



The Epistle



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May 2010

The Rector's Message

Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,

I hope that the Easter season is going well for you! We had a great parish potluck dinner on April 23rd in celebration of the Easter season and Earth Day. The stewardship of God's creation is an on-going concern; we try to do our part here at church by recycling and taking care of our building and grounds in a way that honors and respects that with which we have been entrusted. The day after the potluck was our spring parish clean-up day. Many thanks to all who helped with the potluck and clean-up day – in both ways we celebrated our community life.

On May 13th, a Thursday, at 7:00 pm. we will have the opportunity to worship with others from our region as we celebrate Ascension Day. This is the day we remember that Jesus, after his resurrection, ascended into heaven. While there are those who debate what that may have looked like or how that was experienced at the time, we focus on the fact that the Risen Christ is not limited to a place or time. All members of our region, Region XIV of the Diocese of Virginia, have been invited to join us at St. Paul's on-the-Hill for Ascension Day. By sharing our worship on this major feast day of the church year, we affirm the importance of our diocesan community to our parish life. Region XIV includes the Episcopal churches throughout the Valley. I hope you will be

able to attend our Ascension Day service.

On Sunday May 23rd, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (on Saturday the 22nd at 5pm as well). The gift of the Holy Spirit was a dramatic moment as described in the Book of Acts – the disciples were able to speak in various languages and understand each other in a new way. The gift of the Holy Spirit brought those first followers of Jesus together and united them in a new kind of community, just as today the Holy Spirit brings us together to be God's people in this place. We are God's people in this place, a community of people not because we are all alike, but, in a sense, because we are different in many ways. The Kingdom of God is known in diversity...and when we, who may speak in different ways about various matters, are able to take the time to understand each other, we know that it is the Holy Spirit that brings us together. Such is the gift of the Spirit.

Faithfully yours,

Hilary+

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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TREASURER'S REPORT

March Income - \$23,783.46 Yr. to date Income - \$61,709.45

March Expense- \$12,362.28 Yr. to date expense - \$40,582.06

As has been reported in the past, our pledges this year total \$110,502.00. Our pledges and other income would not have met our expenses to date had we not received three very generous gifts in the amounts of \$5,000.00, \$6,000.00, and \$12,000.00. However, if we do not receive additional income beyond what is currently projected, we will be facing a budget shortfall before the end of the year.

Thank you for your support thus far and for your continued generosity throughout the remainder of the year.

Barbara Epperson, Treasurer

Parish Clean-up

Many thanks to all who helped with our parish clean-up efforts, both on the official day of Saturday April 24th and at other times recently. It is great to have the nursery toys cleaned, and the middle class room cleared of Christmas pageant items and reorganized with new book cases. The bushes outside the front of the church look great; those rowdy bushes and trees behind the church have been tamed; the carpets have been cleaned; and the woodwork has been polished.

Alisha King, Junior Warden

Office help Volunteers

When our secretary is on vacation, we are looking for someone or more than one person to be in the office 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday (though you could just do one or two days) to answer the phone and be present. Can you help?

Needed for Food Pantry

We need plastic and paper bags (ideally, paper shop-

ping bags with handles) for the Food Pantry; also meat for the freezer (hot dogs, packs of ground meat, chicken pieces, frozen fish, etc.)

St. Paul's Table Food Pantry

The first Sun. of each month, 1-3 pm. You are invited to an organizational meeting each 2nd Sun. after 10 a.m. service in Library. St. Paul's Table has fed 25-40 households & 29-82 children (18 & under) recently. Let Scott Lang (smlnva@aol.com, 540- 662-0216 540- 662-0216 540- 662-0216) or Linda Binder (lbinder798@comcast.net, 540-665-0675 540-665-0675 540-665-0675) know if you can help.

Men's Mission Ministry

The last Sun. of each month, members of our church prepare & serve a meal at the Men's Mission, Cameron St. If you can help, contact Scott Lang. The next mission date is May 30th.

Rector's Read

The next Rector's Read meets on Wednesday May 12th, following the 7pm service. We will discuss John Spong's book *Eternal Life: A New Vision*.

