



The Epistle



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Seminarian's Message

Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,

Spending the summer at St Paul's on-the-Hill has been an exciting and growth filled experience for me. All of you have been so gracious, so welcoming, so willing to share your time and your knowledge to help me continue to grow toward ordination into the priesthood. I thank all of you for your generosity.

In addition to the pleasure of being a part of the life of this congregation, I have loved being in The Valley this summer. Ben and I lived in Berryville for the first seven years of our marriage, and we both loved the beauty of this area; the mountains, the fields, the apple orchards. Now I've added St Paul's as one of my favorite beautiful spots in the Shenandoah Valley. We are blessed, here at SPOTH, not only by one another, but with a lovely setting which offers a place of natural peace and beauty in which we can worship. On Pentecost, we connected our liturgy with our care for creation in an exuberant and visible way—all of those red geraniums up front made an exciting visual statement, and then we planted them outside! Now they are growing and blooming, a welcoming sign of not only the coming of the Holy Spirit, but also a reminder of how God loves us by surrounding us with the beauty of God's creation.

Summertime offers many exciting opportunities for us to continue to worship and play together during the

summer. Come to SPOTH at noon every Tuesday for a dynamic Bible study! On Sunday mornings, come learn more about the Gospel of John during the education hour at 9AM. We also have the opportunity to worship on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5 by using the great offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. The Daily Office, which includes these daily prayer services for morning and evening, has been part of our Anglican liturgical tradition since the 1500's! When we pray together through the Daily Office, we not only find connections among ourselves and to God, but we also remind ourselves that we are part of the communion of all of the saints who have gone before us, praying and worshipping in similar fashion, and with similar prayers and words.

I will be talking about my trip to Israel this past January on Thursday, July 16th, at 7PM here at SPOTH. Dessert will be served. Did you know that Jerusalem has been called the navel of the universe? To me, Jerusalem is one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Visitors to Galilee still see the same topography and natural surroundings in which Jesus lived and moved and had his being, the same landscape in which he preached, taught, healed, and cast out demons. When I knelt down and prayed at the edge of the Sea of Galilee, I could feel Jesus present with me in a powerful way. I'm really looking forward to sharing my trip with you!

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Mission Statement

St. Paul's on the Hill is a welcoming and diverse community helping people to grow in their relationship with God and each other so that we can serve the world in Christ's Name.

Adopted by the vestry August 2007

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(continued from p. 2) During the last week of July, I hope that families with young children will come together for a few nights that week for food, fellowship and fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and to celebrate this wonderful community that is SPOTH. Be watching the bulletin for more information about this program.

Faithfully yours, Catherine Hicks

Adult Education for the Summer

Our Adult Education class will continue to meet during the summer. We are using a Bible study on the Gospel of John. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. There will be coffee and often snacks. Child care is provided during the 9:00 a.m. hour in the nursery -- children of all ages can attend. Newcomers are encouraged to come to the class. Older teens may also be interested.

Men's Group Possibility

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Another name for this is simply "Men's Group." Vestry members, with our Rector's blessing, began exploratory and investigative measures on June 9th to determine if St. Paul's on the Hill can support a men's group under the guidelines established in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BStA) study guide. Tim Skinner, a leader of such a group from the Diocese of Virginia, provided an hour long instructional briefing to Joe Barrows and Bill Stewart on this organization which began its long history in 1883 in Chicago at the St. James Cathedral. The organization is named after St. Andrew who, according to John's Gospel, after meeting Jesus went to his brother Simon and said, "We have found the Messiah." The gospel headlines the purpose of BStA which is "To lead men to Christ."

A section of the study guide for BStA will be available for your reading. We will then determine a date and time to call an initial meeting to further define the group's purpose and determine if St. Paul's can generate such a group. More to come!

Joe Barrows

Stewardship Committee meets on Thursday July 9th, 7:00 p.m., in the library.

Holy Land Presentation

This past January, I spent two weeks in Israel with eleven other VTS classmates learning about the Holy Land and the life of Jesus in Palestine.

On Thursday, July 16 at 7PM, I will present a program about this trip and will talk about some of the many things that I learned while I was in Israel. Desert will be served. The location is to be announced. Please plan to attend.

