

Saint Paul's in-the-Pines

“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; 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 -

Lucy Talbott
Gloria
Cheryl French
Elemihl & Louise Strouse
Faith Swick
Brooke Larsen
Mary Lee Shanahan
Dan Ford
Dianna Hamer
Agnes Bally
Lori (Frawley) Buffinton
Dianne Helfrich
Saran McLean-Hasinger
Jimmy Teachey
CJ Wheeler, Gail's nephew
Sydney Finau, Judy K's granddaughter
Bea Roraback
Kendra Seay, recovery from surgery (Christina)
Mikey Brown, heart problems (Michaela Brown)
Jan Peters
Rev'd. Liz Simmons, cancer

From Our Rector's Study

Greetings and God's Blessings upon you all,

I was listening to NPR (National Public Radio) the other day and heard about a little frustration and much appreciation about one hour of electricity in developing countries. Many of the citizens of these countries get over their frustrations easily enough because they must dedicate the lion's share of their time around the one hour of electricity that they do get. Typically, for people in countries from Africa, the Middle East, South America and some former Soviet Block nations, they give thanks to God when the power comes on. Next, foods are cooked for many meals. Cooked food stays preserved longer than raw foods. Radios (and or televisions if they have them) are turned on so as to find out what is going on in their communities, or at least what their government wants them to know. When the power is on in a village, it is also the time to charge batteries, wash clothes, pump water, boil water, and many, many other things before the electrical hour ends. And when it ends, it is time to give thanks for things that they were able to do and see if a neighbor could benefit from what they were able to do, perhaps some cooked food, or ice that they were able to freeze from clean pumped water.

Now here in America, there is me and you. My electrical power does not go out often. Ronnie and I have been in our house now for a little over four years. I think the power has gone out two or three times. These outages are hardly over an hour long with a year or so between them, but you would not know it by the amount of complaining and fussing that I do, especially when I have stumped a toe looking for a flash light. And I must confess to you that I take having electricity for granted. In my prayers I have no memory of thanking God for electricity. Well, maybe when the power comes back on I might let go a "Thank God." But that hardly counts as serious prayer in thanksgiving.

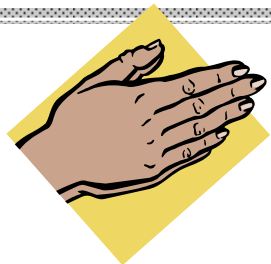
I wonder if I take the love God has for me for granted? Unlike electricity, God's love is never interrupted, never goes out, and never stops. We always have the love of God. There is never a time when God does not love us and this love is demonstrated by God in Christ Jesus going to the cross at Jerusalem for us, for me and for you. For of this love St Paul says "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39)

Wow! I know that I give thanks always to God for the love God has for us. None of us will ever know what it is like to be without God's love. Even when it doesn't seem like God cares and that God is not around and God does not see your tears, I have news for you my beloved. God cares, God is beside you, crying with you and loves you and will never, never leave you.

Let's take the time we have in this life and use it as the one hour of electricity we have. Let's preserve ourselves with prayer and thanksgiving to God. Let's make good use of this time we have for ourselves and for our neighbors. And at last when our darkness comes we will not trip up but rather be joined to that heavenly realm of eternal light where with our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, One God, we will dwell in light eternal.

Blessings, John +





Christina's Corner,
Christina Barnett, Senior Warden

PRAYER

An Ongoing Dialogue With God

Luke 11: 5-12 and Luke 18:1-5. *Our responsibility is to ask. Be assured God listens. As you love to hear from your loved ones, God loves to hear from you.*

Ready for summer adventure, kids out of school and vacation from work!! Can't wait to get out the fishing rods or barbecue a new recipe? Sounds like great plans. Perhaps these plans may even take your family away several weekends this summer. My friend, as you're on the move, remain connected to God throughout the day. It's easy to do as you engage in other tasks. Just try this simple method for communicating with God, no matter where you are.

