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Celebrating the Day of Pentecost

On Holy Ground

by the Rev. Darby O. Everhard
Associate Rector

You send forth your Spirit,
and they are created; and
so you renew the face of the
earth.

—Psalm 104:31

As we approach the Day of Pentecost on May 15, when the Holy Spirit descended among the disciples in a rush of wind and with tongues of fire, I am reminded of the very life that comes from the breath of God whenever we encounter it.

Pentecost means “fiftieth day,” and we celebrate it on the seventh Sunday after Easter Day. It refers to the coming of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), soon after Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension.

We refer to it as “the Church’s birthday” because we understand that the Church is drawn together as the body of Christ and given life by the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that the Church is being sent out into the world, and Pentecost is seen as when that began.



Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in our church, and baptisms are especially appropriate that day. Our liturgical color is red, the color of fire, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit and the burning fire of God’s love.

There is a phrase from a sermon I heard as a young girl which I remember to this

day. I don’t know why it has remained with me, but it has. (Perhaps it was the Holy Spirit.) The phrase is, “May I be renewed daily by God’s Holy Spirit.” I have prayed that phrase almost every day of my life since then. It reminds me that God is Spirit (John 4:24) and so God is the power of the very source of life itself and has breathed and continues to breathe that Spirit of God

wholly into creation. Wherever we might encounter God’s Holy Spirit, we are promised that God’s Spirit lives in each of us, whether we realize it or not, and so we are formed and shaped by it.

I invite you to reflect on where God’s Holy Spirit is alive in your life—to reflect on how God breathes on you and how you inspire that very life each and every day. To be aware of the times when the Holy Ghost can flicker with life and light into every corner. To be aware of the whirlwind of love that surrounds us every step of the way. To experience that creative power and to expire it upon everyone we meet.

May you experience a profound connection with God’s Holy Spirit, and with the heartbeat at the center of creation. *Veni Creator Spiritus.*

This year, in addition to Sunday morning, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost with Choral Evensong in the nave at 5:00 p.m., and with a party from 5:45 until 7:15 p.m. at the Goodheart Entrance, with food, games and cake. All are invited!

Grace and peace,

Darby



Choral Evensong
The Day of Pentecost
Sung by the St. Paul's Choirs

Sunday, May 15
5:00 p.m. in the nave



Young Adults & Families



Ministry Shifts to Dual Focus

St. Paul's Young Adults & Families Ministry is broadening and clarifying its program offerings to serve not only young adults and families collectively, but young adults and young families as two separate, often overlapping groups.

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves, Associate Rector, is serving as clergy liaison to the group as a whole and to the Young Adults Ministry. The Rev. Lauren A. Villemuer-Drenth, Director of Children's Ministries, is clergy liaison to the Young Families Ministry.

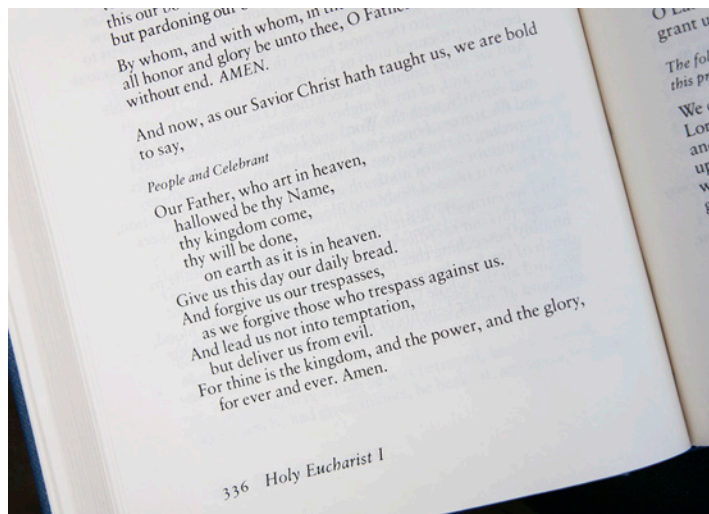
"With the pub theology group that started last February, we affirmed there is definitely a desire among parishioners in their 20s and 30s without children to get together after work for drinks, snacks and meaningful conversation," said Sara. "At the same time, our young families—and by that, we mean families with children from infancy through

fifth grade—this group enjoys activities for the whole family as well as adults-only events. Both groups would like to socialize and collaborate on service projects. My big takeaway from conversations with the committee is to make clear distinctions between adults-only and family events and, most important, include everyone!"



