



Good News

Together, we seek to know Christ and make him known.

From the Rector

"When my brothers try to draw a circle to exclude me, I shall draw a larger circle to include them." –Pauli Murray

I'd never heard her name before today. Seeking a starting place for my message to you, I checked the Episcopal resource "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" and discovered that today, July 1, is the feast day of Pauli Murray, Episcopal priest, lawyer, poet, and civil rights activist. After hearing Pauli's story I did not want another day to pass without sharing it with you.

Pauli was born in Baltimore in 1910, largely orphaned, and raised in Durham NC by extended family in the Jim Crow South. By all accounts she was brilliant—at age 16 Pauli moved to NYC and enrolled in Hunter College. Thereafter she attended Howard University Law School where she graduated first in her class. Howard University denied her the opportunity to do post-graduate work at that institution, however, because she was a woman. Pauli later obtained a doctorate (JSD) from Yale University, being the first African American to do so. Pauli was a pioneer.

After working tirelessly as an attorney to secure full civil rights for black people and women, Pauli experienced a call to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. Pauli described her call as the time when "*all the strands of my life had come together.*"

She enrolled in the General Theological Seminary in 1963. Pauli was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1976, just months after the General Convention voted to approve the ordination of female priests. Paul Murray was the first African American woman ordained in the Episcopal Church. She was 67 years old. She celebrated her first Eucharist in Chapel Hill, NC in the Episcopal Church where her grandmother, the child of a slave and a slave owner, was baptized. Think on that for a moment!

Gather in the Garden

Garden Prayers & Potluck



Join us Saturday July 17 at 4 pm for Prayers and Potluck in the Jubilee Garden! We'll open with prayer thanking God for the abundance he provides and we can share. After that we'll garden together a bit then share a potluck meal about 5:30pm.

Even if you don't garden, you are welcome to come for prayer and potluck. Enjoy the beautiful sacred space of our garden and parish grounds, visit with your friends, cheer the gardeners on, and be glad for our collective abundance in love, faith, and green, growing things!

Bring a dish to share if you are able.

July Celebrations

Birthdays

Kim Herczog 02
Ivy Heim 03
Brianna Rotz 03
Diane Smith 08
Margaret Sinclair 22
William Nemeth 22
Joan Lally 23
Vince Sitkowski 24
Ken Cudnik 25
Andrew Spiesman 26
Douglas Dittebrand 27
Norma Pattison 29
Sarah Peshek 31

Anniversaries

Leo & Shirley Poitras 09
Grant & Mary Provins 22
Douglas & Deborah Dittebrand 26

*Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary?
Contact the Office at
440-255-8842 and let us know!*



Host A Summer Coffee Hour

What a blessing it has been to return to in-person worship! In fact, it's nice to linger a little longer after church and catch up with each other. If you'd like to host a coffee hour and provide snacks and a beverage, please sign up for a Sunday this summer.

Homemade, store-bought, coffee, lemonade....it really makes no difference - coffee hour builds community here at St Andrew.

So volunteer to take a Sunday and make sure to stay each week to talk to old friends or get to know some of our newer parishioners. The sign- up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board.

Join the Episcopal Church - Confirmation/Reception Class

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop."

Reception is offered for those who have already made a mature Christian commitment in another denomination to be recognized as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, and received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

For those wanting to be confirmed (or received) St. Andrew will offer a preparatory class in September. The class will meet once or twice a month and conclude with Confirmation/Reception when the Bishop visits St. Andrew in the spring.

The class is a great way to learn about the Episcopal Church and will help the candidates discover the meaning of Christian commitment in their lives, and explore ways that their Christian commitment can be lived.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Lisa at revlisastandrew@gmail.com.

Content from www.episcopalchurch.org



Join the Ladies Bible Study!

Lake Health Needs Volunteers

Want to share, give back, make new friends? Lake Health needs you!

Looking for individuals to volunteer at Lake Health in many areas. Do you have great customer service skills and some computer skills? Call 440-345-1665 for more information (must be at least 16 years-old).

Ladies Bible Study

Invitation from Peggy Sturm

Come and join us every Monday at 1:00 PM at St. Andrew!

We are a fun group with lots of sharing, prayer, and of course Bible study. We are in the Book of John - and at the rate we are going, will be there for some time!

Bring a bible if you want, or you can just listen as the Lord leads us into an understanding of how His Word relates to our daily life.