The Five Finger Prayer

Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger – the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

*Peace to you this summer,
Christina*

VESTRY SUMMARY

June 2010

- Yard Clean-Up Day is Saturday, July 3 beginning at 8 AM. All are welcome to participate. Bring your gloves and yard tools.
- Patricia from Hospitality will begin facilitating a rotating assignment list for coffee hour assistance. She will contact the members of the congregation to notify them of their assigned week. There will be more than one family per week and the rotation should allow for each family to provide for coffee hour twice per year.
- Father John will be taking a vacation week in July.
- The Parish retreat planning is under way. There are a limited number of rooms still available, please remember to sign up in the parish hall to reserve your room.
- Pam Frawley is an associate member of the Order of St. Luke. Please see her article for more on this ministry.
- We are in need of paper goods (plates, napkins, plastic ware).
- Vacation Bible School will be held in July. Please see Cindi Pettigrew's article for more information.
- Leslie and Father John will meet to discuss incorporating some of the practices from Shalem into St. Paul's worship. These items will then be considered by the Worship Committee.
- There will be no Vestry meeting in July. The next meeting will be in August.



an account of the struggles and heroism of the
1840's and 1850's along the Underground Railroad

Presented 8 p.m. July 2nd

**Adults \$15.00
children under 12 \$7.00
Seniors \$13.00**

A group from St. Paul's will be going to the play
performed at Snow Camp, NC
(Leaving the church at 6:00 pm)

**contact Fr. John or Gail Brown if you are
interested in coming along.**

"Just Let Go, Let God"

by Patricia Jackson

Have you ever watched a child directing, even ordering, a parent the direction they want to go in?

When I worked at a Christian Conference Center I would find myself smirking somewhat when listening to the conferees exhorting God to "just" do this or do that. Certainly God is more than capable of granting the petitions, but some of them seemed so outrageous -- and then to preface them with the "just" word. If only it were that easy, "just take away all my burdens, just make my child well, just send a million dollars to build a new hall, just send me a high paying job, just, just, just.

I have also been guilty of telling God how I want Him to do things and where I want Him to go because, like a child, I have been absolutely certain that what I want is the right thing. When Dennis and I found ourselves in NC, I informed God that if he would "just" let Dennis and me find jobs, we would live in our own house and be happy and everything would be comfortable again. Instead we are living with my son's wife and her Mother and Two children and it was MOST Uncomfortable. It has taken a year and a lot of patience on everyone's part, but things don't seem so bad anymore; we are living together in harmony. Obviously there are still some notes off key, but it is working for us.

I wonder now if I had "just" listened to God instead of telling Him to listen to me how much sooner we would have reached this acceptance. Sometimes the answer is "NO", and that is good too, because now I "Know" and can appreciate this branch of my own family way better than if I didn't live with them. So easy to say, but sometimes so hard to follow: "Just Let Go, Let God", and better things than we "Knew" can happen.

We are the Church... .. (cont'd)

- treatment, (Ron Huskey)
- Dana and Jennifer Frawley
- Toni Wethington
- Kevin Strouse (Judith Johnson)
- Theo Frantz
- Alan Peters
- Tamara Carter (Bob Walborn)
- David Lucas
- Rev. and Mrs. Bill Hemmingway (the Frawleys)
- Kamau Tyrone Kenyatta and Iris Burgess, cancer (Robin Burrs' cousins)
- Shelley, cousin of Judith Johnson
- Robert Price, triple bypass (Lucas family)
- Helen Glock, cancer (Perham)
- Carolyn West, stroke (Bill's sister)
- Michaela Brown
- Martha Wheeler
- Gouker family, lost 3-month-old grandson (Toni's family)

and
Our Service Members serving overseas:
 Justin Boyle – Iraq
 Tim Williams – Iraq
 Adam Hipwell – Afghanistan)



Hello All,

Just a note to say thank you all for your generosity in giving towards St Paul's Continuing Education. As you can see, we are moving more and more towards our goal. I am already finding the materials very helpful as I ponder the deeper listening I give to my directees. Again thank you all so very much and be expecting a personal note from me in the near future.