Photo by Jessica Tefft

St. Paul's annual parish weekend at Kanuga attracted about 80 parishioners this year. The weekend included s'mores and music on Friday night, hiking, boating and a visit to the nature center on Saturday, with an evening cocktail reception and barbecue, followed by dancing to live bluegrass music. The weekend concluded with a Sunday morning service in the chapel.



The Lord's Prayer Challenge

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, Jesus said, "Whenever you pray, say this: Our Father..."

This summer, St. Paul's challenges parishioners to memorize the Lord's Prayer. For those who already know it by heart, the challenge is to memorize and recite it in a different language, sing it, paint it or present it in some other creative way.

"The Lord's Prayer Challenge is a fun way to encourage

parishioners of all ages to focus on the words and meaning of the Lord's Prayer," said the Rev. Lauren A. Villemuer-Drenth, Director of Children's Ministries. Lauren conceived of the idea for the challenge and will be in the outdoor chapel below the loggia on Sunday mornings during Lemonade on the Lawn to review prayer presentations.

"We want to see how many different languages our parishioners can speak, who can recite the Lord's Prayer in the most different languages or a language no one else can speak, who'll be the youngest and the oldest to complete the challenge, who'll be the most creative, the most enthusiastic—and any other noteworthy ways individuals and families come up with to present the prayer."

Pictures of those completing the challenge will be posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell near the reception desk. Updates and final results will be published in *ParishLight*.

St. Paul's 1876 Society Member Profile



by Genie Carr

Catherine "Cathy" Boyer, a St. Paul's parishioner, lives in a small house on Leight Street with a wonderful large room in the back that is bright with light streaming through big windows. On a 17-acre section behind the house, trees and shrubs display the light green of early spring. The woodsy area eventually will become part of the city's planned park centered on the nearby former Vulcan rock quarry.

The woods are the city's. The house is Cathy's. However, someday the house, along with her other assets, will be St. Paul's. She has bequeathed all to St. Paul's, joining several dozen other parishioners who have included the church in their estate plans.

Cathy gives any credit to her father, the late Dr. George Norman Boyer, a psychiatrist who joined St. Paul's when he was a 14-year-old Boy Scout. The rest of the family were in other denominations. "Dad



St. Paul's 1876 Society honors those who have informed the church of their intentions to include St. Paul's in their estate plans.

loved the Episcopal Church," Cathy said. She was baptized at St. Paul's.

Her father was from Winston-Salem, although his career took him to Broughton Hospital in Morganton. He had gone to college at Wake Forest College in Wake Forest and to medical school at the then-Bowman Gray School of Medicine, which already was in Winston-Salem. Cathy's late mother, Carolyn Cauble Boyer, was a graduate of Salem Academy and College. Cathy said, "They met on the bus" and married in 1943 at St. Paul's.

Dr. Boyer's ashes are buried at Holy Cross Episcopal in Tryon, North Carolina, where he attended church. But he spent his last six years in Winston-Salem, first with Cathy, then at Clare Bridge, now Brookdale, on Peace Haven Road, when his Alzheimer's disease got to be too much for Cathy to handle alone. A former accountant and travel agent, she became a full-time caregiver. She bought the house in 1988 and added the back room in 2004 to make it easier for her Dad to navigate so that he could watch the outside world "and for me to have space to encourage



Pentecost Birthday Party

On Sunday, May 15, the Day of Pentecost, St. Paul's will celebrate the birth of the Church with a parish-wide Pentecost Birthday Party from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. in and around the covered parking area near the Goodheart Entrance.

In addition to ice cream and birthday cake, the main course of pork barbecue, with buns and slaw will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish to share. Special events include

a three-legged race, a "pin the steeple on the church" game and bingo with prizes.

All are also asked to bring unwrapped gifts for Summer Enrichment and Camp Bob participants, including flashlights, rain ponchos, solid-color bath towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, deodorant, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, re-usable shopping bags, and gallon- and quart-sized Ziploc® bags.

his friends and nephews from other towns to visit him," she said.

When Dr. Boyer died at age 90, in 2009, she inherited his house and its contents in Tryon. She said that was fine with her brother, David, who lives in Asheville. "My brother was absolutely cooperative," she said. "He was quite happy to let me deal with the probate and courthouse visits, as he was still working."

In the years before her father's death, Cathy said, she had time to learn about the work of being a power of

attorney and executor, selling property in another county, and the steps of funerals and probate of estates. Those were among the reasons she is pre-planning those steps and leaving everything to St. Paul's. Another big reason is that she is not married nor has children, "and there's no real contact with the people who would probably inherit" if she hadn't made plans.