No Service on Wednesday May 12th as we will worship together on Ascension Day, May 13th

Join us for our Ascension Day Service with others from our region on Thursday May 13th at 7:00pm. The Rev. Anne Manson, rector of Christ Church Millwood, will be our preacher. Hilary will be our celebrant. Reception to follow

Seeking Volunteers and Walkers - for 2010 Northern Shenandoah Valley Arthritis Walk, May 15th at Sherando Park, Stephens City from 7 am - 1 pm. See info on Outreach bulletin board.

Brotherhood of St Andrew

A brochure is in each mail box alerting all male members to a **Men's Group** initiative. The group, called the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has been in existence for some time. Its purpose is "**To Lead Men to Christ.**" Please read the information. In the next week, or so, there will be a sign-up list for you to indicate your interest and willingness to attend an "exploratory" meeting to determine if further activity is warranted.

SPRING OPEN BOARD MEETING OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

May 20, 2010 @ Christ Church Episcopal, Glen Allen, VA (Richmond). Registration 9:30; business meeting 10:00; theme: *Dreaming, Planning, Helping: W're Getting It All Together... With Grace.* See poster on Outreach Bulletin Board and get registration forms in Church Office.

Sharing Our Abundance

During last weekend's Stewardship Conference at Christ Church in Spotsylvania, Rt. Rev. James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton, in Maryland, provided a keynote address reminding us of the abundance of America by using a simple comparison. He said, "If you have a roof over your head, food on the table, a vehicle for travel and the freedom to worship as you desire, you are better off than over 90% of the world's population."

One can split hairs and say the percentage is higher or lower depending on the current economy but we truly are blessed with abundance in the United States. Unfortunately, some of the 10, or so, percent are the neighbors we have in our own community. The outreach programs in which we share at St Paul's on the Hill do a great deal to help these folks who find themselves in this "percentage" of need. Please be generous and help our parishioners who work so diligently in our outreach programs.

Bill Stewart, Senior Warden

101 Reasons to be EPISCOPALIAN - #78

One of the perks of membership in our parish is the exercise. My heart rate elevates with all the standing, kneeling, processing, bowing, passing the peace, reciting, crossing one's self and singing. Fortunately, there is some time for a pulse check during the sermon and readings.

Adult Education for the summer

Starting on June 6th we will be studying the Book of Revelation on Sundays at 9:00 am. Plan to attend!

Geraniums for Pentecost

You may remember that last year you the chance to contribute to the beauty of our Pentecost service and the church grounds by sponsoring a geranium. Please see the sign-up sheet for cost, and note there if you are giving the flower in memory/honor/thanksgiving of someone or something. If you were to give the flower in thanksgiving for the work of the Spirit in your life, what you name as the work of the Spirit? After the service, we will plant the geraniums around the front of the church; last year they bloomed all summer. If you would like to help plant, we welcome your help!

Parish Retreat

A joint retreat with Christ Church Millwood is planned at Shrine Mont, our diocesan camp & conference center, Saturday, September 18th through lunch on Sunday, September 19th.

Space is limited, so sign up now!

This is a great way to get to know each other, and have a time to relax in a beautiful setting. Check it out: www.shrinemont.com.

Bible Study Groups

Meet Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at noon

St. Paul's on the Hill presents our:

Family-to-Family Resale

8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 12, 2010

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How does it work?

SPOTH provides tables for families to display their sale items--gently used or new family items (baby and children's clothes, toys, maternity clothing, etc.) *You price your goods, you get the foot traffic of a big event, you negotiate your sales, and you keep all the profit!* If you so desire, we will even take your unsold items (no large items or appliances, please!) and donate them to CCAP. *It's like having your own yard sale without all the hassle!*

How much does it cost?

\$30 to rent a table

\$2 per adult to shop (If your family has bought a table, 1 adult gets in free.)

\$6 for us to transport unsold items to CCAP after the event. This service is optional—you can decide at the end of the sale!

Lay Ministry Schedule for May 2010



The 5th Sunday of Easter May 2nd

8:00 am

reader: Flonnie Williams

LEM: Roger Inger

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Bob McDonald

greeter: Josh O'Hara

ushers: Jeff Hummer and Matt Hummer

tellers: Jeff Hummer and Matt Hummer

acolytes: Chris Wiens and Natessa Perera

readers: Vic Arthur (1st) and Virginia Allen (2nd)

LEMS: Bill Scott and Joe O'Hara

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders: Joan Blair

Godly Play: Linda Stuckey **and one other adult, help needed**

children's chapel: Brenda Wiens **and one other adult, help needed**

Weds., May 5th: Joan Inger

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9th

8:00 am

reader: Diane Fadley

LEM: Flonnie Williams

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Bill Stewart

greeter: Babe McDaniel

ushers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

tellers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

acolytes: Leah Stuckey, Maria Hoogeveen

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

LEMS: Lokie Voight and Joe Barrows

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders: Linda Stuckey

Godly Play: Linda Stuckey **and one other adult, help needed**

children's chapel: Cindy DeTray **and one other adult, help needed**

Thurs., May 13: Region Ascension Day

The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16th

8:00 am

reader: Frank Scheder

LEM: Flonnie Williams

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Barbara Epperson

greeter: Jamey Keefer

ushers: Steve Culbert and Mike Gunn

tellers: Steve Culbert and Mike Gunn

acolytes: Chris Wiens and Natessa Perera

readers: Lokie Voight (1st) and Jen Doney (2nd)

LEMS: Bill Scott and Joe O'Hara

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders: Linda Binder

Godly Play: Linda Stuckey **and one other adult, help needed**

children's chapel: Ginnette Perera **and one other adult, help needed**

Weds., May 19th: Bob Sherwood

The Day of Pentecost May 23rd

8:00 am

reader: Diane Fadley

LEM: Flonnie Williams

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Diane O'Hara

greeter: Josh O'Hara

ushers: Rondo Pitta and Greg Pitta

tellers: Rondo Pitta and Greg Pitta

acolytes: Matt Hummer and Caitlyn DeTray

readers: Billy Dennis (1st)/Vic Arthur (2nd)

LEMS: Joan Inger/Joe Barrows

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leader:

Godly Play: Linda Stuckey **and one other adult, help needed**

children's chapel: **two adults, help needed**

Weds., May 26th: Roger Inger

Trinity Sunday May 30th

8:00 am

reader: Frank Scheder

LEM: Roger Inger

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Flonnie Williams

greeter: Babe McDaniel

ushers: Jeff Hummer and Matt Hummer

tellers: Jeff Hummer and Matt Hummer

acolytes: Chris Wiens and Natessa Perera

readers: Jamey Keefer (1st) and Joyce Scholes (2nd)

LEMS: Joe O'Hara and Lokie Voight

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders:

Godly Play: Linda Stuckey **and one other adult, help needed**

children's chapel: **two adults, help needed**

Weds., June 2nd: Joan Inger



The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6th

8:00 am

reader: Diane Fadley

LEM: Flonnie Williams

10:00 am

vestry person of the day: Alisha King

greeter: Jamey Keefer

ushers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

tellers: Cindy Culbert and Vic Arthur

acolytes: Amy Voight, Leah Stuckey and Maria

Hoogeveen

readers: Billy Dennis (1) and Floyd Shanholtz (2)

LEMS: Bill Scott and Joe Barrows

intercessors: Virginia Allen and others

kitchen team leaders:

Weds., June 9th Cari Sherwood

Saturday Lay Ministry Schedule

May 1st **NO 5:00 pm SERVICE** – Apple Blossom

May 8th 5:00 pm

greeter: Gail Dunbar

readers: Sarah Gallup

LEM: Bruce Gallup

usher: Alisha King

prayers: Sue Sunderlin

May 15th 5:00 pm

greeter: Gail Dunbar

reader: Alisha King

LEM: Cari Sherwood

usher: Bob Sherwood

prayers: Sue Sunderlin

May 22nd 5:00 pm

greeter: Mikhail Arthur

reader: Cari Sherwood

LEM: Bob Sherwood

usher: Bruce Gallup

prayers: Bob Sherwood

May 29th 5:00 pm

greeter: Gail Dunbar

reader: Sue Sunderlin

LEM: Roger Inger

usher: Alisha King

prayers: Joan Inger

June 5th 5:00 pm

greeter: Mikhail Arthur

reader: Bob Sherwood

LEM: Joan Inger

usher: Sarah Gallup

prayers: Roger Inger

Saturday, May 1

Apple Blossom

5:00pm

No Service because of Apple Blossom

Sunday, May 2

8:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:00am

Choir practice, Adult Ed, High School Ed

10:00am

Godly Play, 3,4,5 Yr Olds; Children's Chapel

1st-4th Graders

10:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00am

Fellowship Time

1:00pm

St. Paul's Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 4

12:00pm

Tuesday Bible Study Group

Wednesday, May 5

10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study

7:00pm

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

Thursday, May 6

8:30am

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly

10:00am

Prayer Shawl Knitting

7:00pm

Book Club – *This Side of Brightness* by Colum McCann, hosted by Hilary

Saturday, May 8

5:00pm

Holy Eucharist II with Praise Music

Sunday, May 9

8:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:00am

Mother's Day Breakfast for all, Choir practice

10:00am

Godly Play, 3,4,5 Yr Olds; Children's Chapel 1st-4th Graders

10:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00am

Fellowship Time

11:15am

St. Paul's Table Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

12:00pm

Tuesday Bible Study Group

7:00pm

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, May 12

10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study

7:00pm

Rector's Read, *Eternal Life: A New Vision* by John Shelby Spong, parish library**Thursday, May 13**

8:30am

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly

10:00am

Prayer Shawl Knitting

7:00pm

Ascension Day Service for Region XIV at SPOTH, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saturday, May 15

5:00pm

Holy Eucharist II with Praise Music

Sunday, May 16

8:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:00am

Choir practice, Adult Ed, High School Ed

10:00am

Godly Play, 3,4,5 Yr Olds; Children's Chapel 1st-4th Graders

10:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00am

Fellowship Time

Tuesday, May 18

9:00am

Hilary on Silent Retreat at the Jesuit Center in PA until May 26

12:00pm

Tuesday Bible Study Group

Wednesday, May 19

10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study

7:00pm

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing, The Rev. Kira Skala presiding

Thursday, May 20

8:30am

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly

10:00am

Prayer Shawl Knitting

10:30am

Moms' Club of Winchester East

Saturday, May 22

5:00pm

Holy Eucharist II with Praise Music

Sunday, May 23**Pentecost**, The Rev. Kira Skala presiding

8:00am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:00am

Choir practice, Adult Ed, High School Ed

10:00am
 Godly Play, 3,4,5 Yr Olds; Children's Chapel 1st-4th Graders

10:00am
 Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00am
 Fellowship Time

5:00pm
 Men's Mission Ministry

Tuesday, May 25

12:00pm
 Tuesday Bible Study Group

Wednesday, May 26

10:00am
 Wednesday Bible Study

7:00pm
 Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing; Hilary returns from Silent Retreat and will lead the Wednesday Night service

Thursday, May 27

8:30am
 TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly

10:00am
 Prayer Shawl Knitting

Saturday, May 29

5:00pm
 Holy Eucharist II with Praise Music

Sunday, May 30 – CCAP Sunday (an offering for the Congregational Action Project taken the last Sunday of every month for those in need in our area)

Trinity Sunday

8:00am
 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am
 Choir practice, Adult Ed, Last Sunday for High School Education, will resume in September; Adult Education continues through the summer,

we will begin a study of the Book of Revelation on June 6

10:00am
 Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00am
 Last Sunday for Godly Play, 3,4,5 Yr Olds; Children's Chapel 1st-4th Graders, will resume in September

11:00am
 Fellowship Time

3:00pm
 Men's Mission Feeding Ministry

Your Calendar Notes:

**Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2**

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16

Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

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.

Day of Pentecost: May 23 *Whitsunday*

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:25-35, 37
 Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**First Sunday after Pentecost: *Trinity Sunday*
May 30**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13
 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

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.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost: May 31**The Visitation**

1 Samuel 2:1-10 Psalm 113
 Romans 12:9-16b Luke 1:39-57

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 6 *Proper 5*

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24) Psalm 146
 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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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Come celebrate with us!

Join us on the web...

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Happy Birthday!

- May 2 Patricia Arthur
- May 6 George Boyd
Leonard (Buzz) Jackson
- May 8 Matthew Hummer
- May 9 Ryan Sawle
- May 11 Mitch Knight
Cynthia Schendel
- May 12 Cindy Culbert
- May 14 Greg Lambert
- May 16 Donna Gauthier
Susie Lewis
- May 17 Brad Tite
- May 20 Kathleen Lauer
- May 23 Patricia Barrick
Harry Crowe
- May 24 William Olien
Rondo Pitta
- May 28 Kathryn Wilhelm



Happy Anniversary!

- May 1 George Barlow and Molly Chapman
- May 16 Rondo and Estelle Pitta
- May 21 Matt and Elaine Mintschenko

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

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!