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"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,

When I was an undergrad I took chemistry and philosophy at the same time. As I was studying both of these subjects my mind begged the chicken or the egg question, "which came first, philosophy (the thought of being) or simple matter itself (proton or neutron of an atom)"?

I pondered this question for several weeks. This contemplation was transformative. I resolved to believe that first came the thought of "what could be" by One who already existed, also known as I AM. In Exodus 3:14 we read, "God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" This makes so much sense. God was speaking to Moses from a burning bush! The bush was not consumed; the fire was fire; and while neither bush nor fire can speak, a voice emanated from it, a virtual Trinity of presence, a Trinity of "I AM." This was not to be explained then, or now. All they, or we, need to know is, God Is.

Everything that we humans can see or touch, on earth beneath the earth or in space can all be shown to have evolved from the combination of particulate matter over time. The only thing that cannot be reduced is Creative Thought. It Is. It did not begin, it will not end, It is; It is God! This Creative thought is given to humanity in the form of God's enduring Spirit and as such we too are created in the Image of God. So, me as a Christian, says, "Thank You Jesus."

This concept was transformative for me because at the time of this critical thinking I was an

active duty U. S. Marine, taking college courses at night with no idea that I would begin to take church more seriously and eventually become an Episcopal Priest. I began to live the rest of my life in the belief that The Holy Presence of God, the Holy Spirit is always present; present and witnessing all that takes place. I pray that I do not miss my “burning bush.” Life often brings before us a burning bush but it is made manifest in different ways.

In the Gospel of John a woman meets her burning bush in the form of Jesus in the heat of the day at a well. And, after some introductory conversation, they talk about worship in which she tries to defend location over “brick and mortar places of worship. To this Jesus says, *“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”* (John 4:23-24 NRSV)

There are so many people today who say that they are spiritual rather than religious. This should not be surprising because Jesus says in the above passage that “the hour is coming, and is not here, when the true worshipers will worship in spirit and truth.” Jesus is speaking more about not worrying about location or brick and mortar, but rather the gathering of worshipers wherever you are, even if they don’t have a facility. There was this discussion about a mountain or the Temple in Jerusalem (verses 19 and 20). The woman eventually goes back to her community with rekindled renewed.

God is Spirit. This Spirit of God is everywhere and always. Wherever you are, God is, whenever you are, God is. No wonder God told Moses, and tells us, that “I AM” sent you. Amen.

John +

Discipline : Respect : Integrity : Prayer : Patience

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Thru the Window...

It is gray today. Gray, rainy, it would seem a gentle healing rain if it were not for the storms and wreckage strewn behind it.

Irma.
Before Irma, Harvey.
And after Irma, Jose?
(As of this writing, Maria's around the bend)

We name our storms. It's a convenience. So much easier on the tongue to call out in awe about Hurricane Irma, rather than "that storm that's off the coast of Florida", or some gobbledy-gook combo of numbers and letters.

But, it also allows us to personify the storm:
'Harvey's coming to get us!'
'Jose is taking a bead on the panhandle.'
'Let's show Irma we shoot first!'

As if the storms were purposeful entities with an agenda. Mother Nature's avenging army, punishing us for mistreating the planet. God teaching us a lesson.

Humans spend a lot of time placing blame. We don't seem to be wired to accept the simple tenet (often stated in a more vernacular wording): 'bad things happen'. Bad things do happen, and often they are not anyone's fault. A rock slide sweeps away a hiker. A car won't start at a critical moment, causing a pile-up. A child is born with a congenital disease. A lightning strike sets off a forest fire.

Bad things happen; it's what we do about them that counts. Even if the bad thing is because of human error. It's what we do next that counts.

I'm one of those people who is not greatly persuaded by advertising to buy a particular product. I do enjoy commercials, however, and they are capable of making me feel guilty. It's been said in several places that I am not a good housekeeper; I'd rather re-model a kitchen than clean it. I sort of duck and run when the cleaning product commercials come on. But one caught my attention and brought a smile to my face. It's been my mantra in more ways than one ever since.

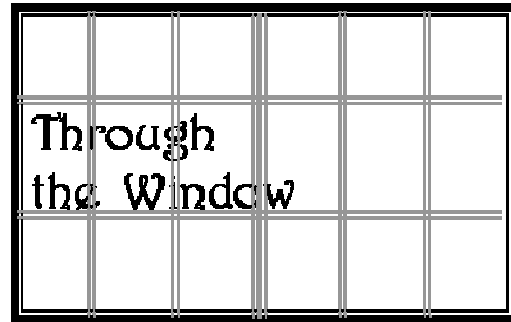
It's the one that says: "Life's messy; clean it up."

Finally. Someone acknowledging that we do not live a pristine existence, that there is always a mess to be cleaned up. It's not making the mess that is bad. It's failing to do something about it.

We can't lay blame about Irma or Harvey or Jose. We can't point to someone when we come down with a serious illness (most of the time). Bad things happen. It's how we respond that counts.

Do we take advantage? Do we turn people away? Say things like "Too bad, so sad."?