"I inherited what I have from Dad, and it was all paid for with his money. That and the house are assets that need to stay in this community," she said.



Scholarship Created to Honor Judy Ingram

A Message from the Rector

If you, your child, or someone you love attends or has attended St. Paul's Preschool, you have been touched by Judy Ingram's ministry. As a Preschool alumnus who went on to become Rector at St. Paul's, I have been doubly blessed as both a student and colleague by Judy's capable leadership. (That's me on the back row in my Superman shirt.)

Judy will retire this month after nearly 30 years of service. To honor Judy, the Preschool Board and I have created The Ingram Scholarship Fund, a need-based financial aid program that will make St. Paul's Preschool available to more families, regardless of circumstance. While making a high-quality preschool education more readily accessible to those who most need it, the scholarship fund will also help prepare and position St. Paul's Preschool to thrive for another 30 years.



I am inviting St. Paul's parishioners to prayerfully consider contributing to The Ingram Scholarship Fund as a parting gift for Judy. If you wish to be part of this endeavor, please send a check made out to St. Paul's with "Ingram Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to honor Judy by making the Preschool program more available and accessible to all and for helping to make every day at St. Paul's better than the day before.

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser
Rector

Vestry Minutes

The following are highlights of the March 16, 2016, Vestry meeting minutes.

A job description has been developed for our new St. Paul's Preschool Director. It is posted on the website and recruitment has begun.

Attendance at church services at St. Paul's has increased since our Annual Meeting in February.

The summer Youth mission trip is full. The girls' high school basketball team won the church league championship.



On Sunday, April 17, St. Paul's fifth graders, the Daring Disciples, cleared branches and brush from John and Margaret Mueller's yard. When the work was done, the group visited with the Muellers and enjoyed seeing and hearing their pipe organ.



Guitar Recital



Parishioner Benjamin Williams will present a guitar recital on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel.

The program will feature works from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods.

All are welcome. Admission is free.

Summer Enrichment



Plans for St. Paul's 44th annual Summer Enrichment Program are well underway. The program, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, through Friday July 29, will provide creative activities, field trips and other opportunities for between 60 and 80 school-age children from Thurmond Street and the Weatherwood neighborhoods.

The program needs adult volunteers to help prepare lunches, lead activities, sponsor field trips and serve on the Summer Enrichment Program Committee. Responsible youth volunteers are welcome, too. Financial contributions to the program are most welcome.

To volunteer, contact Vicki Robins at (336) 760-0192 or robinso4@earthlink.net. To provide financial support, send your check, payable to St. Paul's with "Summer Enrichment" in the memo line, to Sally Dudley, Director of Stewardship and Outreach Ministries.

Senior Warden's Report



by Sally Shore
Senior Warden

One of my favorite things about living in Winston-Salem is the definite seasons. I enjoy all of them and am usually ready for the next season to arrive before the previous one is over. It is so much easier to come to church when it is warm outside.

During the Annual Meeting in February, it was reported that church attendance was dropping and Dixon reminded those present of how important it is to participate and stay in community with each other. I am happy to say, our numbers have increased. Does it matter? I think so.

What prevents you from coming to church on Sunday? You might not feel connected. You might have stayed up late Saturday night with friends. You might have young children and getting out the door is difficult. You might need a morning to rest. You might

Finances at a Glance First Quarter 2016

	Actual January- March 2016	Budget January- March 2016	Budget Full Year 2016
Pledge & Non-Pledge Operating Revenue	\$673,073	\$574,815	\$2,442,400
Operating Expenses	\$683,403	\$658,014	\$2,590,483
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,330)	(\$82,289)	(\$148,083)

If you would like to know more about St. Paul's commitment to eliminating the operating deficit or about St. Paul's finances in general, contact Parish Administrator Tom McDowell, Director of Stewardship and Outreach Ministries Sally Dudley, Treasurer Carolyn Twisdale, Assistant Treasurer Lauren Wierman or any member of the Vestry—Jonathan Blanco, Bill Davis, Jim Ruffin, Sally Shore, Anne Dunn, Sally Engram, Kimberly Gregg, Ted Irvin, Janice Bennett, Allan Burrows, Mike Ryan and Emily Smith. You may also contact Finance Committee members Ben Noland, Lauren Wierman, Murphy Gregg, Scott Adams, Jackie Piscetelli, Julie Williams, Scott Cawood, Stewart Holmes or Taylor Adams.

have an empty nest and figure you have already done the Sunday School thing. You might be traveling. You might decide you'd rather listen to the sermon on the website in your pajamas. I mention these reasons because I have experienced *all* of them.