To also help us understand, we are using "A Lifeguide Bible Study" written by Douglas Connelly and published by InterVarsity Press.

Come whenever you are able, there is always something new every week. Call Peggy Sturm if you have any questions 440-226-6341.

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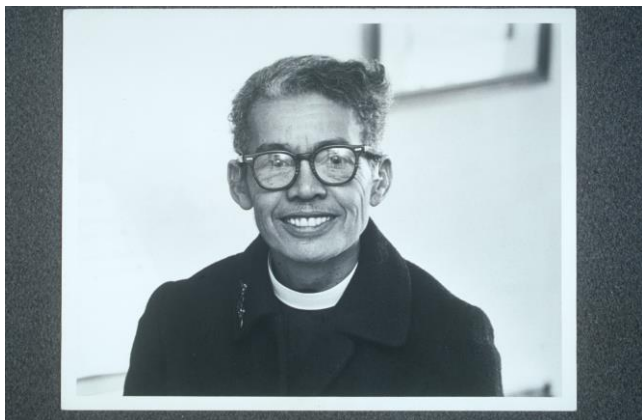
About this formative event in her spiritual life, Pauli Murray wrote that

"All the strands of my life had come together. Descendant of slave and of slave owner, I had already been called poet, lawyer, teacher, and friend. Now I was empowered to minister the sacrament of One in whom there is no north or south, no black or white, no male or female – only the spirit of love and reconciliation drawing us all toward the goal of human wholeness."

While few of us can claim the intellectual brilliance or personal bravery of Pauli Murray, each one of us can experience human wholeness through our adoption by Jesus Christ. Every one of us can achieve an integration of every aspect of our lives through our ongoing and ever-evolving relationship with our Lord. All of us together can change the world for the better as Christ's Body in the world, the church. Our Savior calls us into new life in him. The ways in which we choose to answer the call (or ignore it) define our lives.

"Liberating God, we thank you for the steadfast courage of your servant Pauli Murray, who fought long and well: Unshackle us from the chains of prejudice and fear, that we may show forth the reconciling love and true freedom which you revealed in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever." Amen.

-Collect appointed for the Feast day of Pauli Murray



Intergenerational Camp

Bring your family or "pod" to Bellwether Farm for a weekend of camp on July 16-18! Following an Olympics theme, pods will participate in team-building activities, friendly competition, and traditional camp activities. Evenings will include bonfires and s'mores, movies, stargazing, and group games. Mornings and evenings will also include family-friendly prayer and reflection. For registration information go to: www.bellwetherfarm.com

Coming Soon...

- Sunday School will return after Labor day.
- Every Sunday Nursery Care returns in the fall. Care is available some Sundays throughout the summer. Please remember: Children in the service are NOT disruptions, but Christians in training and are always welcome!
- The dedication of the St. Francis chapel walkway, orchard and cross.

Register for Bocce NOW!

The place to be on Tuesday nights is the St. Andrew front lawn for the annual summertime Bocce league. The 2021 Bocce season is set to start July 13. The winning team will be crowned at the Super Bocce Bowl in August.

As of now we do not have enough teams to run the program. Without additional teams we will be forced to cancel the 2021 Bocce season.

If you are planning on playing, please call the office and let Sherrie or Rev. Lisa know. Proceeds from the Bocce League benefit the St. Andrew ministries. Registration forms are available to download at standrew-mentor.com



Seeking Board Members

Rev. Lisa and the St. Andrew Vestry are looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of the Sherman Memorial Scattering Garden. The Board consists of three St. Andrew members, appointed by the Vestry, who will serve for three year terms. The Rector is an ex officio member of the Board. The Board is responsible for the continuing care of the Memorial Garden, which includes maintenance and repairs. They are also responsible for keeping accurate records of those whose ashes are scattered in the Memorial Garden. If you are interested in serving, please speak with Rev. Lisa or Senior Warden Doug Sundstrom.



Blessings to Jim Brown who celebrated the 39th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate on June 4th!

Dates to Remember - July

- 4- Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 5 - St. James Lunch Bunch, 11 AM
- 13 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 13 - Bocce, 6 PM
- 20 - Bocce, 6 PM
- 21 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Garden Prayers & Potluck, 4 PM
- 27 - Bocce, 6 PM

Sundays in-person at 10:30 AM. On the second and fourth Sunday we will offer an online service on Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM).