



St. Paul's Beacon

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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June/July 2021

On Saying "Goodbye"

Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

The time has come. It is going to truly be a VERY GOOD goodbye. The "good" will be in the "goodbye" for a change. For usually I skip over the "good" part, and think only of the "bye" part. But it is good, truly good, in so many ways. We have shared a very challenging and blessed journey together, and look how well we have done! The covid challenge, yes, but even more your transition to a new time and way of being parish, being church. This new way is filled with so much promise. And that promise will be able to build on the many strengths we have drawn upon and discovered in our long walk through the covid time, but strengths which have been planted, watered, and grown now since at least 1883 at St. Paul's.

And, yes, while Pat and I are moving into a new phase of our retirement, we do so filled with much gratitude to the great parish family of St. Paul's, Poplar Springs, MD, which has welcomed us so kindly, and strengthened us with much kindness, respect, and love.

And as we know, we are never really separated in this mysterious but fascinating mystical body of Christ.

And we will never forget the statue of our patron St. Paul, the best image and most likely of this great apostle I have ever seen. Whenever I am called to offer a sermon on or simply to read one of Paul's writings, that statue will be there somewhere in my imagination filling me with many happy memories of our parish.

"Time flies when you are among friends!" (Basque proverb). Fr. Bill

One of my prayers these days is that God will "bless our life adventure." Since moving to Maryland in May of 2019, we have met people in several different

Mark Your Calendars

Sundays, in June and July 9:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays at St. Paul's – for 2nd & 4th it is suggested that you worship with St. Andrews, Glenwood

Service via Zoom and Facebook from St. Paul's.

Weather permitting the service will be held outdoors.

parishes, and all have enriched this journey tremendously. Little did we know we would be with all of you at St. Paul's for well over a year! At this "time of transition" for all of us, our gratitude goes to all of you at St. Paul's, for your friendship, support, encouragement, and sharing of your hopes for what "is to come." What a wonderful time we have had coming out to Poplar Springs and joining you in what has been a very interesting year (to say the least) for us all. As we continue on our path, we send our very best wishes to all of you as you enter into this "middle time" of your parish journey. Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you! Thank you so much for giving us a wonderful experience of traveling this life journey with you.

Pat Thompson

FATHER MARK WINWARD JOINING US AT ST. PAUL'S FOR THE SUMMER

The Vestry of St. Paul's is very pleased to welcome Father Mark S. Winward to St. Paul's. Father Mark will be leading our services on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through August, 2021. Each of these services will be at St. Paul's at 9:00 a.m.

Father Mark has quite a distinguished and diverse background, having served as a career Naval officer prior to joining the priesthood. In fact, he met his wife "KC" (Kathleen) on board ship more than 34 years ago. Fr. Mark attended the Virginia Theological Seminary from 1994 to 1997 and during that time was selected to serve as an exchange student to Ridley Hall, Cambridge University. Upon ordination, Fr. Mark transferred to the U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain Corps where he continues to serve. Fr. Mark currently serves as a Captain and the Command Chaplain at Fr. Meade. As he put it during our recent interview, he has "a full-time parish of 5,000" that he supports in his role with the military.

Father Mark's accomplishments are too voluminous to cover here, but you may be assured that the Vestry is very pleased to have a priest and person of his caliber with us for the summer.

I hope that you will make every effort to join us for his first service with St. Paul's on Sunday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Also, I am pleased to announce that his wife, KC, will be joining him in Maryland in mid-June, so we can look forward to her joining us at St. Paul's for our services for the remainder of the summer.

Jeff Spaulding

St. Paul's Summer Service Schedule

Many churches modify their worship offerings in summer. This year St. Paul's will be holding services as indicated below. We also encourage all of our members to join us at one of St. Andrew's services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in June, July, and August.

