



# 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*

### Alleluia, Christ is Risen

Welcome to the season of Easter! Many people think that when the day of Easter is passed, Easter is over. But for us Easter last for fifty days. The New Testament tells us that there were fifty days between the day of Jesus' resurrection and the Day of Pentecost. During this time Jesus appeared to his disciples to strengthen them, to guide them and to offer them hope. The same is true for us. Even in the midst of our current crisis, Christ is risen. Our God is stronger than death. And he is here among us, offering strength, guidance and hope.

On Sundays, we continue to worship the Lord with a liturgy streamed live over Facebook at 8:00am. We still will not have an 'in-person' service at the church as Bishop Waldo has extended the suspension of in-person worship through May 31. But we are worshipping together each Sunday. It is not ideal. I miss seeing all of you. But we are fortunate that we are able to connect through technology. You can watch live or a video is available for you to watch by going to [www.facebook.com/stpaulsfortmill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsfortmill/).

On Tuesday, April 28, at 11:00am we restarted our Bible study using Zoom, an internet-based connection service. Current members should have received an email, however, if you have not been contacted and would like to be added, please contact me and I will get the login info to you. We are continuing our study in the gospel of John using the book Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John by Jean Vanier.

I know that during this time, many are feeling cut off from their Church. We are making an effort to contact people in various ways. If you would like to have someone call you weekly, please let me know and that will happen. We don't want anyone to feel that they are alone.

Many have asked about ways to serve. We are building a resource list. For example, you may be willing to pick up and deliver groceries for those who should not be outside of the house, even for necessities. If you would like to add your name to this list or would like the list sent to you, please contact Kim, our parish secretary, at 803-547-5968 or [stpauls@comporium.net](mailto:stpauls@comporium.net).

All the leaders of St. Paul's continue to be here for you. If you need us, please let us know. You may contact the wardens and vestry members of the parish if you have questions or concerns. And you may certainly contact me if you need anything.

Please email me at [revscfranklin@yahoo.com](mailto:revscfranklin@yahoo.com) or call me at 803-517-2832.

In the Gospel for the second Sunday of Easter, John 20:19-31, the resurrected Jesus appeared among his disciples and assured them with the words, "Peace be with you." Now he offers us these same words. We can be assured. Jesus is in our midst. And his peace is with us all.

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Sally Franklin



## Christian Education - Children & Youth

### "What do you say during a time like this?"

Countless journalists, commentators, and news program hosts have been heard making this statement. I got wise after a bit, turned off the television, and picked up the phone to talk with a friend in need. Then I heard that phrase in my own mind! I hung up before completing the call feeling like I needed to give this some thought, "What *would* I say during a time like this?"

I began thinking how my mother always seemed to have just the right thing to say. Profound. Simple. But never simplistic. I have heard Momma repeating three of her oddly comforting gems quite often over these past weeks.

"Normal doesn't always feel good."

"Just because something is different doesn't make it right or wrong; it just means it's different."

"God's there. Keep looking."

Before I turned off the television, I heard a reporter say, "What do you say at a time like this?" I feel the phrase, 'These are unprecedented times,' is over used and losing its meaning; however, I don't know any other way to express it. So, I say to you, 'These *are* unprecedented times and I thank you for allowing us into your homes to consider them.'" I said a prayer, called my friend, and we used many God-given words and I share some of them with you...

God. Thoughts. Prayers. You. Family. Forgiveness. Help. Grateful. Birds singing. Children. Joy. Nature. Walking. Sharing. Friends. Loving. Time. Peacefulness. Fear. Meaning. Hope. Music. Thank you. How can I help? Appreciation. Essential workers. Neighbors. Volunteers. Tears. Smile. Loneliness. Caring. Insight. Take care of yourself. Wash your hands. Call me. Hello, how are you?

Happy Easter! In our last newsletter I said, "*I need Easter. I really need Easter.*" The service Rev. Sally provided was lovely, reassuring, needed, and the culmination of my Easter "celebration," but the season of Easter continues with renewal and joy.

Jesus' focus was on giving the ultimate for others on that first Easter. My Easter hardly compares but it did include doing for others. Having heard the hardships of our families, especially parents, are experiencing, it was apparent that a little something was needed.

Off to the craft closet at the church I went. With pre-printed diagrams and some instructions I began gathering supplies. Then I saw popsicle sticks, pompoms, pipe cleaners in colors from neon orange to Christmas green and many colors in between. Then there was tissue paper, brads, clothes pins, string, and a few prompts for some ways these supplies could be used; even a way to incorporate nature the entire family.

My plan was to mail the packets, but the post office wanted the items in a box and not flopping around in an envelope. Well, the post office doesn't concern itself with Christian education budgets, so... Plan B. With the aid of technology, I input the addresses for the families and off to some 18 homes I went. Me, the envelopes,

directions, hand sanitizer, and face masks!

