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## July 2017 Epistle

"As a diverse family we seek and serve God through joyful worship, love and respect for creation, promotion of social justice, and growth into the image of Christ."

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## From the Rector's Study....

### *Greetings,*

From The Gospel of Matthew come these words: *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* This is good news! I used to think it was meant as some kind of switch with Jesus, I give Him my burdens and take on His and in so doing find that since Jesus has no sins I then, had no burdens. Wonderful right? But that's not what is meant and that is not the invitation offered.

Yoke in the manner Jesus is speaking of means "partnered with." It is like two oxen "yoked" together to pull heavy carts or plow fields. Jesus' invitation is to come and stick your neck through the yoke opening and harness yourself to the work to be done. Jesus says that with him as your yoked partner the work will be light and doable.

There are layers behind the idea of being yoked. More and more, in our Episcopal Church, we are experimenting with the idea of having yoked parishes. These are parishes that share in ministry and often share priests and/or worship teams. This concept eases the "weariness and heavy burdens of finding and compensating full time priest. The yoked parishes communicate with each other and find creative ways to "find rest for their souls" and their check books.

Another way we can understand what it means to be yoked is to be yoked to someone

else for specific reasons. The basic example is marriage. Couples are yoked one to another to become one flesh. Their vows to one another are life-long commitments of support that should also be gentle and humble in heart where each can find rest for their souls. We can also be yoked to others for learning purposes. The mentor-protégé relationship fits this idea. Such a relationship can be temporary depending on learning goals. There are also professional yokes like those of law or doctor offices and so forth.

Let's go back to Jesus. Jesus sent out yoked disciples in the Gospel according to all the writers to cure the sick, cast out demons and to inform the people that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near! He ordered them to take nothing extra with them but to depend on God working through their host to provide for them. Sometimes we Americans think about this being sent out as individuals even cognitively knowing we are sent out in pairs – yoked. If we allow ourselves to think individualistically we begin to question whether or not the house we are in is “good enough.” But if we bounce our thoughts off our yoked partner the Lord works through us and we remember His words, “eat whatever they offer you.” In this yoked way, we keep each other in check. It is perhaps like the situation in the Gospel of Luke where two were walking to Emmaus yoked as it were and the Risen Lord conversed with them. After their Eucharist with Jesus they admitted to one another, “*They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”*”

We too are called to find someone to be yoked with as Christians. We do this to help us learn; to help us make better decisions; and to remember that where two of us are together The Lord is yoked with us, gently easing our burdens and giving rest to our souls.

*John +*

Discipline : Respect : Integrity : Prayer : Patience

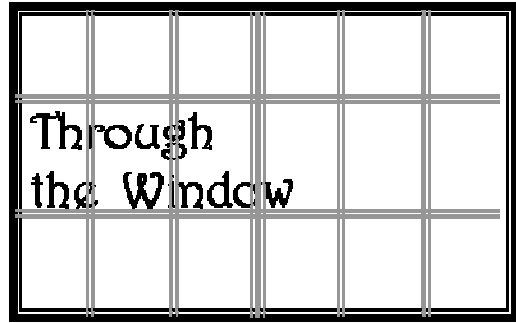
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## Thru the Window...

After another one of our flora and fauna adventures last week, my husband had a comment to make.

[NOTE: We live on nearly two acres in Fayetteville, but much of our back yard is either a hill or a flood plain. Over an acre of our property is forested, and there is a creek running through our lower yard. Walking the dogs or simply crossing the yard can be an adventure in discovering both wild life and what's blooming.]



At any rate, he remarked on how we had so many birds - song birds, water birds, large birds, tiny birds. We regularly see cardinals, mourning doves, robins, thrashers, sparrows and bluejays. We have had two seasons now of nesting mallards. We also have geese, but they only fly overhead; they never land.

We have hummingbird feeders all around the house. Our hummingbirds seem to love living in our holly trees, and they swoop and dive and chitter over who gets to use a feeder first.

We also have crows and birds of prey - eagles and owls - and one day I even spotted a turkey buzzard!

Finally, we have our royalty, the heron, who visits us regularly to fish. At four feet tall, he is nearly as tall as the shortest of the short people who've lived in our house. And he had made a tentative peace with us. He doesn't fly off as quickly as he used to.

It seems like we have all the wild birds you find in children's storybooks, all in one place.

The variety of shapes, sizes, colors, habits makes me think of the naturalness of diversity in this world. Why should the planet's inhabitants -flora or fauna - all be the same?

Why should humans all be the same?

