



Summer 2018

St. Paul's EPISTLE



2018
Parish
Retreat
July 20-22



Following the words of Jesus, we invite you to *"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."* (Mark 6:31a) in Valle Crucis for our Annual Parish Retreat. We will have live music, art making, porch rocking, and opportunities for fellowship together.

An agenda will be posted to the website when it is finalized. Sign up in the commons or by contacting the office.



Our Mission:
God in our hearts;
Light to our path;
Home for all.



The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin
Bishop of the Diocese of WNC

The Rev. Ann Dieterle
Rector

The Rev. Dn. Susan Whittington
Deacon

The Rev. Carl Elledge
Pastoral Assistant

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Director of Children, Youth,
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A Word from the Rector

The Rev. Ann Dieterle



I frequently struggle with what to write for newsletter articles, and this one is particularly challenging. This isn't a farewell address as it will come out several weeks before I depart, but it is the last Epistle article that I will write. I've started to write down various memories of my time here, but I can do that with you all individually as we gather face to face. Plus I'd either have to go on forever or leave out a lot of people.

I did what I often do when I have writer's block for an article or a sermon, which is to go and look at what I wrote on other occasions. Here's one thing that I found from last winter that might amuse my fellow nerds (I don't think this ever got published anywhere):

"This is an actual headline from the Dec. 14, 2017 edition of "The Telegraph."

'Census figures show that 176,632 people in England and Wales identify themselves as Jedi Knights, making it the most popular faith in the "Other Religions" category on the Census and the seventh most popular faith overall.'

The day I started working on this article was also the early US release date for Star Wars: The Last Jedi. So it was timely and thematic.

I've said to several people recently that I have always liked the Star Wars movies but I used to be normal about it. I'm not sure what exactly propelled me into this next level of fandom, but you will be relieved to know that I have not gone so far as to mark "Jedi Knight" as my religious affiliation. I did mark that as my profession though. (Just kidding)

Okay, I'm really reaching here. And stalling a bit. Just after Easter this year we read a lot from Jesus' farewell address in the Gospel of John, and in it Jesus said at one point "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." I don't doubt that was true for the disciples, but I wonder if Jesus was thinking something along the lines of "and I'm not sure I can bear it either."

I've said to several of you that I think my mother is the only one who doesn't have mixed emotions

about me moving back to Florida. Though that may not even be true. She knows how much you all mean to me, and senses that this move is bittersweet. In addition to being near her, I'll be within an hour or so of my brother and sister-in-law who recently celebrated their second anniversary and who are in the adoption process. So I'll likely be an aunt in the not so distant future. I'm looking forward to that.

Please know that I love you and will miss you. And remember, as Christians we never really say good-bye, just "see you later."

I want to close with a benediction that I found at some point along the way and that has continued to inspire me. I used to think of it as a blessing or commission for an individual, but it works equally well if not better as a blessing or commission for a congregation.

May God grant you the grace
never to sell yourself short;
grace to risk something big
for the sake of something good;
grace to remember that the
world is now too dangerous for
anything but truth and too small
for anything but love."

-adaptation of benediction
by William Sloane Coffin Jr.



Children & Youth Calendar

July

Please join us for a showcase and art show on July 13th as our VBS participants share their creations with us.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church presents:

ARTS CAMP: VBS SHOWCASE

Join us on Friday, July 13th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for a presentation of music, dance, and theatre as our VBS participants share what they have learned about Creation Care.



Artist: Katie Beard

August

Rockin' Toddlers:

August 7th & 14th, 9:30-10:30am

Garden Club:

August 9th & 16th, 9:30-11:00am

YOUTH Diocesan Event SPLASH

August 19, 2:00 - 6:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun on Lake Ridgecrest at Camp Ridgecrest located near Black Mountain, NC.

Fun, games, and lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$10, pay at event.

Backpack Blessing:

August 26th

Back to School Party @ Wilkesboro Mini Golf:

August 26th, 1:00-3:00pm

September

Sunday School Kick Off:

September 9th

Downtown Wilkesboro Halloween Parade and Games:

September 15th

We have been invited to run one of the games as a group. Details TBA.

Youth Group:

September 9th

Middle School 5:00-6:30pm

High School 6:00-7:30pm

Dinner served 6:00-6:30pm

Middle School Retreat @ VCCC:

September 28th-30th

Jr. Warden News

Joe Fesperman

1) After a bit of consideration and review of various options, a new natural gas furnace and air conditioner will be coming to the church office. The current gas line from the church will need to be extended but the use of this energy source will save St. Paul's money in the long run.

2) You may have noticed the heavy Wilkesboro equipment in front of the church office and more recently the parish house. A new water line is being run to improve the water pressure in the kitchen. Many thanks to Ken Canter for heading this project as well as working with Frontier Gas.

3) Watering help is still needed to keep our new labyrinth plants healthy. Volunteers are lined up into mid-August but additional assistance is needed beginning Sunday, August 19th and continuing approximately 4 more weeks. By August this will be one 2 hour commitment per week according to Ken Crouse. If you would be willing to help, notify Joe Fesperman (joefesperman@yahoo.com or 336-667-3594 to leave a message).

