

Epistle

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

Rector's notes:

Highlights

- Adult Forum series
- KCK Breakfast
- Baccalaureate & Holy Eucahrist

Save the Dates

June 1st

Eight Grade
Baccalaureate &
Holy Eucahrist, 7
p.m.

June 2nd

Eight Grade
Graduation

June 20-23

VBS, By the Sea of
Galilee.

June 29th

Daytrip to
Strawberry Hill

September 10

Bishop's Visit & St.
Paul's Centennial
Celebration.

Dateline 5/21/06, Kansas City, MO, local movie theatre and twenty or so St. Paulites—It is just a movie people. We saw it, and it is just a movie, actually, not such a bad movie at that. The good news—we think the world is safe for Christianity. Frankly, Angels and Demons was better anyway. I hope they make that Dan Brown thriller into a movie. Relieved of this recent threat to 2000 years of Christian history, perhaps we can get back to the important things like 'Is it possible for the Royals to win?' or 'Is the truth really inconvenient?'

Many of you have asked about my family. As some know, our daughter Erin has joined me here in Kansas City. She is looking for a job and enjoying the "big city" with me. My wife and daughter Sarah will be coming here permanently sometime around the middle of July. Whether the house sells or not, they are coming. We are ready to be under one roof. If the house does not sell, we will leave most of our things in Laurel and live a more Spartan existence in the small two-bedroom apartment I currently rent. Our oldest daughter, Laura, will be moving somewhere between St. Louis, D.C., Philadelphia, and Boston for graduate school. She promises to visit regularly. I appreciate your concern. It has been difficult for us. My family is looking forward to being together again and, most importantly, a part of the community of St. Paul's and KC (Guytie and Sarah will be here for the June 7 service).

You should all know that I am leaving the afternoon of June 18, traveling to Sewanee where I will continue my doctor of ministry studies. I will return to Kansas City and St. Paul's on July 13. This summer I will be studying the hermeneutic exercise of integrating bible, creed, and culture. I will also be working on my dissertation. At some point, I will invite you to join me for a presentation and Q&A on my goals and objectives for seeking a D.Min. degree.

During the next few weeks, you are going to hear much about General Convention. Our Senior Warden is working hard to make sure you are informed. She has made information available to the vestry and to you to insure you have access to the best information available (I would suggest CNN and Fox are not reliable sources in matters of religious news coverage). I have attended five General Conventions and have some knowledge of the lumbering of this behemoth. During the course of General Convention, if you have questions, call me. rsr+

Music and Liturgy

Traditions of Service Through Music

Submitted by Choir Member Mary Hodge, mother of Chase Hodge, St. Paul's Class of 2006.

St. Paul's Church and Day School have many wonderful shared activities and events, but one of the most meaningful of these is Baccalaureate, honoring the about-to graduate Eighth Graders. For many years, this event was held on the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend, but last year it was moved to the evening prior to graduation to allow more of the graduates' families to attend. Doing so had a very nice result: many more family members were able to attend and many St. Paul's parishioners came to honor the students they had seen over years grow from small children to very grown-up graduates. It is an emotional and lovely event for both constituencies. It allows the church to celebrate the achievements of the students and the school to show off its graduates surrounded by the beauty of the sanctuary and the majesty of celebratory music and the meaningfulness of the liturgy. No matter why you are there, it is a wonderfully emotional service.

We invite you to celebrate the Class of 2006 on Thursday, June 1, at 7:00p.m.

A note from Bruce

Please accept my apologies since I will not be able to be with you for the service welcoming Stan Runnels as our new rector. My parents are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary (June 9 is the actual date), and we had booked a family vacation a year ago together with my parents and my sister and her family to celebrate this milestone. I wanted you to know that my absence at St. Paul's wonderful celebration is for an equally wonderful event. I have enjoyed working on the planning of the service and will miss being here for this special night in the life of our parish.