I needed the surprised looks, the jumping children, the smiles, the stories, the waves, the, “I love you, Ms. Jane,” screamed from the interior side of a storm door followed by a slobbery kiss on the glass (mom was probably at the door with Windex before I was out of the neighborhood). In doing something for others, I received far more than I gave. *I needed Easter. I really needed Easter*. In giving I *did* receive. Easter was received in abundance!

I got it in the form of love, laughter, and joy. In the days after the resurrection, Jesus told his followers to spread the Good News. They did just that and it is still being spread - I saw it on the faces of each person visited. It was the Easter I needed. The Easter I *really needed*. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## Financial Information

**May Finance Commission Meeting** - The Finance Commission will not have its monthly meeting in May. Anyone with an interest in St. Paul's finances is welcome to contact Ed Reuille (547-6559 or [edwardreuille@gmail.com](mailto:edwardreuille@gmail.com)).

### 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. 29716.**

### 2020 Collections & Offerings

#### 2020 through March

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Statement of Mission</u>	<u>2019 through March</u>
Loose Offerings	743.00	992.00	610.00
Members & Guests	44,364.00	50,136.00	40,722.00
Non Pledge Members and Guest	4,255.00	5,499.00	5,187.00
Total	49,362.00	56,627.00	46,519.00

# Ways to Serve at St. Pauls'

## 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: canned fruit, pasta, and canned pasta sauce. (Please no glass jars)*

Make financial donations to service agencies such as the **Care Center**, **Bethel Men's Warming Center**, **Food for the Poor**, etc. Contact the **American Red Cross** about donating blood. Contribute to **Kanuga Conference Center**. Kanuga, a long time Episcopal Institution, is facing a financial crisis in the midst of the pandemic and they need our help. Make a contribution to the **Episcopal Relief and Development Pandemic Response** effort. You can donate at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org) Also consider making a contribution to the **Food for the Poor Emergency Appeal**. You may remember that Food for the Poor is a ministry to those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Think creatively about how you can continue to support local small businesses that you may normally patronize and not least, Pray!

*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).*

### A Message From Dona and Frank Van Leer:

Hope all are safe and surviving our confinement. The good news for the Breakfast Team is that Dan Ranucci will be taking the chair position and Sue Craven will be taking one of the food preparation team spots that Frank and I will be vacating. There is another person who volunteered and I'm sorry I cannot remember her name. If you are that wonderful soul who volunteered, please let me know at 803-480-1063 or [dvanleer@msn.com](mailto:dvanleer@msn.com). *We now need another two volunteers for clean-up.* Please help this very important fellowship to continue.

## *Collects and Readings for May*

### **May 3: The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The Liturgy of the Word:

**Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10; Psalm 23**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **May 10 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14;  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **May 17 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21;  
Psalm 66:7-18**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **May 24: The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day**

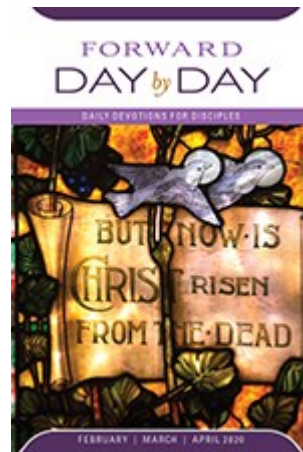
**Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11;  
John 17:1-11; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **May 31: The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**

**Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



If you would like to read the Forward Day by Day for May, June and July 2020 please go to:

<https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

If you would prefer a copy *mailed* to you please email or phone the church office and let Kim know.



## 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.*

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

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# 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, Dick Cadugan, John Giuliani, Lizann Rex and The Munday, Dennis and Frank families.

**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.**

### *Happy Birthday*

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Russell Hawes        | 20 Sam Smith      |
| 3 Ed Reuille           | Lynda Stewart     |
| 4 Randy Rodrigue       | 22 Susan O'Connor |
| 10 Jeffery Doyle       | 23 Claire Addison |
| Gay Warren             | 25 Sarah Hunter   |
| 13 Steav Bates-Congdon | 27 Cedric Jagers  |
| 17 Libby Justice       | 28 Marilyn Louise |
| Annette Kyzer          | Bill Semisch      |
| 18 Glenwood Condrey    |                   |
| 19 Jonathan Barschow   |                   |
| Anthony Mace           |                   |
| Weston Yatko           |                   |

### MAY CELEBRATIONS



### *Happy Anniversary*

- 26 Sarah and Mark Keenen  
31 Clare and Mark Hawes

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Please help us welcome the arrival of:

**Emilie Edna See**

Born on April 10 to Matt and Katie See and big sister Mollie.

**Congratulations!**



**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.....**Please let us know if you are graduating this spring so we can celebrate your accomplishments with you! Please email your name or your students name to: [stpauls@comporium.net](mailto:stpauls@comporium.net)



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