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# St. Paul's Red Door Chronicle

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

First Presbyterian and St. Paul's are joining forces again to create a memorable bible school!

"The Lord of the Dance" VBS will be July 12 through 15, beginning with a light supper (5:30) and music (6:00) at St. Paul's, then continuing with Bible stories, activities, and closing music and service (about 8:00) at First Presbyterian.

Something NEW: We will have a closing program on Wednesday night about 7:30, in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian. So if you do not plan to participate in any of the many ways we want you to, please at least come join us for this little celebration!

Of course we need lots, LOTS of volunteers:

**Group leaders** - not much preparation needed, Leslie is preparing the Bible stories and lessons for each night. You stay with your group during the evening and help them in the planned activities. Very easy, fun way to participate.

**Crafts** - Kim Stalker and Carol Crosby will be the leaders, but many more are needed. Another low-stress way to participate, and lots of fun, especially if you love to make things.

**Kitchen** - Ellen Massey has volunteered to lead in this area and she will need all kinds of volunteers, decorating, making and serving the meals, clean up, etc....they usually have way too much fun!

**Music** - Bob Cox will lead the band again this year, we hope our percussionist ( Sam Halfacre) will be joined by some of our other musical people ( Ethan, David, and who knows ?) Great fun!

**Other Activity** - to be announced - Suzanne will be recruiting for this, so please don't say no!

Volunteers will be needed also for t-shirts, banners, decorating, set up, registration, name tags, song books, so we need your help! Call any of the above listed people to volunteer, and if nothing else just come and hang out with the next generation of St. Paul's.

It takes a village!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Can Vacation Bible School be more than cookies, fruit punch, and glue? YES!

Adults, please join us for VBS July 12-15. You can help teach kids about Christian faith and ministry that works beyond the walls of the church! Worship, teaching, music, dramas, activities and very special carpentry crafts all need adult supervision and assistance. Please see Suzanne Magouyrk for more information, and plan to join us at VBS.

## REFLECTIONS FROM OUR SENIORS

Margaret "Maggie" Anna Hance is the 18-year-old daughter of Dr. Paul and Laura Hance. Maggie attended Batesville High School, where she was captain of the Prancer Dance Team, president of Key Club, vice president of Earth Club, anchor for the Pioneer News and graduated with honors. Maggie was welcomed to St. Paul's when she was 10-years-old, where she participated in Sunday school, acolyte, and youth group. The most memorable experiences at St. Paul's would be her confirmation and all the Mardi gras parades. All the adults at St. Paul's have made an impact on Maggie but to name a few: Dr. Tim Lindblom for your guiding knowledge and wise lessons, Page Seiver for your willingness to put up with Maggie as a young acolyte, and Suzanne Magourk for guiding Maggie in Sunday school for 8 years.



My name is Colten Wayne McSpadden. My parents are Scott and Jacqui McSpadden. I have 1 brother, Wilson (Will) McSpadden. My grandparents are Anna Mae McSpadden and the late Wayne McSpadden and Bobbie and Jim Wilson. I have gone to Batesville Schools for 13 years. I started out at Batesville Kindergarten Center, then West Elementary for 4 years, Middle School for 2, BJHS for 3 and BHS for 3. I will be attending Lyon College on a baseball scholarship in the fall. I want to be a coach and maybe one day coach at Batesville High School. The coolest thing that happened to me at St. Paul's is that I was baptized with water from the White River by Father Jim McLain. My fondest memories are of youth group sessions with Mr. Paul Hance when we were using the "I Love Lucy" episodes as a teaching guide. The person that means the most to me at St. Paul's is my Granny.

## KEEP US INFORMED

So that we can keep our records up to date, please continue to notify us of errors or changes. Don't forget, email address changes as well as all others can be sent to us at [stpaulsbatesville@att.net](mailto:stpaulsbatesville@att.net).

