

June 2019



The EPISTLE

From Diane & Todd

Dear People of St. Paul's,

You may have heard someone remember with great fondness 'the good old days.' And some seem to remember those 'good old days' as days when times were simpler, less frenzied, where people got along and all just seemed to be right with the world.

Some seem to remember the 'good old days' of the Church as well, when there was no division, the church was full on Sunday mornings and people got along. People tend to especially remember the 'good old days' during times of transition and change. We make this point as we enter into some new times at St. Paul's, albeit not with so much change as to make anyone nervous. *(continued on Page 2)*

Bench Notes

In the weeks leading up to Easter Day every church musician and choir singer is rehearsing the music that will bring a special beauty and joy to the Easter liturgies. One might call it the "Ministry of Preparation."



In the following essay written by Martin Shedd, a choral scholar at Trinity Church, he describes the real motivation that undergirds the ministry of music. *(continued on Page 3)*



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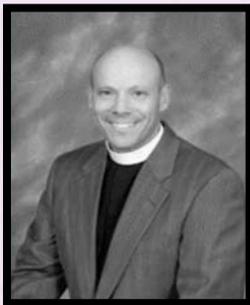
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**St. Paul's
Episcopal Church**
a parish of the Diocese of
Southwestern Virginia

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Rev. Dr. Diane Vie



Rev. Todd Vie

We have celebrated Debbie Inge's years of faithful service as St. Paul's Parish Administrator, as Debbie transitions into retirement. In the weeks leading up to her last day, Debbie trained Joan Machus in the arts of the position, and Joan has done a remarkable job coming up to speed and entering flawlessly into the role.

We will also celebrate over 20 years of dedicated service to St. Paul's by our parish nurse, Lin Vitale. Lin has been a most generous and enthusiastic member of our staff, and she will be greatly missed. Please join us to thank and celebrate Lin's tenure following the late service on June 23. You will hear more about this in the weeks to come.

We celebrate with Deacon Bill as he enters into his new ministry as Archdeacon of the diocese. As the bishop told us at his recent visit, this does not mean Deacon Bill will be with us any less or any more here at St. Paul's but that he will serve the diocese in a new and meaningful way.

In addition, we have just arrived home from an amazing pilgrimage to the Holy Land where our faith was strengthened each day as we walked in the very footsteps (literally) of Christ. We look forward to sharing more about this in the upcoming weeks and, God willing, going back next year for a St. Paul's pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

"To Know Christ, To Worship Christ, To Serve Christ, and To Make Him Known. This is our mission, this is our responsibility, this is our privilege."



As we continue in this and all journeys of faith and ministry, we will continue to live into our mission statement: *To Know Christ, To Worship Christ, To Serve Christ, and To Make Him Known*. This is our mission, this is our responsibility, this is our privilege.

Keep the faith brothers and sisters, and by God's grace, we will remember these days with great fondness, as we enter into new days with joy and gratitude for God's never ending grace.

Peace and Blessings,

Diane+ and Todd+

Bench Notes *(continued from Page 1)*

Good morning! My name is Martin Shedd; I have been a member of Trinity's choir for over five years and I'm here this morning to speak on behalf of the Music Commission.

There is a quotation attributed to Michael Caine that goes "Be like a duck. Calm on the surface, but paddling like the dickens underneath." For anybody who has been involved in the Trinity music program, it is an apt metaphor for what happens behind the scenes each week. Every Sunday, the choir files into the music stalls to the tune of the processional hymn (except in Lent), sings an anthem, leads some hymns.

But before we can sing the anthem, there must be rehearsals. So each week over forty choristers appear in the choir room to rehearse together the music we'll then sing in two shifts the next Sunday. But before we can rehearse the anthems, Dr. Keiser has to go through the readings for the day, select an appropriate anthem that fits the mood and the message, and sit down to discuss the selections with the clergy. Now, this is not a linear process, of course. Sometimes the homily itself is inspired by the music, which was inspired by the readings. And sometimes the perfect anthem for those readings isn't in the library quite yet. And we must not forget the hymns! With over 700 options in the hymnal, picking the right hymn for the right occasion takes some doing! Fortunately for Trinity, we have one of the world's experts on hymns at the organ, who can often remember the texts and tunes just from the number.

So! After the meetings to determine the music, after the selection of hymns and anthems, after the organists have had time to practice, after the choir has met and rehearsed, after the seating chart has been set to that week's arrangement of choristers, then we can start the processional and Dr. Keiser can sit at the organ bench, calm on the surface, and peddling like the dickens with her feet.

So why do we, as Episcopalians, go through all that for 15 minutes of service time each week? Much of the answer has nothing to do with the choir or the organ or the handbells at all. These parts are by-and-large the instruments that enact a much broader mission of putting faith into action, through the powerful tool that is the unity of a congregation. If you look in the pews in which you sit, you'll find the 1982 Hymnal. It's an unassuming book, with a simple cover, that belies the capacity this book has to work wonders.

Because in this book, we as a congregation make the important transition from faith into beliefs, worldviews, and actions. We say the creed each week. It is a formulaic expression of the way in which our community views God. It is an integral part of our worship service. But it says little about how we translate that belief into action. Charlie, Henny, and Connie guide us to action each week in their homilies. But in the singing of hymns as a congregation, we affirm our mission in the world in unison, sing the words that encourage us to enact our faith, and connect to the larger Episcopalian community that sings the same texts, the same tunes, and works the (continued on Page 4)



Sumner Jenkins
Organist & Choirmaster

St. Pauls' Choirs Rehearsal Schedule

Bell Choir
Monday @ 4pm

Adult Choir
Thursday @ 7pm

Choristers
Sunday @
11:45am





ST. PAUL'S DELEGATES

2019

Rod Meek, *Head Delegate*
Jim Ackley

2020

Richard Greene
Anne "Bootie" Thelin

2021

Andrea Bain (alternate)
Mac Frankfort



Bench Notes *(continued from Page 3)*

same mission. And through the unassuming 1982 hymnal, we can assure that as we travel throughout this country, we can find ourselves in another congregation, with another choir, affirming the same commitment to enacting our faith in familiar tunes.