Or do we open our arms with compassion, offer shelter, cash, food, good wishes. Do we



help haul away the junk, tell a joke to cheer up the weary, offer a hug or a kitten to hold? Even a kind word, sincerely meant, and the reassurance that eventually it will be cleaned up, and things will move forward again goes a long way toward promoting healing.

We can't say things will be the same. We can't expect to erase what happened. But we can let people know that there will be light, there will be life again. The sun will come out. The world has a habit of going on, no matter what. Let's step out into it and march on.

Blessings to you, Robin the P.O.



We are the Church

. + Prayer List + .



Brooke Larsen
Mary Lee Shanahan
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 (Frawley)
Debby Tunning, cancer
Toni Berry (Suzanne Tuttle)
Laura Smith
George Winder
Jane Stewart
Kenny West
Judy Krantz
Nancy Straw
Cathy Lovato (WBS)

Vicci Fixx
Rev. Don Overton & family
Gerald Grayot
Nancy Straw
Carol Clise
Craig Clise (Carol's son)
Dave M
Kelsey S
Melvin Wade, Bruce's brother
Veronica Frazier
Viola Qualizza (Laurel)
Pam Frawley

Aunt Dianne (Mike Jenerette and Amy Perhamn-Jenerette)

Trena Reeves (Judy K)
Teresa Ganzer Petty
Keith Partney
JoAnne Lowder
The Edmondsons

Former Presiding Bishop in "Time" magazine

The latest issue of "Time" magazine, dated Sept. 18, 2017, should be on the newsstands now, has a special project on 46 women who were pioneers in their fields and the "firsts" they accomplished. One is former Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, first woman to be elected presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Twelve of the women were chosen to be on the cover of "Time" issues including our former presiding bishop (my issue had Oprah Winfrey on the cover and others have Hillary Clinton, Janet Yellen, Ellen DeGeneres, etc.)

The 46 women were interviewed for the project which will also include a book, and the videos of the interviews can be seen at time.com/firsts.

Jane Crabill

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

(THE PRINT NEWSLETTER INCLUDES THESE AT THE END)

July 2017 Year C	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
	8:00 am E.M. 10:55 am E.M. Chalice Lector Cruicker Acolytes & extras	6 Pentecost Pr. B	6 Pentecost Pr. B	7 Pentecost Pr. 10
	Summer schedule - no food service			
	A. Eubanks	C. Barnett	B. Perham	L. Flom
	F. Frawley	M. Edmundson	D. Lucas	J. Crabill
	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Ushers Greeters in Front Doors	K. Wikal	D. Lucas	A. Lubenko	L. Frawley
	L. Frawley	tbd	K. Wikal	J. Rantz
Altar Guild	S. Tuttle	L. Washington	L. Washington	P. Perham
Tellers	J. Crabill	B. Perham	L. Flom	B. Perham
Nursery	B. Perham	M. Gale	J. Crabill	L. Flom
	tbd	tbd	tbd	P. Perham

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2017						1 8:00 am Biblicofest of St. Andrew
2 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am with cook-out after to Celebrate	3	4 HAPPY  4th OF JULY	5	6	7	8 8:00 pm Biblicofest of St. Andrew
9 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am	10	11 Women's Bible Study 10:00 pm	12 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	13	14	15 8:00 pm Biblicofest of St. Andrew
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30 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am	31					

Couples Needed

Dear St Paul's,

The recent storms that we have witnessed has caused me to think about how we might offer hospitality to persons found destitute due to flooding, fire or any disaster. We don't have a large space but we have our parish hall with shower facilities and refrigeration. However, if we are to extend such hospitality we must be prepared to properly host our visitors. This means having volunteers who will spend the night as guarding angels. Just being a presence is the most important part. This would require a male and female couple who would be willing to spend a part of the night, perhaps in my office and checking in on our visitors throughout the night. I think the hours should be broken up with relieving couples working 3 or 4 hour shifts thus providing coverage from say 5 pm to 8 am the next day. The presence of two people would be most necessary from 10 pm to 6 am.

I ask you to ponder this need and discern if this is something you feel called to. We have no need for this currently but I would like to be ready should the need occur. We will start a team list of couples willing to do this and meet to further develop training and procedures so as to better understand how this will work thereby being ready should the need arise.

Thanks be to God.

John+



From the Workbench

The last project covered by insurance money will be to replace the soffit and fascia boards around the roof-line. Insurance money covered the new roof, the steeple refurbishing (look up, it's beautiful), the classrooms ceiling tiles and outside wall as well as the current project of replacing the soffit and fascia. A future project that will need funding is replacement of the front sidewalk. Cost will be about \$2500.00.

Thanks to the Brotherhood for the wonderful make-over of the children's playground.

Keep those aluminum cans coming! I emptied the shed and got \$78.00 for the general fund.

YARD CLEAN-UP is scheduled for September 30th starting at 9 a.m. Bring your gloves, rakes, clippers, and saws, and let's neaten our grounds and make them show we care. Thanks to those who have been working so hard doing repairs, maintenance, and cleaning up.

