



The Journey
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Farewell to Marquita

St. Paul's held a luncheon following services on Sun., July 26, to say "thank you" and "Godspeed" to the Rev. Marquita as she left to begin her work as associate rector at Christ Church in New Bern, N.C., on Aug. 1. She had served as assistant to the rector at St. Paul's since 2007.

While serving in the East Tennessee Diocese, Marquita was a member of the Opportunity Fund Committee, the Disaster Preparedness Committee, the General Resolutions Committee at the 2008 and 2009 conventions, a Eucharistic Visitor trainer and Safeguarding God's People trainer.

"St. Paul's has been blessed with Marquita's leadership especially in our Christian Education program," said the Rev. Jay. "We will miss her, and she will continue to be in our hearts and prayers as she serves in her new parish."

Marquita received a Master of Sacred Theology from the School of Theology in Sewanee. She also holds a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago and a Master of Arts in Spanish with a minor in French from the University of Oklahoma.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 31, 2009

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their loyal and generous support of the programs and ministries of St. Paul's. Here's where we are with pledges and receipts:

We continue to be right on target through July, 2009 with pledge receipts.

Total Pledges for 2009 \$ 403,246
Total Pledge Receipts for 2009 \$ 235,934

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A Part of St Paul's Where You Would Never Expect It

At Warriors Path State Park just beyond the Marina is the Boundless Playground, the best kids play area in the region. If you have not been there, you need to go even if you are not a kid. If you have kids and an afternoon, take them. Around the perimeter is a walking path built by the Kingsport Lions Club with the help of many others. The path is especially designed for use by people who are wheelchair bound or visually impaired. As you travel around the loop you will find eight exhibits that re-tell C.S. Lewis's story of the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe with pictures, written narrative, Braille, and with voice recordings by St Paul's own Carl Swann. The seventh station is named Breaking the Witch's Spell, and if you look closely at the stone wall between the reawakening lion and Mr. Tumnus you may notice that the stone is familiar. Very familiar.

The original plans called for stone from a quarry in the mountains of Maryland which would be expensive both to buy and to transport to Kingsport. The vestry gave its okay to donate some of the leftover stone from Berndt Hall, the architect changed the design and specification, and the wall was built with St Paul's stone. That is why the sign on the left as you enter the park says (in part) "A big thanks to the following for generous in-kind support. - St Paul's Church".

If you didn't know, you would never have guessed.

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St. Paul's Day School & Kindergarten

We have had a wonderful start to the 2009-10 School Year! Everyone is digging into a new school year with enthusiasm and joy! We are so blessed to have an excellent staff, a beautiful facility, engaged parents, supportive parishioners, and most of all the gift of children.

As always, we have a few ways that you can help support the Day School. If you shop at Office Depot, you can help the Day School earn free supplies! When asked which school you would like to support, tell them St. Paul's Day School. They often have a difficult time identifying us, so you can give them this number, 70112827. Then, each quarter we will receive a gift card with our total amount earned to use for supplies!

If you have not designated your Food City purchases to benefit our school through the Apples for the Students program, we will have more information for you soon. This program helps our school to earn dollars toward new, free equipment, simply through your regular grocery purchases. When this program begins for the 2009-10 School Year, we will update everyone.

In addition, we welcome parishioners to volunteer at the Day School by reading a story, sharing a special talent, or offering your expertise. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me, Glenna Depew, at 423-246-9552. We would also like to ask for your prayers and support. We have been given a fantastic opportunity to serve children through our Church, may we all work together to provide the proper foundation for the children and the future of the Church.

Thank you,
Glenna M. Depew
Program Director
St. Paul's Day School & Kindergarten

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Safeguarding God's Children

Safeguarding God's Children, a child abuse prevention program sponsored by the Episcopal Church, will be offered Saturday, September 12 from 9:00am-12:00pm in Berndt Hall. This training program is required for all Vestry members and anyone working with the children and youth of the parish.

Truthfully, if you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. you would benefit from the training. Upon completion of the training, many parishioners comment that they wish they had known the information sooner and are very glad to now know how to protect the children they love. Parents may only choose to attend the first section of the training regarding parenting from 9am-10:30am. In order to meet Church requirements for working with children & youth, the participant must attend the full three-hour training.