## NEW PARISH DIRECTORY BEING PREPARED

**We are in the process of updating our records in order to print a new parish directory. Please provide us with any changes to your addresses.**

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

**Average Cost Per Week  
to Operate St. Paul's: ..... \$4,645.19**

#### **Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:**

Apr 26-May 2 .....	\$3,801.15
May 3-9 .....	\$5,184.15
May 10-16 .....	\$2,135.15
May 17-23 .....	\$2,826.15
May 24-30 .....	\$3,493.15

**Average Giving Per Week: \$3,487.95**

### USHER SCHEDULE June 2009

7- Tim Dunlap & Allan McSpadden  
14- Deborah & Jim Johnson  
21- Jim Cargill & David Wade  
28- Pam Skinner & Bill Olson

### July 2009

5- Pat Mulick & Tim Lindblom  
12- Lee Conditt & Anthony Milam  
19- Martha Sue Smith & Scott Lien  
26- Gary Perkey & Kirk Warden

## **The Episcopal Church's family reunion**

Imagine Eucharist for 8,000 people. Imagine a marketplace of goods and ideas. Imagine quiet conversations among friends, old and new. Imagine one of the largest legislatures in the world. Imagine the utter silence of prayer before momentous decisions.

The every-third-year gathering of the Episcopal Church known as General Convention is all of these things. The 76th gathering begins in Anaheim, in the Diocese of Los Angeles, California, on July 8 and continues until July 17. Bishops and deputies from the Episcopal Church's 110 dioceses will make broad decisions about policies and worship.

Those decisions take the form of resolutions agreed to by both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

The House of Deputies ranges in size between 800 and 1,000 members. Its sessions are moderated by its elected president, a position currently held by Canon Bonnie Anderson of the Diocese of Michigan. Each diocese is represented by up to eight elected deputies: four priests or deacons and four lay members. Deputies cannot be instructed to vote one way or another. They agree to have an open heart so that they can prayerfully listen to others and be led by the Holy Spirit. And they cannot refuse to vote on an issue.

On any given resolution or other action, votes from the members of each deputation are tallied, and the majority decision is cast as the vote for that diocese. If the deputation is evenly split, the vote is "no."

The House of Bishops consists of diocesan, suffragan, assisting and retired bishops. It will be led by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was elected at General Convention in June 2006. Resolutions come from the groups that carry out work authorized by the previous convention, and from bishops, dioceses, provinces (geographic collections of diocese), and deputies.

Before a resolution can come before either house, it must be considered by a committee, which hears public testimony and makes recommendations on whether that resolution will be presented.

Convention is more than legislation. All business stops each morning so that everyone can join in the Holy Eucharist. At this year's meeting, worship services will be based on daily themes, with a variety of preachers and speakers, including Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori, President Anderson and Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan D. Williams, who will visit the convention for its first two days.

In the exhibit hall, organizations and interest groups present their wares, recruit members and do their best to influence legislation.

Many church-related organizations hold meetings in conjunction with Convention, including the Episcopal Church Women, who hold their Triennial Meeting concurrently.

(Adapted from Episcopal Life Online – [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org))

### **From the Deacon's Desk**

While I have scarcely been in town a week, I am pleased to say that I have already been made to feel a part of the St. Paul's family. I greatly appreciate the gracious hospitality shown me by so many of you. Do know that this sort of hospitality is not only a nice thing to do. It is a ministry of the Church and a means whereby God's love is shown in both small and large ways.

While my arrival is a new beginning for the parish and for me, we are also celebrating new beginnings for several young men and women who have just graduated. Let us all join in congratulating once again our own high school graduates—Wendy, Maggie, Betsy and Colten—as well as Katherine, Allison, Caroline and Levi who have graduated from college. Keep all of these young men and women in your prayers as they enter new phases of their lives.

Not being too far removed from my own college years, I should like to give a bit of advice to our new high school graduates. I hope that you will forgive me if this sounds slightly "preachy", but preaching is my job after all. Wendy, Maggie, Betsy and Colten, you are entering a phase in your lives in which you will be confronted with choices that you have never had before. New opportunities for you to start shaping the rest of your lives will present themselves, and they may seem to be coming at you faster than you can handle them. My advice to you would be not to feel overwhelmed. This is easier said than done, but the Church provides an answer. The Church remains the perfect context in which you can continue to find both meaning and respite. So, when you find life in college or the workplace too dizzying, calm down, say your prayers, and keep going to church. It won't magically solve all your problems, but it will help you focus on those important "life decisions" from the perspective of God's will for you and it will give you the strength to carry on in what might otherwise seem like a terrible, nonstop rush of things. Here endeth the lesson.

Yours in service to the Gospel,

John Drymon  
Deacon-in-Charge