

The Epistle of St. Paul Church

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. . . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. . . ACTS 2:1-4



JULY 2017

An Invitation! July 23

It's Our Turn! Please Help with the Gathering

The Gathering is a “church without walls” that meets at Thanks-Giving Square in Dallas. It was created to be a spiritual home for those in the Dallas area who are homeless or have insecure housing. Simply put, a church whose purpose and reality is a ministry to, with, and for the homeless community that is always amongst us but seldom seen.

All parishes in the diocese are invited to help provide weekly lunches and celebrate Holy Eucharist for the community of the street. St. Paul has been to the Gathering several times, always taking a personal message of hope from us to those we serve. And it's our turn again! We seek out the opportunity to serve in our larger diocese family.

An Invitation!

St. Paul Summer Suppers

Pay attention on Sunday mornings in July – Your vestry members are going to invite you to dinner!

Signup sheets for the St. Paul Summer Supper Shindig will be available on Sundays. Come for one supper and let's get to know each other better! ✦

Welcome!

Baptized into the Household of God

“There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us. One Lord,, One Faith, One Baptism. One Lord and Father of All.”

The St. Paul family welcomes Chloe Byington, Larry Hutchison, and John, Alyssa, Sydney, and Casey Pfeiffer to the family of God by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, a gift from God. We, the congregation, vowed to do all in our power to support these persons in their life in Christ. That's our job! And they were “sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.” Alleluia! ✦

Please help us gather food and serve it to those who seek a spiritual connection. You may donate time or money to help us fulfill our ministry to others.

The Gathering is a community of presence that welcomes everyone – the homeless and the affluent, the addicted and those in recovery, the churchd and the unchurched, the spiritual but not religious, the believer, the seeker and the doubter – to find hope in the message of Jesus Christ. We meet people at their point of need, and attempt to love and serve each one of them. And, in doing so, preach a powerful Gospel message. Please join us! ✦

We need:

**Food – and bags and boxes to carry the food.
Time – to put the meal together, transport it to Dallas, and serve it to the congregation.
Worship Service begins at 1 pm
Thanks-Giving Square
1627 Pacific, Dallas
(between Akard and Ervay streets)
LET US KNOW YOU CAN HELP!
972-938-2126; st.paul@spcwax.org**

What are the *Gifts of Celebration* that are announced during the service?

They are the people's offerings of bread and wine and flowers for the celebration of The Great Thanksgiving at each service. Flowers are not placed on the altar during Lent or Advent, as a symbol of the penitential nature of the seasons, but the people still provide the gifts of bread and wine throughout the year.

How can we give *Gifts of Celebration*?

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, and *Gifts of Celebration* donation cards. The suggested donation is \$50. Just fill out one of the cards and sign up on the sheet provided. You may put your monetary donation in the plate, but be sure *Gifts of Celebration* appears on the memo line of your check, or, if cash, on the inside flap of the offering envelope. ✦



Talking about Liturgy & Music and looking at the history of hymnody in the Episcopal Church – a topic that is widely discussed with a variety of perspectives.

Liturgy is the term for the church's sacramental rites and texts used in public worship. The *Episcopal Dictionary of the Church* explains that "liturgy expresses the church's identity and mission, including the church's calling to invite others and to serve with concern for the needs of the world."

Music in the Episcopal Church can be as diverse as its worship services. Although final authority over the music used in an Episcopal service is "the duty of every Minister" (Canon 24, Section 1), our hymnal draws all Episcopalians together musically in the same way that the Book of Common Prayer draws us together in prayer and liturgy.

While some of the hymns date back to monastic chants, the hymnal offers more modern music as well. The chief musical forms in Episcopal worship are: Preces and responses — sung antiphonally by the priest (or a lay cantor) and choir; Psalms — sung to Anglican chant by the choir or congregation; Service settings — choral settings of the ordinary of the Eucharist, and canticles; and, anthems or motets.

