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ReadWS Organized to Expand Literacy Mission

Since 2001, the Augustine Literacy Project® in Winston-Salem, based at St. Paul's, has helped low-income students improve their literacy skills through one-on-one tutoring. Starting with five tutors in a single school, the outreach ministry now has 130 tutors working with students in 25 area schools.

Last year, the Augustine Board decided to develop additional strategies to serve more students with reading problems. In January 2015, the Board launched a new organization, ReadWS, with an expanded mission to reach, teach and advocate for struggling readers by training tutors, educators and parents to use the evidence-informed, best practices of a multisensory structured literacy approach. The focus remains on students who are at an economic disadvantage.

"Even as we trained more tutors and kept working with students individually, we decided to swim upstream to find more ways to help," said Director Henri Brown. "We created ReadWS to contain our broadened mission and our expanded programs and activities."

ReadWS operates as an outreach ministry under the authority of the St. Paul's Vestry. It has its own Advisory Board and a staff of four.

As before, the Augustine Literacy Project program of ReadWS continues to train and support volunteer tutors who work one-on-one with low-income students struggling with reading, writing and spelling.

As part of its expanded mission, ReadWS now offers free resources and educational opportunities for parents of children who have reading problems. ReadWS also provides training, support and resources for educators. In partnership with other like-minded organizations, ReadWS is now actively advocating for children with reading difficulties as well.

"Although we'll never have enough tutors to serve all the low-literacy students in our school system one-on-one, the Augustine Project will continue to be the heart of our organization," said Henri.

"Through the new initiatives of ReadWS—parent education, educator training and



ReadWS, short for "Read. Write. Spell." also refers to Winston-Salem, the organization's home. Leading ReadWS are Henri Brown, Director, and Kris Cox, Assistant Director and Tutor Coach. Four of the 130 tutors work with students as part of the Augustine Literacy Project program of ReadWS. Visit the ReadWS web site at <http://readws.org>.

advocacy—we hope to have an even greater impact.

"We are grateful to St. Paul's for the role the church is willing to play," added Henri. "As a parishioner, I'm proud of

my church for understanding education as a social justice issue. As the Director of ReadWS, I appreciate the wide latitude and support we've been given to strengthen and expand our ministry."



Road Trip to Kanuga May 1-3, 2015

Continue on the journey with St. Paul's by coming to Kanuga the first weekend in May. Our annual Parish Weekend will be led by the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser. The weekend is being coordinated by Pete and Mary Hilliard Moran and Nancy Tuohy. Open your eyes and awaken your ears in the restorative, natural setting that Kanuga offers.

i thank You God for most this amazing

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day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings
1894-1962

For full details, download the registration form at
<http://stpaulswinstonsalem.org/PDFs/Kanuga2015.pdf>



St. Paul's Parish Weekend: *My Personal Invitation*

But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

—Luke 5:16

*by the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser
Rector*

Sometimes life can feel like a treadmill. Get up, get dressed, get to work, grab lunch, pick up the kids, and keep moving until your head hits the pillow.

Routines can be useful for organizing essential daily tasks, but over time, as we repeat them without ceasing, we find ourselves feeling increasingly isolated, alone and disconnected. In the midst of our relentlessly frenetic daily lives, the contemplation and spiritual practices that produce the Shalom of God can easily fall by the wayside.

That's why it's so important to retreat. St. Paul's annual Parish Weekend at Kanuga will be Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3. This "road trip to Kanuga" is our opportunity



to get off the treadmills of our daily lives and connect with nature, with our fellow parishioners, with our families and with God.

In addition to gatherings for worship, fellowship and fun together, all scheduled activities are optional so that all who attend can experience the retreat in the ways most restorative for them.

I am looking forward to stepping off my own personal treadmill to lead the retreat and enjoy it with my family and the parishioners of St. Paul's. I invite you to join me.



St. Paul's Harvest for Hospitality

by Jack Fleer

Parishioner and member of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Board of Directors

When Bishop Michael Curry called me in July 2012, I was quick to respond. He asked whether I would serve as a representative of St. Paul's Church on the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, based in Newton Grove, North Carolina.

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry began in 1982. It provides a sacramental ministry, pastoral care, emergency assistance, health and education services and immigration and citizenship counseling to more than 3,500 farmworkers and their families in southeastern North Carolina.

