
St. Paul's Red Door Chronicle

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MID'S MOTTO

VESTRY LEADERSHIP

I continue to marvel at the excellent spirit of St. Paul's Vestry. Our recent retreat, graciously hosted by Senior Warden Paul Hance, confirmed my delight at the dedication and abilities of our Vestry.

At the same time the Vestry is facing several major challenges. The transition toward new clergy leadership presents several options that the Vestry will need to review and determine which model best suits our needs. And ultimately, the Vestry will call St. Paul's new Rector.

The Vestry is doing its best to keep *Giving the Gift to Future Generations* moving at a reasonable rate. The pace so far has been slower than anticipated. How quickly the work is completed is secondary to how well the work is done. Still, progress is desired.

The Vestry hopes that an active Youth Council will lead to the hiring of college students to conduct weekly programs for and with the youth. Our Vestry places a premium on our children and youth's nurture and care.

Already you realize that this is like juggling several balls for our Vestry. They do not want to drop any of the balls. Yet, it is not easy to maintain and advance a juggling act.

So, I hope that every parishioner of St. Paul's will do three things: First, pray for the Vestry. The names of Vestry members are printed on our bulletin covers. Pray that the Vestry will be blessed with spiritual gifts needed at this juncture. Secondly, ask Vestry members how you can help? Telling Vestry leaders what you want to do, only adds to their stress and pressure. But to inquire how you can help, is a gift. Finally, continue your generous stewardship financially and with time commitments. This will be a sign of support to St. Paul's Vestry.

MAY DAY/WORK DAY

Sunday, May 4, is St. Paul's annual Parish *Work Day*. Come to church in your work clothes if you wish. Bring your tools. There will be inside and outside jobs to do. A pizza lunch will be provided. Fun and work with the Parish family!



Vacation Bible School News

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-16. Further details will be in the June/July Newsletter.

Sunday School Celebration

Watch for it!

Please join us on Sunday, May 18th, at the 10:30 service for our Sunday School celebration. The music, sermon, readings—all will be presented by Sunday School kids, and it is always a lot of fun. We will be preparing for this service each Sunday until then, so...

Parents, please bring your children to Sunday school so they will be prepared for this joyful event!



KNOW THY NEIGHBOR

Name - Elizabeth Farris Bumper

Place of birth - Little Rock, AR

Occupation/place of work - SAHM (stay-at-home-mom).

My favorite hymn is - "Lift High The Cross."

My favorite Biblical character(s) - Moses, David, and Esther.

The best season of the church year, as far as I am concerned, is - Christmas.

The most meaningful church services that I've attended was - When Mid described his family weekend in Atlanta; I enjoyed hearing it and appreciated that he shared his joyful visit with his church family.

The book that I'm reading now, or a book that I would recommend, is - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, the Anne of Green Gables series, The Glass Castle, and Fannie Flagg novels.

My most enjoyable movie or TV show is - "Frasier" re-runs and "Top Chef."

My favorite potluck dish is - Dessert!!

Guests at my fantasy dinner party would be - My family, J.K. Rowling, David Sedaris, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (an odd mix).

Other members of my family who attend St. Paul's are - My parents (Phil & Susie Farris), my grandparents (Guy & Sara Moseley), my husband (Fuller Bumpers) and our three daughters (Susie, Betsy, and Mary Bumpers).

Activities, hobbies, or interests that I enjoy are - Spending time with my family, reading, baking, and visiting with friends.

If anything were possible, what would you like to be doing now or in the future? - I would love to work with at-risk children in the future.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP PLANNED

The diocese is planning a mission trip for youth. The mission trip will be to Marvel, Arkansas, July 20 - 25, to do home repair and lead a Vacation Bible School for Marvel's children. This event is national in scope; young people from many denominations will be coming to Arkansas, and they will pay up to \$500 to participate. The cost for our young people is only \$150, because this is the first year that we are having such a mission trip, and we want to encourage participation. This is a great opportunity for our young people both to be a part of a good outreach program and to meet students from across the country. Here is the link with all the information.