Over the past half century or so efforts have been made to increase the role of the congregation and also to introduce more "popular" musical styles in the worship service. Anglican churches also frequently draw upon the musical traditions of other Christian denominations. In *The Hymnal 1982* the Standing Commission on Church Music looked for theological orthodoxy, poetic beauty, and integrity of meaning. At the same time, the Commission was especially concerned that the hymnody affirm 'the participation of all in the Body of Christ the Church.' ✠

Choir Members on Praying through Song

Joan Burnard and Daryl Anne Tillery talk about how – and why – they sing in the St. Paul Choir.



Joan Burnard

I grew up in the Episcopal church in west Texas. After graduating from Trinity University in San Antonio, I attended Good Shepherd in Cedar Hill, where I married my husband Mike. While there I was involved as a lay reader and chalice bearer and also served on the Vestry and taught youth Sunday school. Professionally, I was a photographer with the Dallas Independent School District, Communications Department until I retired. After retirement I was very blessed to be able to stay home as my mother's caretaker during the last year of her life.

I began singing with the choir at St. Paul about five years ago. When I was in junior and senior high school I sang in school choirs and in the St. Christopher Episcopal Church choir in Lubbock. I was recruited to the St. Paul choir by several other choir members. Singing in the choir enriches the way I worship God. I enjoy learning new songs and sharing them with the congregation. I believe the choir is integral to the worship, and I feel it is an honor to be a part of the worship team. Being a member of the choir has contributed to my musical, spiritual and personal growth. The hymns and anthems enhance the liturgical seasons and appointed scriptures, and I feel blessed with a deeper connection as I sing. The presence of the Holy Spirit fills the worship!

When I joined the choir, the other member welcomed me with open arms – I had an instant group of friends. We also pray together. Learning new music can sometimes be a challenge, especially with the small size of the choir. When I committed to being in the choir, the time required was not a major factor for me. Attending practice one night a week provides a nice break from my other responsibilities! Being at church about half an hour early is easy – I would be there even I wasn't singing in the choir. ✠



Daryl Anne Tillery

I retired from being a registered nurse, then I bought a small used book store. After enjoying that for about ten years I retired again. Most of my time is now spent either with church, or with one of my three grandsons. We all love to craft and garden.

I've been a choir member for about ten years. The only other choir experience I ever had was in junior high school. I first joined because it was something my sister and I could do together. I have stayed because I love it. The choir leads the congregation in music, which I consider an integral part of worship. In the fourth chapter of Genesis it states that Lamech and his wife Adah had Jubal and that he was the first musician and inventor of the harp and flute. This makes me think that God thought music was very important, and that means music is very important to worship.

One impact that choir has had on my life has been my ability to be in front of a large crowd of people. In choir I don't feel as if I am performing, I am worshipping God to the best of my ability and I'm not afraid.

I knew most of the choir members before joining, but it has certainly strengthened those relationships. We are bonded by our love of God and of music. And when new people join, we become fast friends with a common goal. Yes, there are challenges. My greatest challenge being that I don't have much of a singing voice! I can read music thanks to years of piano lessons, which is helpful but not absolutely necessary. There are several beautiful voices in our choir who could never read music. We are always learning.

Fitting choir into my schedule and has never been a problem for me. I was going to be at the worship service anyway, and a couple of hours once a week is not hard to fit in for practice. I generally practice my music at home after prayers and Bible time. I think it enhances my devotion time! ✠

July, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Worship 8 am Holy Eucharist Said 9:15 am Nursery Opens 9:20 am Sunday school for all ages 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Music						10 am - NOON ¹  VBS Maker Fun Factory
	2	3 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 No Service Tonight	6 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	7
9	10 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	11 7 pm Cub Scouts	12 7pm Holy Eucharist	13 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	14	15
16	17 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	18 7 pm Boy Scouts	19 7pm Holy Eucharist	20	21	22 10 am - NOON  VBS Maker Fun Factory
23 The Gathering Feeding the Homeless at Thanksgiving Square <i>leaving after late service</i>	24 7pm BSA Troop Meeting Blue Star Mothers	25	26 7pm Evening Prayer	27 7 pm Vestry 7 pm Venture Crew	28	29
30	31 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	<i>Aug 1</i> 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 7pm Holy Eucharist	3 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	4	5
6	7 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	8 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 7pm Holy Eucharist	10 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	11	12 8 am Men's Breakfast  DOK 9:30 AM 10 am - NOON  VBS Maker Fun Factory

Refresh! Learn! Laugh!

Blooming in God's Love

Friday 6-8 pm
Saturday 9:30 am - 3 pm

women's Retreat



July Birthdays

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| 1 Louise Auclair | 11 Rainy Galetka | 23 Rick Fannon |
| 3 Dylan Winters | 12 Matt Lavender | Samantha Matthews |
| 4 Larry Hutchison | 13 Debbie Fitzhugh | 25 William LeNoir |
| 5 Matt Bell | 17 Heather Kinder | 26 Elizabeth Sadler |
| 6 Denise Osteen | Douglas Winters | Joshua Tews |
| Andy Reeves | 20 Karen Hauser | 27 Annette Winborne |
| 7 Stephen Sloan | Josh Kinder | 30 Brooke Kinder |
| Priscilla Wilson | Jase Reeves | Alex Reisner |
| 8 Lisa Gagliano | 21 Glenna Sonnenberg | 31 Fred Bryant |
| Karen Lux | 22 Jacob Adkins | Jan Zerwekh |
| 9 Dakota Corse | Mike Burnard | |
| 10 Katelyn Osteen | | |

July Anniversaries

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| 1 Mary Jo & Tommy Taylor |
| 5 Andrea & Doug Winters |
| 10 Jennifer & Kelly High |
| 17 Priscilla & Gary Wilson |
| 19 Glenda & Russell Smith |
| 29 Linda & John Forest |

Check it Out!

10:30 Service sermons are on the

WEBSITE

www.spcwax.org

Maker Fun Factory

Sparking kids' creativity to discover they are created by God, and built for a purpose. Schedule:

God is always with you July 1 & 2

God will always love you July 22 & 23

God made you for a reason August 12 & 13

For the kids in grades K-5, sessions start on Saturday (10 am - Noon) and continue on Sunday mornings. Bring your kids – and bring their friends! ☛

Organizations & Committees

ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Fellowship

David Gregory 972-875-4535
Breakfast for all men, 2nd Saturday, 8 AM

Daughters of the King (DOK)

Ruth Gibson 214-957-9549
Women of Prayer, Meetings first Sat, 9:30 AM

ECW Carolyn Ross, 214-926-2335

VESTRY, Staff & Committees

Sr. Warden (2018) Floyd Ross, 972-742-3598

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Acolytes Matt Perkins, 972-937-8077

Altar Guild Anne Tuley, 972-938-8024

Please join us!
Blooming in God's Love
Women's Retreat
Refresh! Learn! Laugh!



Friday, **July 28** 6-8 pm starts with light supper
Saturday, **July 29**, 9:30 am - 3 pm, serving breakfast & lunch

Learn new ways to study God's word and increase the vocabulary of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

\$45 cost covers all materials and three delicious meals.
We'll retreat at the church. Signup sheets in the foyer or email epistle@spcwax.org

Ladies – We all know it's important to study God's Word. But sometimes it's hard to know where to start. How can we, as Christian women, keep our focus and sustain our passion when reading the Bible? At our Women's Retreat we will learn a clear and concise plan to go deeper in our study of Scripture, and equip us to engage God's Word in a way that trains our minds and transforms our hearts. And there will great food, too! Please come – and invite a friend to join you! ✠



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in a prayerful, loving
Christ-centered Community.*

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Grow God's Kingdom