



# Parish *Life*

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## Celebrating 70 Years of Fellowship, Fund-Raising and Fun

St. Paul's 70th Annual Bazaar and Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Colhoun Room. The theme of this year's bazaar is "Celebrating Our History," and the focus is on fellowship, fund-raising and fun.

"In reviewing some ECW documents about the Bazaar, we discovered that even though supporting charities is a primary goal, the first priority is fellowship," said Co-Chair Liza Smith who, with Elizabeth Myers and Sarah Smith, is planning this year's event. "So this year, we are inviting not just the women of the church, but the entire parish to join us in celebrating 70 years of our history."

"We're reaching out well beyond the circles and the traditional Bazaar volunteers and vendors to all the various ministries, committees and small groups," added Elizabeth Myers. "We're encouraging everyone to participate by donating or asking businesses to donate items for the Wishing Tree and Raffle, preparing something special for the Food Booth, helping with set up, operations and clean-up, making a cash donation and of course,

shopping and joining us for lunch the day of the event."

To kick off the celebration, the Co-Chairs have scheduled a gathering for craft-making and socializing on Tuesday, September 13 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. A second meeting for crafting and fellowship will be held Wednesday, October 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Colhoun B. Child care will be available during both events. All are welcome!

On Thursday, September 15, at 10:30 a.m., all former Bazaar Chairs are invited to a garden party at Liza Smith's home. "The garden party is our way of recognizing and showing our appreciation for all the women who've kept up this wonderful tradition for the past seven decades," said Sarah Smith.

This year's Bazaar will offer the most popular traditions from years past, including:

**The Bazaar Food Booth,** featuring festively-wrapped homemade baked goods.

**The Wishing Tree** silent auction, stocked with goods and service vouchers donated by area businesses and parishioners.

## 70th ANNUAL BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON



**The Bazaar Luncheon,** served in Colhoun B and C from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To-go orders may be picked up in the hallway outside the kitchen during that time. The menu includes a choice of lasagna or chicken salad with bread, salad, tea or coffee and a choice of brownie or lemon tart.

**Raffle** tickets are on sale at \$5 each in advance and throughout the day of the Bazaar when drawings for prizes will take place. You do not need to be present to win.

**Bazaar Angels** support the Bazaar by making tax-deductible cash donations. Mail your check, payable to St. Paul's ECW with "Bazaar" in the memo line, to the church.

To donate merchandise for sale or to volunteer to help, contact Bazaar Co-Chairs Elizabeth Myers at [etmyers4@gmail.com](mailto:etmyers4@gmail.com), Liza Smith at [\[gmail.com\]\(mailto:gmail.com\) or Sarah Smith at \[sarahsmith1030@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:sarahsmith1030@yahoo.com\).](mailto:lizalsmith94@</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Tickets for the raffle and luncheon can be purchased in advance at the front desk and on Sunday, October 23, 30 and November 6 in the library before and after formation classes.

"We're selling Luncheon tickets in advance to streamline ordering. Parishioners can easily treat their co-workers to lunch, either to eat in or to-go," said Liza. "The Raffle tickets can be bought ahead of time, too, so that even if you can't make it to church the day of the Bazaar, you still have a chance to win."

Proceeds of the Bazaar and Luncheon will support the mission and ministries of St. Paul's as well as local, national and international charities recommended to the ECW Council by the Co-Chairs.

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## 'A Matter of Discernment'

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by the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser  
Rector

One of the responsibilities I have had the privilege and challenge of fulfilling during my first two years as Rector is hiring staff. Since my arrival in September 2014, I have had the opportunity to bring on talented ministers to fill key positions including Priest Associate, Director of Youth Ministries, Director

of Children's Ministries, Associate Rector, and Head of School for St. Paul's Preschool.

When I tell people about all the hiring I have done, a frequently-expressed sentiment is some variation of, "It must be great to get to choose who you want to be on your team." The idea of my choosing couldn't be further from the truth, however, because every hire I have made has been a matter of discernment.

Discernment means, simply, the ability to judge well. But when it comes to *Christian* discernment, as is often the

case with Jesus, the meaning gets turned upside-down and inside-out. Christian discernment involves *suspending* judgment.