Thank you, Catherine Hicks

St. Paul's Table

St. Paul's Table needs meats! Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, etc. Please leave it in one of the freezers in the kitchen. We are also need of plastic bags.

St. Paul's Table needs your peanut butter, too! Peanut butter has become very expensive at the food bank and is an important staple for our food pantry clients. Please bring in a jar or two of peanut butter this Sunday or next (the 31st) and leave in the kitchen or in the box upstairs. Thanks!

Bible Study Group Meetings

Tuesday Bible study meets at noon in the parish hall. Bring a lunch. Newcomers welcome.

The Wednesday morning group resumes in the fall.

St. Paul's Table Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month from 1-3 pm the Food Pantry is open to the community. St. Paul's is now providing groceries for 40 households each month, reaching 180 individuals in need.

There is an organizational meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month following the 10 am service in Library at 11:15 am.

Community Event

The Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club held its annual Field Day @ St. Paul's On-The-Hill from 2 PM Sat. to 2 PM Sun., June 27 & 28. We occupied the rear parking lot and the lawn area behind the church. Field Day involves setting up portable antennas & radio equipment using emergency power & operating around the clock to demonstrate Amateurs' ability to communicate in less-than-ideal conditions & provide the general public opportunity to see Amateur Radio in action. It is also a LOT of fun! All were invited to come check us out after church Sat. and Sun., or at any time during the event. Thank you for hosting the group. Tom Sherwood.

Parish Life

Women of the church, please put Thursday, Oct 22nd 2009 on your calendar. The 118th Annual ECW Meeting and 120th United Thank Offering Ingathering will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester.

As women of the Episcopal Church we are all members of "ECW". While SPOTH does not have a committee of ECW that meets under that title, we still are "working ECW women" by participating on altar guild, outreach, lay ministry and other committees.

Christ Church has asked us to provide a simple breakfast on the 22nd. We are looking for as many women who would like to help and/or attend the meeting. This is all in planning stage and as soon as all speakers and agenda are set we will advise.

Please think about helping and/or attending. It really is a fun and exciting time. If you would like to help in any way please call or email Mary Ellen Krueger.

Over the summer we will continue to have coffee and juice on the Sunday. If someone is signed up for "munchies", then there will also be snacks.

Please think about what you would like to see Parish Life to do come fall. We are planning to have a meeting after church on August 23rd. If you are interested in being a part of the committee and this is not a good date, please just let Grace Voight or Mary Ellen know.

Have a blessed summer and we look forward to hearing from you, Grace and Mary Ellen

Treasurer's Report for May 2009

Income: \$15,545.76

Expense: \$14,185.72

Difference: \$1,360.04



Thanks to everyone for the consistent way in which pledges are being kept.

Barbara Epperson, Treasurer

Wednesday Night Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist service offers prayers for healing every week at 7:00 pm. On July 1, however, it will a service of evening prayer from a New Zealand Prayer Book led by Catherine Hicks our seminarian. The Eucharist will resume on July 8th.

CCAP Saturday and Sunday

On June 27 and 28 you are invited to make an offering that will go to help those in need through the CCAP organization. Place this offering in the baskets.



Rector's Read

The next book *In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center by God* by Gene Robinson will be discussed July 8th, 7:30 pm following Wednesday night Eucharist.

Discrepancy Notification

Brenda Wiens developed a means for parishioners to identify discrepancies @ St. Paul's & notify the Property Group of the problem. The mail box in the narthex has notes for this use. If you see a discrepancy, i.e. light bulb out, faucet leaking, etc., please fill out the form and place it in the Junior Warden's box in the church office, so it can be used to correct the discrepancy.

Thank you, Bill Stewart, Jr. Warden

Hi all!

I hope that your summer is going very well. I'm back from the silent directed retreat I took at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville PA. It was a great experience of prayer and reflection. I'll be with you the weekend of June 27/28, and then next Tuesday I leave to visit my family in New Mexico for a week.

Catherine Hicks, our summer seminarian, is working with us full time through July and will be available to you while I am away.

See the announcements for more info about programs she is planning for children and her presentation on her Holy Land trip.

We are staying very active this summer at church: our adult ed continues at 9am with a study of John's Gospel; all of our services are being held through the summer.

- ⇒ Book Club will meet again the first week in August.
- ⇒ The Rector's Read meets again on July 8th.
- ⇒ The program for children will be the last week of July.