*Blessings to you, Robin the P.C.*



## We are the Church



### + Prayer List +

Faith Swick  
Brooke Larsen  
Mary Lee Shanahan  
Agnes Bally  
Lori (Frawley) Buffinton  
CJ Wheeler (Gail's nephew)  
Sydney Finau (J. Krantz)  
Dana and Jennifer Frawley  
Ann Hagelberger  
John Clardy (Judith Johnson)  
Violet & Stephen Johnson (J. Johnson)  
Chuck & Debbie Liebers  
Ronnie Smith, lung cancer (Pam Frawley)  
Debby Tunning, cancer (Jane S. family)  
Toni Berry (Suzanne Tuttle)  
Laura Smith  
Jane Stewart  
Kenny West  
Judy Krantz  
Nancy Straw  
Cathy Lovato (WBS)  
Jim Poore (Laurel)  
Doris & mother Rosa (Pam F)  
Viola Qualizza (Laurel)

Rev. Leslie Mills (Nancy T.)  
Jerry Fisher (Penny's sister)  
Sandi Moretti (Penny's sister)  
Donnie (Lori E's friend w/ Penny F)  
Joe Byrd, Jr, auto accident  
Tish & Sariya Maynor (Pam P)  
Vicci Fixx  
Bob Shank (JoAnne L)  
Rev. Don Overton & family  
Ruth (JoAnne)  
Curt Strickland (Robertsons)  
Chet Wooster (Robertsons)  
John Trombley (Jane C.)  
Gerald Grayot  
Ming Gardner (Karen)  
Vera Guarino  
Ron Huskey  
Debby Sims  
Dorothy Johnson (G. Winder)  
George Winder  
Kathy Odell (P. Perham)  
Craig Clise (Carol's son)  
Jessica Kellerman  
David Smith (Robertsons)  
Jack Burke  
Don Walter  
Garcia-Blake family in Lydia's passing (C. Barnett)

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*click on Schedule (left / top) or Calendar (right / bottom)  
to view or download the current ones from our site*

The downloaded version includes these in the last 2 pages of this document.

July 2017 Year C	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
	1 Pentecost Pr 8	8 Pentecost Pr 9	2 Pentecost Pr 10	8 Pentecost Pr 11
8:00 am E.M. 10:30 am E.M.	Summer schedule - no BDO service			
Chalice	A. Eubanks	C. Barnett	B. Perham	L. Flom
Lector	F. Frawley	M. Edmundson	D. Lucas	J. Crabill
Crucifer	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Acolyte & extra				
Ushers Greeters & Front Doors	K. Wical L. Frawley	D. Lucas tbd	A. Eubanks K. Wical	L. Flom J. Prantz
Altar Guild	S. Tuttle	I. Washington	I. Washington	P. Perham
Tellers	J. Crabill B. Perham	B. Perham H. Gale	L. Flom J. Crabill	B. Perham L. Flom
Nursery	tbd	tbd	tbd	P. Perham

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## Worship Support for Upcoming Sundays

a table of those serving can be found [here, on our site](#)

**July 9 - 5 Pentecost Pr 9**  
**Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:**  
 Andrea Eubanks  
**Lector:** Pam Frawley  
**Acolyte:** tbd  
**Altar Guild:** Suzanne Tuttle  
**Ushers and Greeters:**  
 Ken Wical and Larry Frawley  
**Tellers:** Jane Crabill and Bill Perham  
**Nursery:** tbd  
**Pianist:** tbd

**July 23 - 7 Pentecost Pr 11**  
**Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am**  
 Bill Perham  
**Lector:** David Lucas  
**Acolyte:** tbd  
**Altar Guild:** Ivana Washington  
**Ushers and Greeters:**  
 Andrea Eubanks and Ken Wical  
**Tellers:** Leslie Flom and Jane Crabill  
**Nursery:** tbd  
**Pianist:** tbd

**July 16 - 6 Pentecost Pr 10**  
**Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:**  
 Christina Barnett  
**Lector:** Marnie Edmundson  
**Acolyte:** tbd  
**Altar Guild:** Ivana Washington  
**Ushers and Greeters:**  
 David Lucas and tbd  
**Tellers:** Bill Perham and Hazel Gale  
**Nursery:** tbd  
**Pianist:** tbd

**July 30 - 8 Pentecost Pr 12**  
**Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:**  
 Leslie Flom  
**Lector:** Jane Crabill  
**Acolyte:** tbd  
**Altar Guild:** Pam Perham  
**Ushers and Greeters:**  
 Larry Frawley and Jonathan Flom  
**Tellers:** Bill Perham and Leslie Flom  
**Nursery:** tbd  
**Pianist:** tbd

## From the Vestry

- The next Vestry meeting will be in August
- We have moved to electronic delivery of our newsletter - *as you can tell!*

- Maintenance and Repair of the building and grounds continue
- We are in the process of changing out our phone and internet provider (hardware and physical service, not our Internet Service Provider), but this will have next to no effect on how you use either one. Our phone number will remain the same
- We will be collecting school supplies for bookbags to go to Douglas Byrd to support our community students
- New Rosters are available on the table in the Parish Hall

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*Please join us for a Sunday service soon. ~ We'd love to see you!*

Email us!

Visit our website



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This has been our inaugural electronic edition of the newsletter. As we get more comfortable with the format, the design will evolve. Comments are welcome. A reminder, submissions of content are due the 15th of the month prior to the issue. We are trying for distribution on the 1st of the month. Photos of events at St. Paul's are welcome and desired.

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