I answered the bishop's request to serve on the board positively because—

1. I had been a farmworker during several summers in my undergraduate college years and am familiar with farmworkers' working and living conditions,

2. I eat every day and enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables harvested by farmworkers, and

3. I remembered the admonition and call of Jesus Christ to all his followers in Matthew 25:35-36. He said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Over three summers during my undergraduate college days, I harvested green peas and corn for the Jolly Green Giant in Illinois, picked cherries in Door County, Wisconsin, and harvested wheat in the golden grain fields of Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and Kansas. These experiences made me aware of the low pay, long hours, hot sun, cold showers, and minimal living conditions which many farmworkers endure as they pick the vegetables and fruits that we enjoy every day.

One difference between my labors and those of the farmworkers served by the Farmworker Ministry was that my work was limited to driving machines—not hand and back work. Nonetheless, farmwork helped me complete my undergraduate education and also provided lifelong lessons

on the living and working conditions of the men and women and their families who contribute to our well-being every day. I am grateful for both and all.

I am also grateful daily for the fruits of the labors of North Carolina farmworkers who work in the fields to pick sweet potatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, apples and blueberries, as well as other produce. Every time I go to the grocery store or sit down to a meal, I am reminded of the hard work, difficult conditions, and dedication of farmworkers and their families to contribute to my good health and well-being.

Eighty-five percent of the fruits and vegetables that we eat are hand-picked by a human being. To earn \$50 in a 12- to 14-hour work day, a farmworker must pick two tons of sweet potatoes. With an average annual income of approximately \$12,000, with no benefits, many North Carolina farmworker families do not earn enough to afford their own food in the best-fed nation in the world.

The Harvest for Hospitality campaign of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, in which St. Paul's is participating, seeks



to increase awareness of the contributions of farmworkers and their families to our lives and to garner financial support for the Ministry and farmworkers. The Gospel of Hospitality, the theme of the Harvest for Hospitality campaign, derives from the most basic teaching of Our Lord and Savior. At the close of every service, we are commanded to go forth and serve the Lord and our fellow humans.

Throughout Lent, we have offered programs to help our parish learn more about the plight of farmworkers. The loose offering on Easter Sunday will be donated to the ministry, and we are asking each parish household to contribute at least \$50.

Can you imagine what your daily life and health would be like without the contributions of these men and women? We depend on them. Now they are asking for us to be aware of their work and to support them. Please help the hands that feed us!

Clergy Bless Stations of the Cross



On Sunday, March 8, clergy blessed a set of fourteen Stations of the Cross on display in the chapel during Lent. Carroll W. Bowie, MD, created the set in needlepoint and donated it to St. Paul's in memory of his wife, the former Melba Mackie, a Salem alumna and St. Paul's parishioner he met in October 1949 when he was a urology resident at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

"Melba grew up in St. Paul's Church and we were married there by the Rev. James Cox on December 16, 1949, in a beautiful wedding," said Dr. Bowie. Melba Bowie died February 10, 2013.

The tapestries were designed by the late artist, Connie Thompson, for Grace Episcopal Church in Anderson, South Carolina. In addition to the original set at Grace Church, Dr. Bowie also stitched a set for the Chapel of the Transfiguration at Kanuga and another set for the Mission Church in Cange, Haiti.

Carroll Bowie was confirmed in 1950 by the Rt. Rev. Thomas

Fraser, beginning a lasting friendship that was regularly renewed during the Bowies' frequent visits to Kanuga.

"This connection through Kanuga began the journey of the Stations of the Cross in needlepoint to St. Paul's," said Roberta "Pat" Michal, a St. Paul's parishioner and long-time friend of Dr. and Mrs. Bowie.

"The Bowies and I were unpacking at the October 2010 Kanuga Board of Visitors' meeting when Carroll showed me the start of his fourth set of needlepoint Stations of the Cross. 'Oh, St. Paul's would love to have them,' I said, and Carroll and Melba thought it was a super idea!

"The two of them worked together on the needlepoint," Pat continued. "Carroll stitched the main cartoon while Melba filled in the backgrounds. Unfortunately, Melba died while this set was being done, and Carroll finished it alone."