Marvell, AR, mission trip PDF link July 20th-25th.

http://www.arkansas.anglican.org/children-youth/documents/2008missionregistration_000.pdf

Applications are available in the parish office. Scholarships are available. Talk to Mid for more information.



SUNDAYS AVAILABLE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Listed below are dates available for giving altar flowers. If you would like to provide flowers in honor of or in memory of someone on one of the dates listed, please call Jo Cargill at 793-7269.

July 13

July 20

August 10

August 24

October 26

November 9



DIRECTORY UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

Changes:

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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 stpauls@cei.net.

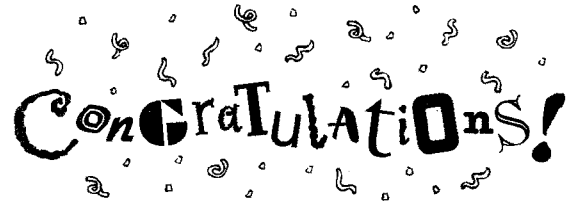
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR 2008/2009

As you know, our interests are quite varied. On Sunday, May 11, we will plan our "curriculum" for the 2008/2009 year. Come and be a part of our discussion. If there is something you have always wanted to learn (or teach) about, bring your ideas on May 11. The class is always lively, and your ideas will help it continue to be so.

A FUNNY THING WAS OVERHEARD IN THE CHOIR ROOM...

During these serious times, people of all faiths should remember these four religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's chosen people.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at Hooters.



Congratulations to Rachel Stinson, who won second prize in the Southern Literary Festival fiction writing competition. Rachel is also a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Our Graduates

Allyson Seagrave
Rachel Stinson
DeAnna Massey
Frances Winfrey

University of Central Arkansas
Rhodes College
Batesville High School
Batesville High School

HOW ARE WE DOING?

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

Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:

Mar 16-22.....	\$3194.76
Mar 23-29.....	\$4744.26
Mar 30-Apr 5.....	\$5945.76
Apr 6-12.....	\$5608.76
Apr 13-19.....	\$5834.76

Average Giving Per Week: \$5065.66

USHER SCHEDULE

May 2008

4- Chris Okolo & Dave Allen
 11- Lee Conditt & Anthony Milam
 18- Deborah Johnson & Bill Olson
 25- Martha Sue Smith & Gary Perkey

U.T.O. INGATHERING Sunday, May 25, 2008

Again the time is almost here when we will gather the coins and bills we have been collecting as we said our prayers of thanksgiving. It is with grateful hearts that we drop coins in our blue boxes for thanksgivings large and small.

As you know, the United Thank Offering is collected twice a year, in May and again in November. St Paul's offering is combined with others' in the diocese. Each diocese sends the sum collected to the National Church. Monies are then distributed as grants, determined by the UTO Committee, to facilitate needs and causes worldwide. Last year St. Paul's contributed a total of \$1, 467.95.

If you do not have a blue box, please pick one up in the church narthex. Also please use the envelope in this newsletter for the ingathering, May 25th. Your blue box can be used again (and again, if it holds up!). If you are so inclined, you might want to slip a note into the envelope stating one or more of the things or events for which you are most thankful. Without identifying the persons, we will print your responses in a later issue of the "Red Door Chronicle."

For the beautiful spring, for puppy kisses, for laughter with friends, and of course for family near and far; THANK YOU, GOOD LORD.
(Submitted by Laura Parks, UTO Chairman)

EVENING PRAYER

Beginning on Sunday, June 1, we will offer an Evening Prayer/Compline service. The services will begin at 6:30pm in the church. It is hoped that this will be a regular summer offering at the church for everyone, but especially our youth. We expect to offer meals and a number of other fun activities as part of our gatherings.