Here's what I mean: Typically, discernment implies striving to make a strategic choice or a wise selection. Christian discernment is a theological practice that involves opening yourself to God's desires, agendas and possibilities. In the church we discern, then, not just by judging well, but also by withholding our own judgment and inviting the Holy Spirit into our decision-making. As such, discernment can feel more risky and less

efficient, especially when done with other people, but it always yields the best results. This is why we make some of our most weighty choices in the church—like ordination—through the practice of discernment. It is also why we have the most amazing people on our staff. I could not be more pleased and confident that the folks who work here all have been led here by God. Discernment acknowledges that, while we all have opinions and preferences, we may not always know what is best. That's why we need to listen to God, and it's why I encourage you to invite God into your decision-making today.

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## We're Breaking Ground on Page's Playground

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by Laura Burrows  
Communications Committee

This fall, St. Paul's is constructing a new playground designed for young children. This will replace the existing upper playground that has faithfully served the Preschool and our church for close to two decades.

The new space will be called Page's Playground in honor of Page Daniel Hill, who served as Preschool Director and teacher at St. Paul's for 15 years. A long-time parishioner, Page is currently a resident at Salemtowne's Phillips Health Care Center.

"Momma has always loved little ones," said Sally Hill Shore, Page's daughter and St. Paul's parishioner. "And,

perhaps more than anything else, she loved sharing music and singing with the children of St. Paul's Preschool."

Sally and Rosalie Hill Bland, also a St. Paul's parishioner, recall their mother's leading children in song, accompanied by her favorite ukulele. Inside her ukulele case, she would carry three clay mice to serve as a special audience. Those mice—Alexander, Beverly and baby Stephanie—are special keepsakes for the two sisters.

In addition to singing and playing her instruments, Page enjoyed creating unique programs for children. Her love of the classroom evolved into writing two activity books, *Thanksgiving for the Very Young*, and *Valentine Fun for the Very Young*.



Music continues to be a touch-point with Page. Sally and Rosalie especially enjoy hearing her sing a familiar tune that she coined, "Every day at St. Paul's is better than the day before," a sentiment as true during Page's years at St. Paul's as it is today.

The Preschool Playground Committee has set a fund-raising goal for Page's Playground of \$60,000 by October 31, 2016. If you are interested in making a gift

to Page's Playground, you can 1) write a check, payable to St. Paul's with "Preschool Playground" in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church, 2) make a gift through The Winston-Salem Foundation or 3) contact Tom McDowell, Parish Administrator, at (336) 723-4391, ext. 1215, to donate using a credit card. Tom can also answer questions about the project. Donors will be invited to a special celebration later this year.

# Senior Warden's Report



by Sally Shore  
Senior Warden

When I was a child, there was no question in my mind that on Sunday morning, the Hills were going to church. I remember going one Sunday after a snowstorm. I didn't want to go and I complained. I even commented that I was sure no one else would attend on that snowy morning. My parents said that I would probably remember that Sunday for the rest of my life.

We arrived at a church with no power, no organ, no heat and *maybe* 25 people. Mrs. Cornwall played something similar to a harmonica for our music and those of us in the choir

sang. I remember as if it were yesterday. Momma and Daddy gave me a gift that morning. The church was important to them and the church is important to me. My prayer is that it will continue to be for my children and their children.

The insert in this issue of *ParishLife* is filled with opportunities for Christian Formation. (Those of us over 50 still sometimes call it "Sunday School.") Twenty years ago, I was guilty of waking up on a Sunday morning without the energy to dress three children and myself. The previous week of school plus Saturday activities had worn us out and I needed a day of rest. Twenty years later, I'm still guilty. I just don't have the children at home to blame, but I still need a day of rest.

My family is small and God's "got the whole world in his hands." Can you imagine

getting that many to church every Sunday? Let's hope God doesn't need a day of rest.

Years ago, while teaching 5-year-olds, I heard a student say as he was leaving, "I'll see you next week!" I *would* see him if his parents decided to come to church on that particular Sunday. It was then I realized that the responsibility of rearing my children in the Christian faith was larger than I imagined. How can we make it easier? Easier. Not easy.

- Make a family commitment. The church habit is a gift to your children that can last a lifetime and more.
- Choose what you and your children are wearing on Saturday night. Ricky *always* has difficulty deciding what to wear to church on Sunday.
- Eat breakfast at St. Paul's. The men are wonderful cooks.
- Worship with your children first. Afterwards, they can learn with their peers while you learn with yours during our Christian Formation time.
- Talk about your morning on the way home from church.