"When the Vestry learned of Dr. Bowie's gift, they tasked the Ecclesiastical Arts



Carroll W. Bowie, MD, created and donated a set of needlepoint Stations of the Cross to St. Paul's in memory of his wife, the former Melba Mackie. More than 50 parishioners, friends and Bowie family members attended a service on March 8 to bless the tapestries.

Committee with determining the best location and most appropriate way to display these remarkable works of art," said Bill Parsley, Chair of the Ecclesiastical Arts Committee. "Having seen pictures of Dr. Bowie's needlepoint at Kanuga and working with clergy, we concluded that the chapel was the ideal location. The Committee felt that the needlepoint would compliment the beauty and reverence of the chapel while also being displayed in a very safe and protected environment. Judie

Swain was instrumental in designing and procuring the wooden dowels on which they now hang. They are hung such that they can be easily removed. They are beautiful pieces of art, and St. Paul's is truly fortunate to be the recipient of such a wonderful gift of love."

"I would like to thank Pat Michal for suggesting that I do a set for St. Paul's," Dr. Bowie said. "It is with humility and a great deal of joy for a 91-year-old man to be able to do this."

Events & Announcements

Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries has asked St. Paul's to donate 300 sticks of solid antiperspirant to distribute to prisoners. The ministry serves approximately 850 men and 20 to 30 women. Place your donations in the basket inside the Goodheart Entrance, near the green bins by Sunday, March 29.

Thanks to parishioners who purchased 147 quarts of Brunswick stew this year, St. Paul's Senior Adults Ministry raised \$1,764. Proceeds will be shared by the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem and the BackPack Program.

The ECW Spring Luncheon, featuring the Rev. Dr. Stuart H. Hoke as guest speaker, will be held on Monday, April 13, at 11:30

a.m. in Colhoun A. All adult women of the church are invited to attend. To reserve your place, send a check for \$7, payable to St. Paul's ECW, to Anne Butler, 2670 Reynolds Dr., 27104, by Tuesday, April 7. Child care will be provided if needed by more than three children. Contact Anne Dunn at 575-2547 by April 7 to arrange for child care.

On Wednesday, April 15, in Colhoun A, St. Paul's Senior Adults will welcome Matt Linville, Director of Development for the Salvation Army, who will present "From London to the Carolinas: The Story of the Salvation Army." Fellowship starts at 11:15 a.m., with lunch (\$6) served at 11:30 a.m. The program begins at noon. No reservation is necessary. Guests are welcome.



The Rt. Rev. Henry Beard Delany, Suffragan Bishop and Archdeacon of the Colored Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, 1918-1928.

History Day 2015

Adult Formation Classes

On April 12, 19 and 26, at 10:15 in Colhoun A, the Rector's Forum will present *Exploring the Hard Sayings of Jesus*. Some of Jesus' sayings seem "hard" because they are difficult to understand while others seem difficult to implement in our lives as Christians. The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser and the Rev. Thomas P. Murray will lead this three-part series examining Jesus' most challenging statements and commands.

Dr. Robert Helm, Wake Forest University Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, will present *Skepticism and Faith* April 12, 19 and 26

and May 3 in the chapel. Can someone who, by temperament and training, is profoundly skeptical also be a confirmed and faithful Christian? Dr. Helm will discuss this question in light of a critical examination of the true nature of skepticism and faith.

Adult Confirmation classes will meet Sunday, April 12, 19 and 26 and May 3 in the conference room. Confirmation will be Sunday, May 17.

Lynn Parsley will continue her class titled *The Joy of the Lord Is My Strength* on April 12 and 26, and May 3 and 10 in Colhoun B and C.

The Bicentennial Committee of North Carolina's three Episcopal dioceses is sponsoring History Day 2015 on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's University in Raleigh. "A Calculated Leap: Black Episcopal Missions, Schools, and Bishops, 1865-1918" will survey the post-Civil War era when the Episcopal Church in North Carolina had no precedents to follow for ministry among the newly emancipated people within its bounds. The Rev. Harold T. Lewis, nationally noted priest, historian and author, will set the wider Episcopal Church context. The origins and development of three black Episcopal churches

that endure today will be traced by Wade Chestnut (St. Mark's, Wilmington); the Rev. Jim Abbott (St. Matthias's, Asheville); and the Rev. Brooks Graebner (St. Titus's, Durham). Tours of historic institutions on the St. Augustine's campus and a reception at St. Ambrose's Church will complete the day. "Make it a Weekend" options are also available. History Day 2015 is co-sponsored by St. Augustine's University and St. Ambrose's Church in Raleigh. Program and registration details are available at www.dionc.org under "Events" or from Lynn Hoke, Project Archivist, at history@episdionc.org or (919) 602-4305.