Worship at St. Paul's 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

June 6	July 4	August 1
June 20	July 18	August 15

Worship at St. Andrews 2nd & 4th Sundays

<u>8 a.m. Union Chapel</u>	<u>10 a.m. Parish Hall</u>	
June 13	July 11	August 8
June 27	July 25	August 22

TBA - August 29 and September 5

Learn about the St. Andrew's Community at www.standrewsglenwood.org

or [facebook.com/standrewsglenwood](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsglenwood) Phone: (410) 489-4035
(Parish House) 2892 Route 97; (Mailing) PO Box 52, Glenwood, MD 21738
(Chapel) Corner of Route 97 & Union Chapel Road

To sign up for weekly e-mail, contact: neksmith.standrews@gmail.com

The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, Rector; Nancy Smith, Parish Administrator

Summer Activities at St. Andrew's

- ♥ Sundays 8 am in Union Chapel - Holy Eucharist
10 am outside or Parish House, also live-streamed & recorded - Holy Eucharist with music.
- ♥ Mondays - Fridays 8:30-9 am on Zoom - Morning Devotions. Seasonal themes. Go to standrewsglenwood.org for the Zoom link.
- ♥ Knitting Group - meets monthly. Contact Barbara at bagasser.hughes@gmail.com or 410/489-7839.
- ♥ Men's Group - meets the second Saturday morning of every month at the Parish House. Contact Robert at robert.w.evans@gmail.com or 410/489-9502.
- ♥ Appalachia Ministry Trip - Repairing Homes after two devastating floods in Kentucky July 11-17, tentatively scheduled. Participants must be HS or older, and vaccinated plus two weeks. Contact Nancy for more information at neksmith.standrews@gmail.com or 410/489-4035.
- ♥ Vacation Bible School - TBA

Regathering Information

The Vestry has decided to allow everyone to return to church, regardless of vaccination status - with the understanding that no one with symptoms should attend church. Likewise, everyone will have to comply with masking and social distancing requirements.

If you are NOT vaccinated please continue to wear your mask.

When the service is held outside - weather permitting – all are welcome (no restrictions to attendance.) Bring your own chairs.

Pentecost: A Prayer

O Ancient of days, who is revealed in the mighty and the miniscule, who inhibits eternity, open our eyes to see your mastery in the ordinary and the overlooked. Recast our vision that we may know you as companion and friend as we co-create a world enfolding in love and flooded with hope, through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

Scrip: Gift Cards

Want to do your part to help St. Paul's thrive? You can. It is so easy. Buy Scrip – Yes Gift Cards.

We all shop. Groceries, gas, graduation presents, summer gear, clothes, shoes, eating out, and the drug of choice – Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts, etc. You know your passion.



Plan ahead. Make it a habit to purchase gift cards for all of your shopping needs. There is no extra cost to you, yet a benefit to St. Paul's. A wonderful, painless contribution to the ongoing ministry of St. Paul's. Pete McIntosh

Stewardship

God has blessed St. Paul's with many talented members (and their families and friends). Repairs are done by our handy men and women. Hospitality abounds here. All of this help our bottom line however, there are bills to be paid, outreach commitments, diocesan assessment, and other ongoing expenses. Your financial support is St. Paul's most important and necessary asset. Please keep your pledge up to date. Remember those special events you may want to recognize by way of a donation, in loving memory or thanksgiving.

Together we can do the work God is calling us to do.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

Our Thrift Shop is open, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Donations are being accepted. The donation shed is open all the time for donations.

Come shop and support the ministries of St. Paul's.

On May 6th the Thrift Shop opened for business. It has been a joy to see so many of our customers returning and expressing their appreciation. Apparently we were greatly missed.

Preparing the Shop for re-opening was no small task. Hours were spent transitioning from a Winter Wonder Land to a Spring Festival and heartfelt thanks to all those who helped. In particular I want to recognize Dana Fritzges, Judy Koontz and Kay Aaby who all worked 5 days a week to bring order from total chaos.

Because of the shutdown, many of our charitable donations had to be reduced or discontinued. This was particularly painful and it is hoped that we can resume full support of our over 13 charities in the very near future.

Wish us luck and remember volunteers are always needed. Phyllis Weston

Remembering our Parishioners

Each month St. Paul's would like to honor a parishioner with notes and or calls. For June Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater has been selected. Please let her know that we miss her and are praying for her and thinking about her.

Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater
6770 Runkles Rd
Mt. Airy, MD 21771 301-831-7538

Attention: Please let the church office know of anyone graduating from high school, college, tech school, military etc.

We would like their info so it can be published in our newsletter.

Pastoral Concerns

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. Please contact the church office, (410) 489-4411, email: stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net

Prayer List

Nancy McIntosh; Sandra & Stanley Napier; Gerlinde Phlaumer-Yeater; Natalie Gahm; Dave Lawson; Bryan Landry; Susan; Pam; Trish; Ruth; Joe; Sandra; Bill; Phyllis Heffner, Susan Kelley; Jaxon & Nathan Buckley; Chris Tuel; the Gallagher family; the Harrington family; John Michael; Al Yeater; John Tuel; Polly Moore; Joe & Eileen; Clair & Kevin Murray; Inez, Teanon Everage, Bertyl Girod, Ayana Fenton, Eduardo Acevedo and persons, who have died from Covid-19 and their families.



Prayer for Healing and Comfort

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

Happy Birthday to:

Linda Barnes	June 05
Ginny Chandler	June 18
Becky Wilcher	June 21
Peter McIntosh	June 25
Ron Alexander	June 26
Etta Lee Spaulding	July 09
Mi-Ling Jones	July 14
Al Yeater	July 21

Vestry Officers & Members

Jeff Spaulding: Senior Warden
 Pete McIntosh: Junior Warden
 Treasurer: Linda Sharp
 Registrar: Nancy McIntosh

Kathleen Alexander	Stephen Jones
Suzanne Bourg	Phyllis Weston
Ron Alexander	Wendy Gahm



**St. Paul's
"A Shining Light
In the Community"**



Happy Anniversary to:

Doris & Dick Wilcher	June 16
Helen & John Tuel	June 27
Stephen & Mei-Ling Jones	July 02
Linda & Ron Sharp	July 26

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is: To carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word deed and to help all people experience God's presence in their daily lives.

June 2021~ SERVICE CALENDAR

	June 6, 2nd Pentecost Green	June 13, 3rd Pentecost Green	June 20, 4th Pentecost Green	June 27, 5th Pentecost Green	
	9:00 A.M.		9:00 A. M.		
		Please visit St. Andrews at 8 or 10 a.m.		Please visit St. Andrews at 8 or 10 a.m.	
Lector	Stephen Jones		Ron Alexander		
Psalm	Lee Hajek		Dick Wilcher		
Prayers of the People	Jeff Spaulding		Kathleen Alexander		

July 2021~ SERVICE CALENDAR

	July 4, 6th Pentecost Green	July 11, 7th Pentecost Green	July 18, 8th Pentecost Green	July 25, 9th Pentecost Green	
	9:00 A.M.		9:00 A. M.		
		Please visit St. Andrews 8 or 10 a.m.		Please visit St. Andrews at 8 or 10 a.m.	
Lector	Bill Toole		Ron Alexander		
Psalm	Linda Sharp		Dick Wilcher		
Prayers of the People	Lee Hajek		Kathleen Alexander		

any MAN CAN BE A
FATHER,
BUT IT TAKES
A special PERSON TO BE A
DAD

HAPPY father's DAY

A PRAYER FOR
Father's
DAY

Gracious God,
bless fathers and all father
figures with such love and
faithfulness that children
flourish and grow in
uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long to be
fathers and those for whom
this day is difficult.
Amen.

Happy
Father's
Day!

A
FATHER'S
CALLING IS
ETERNAL
AND ITS importance
TRANSCENDS
TIME

**A Salute
to Fathers**

Today, Almighty God, as we observe Father's Day, I lift all the fathers of this world up to You with adoration and love. Fathers play an integral role in the lives of our children, as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more and also provide a firm foundation on which our children stand. Thank You, Jehovah Jireh, for Your provision and for showering them with Your divine blessings. I pray that You would consecrate fathers and set them apart for Your purpose.