Peace, John+

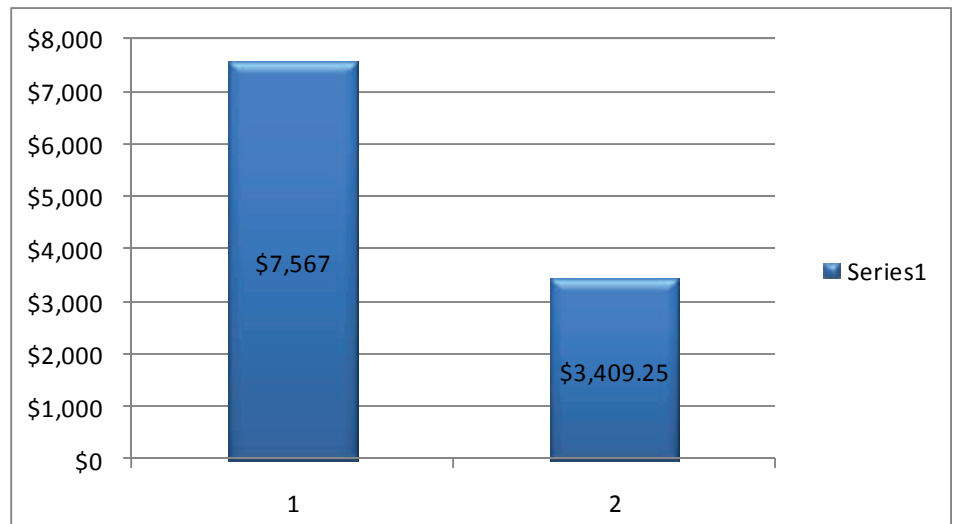
CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND: SHALEM PROJECT



Thank you all for your continued support, together we can do this.

Blessings, John+

	\$7,567.00 GOAL
PREVIOUS TOTAL	\$3114.25
JUNE GIFTS	\$295.00
NEW TOTAL	\$3,409.25



Notes and Stuff

Vacation Bible School!

This summer we will celebrate the love of God at St. Paul's in the Pines through offering the VBS program, Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure. This is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that brings children into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Registration for all space cadets (children from preschool to 5th grade) will begin Sunday, June 27th. The countdown to VBS, July 19th-23rd, has begun! Help us prepare for takeoff! We are in need of more volunteers (Mission Pilots), items to help us turn our parish space into a Cosmic Space, and food items to be served in our Astro Bistro!

Once again, there will be no cost to the children for Vacation Bible School. Their money is no good in outer space. **Kaazaa!**



Items to Donate

(please place in labeled Sunday School Classroom)

- Space themed posters, books, magazine pictures, and cut-outs
- Aluminum foil
- Bubble wrap
- White and colored mini lights
- Black lights
- Silver disco balls
- Multi-colored disco ball lamps
- Old CDs
- Star wire
- Glow in the dark star stickers
- Spray foam insulation
- Styrofoam balls
- Large appliance boxes
- Space themed or reflective wrapping paper or fabric
- Dryer vent hoses
- Rectangular paint palettes
- Aluminum pie plates
- Sturdy paper plates
- Newspapers
- Brown paper bags
- Glitter
- Colored foamboard and posterboard
- Glow in the dark paint
- Paintbrushes
- Food items, See Mission Specialists Pam Perham and Gail Brown

Thank you!

Cindi Pettigrew, Mission Commander

Happy July 4th! Happy Independence Day!



I hope you spend your holiday with family and the excitement of fireworks – celebratory only, please. I hope you treasure your freedom that we celebrate this day.

Being so near to Ft. Bragg and associating with so many current or former military people has given me opportunity to consider the military point of view about things. It also has made me listen carefully to the politicians who create the policies the military follow. And, obviously there are a million directions I could go in from here, but I'm only going to discuss one thing today, and I hope I won't tread on anyone's toes, at least not directly.

I misspoke when I referred to the military point of view. There may be one military way, but there is no single military viewpoint on things. As all Americans do, members of the military have their own personal viewpoints, and they are numerous. That in itself has been an interesting revelation – although perhaps it should not have been. However, frequently a service member has to use discretion and keep quiet about their opinion in the interest of making things run smoothly.

Politicians are sometimes called upon to do the same thing, although they are more inclined to use and publicize a point of view in order to further their agenda. Often, especially in wartime situations, they will call upon the need for our country to act, and point to the idea that God is somehow behind our actions if we do as they – the speakers – direct. “God is on our side” we will hear. “God stands behind the righteous”, and somehow we are to infer that that is us.

Funny thing is, other politicians are using the same line. “No, do *this*, *this* is the right thing to do, and we will succeed, because God is on our side.” And a third will say the same.

Even more bewildering, the people completely on the other side, the *enemy of the moment*, are telling their people the same thing. “God is on our side.”

It is, of course, a fallacy of sorts. Not that God might not be on one side. Not that everyone is purposely invoking God as a means of getting things their way. (Not everyone, anyway.) But people naturally believe that if they think something is right, God must support it.