Senior Warden's Report



by Morris Friedman
Senior Warden

As the year's first quarter draws to a close and I conclude my second month as your Senior Warden, I can't remember a time when I've felt more thankful to be a part of the St. Paul's parish and more optimistic and excited about the future of our church.

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, who joined us last September, has brought a refreshing combination of vitality, devotion, scholarship and leadership to the position of Rector that inspires us all—parishioners and staff members alike. Seemingly overnight, our returned Director of Youth Ministries, Nick VanHorn, has programs for youth up and running again, and our search for a new Director of Children's Ministries is well underway.

If you attended the February 1 Annual Meeting, you may

Vestry Minutes

The following are highlights of the January 28, 2015, Vestry Meeting minutes.

St. Paul's surpassed \$2,000,000 in pledges. This does not reflect an increase in the number of pledges and some formerly pledging parishioners have not yet pledged.

In 2014, none of our reserves were used and we ended the year with \$168,000 more in reserves than in 2013. The 2015 budget was approved. It reflects increases in personnel and benefits and decreases in operating deficits. We are carefully managing our resources. Decreases in the deficit will have to come from increased income. Our operating expenses exceed our pledges.

The Vestry approved transferring short term funds from money market accounts at Wells Fargo to be managed and invested by the Investment Committee, subject to Vestry approval. We have a goal of hiring a new Children's Minister by May.

recall Dixon's mentioning in his "State of the Parish" address that the 2015 *Rejoice and Be Glad!* annual giving campaign surpassed its \$2 million goal. In all, St. Paul's parishioners pledged \$2,005,076.50 to the campaign.

To Charlotte and David Broughton, who chaired the campaign, to all who supported them as they led us to a successful conclusion, and especially to all who pledged, I offer my deepest gratitude.

St. Paul's planned giving program "The 1876 Legacy Society" is underway. Several gifts have been received. Former diocesan intern, Joan Sherrill, is now a deacon. Penni Bradshaw is the new adult formation chairman. The house on Country Club Road donated by the Hill family to the church is for sale. The sale must be approved by the diocese standing committee.

Parlor renovations should be completed in 60 days and have been funded by donations. Parishioners have made Charitable Remainder Trust donations.

Plans to purchase a new bus are underway.

A parishioner has offered to upgrade the sound system in the nave and the Colhoun room. This will include an upgraded video system as well.

St. Paul's has funds to help build a Habitat House. The build will begin this spring. The Easter offering will be sent

Although pledge income falls short of covering all our operating expenses for the year, the ongoing support promised by parishioners makes for a much healthier financial foundation this year as together, we advance the mission of the church.

Your Vestry remains committed to being very careful stewards of your gifts as we use them to support the many ministries of St. Paul's in the coming months.

to "Harvest for Hospitality," an Episcopal outreach program for migrant workers.

The following are highlights of the February 28, 2015, Vestry Meeting minutes.

The Vestry held its annual retreat on Saturday, February 28. After participants spent the morning engaging in prayer and exercises to develop deeper understanding of the work ahead, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Our Rector, the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, began by sharing with new Vestry members the "Parity Report." Parish Administrator Tom McDowell will attend a conference of parish administrators where the issue will be discussed.

Tom McDowell reported on the Country Club Road property owned by the church. The Vestry accepted the Realtor's recommendation that the price be reduced to \$449,000. Any offer made on the house must be approved by the Standing Committee of the Diocese before closing.

The kneelers in the nave are getting new hardware, joint repair and pads. A grant from the A.T. Williams Fund at The Winston-Salem Foundation will cover the cost.

Vestry members discussed adopting a policy to require Vestry members and members of the Human Resources Committee to annually sign confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements.



Signs marking the Goodheart Entrance have been installed. The Vestry voted to rename the West Entrance in honor of our former Rector, the Rev. Donald P. Goodheart, in gratitude and appreciation for his service as our Interim Rector last year.