This, then, motivates the work that the music ministry does each week. The organ sings out the hymns, leading the congregation in a way no other instrument quite can, which I say as a long-time keyboardist from a family church music group of acoustic guitars and recorders. The difference in congregational engagement is quite astounding. And the choir guides the congregation through the melodies as we all together, as a congregation, sing words that express the many ways in which we believe that God does and we should act in the world.

Now, there is still more that goes on in the music ministry that I do not have time to express fully here. There are the evensongs, the All Saints Day concert, Easter service extravaganzas. But the core of our mission is the continued formation of our congregation through the music we bring each Sunday. I ask you to continue to support this mission through your pledges to the Annual Campaign, so that we may continue to be a part of this great, Episcopal tradition. And we'll keep paddling away up here.

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After graduating from IU with a PHD in Classics, Martin moved to Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas where he serves as Murphy Visiting Fellow.

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What is a St. Paul's Delegate?

Canon 2, Section 2 of our Diocesan Canon sets forth that each parish of between 1 and 200 members is entitled to 2 delegates and alternates. For each 150 members over the first 200, the parish is entitled to an additional delegate. St. Paul's currently has 5 delegates and 1 alternate (*see sidebar for those currently serving*).

St. Paul's delegates and alternates are elected by the Vestry as the representing body for St. Paul's to the Diocesan Convention. Those delegates are then certified to our diocese for election to Convention. The Diocesan Convention is the primary governing body of the diocese, which convenes annually in January to conduct diocesan business, including election of officers and members to various leadership bodies, approval of the upcoming year's budget, voting on resolutions and approving changes to the Diocesan Constitution and Canons, and setting mission strategy.

St. Paul's Delegates meet with delegates from other parishes in our local convocation during the year to learn about and discuss the issues that will come before the Convention so they can vote in an informed manner. Delegates to Convention also play an important leadership role as they represent our parish to the wider church as well as connect the wider church to our parish.

Please do not hesitate to contact any delegate with your thoughts or questions on any Diocesan concerns.

Parish Snapshots



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 Jen Brestel
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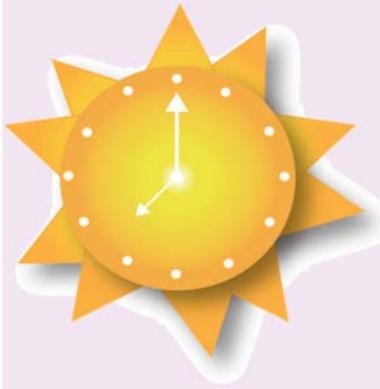
2020

Andrea Bain
 Lee Pat Kelleher
 Turner Perrow
 Ron Thelin

2021

Mac Frankfort
 Kristen Honeycutt
 James Peery
 Louise Williams

Connie Schieck, *Secretary*
 Steve Baldwin, *Treasurer*



ST. PAUL'S SUMMER CALENDAR

Sunday Eucharist

8:00 am

10:00 am

(nursery available for infants and children through age 2 and summer childcare available for ages 3 through 3rd grade)

Sunday Coffee Hour

after the 10:00 am
service

Financial Update

Year to Date, through 5/31/19:

- Pledged Receipts: \$136,421 (87% YTD budget) compared to \$130,222 for the same period last year.
- Total receipts of \$235,931 are 82% of budget, slightly behind last year while prepaid pledges from 2018 contribute an additional \$14,895.
- \$28,757 in mission pledges, up \$850 from 5/31/18.
- \$2,641,077 investment account balance following continued volatility in the market and recent pullback.
- Investment income continues to provide consistent operating support.
- Grant money will fund painting and partial repairs to Parish House this year; unbudgeted roof repairs pending for entranceway beside Gilchrist Room before year-end.

Thank you for keeping your pledges current and please consider ways you may support St. Paul's. Our online giving portal makes this convenient.

Bishop Boursakos Visits St. Paul's

On May 5, our Diocesan Bishop, Mark Boursakos, joined the St. Paul's congregation to celebrate Holy Eucharist and preside over 7 confirmations and 2 receptions. After the service, the congregation enjoyed a time of fellowship with the Bishop in the Undercroft. Many thanks to all who helped coordinate and serve on this celebration day.



The Holy Land

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Lynchburg, VA.

Save
the
Date!

Led by
The Revs Diane & Todd Vie

13th - 23rd May, 2020



Full details will be available by mid August. To register your interest and receive a discount voucher of \$150 per pilgrim complete the form below and return to Lightline Pilgrimages or send the equivalent information to info@lightlina.com by July 31st.



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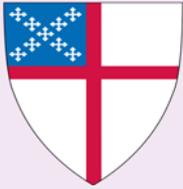
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Looking Ahead

For the general summer schedule, see Page 6. For a complete listing of all calendar events, please visit our website.

June 20	Vestry Meeting
June 21	Red Cross Blood Drive (2-6 PM) <i>Undercroft</i>
June 23	Reception for Lin Vitale (following the 10 AM service)
July 4-5	Church Offices closed for Holiday



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