Here's the thing. It is not that we should be asking God to be on our side (with the innate assumption being that he is.) We should first be asking God what the right side *is*. Just because it is the best thing for us does not necessarily mean it is the right thing in God's eyes. And, please know, I am not challenging any particular political sentiment here. Both sides of most issues will stake a claim on God's support for the righteous. God does support the righteous. The question is, are we seeking righteousness? Have we put ourselves on God's side?

Blessings, Robin the PA

from the Vestry

A Note from Pastoral Care



Pam Frawley

About Pastoral (Prayer) Care

There are now 3 people on this committee. Please approach me if you are interested in joining in this rewarding ministry or if you are in need of some pastoral care for yourself or someone you know.

This is a ministry that I love. No one will “bother me” by asking for help. You are all my brothers and sisters, and I love you each and every one – no exceptions; you are my family.

About the Parish Nurse Program

The Parish Nurse Program is alive and well but still in the early stages. It is our hope to soon bring some health screenings here.

About the Order of St. Luke

I can hardly convey the full mission of this organization in a few sentences here, but I'll try.

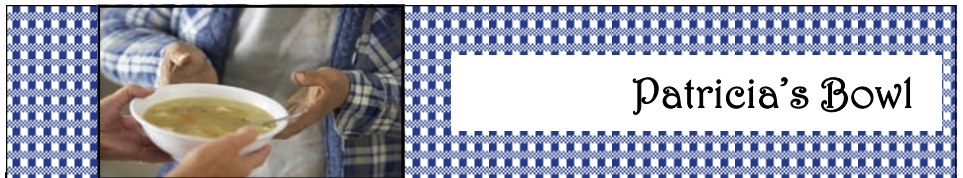
The purpose, of course, is healing, healing of the whole body, mind, and soul of each one of us. God's intention has always been for wholeness in His image. “All humanity is the creation of a loving God who wills for everyone wholeness”; health of the total person. When we pray, we are to pray “Thy will be done”, not, “if it is thy will”. The primary purpose of the Healing Ministry is to see God's will fulfilled in the restoration of wholeness.

Prayer is a big part of the Order; the Healing Service, or laying on of hands, is another. The act of healing belongs to Jesus Christ, and whatever means or form this takes, it is Jesus's love that brings about the healing.

Becoming a member of this order requires prayer, study, action (which is on-going), and learning to open oneself to let him in to work through us. We would be instruments of the healing, not the cause of the healing.

I feel so blessed to be starting on this mission. I believe that Cursillo has opened me to the wonder and excitement of living *for* God instead of living *because* of God. I feel a contentment and wholeness that I never felt before. Come and join me for this adventure. Father John and I would be thrilled to be able to have St. Paul's own chapter right here.

Peace, Pam



My how time flies, we are almost into July! That means our Parish Retreat isn't far off and rooms are going like **HOT** cakes, there are **ONLY 8 LEFT**. For payment purposes your checks should be made out to St Paul in the Pines with a notation on the memo line informing us of that intent. A reminder of the dates and cost:

September 17-19 4:00pm Arrival – 1:00pm Departure

\$72.00 per person per night (double) \$92.00 per person per night (single)

\$29.00 per person per night (5-17 years) \$12.00 per person per night (1-4 years)

Payments can be made in increments just ensure each check has the information on the memo line. I can hardly wait to share this event with you all, get those photo release forms signed so we can share the joy with the rest of the Parish!

Since I started work I have really missed coming to the 10:30 Service and enjoying the fellowship afterwards with all of you, as I also have the honor of being your “Hospitality” Vestry member I have pondered the logistics of keeping up the coffee hour goodies. A simple solution which will alleviate “burdening” any particular group of people will be to contact 3 families each week and request them to drop something off. This will bring us endless variety and ensure that everyone gets to provide not more than twice a year and we will all benefit from each others creativity. I personally will continue to bring birthday cake for 1st Sunday and OF COURSE I will be there on 5th Sundays too. Look forward to seeing you all as often as possible and thanking you in advance,

Patricia.