Penny Fleming, Junior Warden

Worship Support for Upcoming Sundays

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

Sept 17 - 15 Pentecost Pr 19

Eucharistic Minister, 8:0 am:

Donna Roraback

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Gail Brown

Lector: Jane Crabill

Acolyte: Colin charon

Altar Guild: Gail Brown

Ushers and Greeters:

David Lucas and JoAnne Lowder

Tellers: Bill Perham and Leslie Flom

Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Sept 24 - 16 Pentecost Pr 20

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:

Christina Barnett

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Bill Perham

Lector: David Lucas

Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs

Altar Guild: Ivana Washington

Ushers and Greeters:

Andrea Eubanks and Ken Wical

Tellers: Hazel Gale and Jane Crabill

Nursery: Pam Perham

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Oct 1 - 17 Pentecost Pr 21

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:

Leslie Flom

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Andrea Eubanks

Lector: Louvina Bertie

Acolyte: Symone Gibbs

Oct 22 - 20 Pentecost Pr 24

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:

tbd

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Gail Brown

Lector: Jane Crabill

Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs

Altar Guild: tbd
Ushers and Greeters:
Larry Frawley and David Lucas
Tellers: Bill Perham and Vera Guarino
Nursery: Suzanne Tuttle
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Altar Guild: tbd
Ushers and Greeters:
Larry Frawley and tbd
Tellers: Gail Brown and Don Walter
Nursery: Suzanne Tuttle
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Oct 8 -18 Pentecost Pr 22
Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:
tbd
Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:
Donna Roraback
Lector: Mike Gould
Acolyte: Colin Charon
Altar Guild: tbd
Ushers and Greeters:
Jonathan Flom and JoAnne Lowder
Tellers:Gail Brown and Don Walter
Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Oct 29 - 21 Pentecost Pr 25
Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:
tbd
Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:
Bill Perham
Lector: Penny Fleming
Acolyte: Symone Gibbs
Altar Guild: tbd
Ushers and Greeters:
Roy Lowder and David Lucas
Tellers: Bill Perham and Jane Crabill
Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Oct 15 - 19 Pentecost Pr 23
The Bishop's Visit
Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:
Leslie Flom
Lector: David Lucas
Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs
Altar Guild: All
Ushers and Greeters:
Ben Flom and Ken Wical
Tellers: Bill Perham and tbd
Nursery: Pam Perham
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant



From the Vestry



- **Next Vestry meeting will be October 8th.**
- September 24 - Instructional Eucharist during 10:30 service
- September 30 - Church yard clean-up in anticipation of the Bishop's visit - starts 9:00 a.m.
- October 1 - Blessing of the Animals in the Memorial Garden at 4:00 pm
- October 14 - play "It Should Happen to a Dog" (fundraiser)

• **October 15 Visit by Bishop Robert Skirving for confirmation**

(classes are presently underway)



- October 29 - Annual Parish meeting, elections, and pot luck
- Douglas Byrd - our Eagles' Nest project - has an even greater need for goods this year. It would also help if we can find someone who can deliver them so that the social worker doesn't have to leave the school during the day to pick them up
- Still in need of EYC leaders

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

Email us!

Visit our website



Newsletter items are now due the Wednesday after the monthly Vestry meeting.

St. Paul's-in-the-Pines

The Reverend John Thomas Frazier, Rector

Parish Administrator, Robin Minnick

Musician: Anastasia Bryant

Choir Director: Mike Gould

VESTRY

Sr. Warden.....Roy Lowder

Jr. Warden.....Penny Fleming

Stewardship.....Bill Perham

Worship.....Leslie Flom

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Clerk of the Vestry.....Cindy Pettigrew

Treasurer.....Donna Roraback

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Christian Formation.....Rev. John Frazier

Missions/Outreach.....Jane Crabill
Pastoral Care.....Pam Frawley
Fundraising.....Marnie Edmundson
Hospitality.....Hazel Gale
Altar Guild.....Ivana Washington

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**Sept/Oct
2017
Year A**

8:00 am EM

10:30 am EM

Chalice

Lector

Crucifer

Acolytes &
extras

Ushers
Greeters &
Front Doors

Altar Guild

Tellers

Nursery

Sept 17	Sept 24	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15 Bishop's visit	Oct 22	Oct 29
15 Pentecost Pr 19	16 Pentecost Pr 20	17 Pentecost Pr 21	18 Pentecost Pr 22	19 Pentecost Pr 23	20 Pentecost Pr 24	21 Pentecost Pr 25
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C. Charon	A. Gibbs	S. Gibbs	C. Charon	A. Gibbs	A. Gibbs	S. Gibbs
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D. Lucas	A. Eubanks	L. Frawley	Jon Flom	B. Flom	L. Frawley	R. Lowder
JoAnne Lowder	K. Wical	D. Lucas	JoAnne Lowder	K. Wical	tbd	D. Lucas
G. Brown	I. Washington	tbd	tbd	All	tbd	tbd
B. Perham	H. Gale	B. Perham	G. Brown	B. Perham	G. Brown	B. Perham
L. Flom	J. Crabill	V. Guarino	D. Walter	tbd	D. Walter	J. Crabill
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