Hope to see you when you are in town this summer!

Blessings, Hilary+

Episcopal Church News

For anyone who might be interested there is a booklet on file in the office with information on "The Episcopal Church Pension and 76th General Convention".

Anyone who might be interested the book is in the office and also you can pull all information up on-line.

Preparing for General Convention

The 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will take place July 8-17 in Anaheim, California. The Diocese of Virginia will once again publish our daily opinion journal, *Center Aisle*, onsite at Convention. Visit www.centeraisle.net to learn more and to stay updated on the latest news coming out of General Convention.

Why Have a Vestry Person of the Day?

Our Vestry Person of the Day each Sunday is available for the purpose of answering your questions, making sure people are in place for their duties, dealing with any problems or areas which need help, closing up after the services, and taking messages you might have for our Priest when she is occupied preparing for the service. Look for the VPD this Sunday if you have a need.



Mary Ellen Kreugar



Diane O'Hara



Sue Sunderland



Barbara Epperson



Flonnie Williams



Bill Stewart



Joe Borrows



Janice Hall



Alisha King



The 5th Sunday of after Pentecost July 5

8:00 am *Morning Prayer Rite I*

reader: Roger Inger

Worship Leader: Catherine Hicks

10:00 am *Morning Prayer Rite II*

Worship Leader: Catherine Hicks

vestry person of the day: Mary Ellen Krueger

greeter: Rosalie Lewis

ushers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

tellers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

acolytes: Lauren Shaw and Kayla Shaw

readers: Bill Scott (1) and Virginia Allen (2)

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders:

Weds. LEM July 8: Catherine Hicks

The 6th Sunday of after Pentecost July 12

8:00 am

reader: Flonnie Williams

LEMS: Roger Inger/Catherine Hicks

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Bill Stewart

greeter: Babe McDaniel

ushers: Rondo Pitta and Greg Pitta

tellers: Rondo Pitta and Greg Pitta

acolytes: Matt Hummer and Caitlyn DeTray

readers: Billy Dennis (1) and Vic Arthur (2)

LEMS: Joe Barrows and Catherine Hicks

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders: Jennifer Doney

Weds. LEM July 15: Cari Sherwood

The 7th Sunday of after Pentecost July 19

8:00 am

reader: Frank Scheder

LEM: Flonnie Williams/Catherine Hicks

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Alisha King

greeter: Rosalie Lewis

ushers: Steve Culbert and Mike Gunn

tellers: Steve Culbert and Mike Gunn

acolytes: Amber Hummer and Maria Hoogeveen

readers: Floyd Shanholtz (1st) & Joyce Scholes (2nd)

LEMS: Cari Sherwood and Catherine Hicks

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders:

Weds. LEM July 22: Catherine Hicks

The 8th Sunday of after Pentecost July 26

8:00 am

reader: Diane Fadley

LEM: Roger Inger/Catherine Hicks

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Joe Barrows

greeter: Babe McDaniel

ushers: Jeff Hummer and Amber Hummer

tellers: Jeff Hummer and Barbara Epperson

acolyte: Chris Wiens and Natessa Perera

readers: Tom Sherwood (1st) and Bill Scott (2nd)

LEMS: Joan Inger and Catherine Hicks

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders:

Weds. LEM July 29: Bob Sherwood

The 9th Sunday of after Pentecost August 2

8:00 am

reader: Roger Inger

LEM: Flonnie Williams

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Barbara Epperson

greeter: Rosalie Lewis

ushers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

tellers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

acolyte: Matt Hummer and Caitlyn DeTray

readers: Lokie Voight (1st) and Bob Sherwood (2nd)

LEMS: Bill Scott and Joe Barrows

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders:

Weds. LEM August 5: Joan Inger



Saturday Lay Ministry Schedule

July 4 5:00pm

greeter: Gail Dunbar ushers: Roger Inger
reader : Joan Inger prayers: Alisha King

LEM: Catherine Hicks

July 11 5:00 pm

greeter: Gail Dunbar ushers: Cari Sherwood
reader: Bob Sherwood prayers: Sue Sunderlin
LEM: Roger Inger

July 18 5:00 pm

greeter: Sue Sunderlin usher: Cari Sherwood
reader: Alisha King prayers: Gail Dunbar
LEM: Catherine Hicks