What's a person to do? To steal a quote from one of John Shields's recent sermons, "Come back!" If exercise classes and grocery shopping get easier the more you participate, surely coming to church will. The first two can wear you out, but the latter refreshes and gives strength for the journey ahead. Strength for the journey ahead matters. We weren't meant to go it alone.

Parents are filled with joy when their children play well together. I can only imagine how our heavenly Father feels when the St. Paul's family sings to his glory together, *in person*.

*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!...
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!*

Recent Graduates Talk About EfM

Is the Program Right for You?



Every baptized person is called to Christian ministry and Education for Ministry, a theological education program from Sewanee University of the South, helps students discover how to respond to the call. The four-year curriculum focuses on the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church history, and theology, ethics and interfaith encounter.

Since 1978, St. Paul's has sponsored one or more EfM study groups led by trained mentors, and a number of St. Paul's parishioners have completed the program. Several recent EfM graduates talked about the value and meaning of the program in their lives.

"The EfM course has helped me to learn more about my personal Christian beliefs," said Martha Orr, who is completing the program this spring. "Through the weekly readings and study and our group discussions, I have discovered tools that are helping me to recognize and act on the opportunities in my daily life where I can carry out those beliefs."

"I was originally attracted to EfM because I wanted a deeper understanding of biblical text and was especially interested in the theology focus in the fourth year," said Ed Colhoun, who finished the program

last year. "I especially enjoyed listening to others in the class giving their points of view, showing me another aspect of the subject we were studying that week. I came away with the realization that we are no different than the Hebrews from the days of the Old Testament. We are now and always have been human beings attempting to comprehend an all-encompassing and loving God as we veer off course in life, only to find our way back when we repent and are rescued by the one true light."

"I was attracted to EfM because I felt that I was not knowledgeable enough about the Bible and I liked the idea of a comprehensive approach instead of a piecemeal approach," said fourth-year student Ana Beery. "The program has been much more than I expected. I am much more knowledgeable about the Bible than I was when I started so the program certainly met that goal, but I now realize that this is a process that I have started and will continue for the rest of my life. I have grown spiritually in ways that I did not foresee when I signed up and now have a thirst to continue my journey as a Christian, a journey that promises to be very exciting and rewarding."

"I had done a lot of single book Bible study through the years," said 2015 EfM graduate Nancy Montgomery, "but I was very interested in reading the Bible cover-to-cover and studying

the historical background and cultural context of the Old and New Testaments. I really enjoyed the individual study, the class discussion and the weekly fellowship with my classmates. I benefited greatly from reading all the way through the Bible and then reading scholarly perspectives on it as well. Also, I enjoyed getting to know our mentors and very much appreciated the time they gave to us in their roles.

"As a result of having completed four years of EfM, I am more knowledgeable about our faith, our scriptures, our faith's history and the various Christian theologies that have developed since the beginning," Nancy continued. "Most important, EfM provided an opportunity for me to think about and shape my own personal ministry. I definitely experienced a deepening of my faith both through the growth of my knowledge of Christianity and as I seriously considered how to apply what we were learning and discussing to my daily life."

Kathy McKinney, who completed the program in 2015, said, "I had been thinking about it for several years and then, when my son went to college, I thought, 'This is it! It's time for me to go through the EfM program.' I was attracted to having an in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments, and Church History has always intrigued me. I thought the last year—theology—would be my least

favorite, but it turned out to be my favorite! I loved getting to know the people in my class and hearing other ideas and interpretations of the Bible and their thoughts. And EfM can lead you to discover how you might minister to others. As a result of my involvement, I am training to be a Stephen Minister."

As much as the graduates interviewed agreed on the rewards of EfM, all emphasized the program requires a generous time commitment.

"With all the reading, EfM can be something of a grind," said Ed. "Sometimes I found myself wondering what I was doing in the class, but the end result is worth every bit of time and effort. It is amazing how God works, with warmth and love. We have been presented a shining spiritual light in Jesus Christ. Living life can sometimes get me down, but it can never defeat me because EfM gave me insight into the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the grand scheme of things, I see the forest a lot more now instead of getting caught looking at the trees."

Registration is now open for Education for Ministry. The current EfM study group, led by Chip Morgan and David Tamer, will resume its weekly meetings in September and has room for several more students. For information, contact Chip Morgan at chip103@triad.rr.com or (336) 414-7905.