4) Feel free to stop by and visit Grayson Butler, our ASU intern who is helping with our archives all summer. The current archive room is on the ground floor of the Parish House adjacent to the large gathering area. The plan is to move our collection into the library beneath the sanctuary and to have several displays set up there as well as in the Commons. Emily Ball will be leaving us toward the end of June. Watch the weekly St. Paul's Cares for an opportunity to hear about their progress over lunch. Tim Day has begun to work on a idea to provide additional information on the inhabitants of our cemetery, ask him for details. If you have materials you think would be valuable for the archives, let Grayson know. She can be contacted by visitation or through the church office.

5) Plans are afoot to renovate our kitchen and relocate the men's restroom across the hall to beside the women's room. This would turn the current study/fireplace room into a storage room. The current

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men's room location would become additional kitchen storage. By moving the front wall of the kitchen out into the seating area an additional 2 1/2' could be added to that space. Parishioners involved with the men's breakfast, Crisis ministry and Dick Underwood book club have taken part in these discussions. If you have questions or would like more detail feel free to ask Carol or Ken Canter, Tim Day, Joe Fesperman, Ruth Harris, Justin Norman or Ray Stone. Jim Smoak and Mary Southwell have also been in on the early planning. Once plans are completely drawn and a construction bid is considered by the Vestry at their August meeting, it is possible work could begin as early as September 2nd. A capital fund drive to help with some of the financing is under consideration.

Men's Breakfast

Join us after the summer break for the Men's Breakfast on **September 16th** from **8:00am until 10:00am** in the Parish House! Breakfast will be cooked and served by the men of St. Paul's. A donation of \$5.00 per person to cover our cost is appreciated. Come join your fellow parishioners for delicious food and fellowship.

If you would like to get involved with the Men's Breakfast, please contact Ken Canter at rkencanter@aol.com.

Outreach News

This summer will see several activities centered around food with the goal of assisting our neighbors.

1) The Family to Family Grocery Relief Ministry project will begin in earnest this summer. A list of food supplies that neatly fit in a standard paper grocery bag is below. You will be able to participate in many ways: fill the list yourself, buy a few of the items on the list and notify Joe or Willie Barber (479-236-5691 or 479-236-5692 respectively) how best to get them or write a designated check for the program. These bags of food will be distributed to our Crisis neighbors and coordinated by Carol Canter. We would like to have a list of people we can call to purchase additional food items when needed.

Proteins

- 1 - 12.5 oz. can Chunk Chicken Breast
- 2 - 7.5 oz. cans Beans & Wieners
- 1 - 38 oz. can Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- 1 - 28 oz. Creamy Peanut Butter

Dairy

- 1 - 13 oz. Snack Pack Vanilla Pudding (four individual cups)

Fruits

- 1 - 16 oz. Cherry, Peach, Pear or Mixed Fruit in 100% juice (four individual cups)
- 1 - 12.8 oz. Squeeze Applesauce on the Go

Vegetables

- 2 - 14.5 oz. cans Mixed-Vegetable Medley or Green Beans
- 1 - 15.25 oz. can Black Beans
- 1 - 15.25 oz. can Corn

Grains

- 1 - 10.4 oz. box Fruit and Grain bars
- 1 - 13.7 oz. Variety Pack Instant Oatmeal
- 1 - 32 oz. box Complete Pancake Mix (just add water)
- 2 - 7.25 oz. Macaroni and Cheese Dinner
- 1 - 14.4 oz. box Graham Crackers
- 1 - 14 oz. box of Instant Rice (brown or white)
- 2 - 6.5 oz. pkgs. White or Yellow Cornbread Mix (just add water)

Other

- 1 - 8 oz. Pancake Syrup
 - 1 - 20 oz. Squeezable Grape Jelly
- 2) On September 12th there will be a BBQ sandwich fundraiser to assist a local Hospitality House project which is working to provide scattered site housing for some of the homeless in Wilkes. Last year we contributed \$1,800 toward their annual budget of approximately \$25,000. Be on the lookout to purchase tickets or provide deserts, etc. Colleen Manovich will be leading the preparation of yummy sweetness.
- 3) Our next Outreach meeting will be Sunday, August 12th in the Parish House after the 10:30am service. All are invited.

For more information on Outreach, contact Joe Fesperman at joefesperman@yahoo.com.

Eagle Scout Award



All are invited to celebrate Charlie Lankford's Eagle Scout Ceremony and Dedicate his St. Paul's Episcopal Church History scout project plaque installed outside of St. Paul's Historic Chapel.

Sunday, August 19th at 2:00pm.

A short ceremony and lunch will be in the Parish House. RSVPs are welcome for food count (BBQ chicken and all the fixings).

Jennifer & Arthur Lankford [704-256-7767](tel:704-256-7767) or text [336-262-9747](tel:336-262-9747).
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Opportunities

Wednesday Eucharist

5:30pm Historic Chapel

Please join us for worship

Sunday Services

8:30am Historic Chapel

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Sanctuary



St. Paul's Vestry

2018

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Carol M. Canter

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