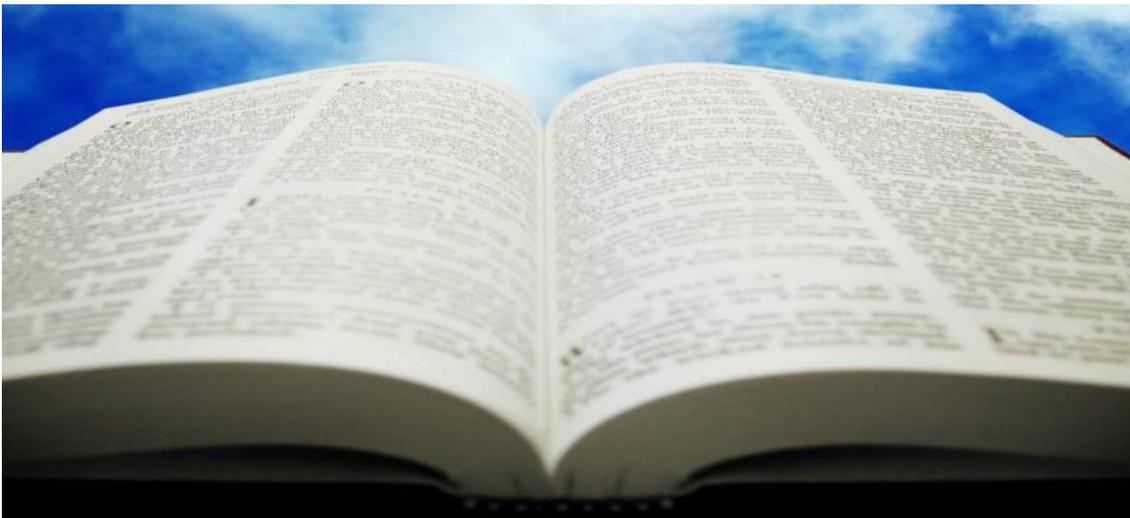
**Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

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.*



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, John Giuliani, Lizann Rex, Eric Allegretti, Doug Chapman and The Allegretti, Munday, Dennis and Frank families.

Deaths of Family and Friends

Frank Dennis- Kim Munday Brother
Stuart Frank- Charles Frank -Brother
Dick Cadugan- Betty Allegretti- Father

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Happy Anniversary

- 6- Susan and Jack Hardaway
- 9- Sheila and Ed Reuille
- 19- Libby and Michael Chambers



Happy Birthday

- 2- Stephanie Arnold
- 6- Bobbie Beam
- 18- Richard Adkins
- 27- Andrew Weaver



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Virginia McGowan Nation Ford High School

Kaylee Battle Nation Ford High School

It has been my privilege getting to know Kaylee Battle and Virginia McGowan. Both of these young ladies have been of tremendous help to me and freely given of themselves, their time and talents to our children and youth through VBS, nursery, and Kids' Corner. Please join me in prayers for the people they are and who they will become. May God's blessings and presence be with them always. Congratulations! Ms. Jane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sally on Vacation

Rev. Sally will be on vacation June 5-13. While she is away, lay worship leaders will lead Morning Prayer on June 7 on Facebook live. If there is a pastoral concern, call the parish office (803-547-5968) or Senior Warden David Dudley (704-975-9433).

Zoom Summer Bible Study

We are considering having a Bible study during the summer on Zoom. It would be offered on a week night, in the evening, at 8:00 or 8:30pm, after families have had dinner and prepared the children for bed. Please email Rev Sally if you're interested and any ideas on topics you would like to cover. Email her at revsfranklin@yahoo.com

Zoom Gatherings

Several of our church groups are meeting on Zoom. If you are interested in having your group meet through Zoom, please contact Rev Sally and she will help get it started.

Easter Flower Memorials

Before we discontinued our 'in-person' worship in March, some people contributed offerings for the Easter Sunday Flowers. Unfortunately, we were not able to worship in-person on Easter Sunday and these funds were not used. Therefore the funds given will be used to flower the altar on the first Sundays that we worship together again. The Memorials will be acknowledged then in those bulletins. Thank you for your support of our ministry!

VESTRY

Sr. Warden, David Dudley

Jr. Warden, Catherine Lindgren

Clerk, Donna Dudley

Betty Allegretti

Ginny Arthur

Dennis Edwards

Chris Krafft

Tiffany Lawrie

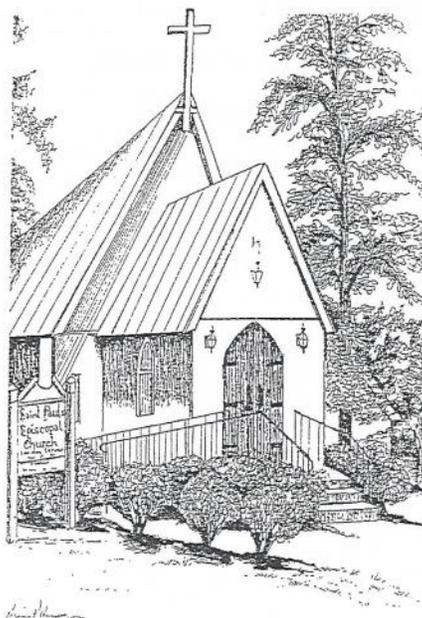
Megan Moore

Dona Van Leer

Treasurer, Dennis Edwards

Finance Commissioner, Ed Reuille

Contributions Secretary, John Connor



**Office Hours - Are limited at this time.
Please feel free to leave a phone message or an
email as both are being
checked daily.**

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