CAMP MITCHELL WORK WEEKEND

Camp Mitchell needs some work, especially pruning, planting, window washing, and painting. Participants need to bring tools, shovels, gloves, work clothes, and sleepover gear. Worship, beds, food, fellowship and lots of fun will be provided! There will also be evening activities including live music, a movie, and games. All are welcome. Youth must be accompanied. Youth groups are welcome with leaders. The work weekend is May 3rd and 4th. Registration begins at 8am. Please RSVP to Camp Mitchell at 501-727-5451.

WELCOME THE STRANGER AMONG US

Recently Mid and I attended service at the Episcopal congregation in the community to which we will move after our retirement. We had attended a service there once previously and were not greeted by anyone after the service. On our recent visit, we decided we would go to the "coffee hour." At the coffee hour, we nodded and spoke to a couple of people, but beyond acknowledging our greeting no one spoke with us.

Fortunately at St. Paul's we are blessed with a number of people who make it their business to seek out and greet visitors. However, all of us need to know what a difference it makes to the "stranger" to be greeted warmly. Some may just be passing through; others may be looking for a church. Others may not even know they are looking for a church. In all cases our warm welcome may make a difference in their lives for that day or week and may encourage them to return to St. Paul's.

The next time you see someone you don't know at St. Paul's, make your way to them. Stick out your hand and say, "Hello, I am _____. It is so nice to see you. We hope you will come again." Or say something similar. Don't worry whether the person might be a "member" of St. Paul's that you don't know. Better to err on the side of greeting a member in such a way than ignoring a visitor. (Submitted by JoAnn Wootten)



KNOW THY NEIGHBOR

Name – *Mid Wootten*

Place of birth – *Hot Springs, Arkansas*

Occupation/place of work – *Rector of St. Paul's, until I retire at the end of June. Then, I become a "free agent", or a "beach bum", or a volunteer.*

Favorite hymns – *"Lift High the Cross," "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates," (Singing for me is mostly "heavy lifting"!) and "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today."*

Favorite Biblical characters – *Peter, because he believes and denies and asks questions. Thomas, because he doubts and believes and asks the rest of the questions.*

The best season of the church year, as far as I am concerned is – *All Saints, because it is short and sweet, and connects the living with the dead, and yet still alive.*

The most meaningful church service I have ever attended was – *Easter Vigil, because the full array of symbols are displayed, and the return of "Alleluias".*

The book I am reading now or a book I would recommend is – *Lost Christianities by Bart Ehrman. Or, for lighter reading anything by Willie Morris.*

My most enjoyable movie or television show is – *"Boston Legal," or any sports game, or news.*

My favorite potluck dishes are – *Since JoAnn covered items prepared by women, I'll give men equal billing: I'd want to be in line for anything cooked by Jim Johnson, Paul Hance, David Wade, Anthony Milam, Alan Seagrave, Bill Olson, or Gary Perkey, and probably some others I've forgotten, but are delicious!*

Guests at my fantasy dinner party would be – *Jesus, the Dali Lama, Martin Luther King, Elaine Pagels, Joan of Arc, Thomas Crammer, and Katherine Jefferts-Schori.*

Other members of my family who attend St. Paul's are – *JoAnn and the entire Parish.*

Activities, hobbies or interests I enjoy – *I love to read almost anything; walking and hiking, especially at the beach and in the mountains; and tennis.*

If anything were possible, what would you like to be doing now or in the future? – *I would like to be the closer (Bull pen pitcher) for the Atlanta Braves. Since that probably won't happen, I'll settle for being at five games per season!*

Church Signs

"Fight truth decay, study the Bible daily."

"How will you spend eternity. Smoking or Nonsmoking?"

"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."

"Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."

"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."

"Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon."

"This is a ch__ch. What is missing?" (U R)

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

"In the dark? Follow the Son."

"Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill up."

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the shepherd."

"Jesus Is Coming"...Don't miss him for the world.'

"People who wait until the eleventh hour to call on Jesus, die at 10:59."