	4 July	11 July	18 July	25 July	1 August	8 August
	6th Sunday after	7th Sunday after	8th Sunday after	9th Sunday after	10th Sunday after	11th Sunday after
2010 Year C	PENTECOST	PENTECOST	PENTECOST	PENTECOST	PENTECOST	PENTECOST
	Proper 9	Proper 10	Proper 11	Proper 12	Proper 13	Proper 14
8:00AM	G. Brown	N. Tetterton	R. Burrs	C. Barnett	G. Brown	N. Tetterton
Euch.Min.	J. Crabill	K. Hasinger	R. Burrs	D. Roraback	L. Flom	K. Hasinger
Lector	R. Huskey	P. Frawley	G. Roraback	J. Peters	K. Hasinger	R. Huskey
Crucifer	I. Martin	J. Liebers	J. Huskey	A. Perham	I. Martin	J. Liebers
Ushers &	G. Winder	D. George	G. Winder	R. Burrs	P. Perham	D. George
Greeters &	J. Ashford	J. Lowder	J. Ashford	T. Wethington	G. Brown	J. Lowder
Front Doors	B. Perham	G. Brown	B. Perham	M. Winder	J. Frantz	G. Brown
Altar Guild	D. George	R. Burrs	G. Brown	P. Perham	C. Swick	D. George
Tellers	B. Perham	L. Flom	D. George	M. Winder	K. Hasinger	B. Perham
	G. Winder	J. Lowder	J. Frantz	R. Burrs	G. Roraback	G. Winder
Flowers \$35		J. Crabill	P. Bass			R. Burrs
Bread and Wine \$15						R. Burrs
Nursery	Leslie Donna	Allison Amy	Susan Charity	Saron Suzanne	Charity Susan	Leslie Donna

Team Leaders-- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR TEAM PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY YOU ARE ASSIGNED. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ASSIGNED SUNDAY. INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY BY WEDNESDAY OF YOUR ASSIGNED WEEK. PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING TO Robin Burrs THE DATES YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE. LECTORS---PLEASE UPDATE THE HYMN BOARDS PRIOR TO YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY. PLEASE UTILIZE THE ILLUMINATIONS FOR THE LESSONS ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Play: Pathway to Freedom	3 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Yard Clean-up Day
4 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am 4TH OF JULY celebration immediately after services	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 4TH OF JULY OBSERVANCE	6 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	7 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	8 Cursillo Reunion Group 6:00 pm	9	10 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
11 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	12	13 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	14 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	15 Cursillo Reunion Group 6:00 pm	16	17 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Community Watch 10:30 am-Noon "IRYT4FUN" Workshop 12:30-4:00 pm
18 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	19 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	20 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	21 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	22 Cursillo Reunion Group 6:00 pm	23	24 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
25 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	26	27 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	28 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	29	30	31
VBS GALACTIC BLAST" BEGINS 6:30 PM EVERY EVENING						
FATHER JOHN ON VACATION THRU AUGUST 2ND						

Birthdays & Anniversaries in July: 2nd—Dakota Seay; 7th—Debbie Liebers; 10th—Charlee Liebers; 11th—Lauren Olivia Houser; 12th—Bill West; 13th—Jacob Buffinton; 14th—Leona DeJaynes; 17th—Pam Perham; 21st—Gail Brown; 24th—Jillian Flom; 28th—Jan St. Onge

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not included on this list, it is because the information is not in our database. If you would like it included, please notify the office.

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A Diocese in Prayer July 2010

Please pray for the following during the month of July

4th — St. Andrew's by the Sea, Nags Head
The Rev'd Randolph Green, Interim
Divina Gracia, Mosovi, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Daniel Samuel, Vicar
Dia de Pentecostes, Villa Liberacion, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Vincente Pena, Vicar

18th — St. John's, Wilmington
The Rev'd Thomas Barnett, Rector
San Juan Evangelista, Piedra Blanca, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Juan Antonio Rosario, Vicar
San Cornelio, Cabarete, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Daniel Samuel, Vicar

11th — Christ Church, New Bern
The Rev'd Canon Dr. Peter Stube, Rector
The Rev'd Marquita Hutchens, Associate Rector
Deacon Paul Canady, Curate
San Timoteo, Nizao, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Ercilia Peralta, Rector
San Simon, San Marcos, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Rafael de la Cruz, Vicar

25th — All Soul's, Leland
The Rev'd Nan Chandler, Rector
St. Paul's in the Pines, Fayetteville
The Rev'd John Frazier, Rector
San Barnabe, Pizarrete, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Ramon Antonio Garcia, Vicar
La Natividad, Sal Salcedo, Dominican Republic
The Rev'd Hipolito Fernandez Reina, Vicar