On Sunday, April 10, the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Pro Tem of North Carolina, visited St. Paul's to confirm 25 youths and 10 adults. Three adults were reaffirmed and eight adults were received into the Episcopal Church.

Sale Proceeds Allocated

At their April Council Meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Women voted to distribute the proceeds of the 2016 White Elephant Sale to these organizations:

- The Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina Backpack Program—\$500
- The St. Paul's EYC Scholarship Fund—\$500
- The Salvation Army Family Shelter—\$400
- The Children of Vietnam—\$400
- The Lex Matthews Scholarship Fund—\$400

Thank you to all who helped make the 2016 White Elephant Sale a success!

Transitions

Births

Avery Brooke Corbett

April 4, 2016

Daughter of Meghan and Will Corbett, granddaughter of JC and Susan Woodall

Eloise Marie Jones

April 10, 2016

Daughter of Jenny Slater Jones and Josh Jones, granddaughter of Peggy and David Slater, great-granddaughter of Lou Prongay

Peter Schofield Noland

April 11, 2016

Son of Liz and Ben Noland, brother of Hattie and Lewis Noland

Thomas Marc Sarrazin and Caroline Gray Sarrazin

April 11, 2016

Son and daughter of Amelia Smith and Eric Sarrazin, grandson and granddaughter of Gray and Leigh Smith

Baptisms

April 10, 2016

Brittani Marie Arena Madison Taylor Coup Alexandra Grace Foster

April 24, 2016

Preston Elliott Simrill-Hester

Son of Andrew and Callie Simrill-Hester

New Members

Don and Laurie Hamilton

Liza and Marshall Smith and sons

Marshall Jr. and Baker

Kate and Charlie McCurry and son Teddy

Bill Bozeman and sons Nate and Josh

Trey Williams

Sara Weatherman

Rob and Elizabeth Wall and sons Haywood and Rustin

Sheri Masters

Louise and Rick Moore

Jeff and Lisa Aleshire

Whitney Stockman

Steve and Cindy Lou Franke

Deaths

Austin Heaton Carr, Jr.

March 29, 2016

Husband of Millie Carr, father of Laura Carr

Craig Gates Dalton, Sr.

March 30, 2016

Hazel Elliott Kendrick Trueblood

April 6, 2016

Mother of Linda Heckman

Sarah Turner Hedrick

April 6, 2016

Mother of Marilyn Pettit

Todd Lawrence Fay

April 20, 2016

Husband of Carolyn Fay

Hubert Cogdell Woodall, Jr.

April 19, 2016

Father of JC Woodall, father-in-law of Susan Woodall, grandfather of Erin Mills, Britton Perko and Meghan Corbett, great-grandfather of Ella, Jack and Hudson Mills, Gray and Smith Perko and Avery Corbett

Alfred Luther Purrington, III

April 29, 2016

Brother of Nella Fulton

William Medearis "Buck" Butler, Jr.

May 1, 2016

Brother of Albert L. Butler, III, brother-in-law of Agnes Butler

Guy Percy Williams

May 2, 2016

Grandfather of Kevin Williams, great-grandfather of Sydney, Ethan and Trevor Williams

'8 and 10' Schedule Starts May 29

Beginning on Sunday, May 29 and continuing through Sunday, September 4, St. Paul's Sunday morning services of Holy Eucharist will be held at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday afternoon Holy Eucharist in the chapel will continue at 5:00.

Cereals and Fruit Needed for Summer Enrichment



Throughout May, St. Paul's Outreach Ministries is collecting bags and boxes of "kid-friendly" breakfast cereals and assorted canned fruits for Summer Enrichment program participants.

Place your donations in the green bin marked "Summer Enrichment" at the Goodheart Entrance.



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Faith & Justice 2015-16 Series Concludes

The Faith & Justice Committee Lunch and Speaker Series, *In My Backyard: Faith and Current Events*, will conclude its 2015-2016 series on Thursday, May 19, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Colhoun A.

The speaker will be Bill J. Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest University.

Author or editor of 24 books, Leonard's research focuses on church history—especially American religion, Baptist studies, and Appalachian religion. He is an ordained Baptist minister and a member of First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue.



The program is titled, "Church and Justice, Then and Now: Clues to Success and Failure." The discussion will focus on historical issues that may inform contemporary justice questions and controversies. Where has the church served as an agent of justice and

where has it been "found wanting?" What happens when Christians themselves cannot agree on the nature of and response to justice issues?

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome.