

The EPISCOPAL

**The 2017
Bazaar
Saturday,
November 11
9 AM–NOON**

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LYNCHBURG**
*A parish in the Diocese of
Southwestern Virginia*

The St. Paul's Bazaar **Tradition with a Purpose**

The St. Paul's Bazaar has gone through many changes over its many, many years, but one thing has remained constant: its organizers have always focused on OUTREACH. Their goal was, in fact, to fund EXTRA outreach—above what the church could afford in its budget. Members have sold crafts and clothes, white elephants (and golden ones too!), Christmas ornaments, dollhouses, handmade boxwood wreaths, casseroles, Brunswick stew, rolls, pickles, cakes and countless stuffed baked potatoes...all with one goal—to provide more funds for community outreach.

Over the last 70 years, many of St. Paul's members have found the Bazaar a wonderful opportunity to share their talents for the good of others. Vivid memories for Anne McKenna include gathering clothing for sale in the 1950s along with her twin sisters, and later hand-papering the walls of a custom made dollhouse. Anne even found another dollhouse thrown out by her neighbors, fixed it up and resold it...to those same neighbors! Marianne Rhodes and her kitchen crew were known for an amazing Bazaar luncheon. And more recently Joyce Houck has broken all records imaginable for cake production.

The St. Paul's Bazaar has actually been an intermittent activity, but each time it was resurrected, it was with the hope of funding outreach. The last best example was in the mid-1990s when Pinky Houck and Becca Davis chaired the fundraiser. At that time, the goal was to underwrite the St. Paul's Family Literacy Program—an ambitious effort that involved Adult Literacy Training, a neighborhood preschool, Parenting Classes and Employment Assistance. In years following, the Lynchburg Boys and Girls Club and L'Arche were the focus of Bazaar funding. More recently proceeds have supported Camp Timothy, Wheels on the James, The Brookhill Horse Farm, the YWCA Women's Shelter, the Salvation Army, and Daily Bread.

This year's Bazaar, chaired by Holly Frazier and Dea Vermilya, will offer more of the wonderful foods and gifts people have come to expect. There are numerous ready-made meals, including casseroles and Brunswick stew. Three types of tasty stuffed potatoes will also be offered, and don't forget the breads and desserts to round out those meals. For those who need Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers, check out the canned foods and craft tables or purchase a scrumptious Hermit cake. We even have a hands-on craft table to entertain the children. All 2017 proceeds will be divided among three local charities: R. S. Payne Back Pack program (which provides needy children with weekend food), the Gateway, and the Free Clinic. We hope everyone will support this worthy cause by donating, shopping, and spreading the word.

Linie Frankfort, Chair of Outreach and Mission



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Dear People of St. Paul's,

What a great start of the program year we have had! But looking back briefly, we had a very busy summer. As in many past summers, we sent and chaperoned youth mission trips and other groups who grew in maturity, responsibility and in their relationship with each other and our ever living and loving God. Both junior and senior youth groups served the poor, the hungry and those whose hope resides in the grace and generosity of others. And importantly, our young men and women realized that they have much more in common with those they served than they ever would have imagined. Needs were met, hearts were warmed, friendships were made and minds were enlightened.

Over the summer St. Paul's parishioners have planned for the coming year to meet the needs of our parish family in Christian Education, mission and outreach, and stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We are also planning our vision for the coming years—where, when and how God invites us.

We began the program year on September 10th with a kick off of Christian Education classes, and a parade of over 50 banners for the many ministries St. Paul's is engaged in. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship at the picnic immediately following the 10:30 AM service in our courtyard.

We hope you will read on in this *Epistle* to see just a small portion of all that you can become involved in in the coming months and years. Please attend one of the Wednesday Evening Prayer with Eucharist services, some of which are followed by a light dinner and a movie with discussion, or by a trip to a restaurant downtown for food and fellowship.

Thinking back again, one of the most memorable moments during the junior mission trip to Salter Path NC, was on the last evening of the trip, when more than one youth choked up and was moved to tears. They did not want our trip to end, but they all knew that they couldn't stay where they were if they were going to become the men and women, leaders and servants that God has planned for them.

To stay where they were seemed like a good idea at the time, but they had just learned how personally rewarding it is to engage in God's work, to try something new, to grow by challenging yourself, to work side by side with a stranger who then becomes your friend. Your clergy hope that you will have this same discovery as St. Paul's moves forward in ministry, mission, and spreading the good news of God in Jesus Christ in the coming year. Read on, and join us!

Peace,

Todd and Diane

Stewardship

“... so what does this have to do with stewardship?”

Todd Vie

On Sunday, September 10th, Tulane Patterson gave an inspiring presentation to the congregation for the kickoff of this year’s Stewardship Campaign. After the 10:30 AM service, a picnic followed on the lawn, characterized by fellowship, good food, and beautiful weather. The highlight of the picnic was the dramatic presentation of over 50 banners representing all of the opportunities and the various ministries of St Paul’s. It was inspiring to see the diversity of all that we do during the year. It was a demonstration of the donation of time and talent. The remaining “T” is treasure.



As important as time and talent are, we cannot diminish the importance of treasure to the continuing operation of our church. This past year considerable expense has been incurred for the maintenance of our beautiful church buildings. There remains more work to be done. The Vestry is also committed to continue our music, mission outreach, and Christian Education programs that are so much a part of what we are all about. All of this, of course, requires financial support from the congregation.

Financial challenges continue to be a major part of discussions within the Vestry. It is important that all of us carefully consider what we are able to do to support these various programs and the continued challenges to the upkeep of our physical plant.

In the gospel according to Luke, Jesus tells of the faith of the poor widow who gave her two coins. The size of the donation is less important than the commitment. A pledge is a demonstration of our “treasure” support for the upcoming year. As we look forward to next year and all that we hope to accomplish, we must realize that financial support is important as we move ahead.

We ask that each member of the congregation consider not only our future challenges and maintenance of our church, but also our commitment to mission outreach and to our community. In order to do all that we would like to accomplish, financial support from our congregation is needed. As Senior Warden I would ask that each of you carefully consider what St. Paul’s means to you and how you can help the Vestry and the clergy continue to pursue our mission ‘To know Christ, to Worship Christ, to Serve Christ, and to Make Him known’.

George Hurt, Senior Warden

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Reel Faith

Perhaps two of the most important questions on Monday morning in places of work around the country are “Did you see the game yesterday?” and “Which movie did you watch over the weekend?” While football may be like a religion for some, for others the movie theater has become America’s new cathedral. As my friend and author, Rob Johnston, says in his book, *Finding God in the Movies*, “[W]hether entering a movie theater or a church, we expect something larger is about to happen. And if it doesn’t happen we feel disappointed as we leave.” He goes on to say that many movies (like church) “provide a place for us to pause and meditate on our place and purpose in life.”

It is ideas such as these that have drawn me to view movies over the years and to question the spiritual role of movies in our society. If we as Christians are seeking a place to engage with our culture, surely we need look no further than the discussions around the water cooler. But do we know how to engage in the conversation that is already underway? Do we know how to read and analyze films? This is actually a topic that I teach at Liberty University, and you would be amazed at how many students tell me that they will never look at movies the same way again. The discerning eye does not need to spiritualize. Instead, it often finds commonality shared by the human experience expressed in movies that naturally produces transcendence and revelation of our need for God. Yes, movies often provide the opportunity for us to see and share “reel faith” with many people who may never enter a church building.

As we launch into a new season and ministry of “Reel Faith” at St. Paul’s, I invite you to join us and enter into the conversation...after all, you’ll probably find yourself in very similar conversations every Monday morning at your place of work.

Stuart Lachlan Bennett

Reel Faith is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM in St. Paul’s Undercroft following the 5:30 PM Evening Prayer and Communion service. Movies and ratings are advertised ahead of time. Discussions are led by Stuart Lachlan Bennett, Associate Professor of Cinematic Arts at Liberty University.

About Stuart Bennett Stuart has a career in film and television spanning more than 40 years beginning with BBC Films in England. He has produced and directed works in more than 30 countries.

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St. Paul's has been a member of the Royal School of Church Music in America for a number of years. RSCMA dedicates its work to the formation of choristers, both child and adult. RSCMA's Voice for Life program is a graded program during which choristers learn musicianship, but they learn so much more. The program focuses on formation of the whole soul taught through lessons focused on choir, music, deportment, etc. . .

Each summer RSCMA offers a number of week-long courses. Venues are scattered across the country, but primarily on the east coast. Courses have different foci: some are girls/adults, some are boys/adults, some welcome boys/girls/adults. The Washington (DC) course is for advanced singers only (those who have progressed through most levels of Voice for Life). Courses vary in size from 50 to over 200 and are led by outstanding clinicians from this country and England. The courses stress choral singing of course, but the experience is also about community, friendship, personal responsibility—all those things that we instill in our choristers each week. Participants often return year after year to the same course, rekindling friendships that last into their adult lives.

St. Paul Chorister Lily Jablonski attended the Carolina Course this past July. The course, based at Duke University, was led by Scott Dettra, Organist/Choirmaster at Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, TX, and formerly of Washington National Cathedral. Approximately 80 singers (girls, teen girls, & adults) spent the week in rehearsal and activities culminating in the morning University Worship service and the afternoon Choral Evensong, both held in the stunning Duke University Chapel. Audio/Video links to both services can be heard at this link: <http://carolinarscm.org/news/2017-thanks/>. To the right are Lily's words and thoughts on her experience.

Summer Jenkins, Organist and Choir Master

A Week of Singing and Fun

This summer I went to a week-long camp in Durham, NC called the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music). I stayed at the Duke University dorms and sang at the chapel. I was lucky enough to be sponsored by the church. It was an amazing experience and I made many GOOD friends that I am excited to see next year.

It was very intense singing wise because we sang for more than three hours a day all split up over the course of the day. We had two full treble rehearsals (one hour), at least two full rehearsals (adults and girls), and two house rehearsals (thirty to forty five minutes).

We would usually get up at 6:00am and take our showers if we showered in the morning, get ready, go down to eat breakfast, and then have Eucharist. Then we would have a treble rehearsal and a house rehearsal and a full rehearsal. Next we would have lunch, rest time, girls' activity, rehearsals of all kinds, evensong, girls' night activity, Compline, and then lights out at 10:00.

Overall it was a tiring but amazing experience. If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them. I loved camp this year and am excited to do it all over again.

Lily Jablonski, Grade 6

Are you interested? Come join us! I've love to send more choristers next summer.

Summer Jenkins

St. Paul's Vestry

The Vestry of an Episcopal Church is a governing body made up of lay members of the parish. The Vestry oversees, primarily, parish property. (Although technically St. Paul's real property is held in trust by the diocese, it is our responsibility to see that it is used for the advancement of God's mission on earth.) In addition, the Vestry has responsibility for developing the vision and mission of the parish, forming a committee to search for and hire the rector, and effectively managing the financial resources of the parish.

St. Paul's Junior and Senior Wardens are elected by the Vestry from the 12 Vestry members. The Wardens are first

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among equals. Among other roles, they have responsibility for signing contracts on behalf of the parish, and they oversee Parish Commissions. St. Paul's Vestry has structured itself into seven commissions: Finance, Stewardship, Properties, Parish Life, Mission Outreach, Christian Education, and Communications/Marketing. Commissions may be chaired by a Vestry member or a member of the parish, but a Vestry member serves on each Commission.

The Commissions of the Vestry meet to plan and assess what

we might add or change to further advance our call to ministry at St. Paul's. The Vestry then meets, typically, once a month, or as needed, to keep all of its members informed of what is happening, coming up or might need to be addressed through the work of the Commissions and handling issues that fall outside a Commission purview.

In the past six months, this year's Vestry and the Commissions, with the help and support of other parishioners, have supervised much-needed repairs to the slate roofing of our buildings. The paving of one of our two parking lots, and the repairs to the church's front steps and pavers in the columbarium have been completed. Christian Education offerings have been structured for Sunday mornings and throughout the weeks, various activities have been planned to make us aware of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, meals and receptions have been beautiful and delicious, and casseroles are being prepared and frozen to give to parishioners in time of need. Helping others has always been central to life at St. Paul's. The Outreach Commission offers multiple ways of becoming involved, and the way we communicate with each other is continually evaluated.

Finances are always a necessary means by which we accomplish many of our ministries. Our Treasurer (a non-voting member of the Vestry) and the Finance Commission supervise our monies, the church's various funds, and our endowment, as well as paying for the maintenance of our physical structures, establishing salaries, and supporting local and worldwide outreach organizations and our own ministries such as fund-raising through the Christmas Bazaar.

Please know that the Vestry is hard at work on your behalf, and welcomes your input, ideas, questions and concerns. The Vestry meets the third Thursdays of most months at 5:45 PM in the Carriage House. All vestry meetings are open to St. Paul's parishioners. (Please check with the Parish Office to confirm the Vestry is meeting.) Also all vestry and vestry Commission meeting minutes are available to you in the Church Office.

Todd Vie and Diane Vie

Nominations for Vestry

Each vestry member is elected to serve a three year term.

Each year we elect four new members to the Vestry, replacing the four vestry members whose three year term expires. Doing so creates continuity, as well as bringing fresh questions and new ideas to the work of the Vestry. Should a vacancy occur, the Vestry invites a member of the parish to serve out the remainder of that unexpired term.

Requirements to be a Vestry member.

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a member of the parish and a regular attendee of worship services
- Support the parish by an annual financial pledge to the operating budget

The Process

The Vestry is responsible for presenting four qualified parishioners to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. If another parishioner is nominated during the meeting, the four highest vote getters will be declared elected.

Prior to the annual meeting, a nominating committee submits names of parishioners it believes would serve well, considering the talents of those nominated and those retiring from the Vestry. Making sure we have a good and diverse Vestry and representing the key ministries of the church and demographics of the parish are of considerable interest.

The Nominating Committee is made up of the current and some former Wardens. The Committee submits to the Vestry a list of parishioners it would like to stand for election. The Vestry may add to that list, as may the congregation. The names submitted are vetted for qualification, and then the current Vestry extends invitations to nominees who agree to serve. Four nominees are presented to the parish during the Annual Meeting and four new Vestry members are elected. *This process has just begun for new Vestry members who will serve in 2018-2020. If you would like to serve on the Vestry, or would like to nominate someone to serve, please let the clergy know.*



Susan Carol and Sumner Jenkins provided music for Community Market Shoppers in late September. The event was in conjunction with St. Paul's "Living Local, Joining God."

Financial Update

AUGUST 2017—YEAR TO DATE

Through August 30th

Pledged Receipts

- Total \$225,970 (87% YTD budget) compared to \$211,455 (85%) for the same period last year

Other highlights for 2017 include:

- Total Receipts are 84.5% of budget, \$17,000 ahead of last year
- \$43,935 in mission pledges, similar to last year
- \$57,362 in maintenance expense: primarily ongoing roof repairs.
- Endowment Balance of \$2,583,059 up 7.9% YTD (\$190,000)
Our endowment income provides \$100,000 in annual support.
- Unbudgeted elevator & sanctuary roof repairs have over budget by \$36,000

Additional less extensive roof and parish house repairs are being planned. Thank you for keeping your pledges current and please consider ways you may support St. Paul's. Our online giving portal makes this convenient.

Steve Baldwin, Treasurer



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

8:00 AM
Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM
Body & Soul Cafe
(breakfast)

9:30 AM
Christian Education classes

10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist with Music

11:45 AM
Refreshments & Fellowship

9:15 AM
*Nursery opens
for children ages 0 to 3*

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RENAISSANCE ANGEL TREE

Donations are due October 31

One of St. Paul's most anticipated traditions during Advent is the Renaissance Angel Christmas Tree, with a beautiful crèche scene laid out at its base. On Sunday, December 3rd, at the Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, the tree

will be presented and names of those who have been remembered or honored with a donation will be recorded in the Memory Book. This tree, with the love and memories it represents, is meaningful not only for our parish, but for all our community.

If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a \$45.00 donation, please contact the Parish Office at 845-7301 by Saturday, October 31st. To learn more, email Linie Frankfort, committee chair, at liniefrank@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



Looking Ahead

For a complete listing of calendar events, please visit our website.

NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday

- Pledge Ingathering • 10:30 AM
- Celtic Service
4:45 PM Prelude / 5:00 PM Service

NOVEMBER 11

Holiday Bazaar • 9 AM–Noon
Church Undercroft

DECEMBER 3

Lessons and Carols, Angel Tree
presentation • 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 10

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

DECEMBER 17

Christmas Pageant