

# Saint Paul's in-the-Pines Episcopal Church

"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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## We are the Church....

Let us hold in our prayers our government leaders and our Armed Forces on deployment; Hurricane Katrina's victims and their families; the millions of refugees worldwide in need of help; and our young people growing up in a challenging world.

For our families and friends who need our prayers ~  
Jeanne Harris,  
Martin Levy (Iraq),  
Charlie Matthews,  
Jan Peters and her family,  
George and Bea Roraback,  
Rev. Lucy Talbott, and  
Duane White

## From the Rector's Study

At the Ash Wednesday Service I shared with you the words of that great humanitarian, civil rights activist and poet, Dr. Maya Angelou. From her poem "Church" I paraphrased her proclamation that she "does not define church, but rather, church defines her." What is that like for you and me? All too often we are quizzed about where our church is going, or, where does our church stand on this subject or that subject. Does anybody ever see us defined by our church as it directs us through our "word and example of the Good News of God in Christ?" (BCP 305)

Take for example all the cars on our busy roads. Their variety and behavior span the gamut of possibilities. Some cars are brand new while some are very old. Some are very expensive and some inexpensive. We might look at someone and speculate on what kind of car they drive. But more often, when we see a car, minivan, pick-up or sports car, we make judgments about the driver of such a vehicle. This is not a bad thing but the car and its appointments say something about the owner, for example, "Parent of a Terrific Kid." It is how the car defines the person. The behavior of the car in traffic says something about who is behind the wheel. Some cars seem to operate within the posted laws while others are seen speeding, running through stop signs and cutting people off. The person inside the car cannot "define" the car, but the actions of the car say something about the driver inside. And there is that third element, namely, where is the car going?

Some cars on the road are taking their drivers to work. Some are going to the store to purchase milk for the baby. Some are speeding to places they shouldn't be going keeping inappropriate liaisons. In all these cases the driver is not defining the car but rather, the car says plenty about the person inside. Dr. Angelou says that church is not a place that she goes to, but something that is inside her and that she can have "church" wherever she is, at any time. Church defines her because she accepts the responsibility of its teachings.

As fellow Christians we are in a church that defines us. People notice not only where we go, but also how we conduct ourselves as we go. We, like Maya, are not the definers of our church but are defined by the church. This happens only as we are open to having the church in us all the time, thus demonstrating the principles of the church in the way we behave. Church is "in" us. Specifically, it is God in Christ Jesus who defines us. Answering Philip Jesus said, "*Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.*" (John 14: 10 NRSV) And as Christ dwells "in" us through the church we are defined by Christ who is the Head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

It is not for us to define the church. On the contrary, as we are commissioned by the guidance of our Baptismal Covenant, our church speaks boldly about who we are as the Body of Christ. With this insight we must embrace the responsibility of adhering to the churches lead. Church people are loving people. Loving people make loving choices. Those who ask us what our church is doing misunderstand the ordering of the church that is in us. They should see in us what the church is doing – and join us. Our church is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in which we live and move and have our being. As we obey the leadership of the Holy Spirit we are defined as one who serves the will of a loving God.

God Bless you all, John+



## Youth Corner, Jill Flom

Have you ever been completely comfortable with a situation only to find that you didn't know everything that was going on?

I know I have. Imagine my shock when I reached the center of the sanctuary at St. John's to hear Deacon Janet read the words of the gospel in Spanish! This was only one of many surprises I encountered during my weekend at the 2007 Diocesan convention.

Thursday night was fairly slow up until the opening Eucharist. Afterwards, there was a delicious dinner provided at which I had the honor of meeting many people, including St. Paul's own Rev. Joe Cooper.

On Friday morning I sat in on the opening legislative session of the convention. I passed out resolutions and revisions, listened to the Bishop's address and brought the Bishop coffee. Friday afternoon I sat up at the head table with the Bishop. I listened to the reports from various committees, and brought the Bishop another cup of coffee. Later I passed out ballots and counted the votes during the breakout sessions. After these sessions I sat in on a very heated hearing about the second and eighth resolutions. It was definitely an interesting experience.

On Saturday morning the other youth and myself had the pleasure of dining with the Bishop. This time he got his own coffee. After breakfast I got the Bishop another cup of coffee and took my place at the head table. I listened as all of the resolutions were passed, but not without many amendments and a lengthy discussion of synonyms for the word unrelenting.

All in all I had an amazing experience and I feel that everyone should try and attend at least one convention. Trust me - you won't regret it.

And by the way...the Bishop takes his coffee black.

## Pastoral Care, Gail Brown

Our Trinity Center parish retreat is September 14-16, 2007. We have reserved 30 rooms and fifteen are already taken. The sign up sheet is in the parish hall on the back wall. If you are new to St. Paul's or you have never been to Trinity be sure to ask someone about it. You don't want to miss a weekend at the beach filled with fun, study, music and fellowship. If you would like to start making payments you can do so now. Just be sure to mark your check with "Parish Retreat" in the memo line. Full payment needs to be in by Sept 1. Start saving now....

Cost for Trinity are as follows (Includes lodging and meals):

Double Occupancy Adults—\$67 per person/per night (\$134 total for the weekend)

Single Occupancy Adults—\$87 per person/per night (\$174 total for the weekend)

Kids—ages 5-17 \$38 per night (\$76 for the weekend) ages 1-4 \$12 per night (\$24 total)

Kids Under age 1 are free! Scholarship Funds will be available, please see Fr. John if needed

124th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina

"There is much to do as one"

One Person + One Parish + One Church + One God



*Jill and Bishop Daniel*



## Stewardship, Robin Burrs

Hello St. Paul's;

It's me, Robin Burrs your NEW Stewardship Liaison to the Vestry. I am very glad to be on board with such a fine parish. Anthony has had surgery, so I am getting my feet wet a little earlier than anticipated and am trying to get a handle on this particular office. It is my hope to get with each of you and get a picture of what YOUR vision is for St. Paul's. I look forward to our prayerful discussions and hope that you would be thinking in the meantime, of the path on which YOU see this parish.

We are tasked in Genesis to steward one another. That also includes our family of spirit, our community, our environment, and those persons to whom no church has reached. We are aware that it takes money, AND it also takes time and talent. Think about your place in this household of God, this holy family. Where would you like to be?? Where would you like St. Paul's to be??

See you soon,

Peace,

Robin

## Youth News, Gail Brown

Candy and trinkets are needed for the Easter egg hunt. Please bring in your donations and leave them in the kitchen. We will be filling the eggs on Friday, March 30th at 6:00 PM. All are invited to help. The Easter egg hunt will take place on Easter day following the 10:30 service.

There will be no Sunday School for the youth on April 1st(Palm Sunday) and 8th(Easter).



## Holy Week Schedule

April 1st—Palm Sunday—10:30 AM

April 4th—Wednesday—Tenebrae – 7:00 PM

April 5th—Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist and Dinner 6:00 PM

April 6th—Good Friday—Stations of the Cross—Noon

Stations of the Cross and Service—5:30 PM

April 7th—Holy Saturday—10:00 AM Service

April 8th—Easter Sunday—Vigil—5:30 AM (it's worth it!!!)

Celebration Eucharist—10:30 AM followed by the Easter Egg Hunt)

# March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Choir Practice 7:00 PM	<b>2</b>  Fr. John out of town	<b>3</b>  Worship Comm. 1:00
<b>4</b> Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study 6:30 (Bring Your Own Supper)	<b>8</b> Choir Practice 7:00 PM  <i>Leslie Flom</i>	<b>9</b> Church Directory Pictures 2 PM– 8 PM  <i>Chuck Liebers</i>	<b>10</b> Br. St. Andrew 8 AM Church Directory Pictures 10 AM—4PM Worship Committee 1 PM
<b>11</b> Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>Bea Roraback Nancy Tetterton</i>	<b>14</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study 6:30 (Bring Your Own Supper)	<b>15</b> Choir Practice 7:00 PM  <i>Bill Perham</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Br. St. Andrew 8 AM Worship Support Training 10 AM Vestry 1:00
<b>18</b> Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study 6:30 (Bring Your Own Supper) <i>Burrs-Lee Anniversary</i>	<b>22</b> Choir Practice 7:00 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Br. St. Andrew 8 AM Passion Practice 10 AM
<b>25</b> Christian Ed 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Fr. John at Trinity Board Meeting	<b>28</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Study 6:30 (Bring Your Own Supper)	<b>29</b> Choir Practice 7:00 PM	<b>30</b>  <i>Jan Peters</i>	<b>31</b> Br. St. Andrew 8 AM Passion Practice 10 AM Brass Cleaning 11 AM

Names in *italics* designate parishioner's birthdays and anniversaries.

Preceded by † designates death anniversary.

***Remember: April 1st  
Deadline for Easter  
Candles and Flowers***

# St. Paul's Worship Leaders

## March & April

### Holy Week and Easter

	4 March 2nd Sunday in LENT	11 March 3rd Sunday in LENT	18 March 4th Sunday in LENT	25 March 5th Sunday in LENT
Subdeacon	R. Huskey	R. Burrs	D. Roraback	D. George
Chalice	D. George	L. Flom	J. Peters	P. Frawley
Lector	C. Pettigrew	G. Roraback	J. Peters	P. Fleming
Crucifer	T. Fuller	J. Flom	I. Martin	
Torches				
Ushers/ Greeters	A. Carson G. Winder	B. Perham A. Hagelberger	G. Winder A. Hagelberger	M. Winder R, Burrs
Altar Guild	D. George	M. Winder	C. Swick	C. Swick
Tellers	B. Perham L. Flom	N. Tetterton M. Winder	J. Lowder P. Frawley	G. Winder B. Perham
Flowers \$25				
Bread/Wine		J. Crabill	K. Brunson	B. See
Nursery	Susan/Vickers	Cindy/Amy	Pam/Doreen	Gail/Charity

Team Leaders-- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR TEAMS PRIOR TO THE SUNDAYS YOU ARE ASSIGNED. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ASSIGNED SUNDAY. PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING TO Robin Burrs THE DATES YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. ALSO PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY BEFORE WEDNESDAY OF YOUR ASSIGNED WEEK.

**LECTOR--YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGING THE HYMN BOARDS.**



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## A Diocese in Prayer

Please pray for the following during the month of March: St. Peter's Sunbury, Rev. John Eberman, Supply Priest; St. Christopher's Elizabethtown, Rev. John Robert Spainhour, Rector; Christ Church, Elizabeth City; Emmanuel, Farmville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville, Rev. William Hemingway, Sacramentalist; St. Paul's, Washington; St. Philip's Southport, Rev. Barry Kubler, Rector, Rev. Henrietta Williams, Deacon



You may have seen God's Eyes like this one around church lately. The young people have been making them in Sunday School. We've got lots of leftover supplies if you'd like to stop by and make one for yourself, please join us.

This colorful art reminds us that *God looks with love on people everywhere.*

The Youth Sunday School Classes