The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser flipped pancakes at this year's Pancake Supper. The event, originally scheduled for February 17, was postponed until February 25 because of bad weather. The Pancake Supper raised \$668 for the Youth Ministries at St. Paul's.



On March 7, 19 St. Paul's men shot skeet and ate barbecue at the second annual skeet-shoot sponsored by the Men's Ministry.



St. Paul's Preschool's annual consignment sale, led by Mary Hilliard Moran and Chastity Sterenczak, raised \$6,227 for the Preschool.

Transitions

Births

David Aaron Holoman

October 18, 2014

Son of John Thomas Holoman
and Rebecca Anne Colburn,
grandson of Henriette Holoman

Celia Gray Galloway

December 24, 2014

Daughter of
Carrie and Jay Galloway
Granddaughter of
Barbara and Alex Galloway

Charles Mason Coley

February 10, 2015

Son of Camden and
Nancy Coley, grandson of
Gayle and Turner Coley

New Members

Norma Collins

**Kathelene McCarty Smith
and son John Bolton
Smith**

**Chris and Kristen Haaf
and their children
Jesse, Leo and June**

**Lauren and Bill Jackson
and son Thomas**

Deaths

John Kenneth Davis

February 11, 2015

Father of Todd Davis, father-in-
law of Carol Davis, grandfather
of Sarah and Daniel Davis

Christine Louise Saum

February 13, 2015

Daughter of Anne Saum

Willie Gains

February 21, 2015

Father of Joyce Jacob-Mua,
father-in law of John-Paul
Mua, grandfather of Izoma
and Louis-Patrick Mua

Jean Nichols Davis

February 23, 2015

Mother of Suzy Brown,
mother-in-law of Bruce Brown

Thomas McBride

Goodrum

March 2, 2015

Husband of Jane Goodrum

Doris Curley Rodgman

March 3, 2015

Mother of Mark Rodgman,
mother-in-law of Sara
Rodgman, grandmother of
Scott and Sam Rodgman

Willard "Will" Close

Northup

March 6, 2015

Husband of Dottie Northup,
brother-in-law of Marjorie
Northup

Florence Elizabeth

Wright Morgan

March 6, 2015

Mother of Lee Morgan

Faith & Justice Series



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The Faith & Justice Committee Lunch and Speaker Series, *In My Backyard: Faith and Current Events*, continues on Thursday, April 16, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Colhoun room. Scott Wierman, President of The Winston-Salem Foundation, will present, "Beyond Doing Good."

Doing good is a good thing, but charity doesn't necessarily address tough issues. Asset-based grant-making tries to build on the assets of the individual or community-not the deficits-while factoring in what the individual or community can contribute. Scott will discuss the asset-based approach the Winston-Salem Foundation has used for a couple of decades in making funding decisions. He will also talk about the work of John McKnight of Northwestern University and concepts from the book *Toxic Charity*.

All are welcome to attend the program. Bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

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Take the Lead Winston-Salem

The Rev. John E. Shields and parishioner Winborne Chandler will be among the community's "dancing stars" in the fifth annual Take the Lead Winston-Salem event on Thursday, April 16, at LJVM Coliseum. Leslie Baker, daughter of Bud and Zanne Baker, is also dancing. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7:00. Tickets cost \$35, and tables for 10 can be reserved for \$500.

Inspired by television's "Dancing with the Stars," Take the Lead Winston-Salem raises money for the Bethesda Center for the Homeless, Forsyth County's largest shelter for homeless men and women. Last year, more than 800 homeless people took shelter

at the Bethesda Center. With help from services provided, 175 people moved from shelters into their own housing during the past three years.

To lend your support, cast your votes for the dancers of your choice. Each vote costs \$10 and provides one day and night of service at Bethesda Center. You may vote for as many dancers as many times as you want. To purchase tickets, reserve a table and vote, visit www.taketheleadws.com. To vote by mail, send a check to the Bethesda Center, 930 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27101, with the dancer's name in the memo line. Contact the event coordinator at the Bethesda Center at 722-9951, ext. 414.



At this year's Take the Lead Winston-Salem, the Rev. John E. Shields will dance with Lynn Messick, a retired faculty member of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts School of Dance.