The children and youth of our parish are the future of our Church, let us all commit to protecting and nurturing them in a safe environment! For more information and/or to register for the training, please contact Glenna Depew, 423-612-0646 or glennamdepew@earthlink.net

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COAT MINISTRY

Making coats available for our Food Pantry families continues to be a valuable and popular component of our ongoing mission. The Barnicki's and Brenda's parents continue to provide a large number of the garments we distribute, but your contributions of coats, jackets, and heavy sweaters are still essential.

There is a particular need for larger adult sizes.

Since distribution is scheduled to begin on October, please check your closets and storage areas as soon as possible and bring your donations to the church. A container is available under the bulletin board.

Also, we would appreciate your asking your family and friends for larger size items. Our Food Pantry recipients are already asking about when we will begin our distribution of coats so we will most appreciate your helping us help those in need.

Just a reminder-we are not able to handle other types of clothing; please make your donations of clothing to a community clothes closet.

THANK YOU.

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Meals on Wheels - September

Here are the September Meals on Wheels volunteers:

September 6

Cooks: : Jim & Ann McGuire, Betty O'Neill

Drivers: Anthony Peters, VandeVate, Barbara Bailey & Nell Echerd, Jean Pickard

September 13

Cooks: Sherrie Spenser, Martha Nelms

Drivers: Ann Stallard, Cwirkos, Mickey Shull, Brian Eiselstein

September 20

Cooks: Becky Friant, Linda McGuire, Kathleen Donnellan

Drivers: Hunters, Robin Wilkerson, Carol Greene, Yungmeyer

September 27

Cooks: Debbie Hash, Becky Britton

Drivers: Treva Tarpley, Becky Paluzzi, Borg, Stout

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St. Paul's Hosts Local Foods Celebration

Area farmers provided all of the food for a Local Foods Celebration Supper held at St. Paul's, Kingsport, on July 12, as part of the city's Fun Fest events. The buffet supper featured not only locally raised fruits and vegetables, but also beef, pork, lamb and pond-raised shrimp.

"This was St. Paul's third year to host the local foods supper," said St. Paul's Janet Cox, who serves as church liaison to the Fun Fest organization. Other sponsors are Appalachian Sustainable Development based in Abingdon, Va.; Kingsport Farmers Market and Eastman Credit Union.

This year's meal was prepared by Chef Jason Campbell of Bristol's Troutdale Restaurant and Kingsport's Ridgefields Country Club. Parishioner Alexandra Berg served as Campbell's kitchen assistant. Local farmers were on hand to share the meal with 125 people. According to Janet, tickets to the supper sold out quickly because word has spread about what a delicious meal is prepared using only local products.

"In addition to supporting local farmers and raising awareness of local food products, the supper has proven to be an excellent way for others in the area to learn about St. Paul's, our services and our outreach programs," Janet said. "We've had people who have not been familiar with the Episcopal Church ask for a tour of our beautiful church, and we've been able to share how the church serves its parishioners and the community."

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Mark Your Calendars...

Three Big December Events:

Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. our own Gordon Brewer will be ordained Deacon.

Sunday, December 6th, at the 10:15 a.m service: Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 13th, Bishop Sanders will be here, representing Bishop von Rosenberg, to confirm those seeking Confirmation at the 10:15 a.m. service

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The church office could use your assistance...

There is a great need for coverage in the church office. An office volunteer could help out in the morning or early afternoon by answering the phone and perhaps handling a bit of paperwork. If you have time to donate, please become an office volunteer by calling 245-5187. Need more information before committing, just give us a call.

We need volunteers to fold the monthly newsletters. This usually takes about an hour with four or five volunteers. The number of volunteers will vary from month to month. You would not have to volunteer every month unless that was your wish. It is a great way to spend time with and get to know other parishioners and your help will make a big difference.

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Vestry Minutes - June 2009

Vestry Attendance

Barbara Bailey
John Bellamy
James Briddell
Toni Cave
Ed Cwirko

Keith Kramer
Cricket Malcolm
Becki Paluzzi
Alan Ragsdale
Rick Snyder

Absent

Ben Barton
Alexandra Berg
Jean Peace
Sidney Harmon
Linda Strutner

Also Attending

Jay Mills, Rector
Peter Borg, Treasurer
Cassandra Pusateri, Clerk

A regular meeting of St. Paul's Vestry was held June 15, 2009 and called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Jay Mills, Rector. Father Jay also led the Vestry in prayer.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: James Briddell moved to approve the May 18, 2009 Vestry Meeting Minutes as amended. Toni Cave seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Treasurer's Report, Peter Borg (report submitted):

- Peter Borg is looking at the accounting method for reporting spending on the loan payment, food pantry, and pastor and assistant pastor discretionary spending so they are accurately reflected on our books. There are no improprieties, but we could do a better job of recording these expenditures.
- There will be expenses this month that have not been seen in previous months.
- The auditing of St. Paul's finances is almost completed with no major issues or problems.
- The Vestry revisited the discussion of how to handle certain church funds. Peter recommended that a separate group meet to discuss this and then come back to the Vestry with recommendations. John Bellamy volunteered to organize a separate meeting to discuss these funds.