In my absence, Arnold Epley, professor of music at William Jewell College, conductor of the Kansas City Symphony Chorus, and former teacher and ongoing mentor of mine, will be directing the choir. It is wonderful to leave the service in such gifted hands. Bruce Sorrell

God willing

*The Right Reverend Barry R. Howe
Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri
will institute*

The Reverend Rufus Stanley Runnels

*as Twelfth Rector of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Kansas City, Missouri*

*Wednesday, the seventh of June
Two thousand and six
At seven in the evening.*

Your prayers and presence are requested

Asperges(Latin, *aspergere*, to wash, sprinkle).—An ancient rite of sprinkling the congregation with holy water before the Eucharist. It would be performed by the celebrant wearing vestments of the liturgical color of the day. As a component of the reaffirmation of baptismal vows, the celebrant asperges the congregation, walking through the main part of the church sprinkling water over the people. The ceremony has been in use at least from the tenth century, growing out of the custom of early antiquity of blessing water for the faithful on Sundays as a reminder of our continuing need for God's blessing and of our baptismal relationship with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

On the occasion of the celebration of the welcoming of your new rector and the renewal of our shared baptismal promises, Bishop Howe will be asperging the congregation as a part of the renewal of baptismal vows during the liturgy on the evening of June 7.

Youth Sunday June 4 at the 10:30 service

Youth of all ages will participate in the service on this day of Pentecost. The Gospel will be read in various languages by the deacon and the youth to proclaim the good news in all languages. Youth will read all scripture and prayers on this day of worship and celebration in our faith tradition.

Children and Youth Ministries



St. Paul's KCK

Helping hands and open hearts gathered at St. Paul's in KCK on May 20th to serve breakfast to the hungry.

One of the most helpful things for young people to learn through their involvement in religious life is the inclination to give of themselves and their money, and to serve and help others. This, of course, is reinforced-or perhaps initiated by the environment in the home as well as the attitudes that parents teach by their words and actions.

This was the lesson as Walker Adams, Erin Runnels, Kevin White, Laura May, Rachel Skeens, Kit (Rachel's friend), Ruth Shipley, Sabrina, Nicholas, and George Saleh joined with St. Michael's to serve the best breakfast in town to many hungry folks! In addition to great food there was a lively Hymn Sing as everyone enjoyed their breakfast. From this experience the challenge was brought forth from Walker and Kevin, that youth and families commit to the third Saturday of each month to help serve breakfast at St. Paul's KCK. If you would like to join in this effort, there will be a monthly sign-up sheet on the south bulletin board. Join us when you can!

Diocesan Youth Events

These events are for all youth in the Greater KC area and

Diocese of West Missouri.

St. Paul's Parish Youth Leaders participate in all of these events and we invite all youth to join us in these events!

Save the Dates

June 23-25

Under the Stars (see previous write up in the Epistle.)

Sr. High Weekend

July 11-16

Missionpalooza

July 31-Aug 5

Mission Trip to Mississippi for grades 9-12

October 7

Nomadic Diner

October 27-29

Diocesan Youth Event

November 17-19

Happening

By The Sea Of Galilee (Vacation Bible School)

Registration forms due June 11th!

June 20-23: 9-noon

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people." Matthew 4:23

Join us in the re-creation of a village by the Sea of Galilee as we experience the stories of the calling of the disciples, Feeding of the 5000, and the Beatitudes. Experience the drama and life of a Biblical village when Jesus walked the earth. Hear stories, sample food, engage in crafts, and join in the fellowship of the community. Registration forms are available on the south bulletin board.

Acolyte Celebration

This year's team of Acolytes are in for a boat-load of fun as they head to the lake with the Kissicks for two fun filled days of swimming, boating, jet-skiing, and great fellowship! If you have not yet sent in your RSVP for June 25-27 call Bob Kissick at 816.523.4636.

A Retreat for all Acolytes

Save the Date

St. Paul's Retreat for all Acolytes will be August 18 and 19th at Tall Oaks Conference Center in DeSoto Kansas. This is for all current acolytes and new acolytes joining us this next year. Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to serve on the acolyte team. If you are interested in this ministry please contact **Bob Kissick at 816.523.4636**

Adult Forum Schedule

9:15-10:15

Adult forum series

June 4-25 Come Explore the Vast World of Ethics in Medicine.

June 4th Linda Payne PhD from UMKC will begin our journey with a historical view of the start of ethics in medicine within the realm of philosophy where it remained primarily until the Modern Era.

June 11th Bill McNerny PhD will provide an overview of ethical methodology and how ethics is done in a clinical setting.

June 18th A guest Chaplain from St. Luke's will speak on Faith and Ethics in Medicine.

June 25th Rosemary Hubble will explore the challenges of doing ethics in pediatric medicine.

Upcoming Adult Forum Series

July 9-30

The Theology of Work

August 6-27

C.S. Lewis

Presented by Mike Thomas

September 3-24

Episcopal Issues

October 1st-Day School Sunday

Liz Barnes and students

October 8-29

The Book of Luke

Warren Carter- Professor of New Testament from St. Paul School of Theology

November 5-26

Abrahamic Faiths: Islam, Hebrew and Christian

Children's Summer Sundays

Children in grades 1-5 will spend their Sunday morning learning about God and creation through devotion and interactions in the community garden and the classroom. Special focus will be given to the Book of Common Prayer. Join us during the education hour from 9:30-10:20 in the Haiti Room.

OUTREACH

Lived Faith

Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday at St. Paul's

Bring a can
Bring a box
Bring a sack

Each Sunday, a basket of food from the Sunday donations is included with the alms of the parish at the offertory.
How many baskets can we fill?

Pantry items always needed

Adult bag:

Applesauce
Corn or Green Beans
Pork N Beans
Stovetop Stuffing
Tuna
Tuna Helper
Toilet Paper
Soup

Child's Bag

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Vienna Susages
Spaghettios
Ravioli
Ramen Noodles
Mac& Cheese
Crackers

Personal Hygiene

Toothpaste
Femine products
Shampoo

St. Paul's Episcopal Day School just completed their most successful spring drive ever!

In the past, we would ask parents to donate money for the school in Haiti. Often those appeals garnered around \$700.

Increasingly, we have turned the campaign over to the students.

Our spring campaign is just wrapping up. Coin totals will not be back from the bank for another ten days. It appears that we may have raised in excess of \$4000. We'll keep you posted. At the same time, we received cans for the food pantry, adding approximately 1700 cans to their shelves.

In order to raise money, students held bake sales, car washes, lemonade stands, baby sat and did chores for change. Some students went door-to-door in their neighborhoods to collect cans. Some sat at supermarkets with parents collecting cans or cash. It was a fabulous school-side event.

June 1st 2006 The Eighth Grade Baccalaureate and

Holy Eucharist will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave.

A reception will follow. The Parish is invited to attend.

The Eighth Grade Graduation will be June 2nd at 5:00

in the Ward Gymnasium

Playground Clean-Up Project Scheduled for June 10th!

All adults and youth are invited to help beautify our church grounds on Saturday June 10th from 8:30 to noon. We will remove the playground on the west side of the church that has not been used for several years so we can develop some new and exciting uses for that space. Please bring shovels, power drills, and a can do attitude. Donuts will be provided. Please send an e-mail to Chris Schneider at chris.schneider@sprint.com if you can make it. We hope to see you there.

St. Paul's Ministries

Tea Anyone? What a grand time all the ladies had enjoying tea, crumpets and all the traditions of an afternoon tea. What a fun way celebrating the homecoming Centennial of St. Paul's as it was built in 1906.



GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

There is an amazing movement of prayer around the globe and at least for the next 5 years, there will be a Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday.

It began in Africa at the turn of the century with a small band of Christians seeking God in repentance. In 2001, it grew to a stadium of 45,000 who received an expectation of a prayer movement that would sweep through Africa and spread to other nations. In 2004, all 56 countries of Africa participated with 2.5 million people gathered in 130 stadiums. Last year on May 15th, other nations joined by invitation for the first Global Day of prayer with an estimated 200 million participants. Now churches in Kansas City are gearing up for a June 4th gathering culminating 10 days of constant prayer in individual congregations. In Kansas City there are at least six churches praying night-and-day right now. If you would like more information on prayer opportunities, watch the FYI section of the Kansas City Star or talk with Dr. Bill Beachy. One opportunity is included below.

The Pentecost gathering will be from 5 - 7 PM at [College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas \(2020 E. Sheridan\)](#).

The Next Healing Service

Will be

June 11th during the 10:30

service

Nuts!

The Friday Guild has some one pound packages of nuts available. There are mixed nuts, pecan halves, sliced almonds, slivered almonds, black walnuts and party mix. If you wish to purchase any please call the church office 816-931-2850.

Hospital Visitation

In order for the parish to maintain proper ministry to parishioners who are hospitalized, it is necessary for the office to be notified of hospitalizations. This is necessitated because of Federal regulations that prevent hospitals from allowing open access to patient information. Please contact the parish office and notify us if you or someone in your family is or will be hospitalized.

Furthermore, it is our goal to provide continued pastoral care for all parishioners who are dealing with either acute or chronic illnesses, whether in the hospital, in residential facilities, or at home. If you have need of a visit by the rector or deacon at any-time, do not hesitate to call the parish office (816-931-2850)

If you have friends in the hospital, we will be glad to go by and visit them also.

To share your information with the parish in Transitions in Life and Celebrations

here is what we need for you to do:

- *call or e-mail the church office with your announcement, and
- *tell us that you would like this information in the Epistle.

We will not be able to list any announcements without your call or e-mail

to let us know your wish on these matters.

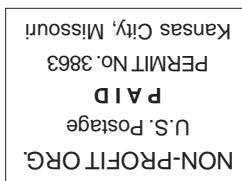
Call Joan Watt at 816-931-2850 or send an email to jwatt@stpauls-kcmo.org

Information for the next Epistle needs

to be to us by May 23

Baptism

For those interested in baptism on Pentecost, June 4, please contact the Rector to schedule an appointment.



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church & Day School

Transitions in Life and Celebrations

Births

Ella Forrest Howard

was born on April 22, 2006.

She is the daughter of
Michelle DeCicco and Jay Howard.

Marriage

Katherine Readey and Lee Chilcote

were married on May 20, 2006
at St. Paul's

Their parents are
John and Ann Readey
and
Lee and Emily Chilcote

Special Awards

Singing the Praises of Walker Adams submitted by Cynthia Smith

You may know Walker as a St. Paul's Day School alum, an aid in the nursery on Sunday or the youth representatives on the Vestry. Well we heard he has received some honors lately that made us so proud we had to share them. He was selected as one of 12 boys at Shawnee Mission East for the Chamber Singers. He just received his letter in choir and last week received the Shawnee Mission character award given to a junior male and female choir member. (The female chosen was also a St. Paul's Day School alum). If that isn't enough, Walker just received his 3rd Presidential Gold Award for Volunteer Service. Walker's first choir experience started at St. Paul's Church. He was then selected to become a member of the Kansas City Children's Chorus. Walker recently sang with the The Shawnee Mission East choir throughout Ireland and will sing at Carnegie Hall next February. As a senior he will be a choral teaching assistant. Walker will head to the University of Kansas in Fall 2007 to pursue a music education with an emphasis on choral conducting.

Walker Adams

The Benefit Concert For Coast Episcopal School was a huge success!



A Musical Recital was performed by the Primary and Intermediate students of St. Paul's Day School last April 9th in the Nave. This was a Premier Presentation by Small Hands with Big Hearts.

On that Palm Sunday afternoon, 22 St. Paul's students gathered to offer their gifts for Coast Episcopal Day School. A free will offering was taken. As a result of these students giving their time, a check for over \$1300 was sent to Coast Episcopal. The funds will be used to replace important science equipment.