September is one of those "new beginning" months. Give it a try. After a little practice, you might settle into the pew a little early. You might have time to say a prayer before the service starts. You might brighten the day of a friend or stranger. And, after coming to the Lord's table, you might realize that you've been given a day of rest.

## New in the Library



St. Paul's Librarian Nancy Metzgar has created a display of books from the Faith & Justice Committee's current recommended reading list.

"Thanks to a very generous gift from Sue Carson, the St. Paul's Library has acquired all the books on the Faith & Justice reading list," said Nancy. "The main topics are race relations,

how race is perceived in America, and the viewpoints given by authors who have participated in the national discussions."

The books, which may be checked out by St. Paul's parishioners, are displayed on top of the book shelves to the right of the Colhoun Room entrance near the elevator.

# Transitions

## Births

**Calvin Hodges Eachus**

August 7, 2016  
Great-grandson of  
Wade Lowry, grand-nephew  
of Mary Lowry

**Scott Andrew Reichard**

August 19, 2016  
Son of Elizabeth and Jeff  
Reichard, brother of Margaret  
Anne Reichard, grandson of Ed  
and Kim Cherry

## Baptism

**Oliver Michael Knudson**

August 14, 2016  
Son of John and Amy Knudson

## Deaths

**Jack Lydle Sink**

August 16, 2016  
Father of Anne Curlett,  
father-in-law of Jack Curlett

**Rebecca Elizabeth**

**Margerum**

August 19, 2016  
Daughter of Robert Margerum,  
step-daughter of Judith  
Margerum

**Lois Harman Stuart**

August 20, 2016  
Mother of Mary Stuart

**John Anderson Taylor, Sr.**

August 28, 2016  
Husband of Peggy Taylor,  
father of Suzanne Ramm,  
father-in-law of Chris  
Ramm, grandfather of Taylor  
McCuiston, Marguerite Ramm  
and Bowman McCuiston,  
brother-in-law of Tab Williams



# Sunday Morning Schedule Changes September 11



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Beginning Sunday, September 11, St. Paul's Sunday morning services of Holy Eucharist will be held at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

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

Breakfast by the Men's Ministry, formation classes for all ages and Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) meetings will all resume on September 11.

## Hoke to Speak at Circle Meetings, Men's Dinner



The Rev. Dr. Stuart H. Hoke will spend the day at St. Paul's on Monday, September 12, first speaking to the women of the church at a St. Anne's Circle luncheon, followed by a dinner-time presentation to the Men's Monday Dinner.

On the day following the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Stuart will share his "up close and personal" experiences of 9/11 as a staff member at Trinity Wall Street in New York.

All circles and women of the church are invited to join St. Anne's for lunch (\$6) at 12:15 p.m. in Colhoun A. St. Paul's Men's Ministry invites the men of the parish to gather in Colhoun A from 5:30 to 6:00 for socializing and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for dinner and Stuart's program. The cost is \$10, payable at the door. No reservation is required, but those who plan to attend are asked to email Tom McDowell at [tmcdowell@stpauls-ws.org](mailto:tmcdowell@stpauls-ws.org).

## Vestry Meeting Highlights

*The following are highlights of the August 24 Vestry meeting minutes.*

The pledges remain on budget through the summer months.

Sally Dudley reported on her recent training at "Project Resource" in Atlanta, a stewardship and membership conference led by Charles LaFord. The churches from our diocese will begin to enact the program over the next year.

The 2016 stewardship campaign will be led this year by Lee and Linda Bettis. The campaign will be called, "Faithful Stewards of God's Bounty." October 2 will be Stewardship Sunday. The goal for this year is \$2.1 million.

New items being purchased for the chapel by the Ecclesiastical Arts Committee include a baptismal font, two flower stands, a lectern and a candle shelf.

The Preschool Playground Committee hopes to raise \$60,000 to be used for the new children's playground. Construction will begin shortly.

The two new delegates to the Diocesan Convention are Ruth Prongay and Bill Goodson. Alternates are Deb Howard and Bill Wells. All these individuals will serve a three-year term. Lee Bettis will serve as an alternate for a one-year term.