Finance Committee, John Bellamy

- John submitted a revised version of the Financial Controls Policy reflecting changes recommended by the Finance Committee. There were no objections to the revised policy, and it was adopted.
- John submitted a draft of a letter regarding budget matters proposed to be sent to all staff and persons chairing ministries and programs at St. Paul's. Following discussion it was agreed that John would make certain revisions and recirculate it to the Vestry.
- John reminded the Vestry that when they are counting money for deposit on Sundays, they are to count only the cash and coins from the two Sunday services and nothing else. He reminded everyone that there are clear instructions for deposit procedures in the cabinet.

Rector's Report, Father Jay Mills:

- James Briddell moved to select John McKinley to replace Don Donnellan who rotated off of the Endowment Committee. John McKinley's term will be a three year term of office. John Bellamy seconded this motion, and all Vestry members were in favor.
- Father Jay explained that National Canons I and II, the National Constitution of Canons, and St. Paul's By-Laws have been updated in the Vestry Notebooks. The Policy and Procedures and Job Descriptions have also been updated.
- Father Jay entertained the idea of having the Vestry take these Notebooks home for review while also addressing concerns of misplacements of the Notebooks.

Assistant to the Rector Report, Mother Marquita Hutchens:

- Mother Marquita is on vacation.

Deacon's Report, Chris Harpster:

- Deacon Chris is at Canuga at a Christian Education Conference.

Junior Warden's Report, Rick Snyder:

- Rick reported a surplus of supplies in the stairwell that connects St. Paul's with the Day School. Rick will be making plans to remove these supplies.

Senior Warden's Report, Alan Ragsdale:

- Alan mentioned that the riding lawn mower used to keep St. Paul's lawn mowed was in need of repair. St. Paul's Mowing Crew graciously paid for the cost of these repairs.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education, Toni Cave

- Toni reported that Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church offered to host St. Paul's youth at their Bible School. One child from St. Paul's will be attending.

Day School, Cricket Malcolm

- Cricket reported that enrollment for the summer is full.
- There are some spaces open for kindergarten in the fall, but the Day School feels confidently there will be a full enrollment in the fall.
- Fall session begins the first week in August.

- Jack Fleming and John Throp are installing the washer and dryer.
- Rick Snyder came up with a great idea concerning having a wide enough passage in the fence for the sand truck, etc. to pass through – just have one of the fence posts in some concrete, pull out the post, and roll the fence back to provide an opening.
- The budget currently has a deficit of about \$500 because of the bonuses paid to the staff. They expect the deficit to disappear as monies are received for the summer and the new school year. The Day School felt it was important to provide bonuses to the staff.
- The Alvey Fund will now be handled by the Day School Board.

Music, Keith Kramer

- Keith met with Jenny Rogers who oversees the alternative music program at Broad Street Methodist Church. Keith reports that Jenny is willing to assist St. Paul's with a music program such as this. Keith proposed that, in the summer, a music presentation take place which will involve the youth of Broad Street and St. Paul's. Father Jay encouraged Keith to work with Deacon Chris when planning this.

Outreach, Becki Paluzzi

- Becki visited the Food Pantry and was very impressed. A list of needed items for the Food Pantry was circulated via email and *The Journey*.
- Becki will be discussing with Toni Cave the details of the FunFest dinner taking place at St. Paul's.

Parish Life, Sidney Harmon

- The next event will be a luncheon for the Day School Open House on August 2, 2009.

Property/Facilities, Rick Snyder

- Nothing more to report.

Long Range Planning, Barbara Bailey

- Barbara needs recommendations for a chair person for this committee.

Old Business:

- Alan Ragsdale revisited the suggestion of having name tags for Parishioners during the Sunday services. Alan will be contacting the Communications Committee to discuss this matter further.

New Business:

- No new business.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cassandra Pusateri, Vestry Clerk