July 25 5:00 pm

greeter: Sue Sunderlin ushers: Alisha King
reader: Bob Sherwood prayers: Cari Sherwood
LEM: Joan Inger

August 1 5:00 pm

greeter: Joan Inger ushers: Roger Inger
reader : Cari Sherwood prayers: Alisha King
LEM: Bob Sherwood

Property

1. **CLOVER!** The generous rain we've received brought life and greenery to our property but it has also brought CLOVER and other dormant seeds to life. We have a fertilizing, weeding and aeration contract with "TRUE GREEN" for twice-a-year treatment but the favorable growing environment has produced some unwanted items. We are doing what we can, with TRUE GREEN's help, to control things.

2. **WINDOWS!** The Vestry has approved installation of two, new, double-pane windows in the Nursery. These new windows will not only solve the dangerous potential of a youngster falling through the thin Plexiglas but should help control a comfortable temperature for our young ones. The new units must be built to fit the window area but installation should be completed in just one day. "Home Depot" is handling this service.

3. **Poison Ivy!** If you want to know what poison ivy

July Calendar

1,8,15,22,29 7 pm Holy Eucharist /Prayers for Healing
(on July 1 it will be a prayer service from a New Zealand Prayer Book led by Catherine Hicks)

4,11,18,25,1 5pm Holy Eucharist II with Praise Music

5,12,19,26,2 8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Education—Gospel of John

10am Holy Eucharist

11:00am Fellowship Time

5 1-3 pm St. Paul's Table Food Pantry

8 7:30 p.m. Rector's Read

9 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee, Library

12 11:15am St. Paul's Table Food meeting, Library

14 7:00pm Vestry meeting

16 7:00pm Holy Land Presentation with dessert

7,14,21,28 12 noon "Brown-Bagging with the Bible"

2,9,16,23,30 8:00 am TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)

10:00am – 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

looks like you needn't go too far to find it. St. Paul's has some areas that have this innocent looking, multi-shade green, three leaf plant in some of the denser growth areas. "Round-Up" vegetation control liquid has been applied twice to the areas near the church.

4. **FLOWERS!** Have you noticed the flowers newly planted? The efforts of our parishioners have resulted in geraniums in the front of the church and a variety of flowering plants in the back. Some very nice ladies with green thumbs have produced pretty results.

5. **DOOR!** Our exterior door needs replacing. It is a steel clad wooden door that is rusted out at the bottom and, thereby, allowing entry of insects and or vermin. Repair is not possible so it will be replaced in its priority turn. Any experienced door installers? **Thank you. Bill Stewart, Junior Warden**

**Independence Day****July 4****Proper 11 July 19**

Deuteronomy 10:17-21 Hebrews 11:8-16

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Matthew 5:43-48 Psalm 145 or 145:1-9

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Proper 9 July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

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

Proper 12 July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

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.

Proper 10 July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

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.

Proper 13 August 2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-13

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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Catherine Hicks, Seminarian



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Happy Birthday!

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| 2 | Jordyn Elberson | 19 | Joseph Doney |
| | Jeff Hummer | 20 | Patricia Scheder |
| 3 | Virginia Allen | 21 | Babe McDaniel |
| 8 | Quesada Nurashikin | 22 | Susan Smoot |
| | Joyce Scholes | 23 | Jamey Keefer |
| 9 | Robert Sunderlin | 25 | Wyatt Hummer |
| 10 | Alex Hoogeveen | 29 | Stacy Hummer |
| | Mable Lewis | | Angie Pitta |
| 12 | Ginger Elberson | 31 | Cynthia DeTray |
| | Ginnette Perera | | Allyson Ratliff |
| 17 | Sally Clark | | |
| | Joan Sproul | | |



Happy Anniversary!

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| 3 | Billy & Stacy Hummer |
| 7 | Alisha King & Gail Dunbar |
| 18 | Greg & Brenda Wiens |
| 24 | Damian & Nancy Sawle |
| 26 | Jennifer & Joseph Doney |
| 26 | Cari & Bob Sherwood |
| 30 | Douglas & Barbara Epperson |

We at St. Paul's wish everyone happy birthday and anniversary for July.

If your birthday or anniversary has not been included, please help the office to keep our records current by giving us a call or sending an email. Thank you!