



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

July 11, 2018

Message from Thack

I was reading in the Book of Exodus the other night about Moses' encounter with God in the Burning bush. (Exodus 3:1, et seq.). That story always resonates with me. It's a story about a God with plans, whose plans intersected with Moses' plans and set him about doing what he would not have otherwise planned on doing. From shepherd on the run from Pharaoh to liberator of the Hebrew people, Moses' life took a dramatic turn and was never the same again.

God's plans intersect with our plans as well. We get so caught up in the daily grind of life, between deadlines, audits, and corporate downsizing, to getting children to their respective practices and recitals, to attending to the needs of family members and friends, we often miss the fact that life has larger dimensions than the things we see close up. We don't even notice that all about us are plans not of our own making and forces shaping our lives over which we have no control. But then God steps into the picture and we are caught off guard because suddenly we realize that our lives are intended to be lived and used in ways we had not seen.

Moses, without noticing, was the person God was preparing to be in a certain place at a certain time. The whole sweep of his life was part of God's plan—every experience, event, and the people he connected with—were calculated to prepare him for the mission God had called him to.

I believe that our lives are unfolding exactly the ways they are meant to unfold. Our God, whom Jesus said, "numbers the hairs on our heads," has put into our hearts the truth that we must follow, the work we must do, the calling that is uniquely ours, and the direction we must go. Like a burning bush within us, all that has happened in our lives is forming us and leading us to whom and to what we are supposed to be. Thirty years ago I could not have foreseen the direction my life has taken since that time. Me a priest? Come on now, get real! Yet I encountered my burning bush (more like many smoldering shrubs), and could finally see God's guiding hand in my life nudging me toward my vocation.

I don't know what your calling may be—to be a better parent, to become a doctor, lawyer, teacher, plumber, graphic designer or cashier at the Circle K down the street. I don't know if God is calling you to use more of your time in service to others. Regardless of God's plans for you, I know that God is calling you to go to that place in your life that is burning like a bush, which is your hope and destiny. If you find it, I hope you have the courage Moses did to follow where God leads you. Look for that burning bush now and be the person you are destined to be.

Peace, Thack

News from the General Convention

Liturgy for Same-Sex Blessings

On Monday, July 9th, the House of Deputies approved a resolution that seeks to make liturgies for marrying same-sex couples available in every diocese where such marriages are legal. Resolution B012 would make the marriage rites authorized for trial use by the 2015 General Convention available “under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge ... [to] all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshipping community.”

The resolution would require bishops who opposes the marriage of same-sex couples to “invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation.” The resolution now moves to the House of Bishops.

Task Force for Truth and Reconciliation

Also on Monday, the House of Deputies approved a resolution from the #MeToo Committee to establish a Task Force for Women, Truth, and Reconciliation to help the church “engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding gender-based discrimination in the workplace, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms.”

Israel/Palestine

A number of resolutions before the 79th General Convention deal with the conflict between Israel and Palestine. The topics range from ending the imprisonment of Palestinian children, the boycott of goods produced by Israelis in illegal settlements in the West Bank, to the protection of the religious and cultural diversity in Jerusalem. The General Convention regularly considers the Episcopal Church’s role in the resolution of the conflict in Israel and the occupied territories of Palestine. The situation in Israel now is different than from previous General Conventions in that it falls on the heels of the move of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and the resulting resistance in Gaza. The West Bank and Gaza are understood by the United Nations as independent Palestinian territories but access in and out is only through Israel and is controlled by Israel.

Prayer Book Revision

The House of Deputies approved a resolution last week, “to undertake comprehensive revision” of the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The matter now moves to the House of Bishops. The vote on Resolution A068 was held by orders. The lay order approved the resolution 69-26-15. The vote in the clergy order was 63-30-17.

A timeline referred to in the resolution calls for trial use of a new Book of Common Prayer to begin in 2024 with final authorization of a new prayer book no earlier than 2030. Deputy Sam Candler of the Diocese of Atlanta, who chaired the committee that proposed the resolution, said the debate in the committee and in the House was healthy and “minds were changed.”

Speaking at a media conference after the vote, Candler and alternate Deputy Ruth Meyers of the Diocese of California, who is Hodges-Haynes Professor of Liturgics at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, said they believed the process of prayer book revision would accomplish not only the goals of those who support it, but also the goals of those who favored Resolution A069, which called for deeper engagement with the church’s current prayer book.

The plan for the revision would be presented to the 2021 General Convention, with an estimated budget for the process. Drafting of the revised prayer book would not begin until the second half of 2021. “Nobody is putting their pen to texts any time soon,” said Candler. The resolution articulated a number of standards that a new prayer book must meet.

Those include:

- fidelity to “the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of Common Prayer” and “space for ... the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church.”
- the use of “inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity,” and expressions of “understanding, appreciation, and the care of God’s creation.”
- texts informed by “the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship.”

In other news from the General Convention, 500 bishops and deputies traveled to the Hutto Detention Center on Sunday morning to stand vigil, advocating against the separation of families seeking asylum at our border. The Hutto Center holds approximately 1,000 women who were detained as they attempted to cross the U. S./Mexican border.

Family Promise

St. Paul's will host the Family Promise guests again in August, and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to cook as well as host evening and overnight shifts during the week of August 12-19.

Two volunteers are needed for each hosting and cooking shift. If you are interested, please email Jessica Sawyer at jessicasawyer@gmail.com to obtain a sign-up link.

Please prayerfully consider giving your time to help keep this ministry going at St. Paul's. Just three hours, a meal or an overnight stay in the library can make all the difference to the families who depend on Family Promise as they work toward finding a home of their own.

Have you ever been curious about what it takes to volunteer? Join us for an information session and orientation for the ministry between services on July 22nd in Malone Hall.

ARTS & ENRICHMENT Camp
Ages 12 months - 6 years
(grouped by age)

Camp is \$100 per week
from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Water play day included
in each week.
Extended hours are available
from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
for an additional \$100.
\$25 non-refundable
registration fee.
Sibling discounts available

UNDER THE SEA JUBILEE!
Coastal Art and Science/
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June 11 - 15

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June 25 - 29

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July 30 - August 3

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St. Paul's BINGO and *spaghetti dinner*

Friday, July 27 ... 6pm

Come into the cool of St. Paul's LIFE center

6pm dinner served ... 6:34pm **BINGO** calling begins ... 7:30pm everyone heads home

At **6:00pm** enjoy a delicious plate of hot meaty spaghetti and crusty bread
served with a cool salad and icy cold drink
finished off by a tasty mouth-watering homemade piece of cake!

At **6:34pm** line up your game cards ... grab a colorful dauber ... and play **BINGO!**

At **7:30pm** all **ELEVEN** games are usually finished ... winnings in hand we all go home!

Dinner (\$5 a plate) and **BINGO** (\$20 for 11 games)

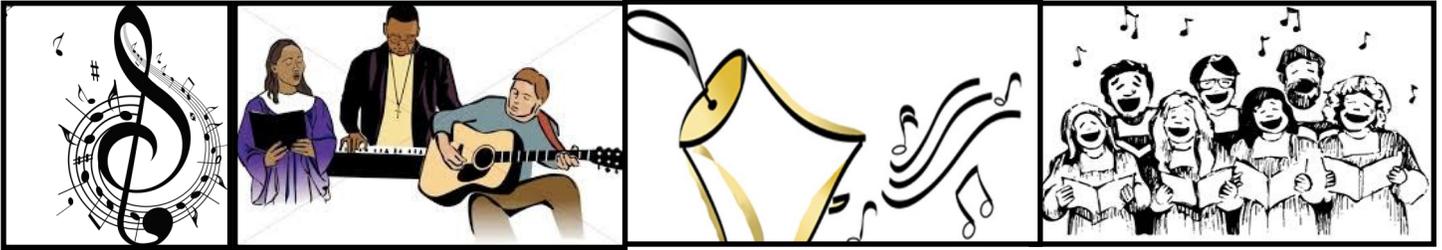
Friday, July 27th ... 6:00pm

St. Paul's "air cooled" LIFE center

The **fun** begins at 6:00pm ... hope to see you and all your friends there!!

Church Clean-up Day

There will not be a grounds sprucing day on July 21st, however we will have a church cleaning day on July 28th, from 8-11 a.m. Please call the office if you can help on July 28th.



Music Notes

It was great to have the Parish Choir back singing together last Sunday!

Keep those requests coming!! I have used almost all of the hymns and songs you have requested so far this summer. I'd love to use more. In this "quiet" time of the year [contrasted with the "action" time from Thanksgiving through Advent to Pentecost], it's good to remember your own spiritual heritage and to celebrate your favorite songs.

Wandering and wondering IN THE GARDEN: we've had requests to sing In the Garden. We'll sing it at Communion next Sunday, the 15th. I've had to struggle with this song since it seems to me that it's so very me-ish [just Jesus and me in the garden- what about the rest of you??] Then someone gave me a very helpful book, thank you, called Then Sings My Soul, by Robert Morgan. He writes the stories of hundreds of hymns, not just when they were written or where or by whom, but their stories. In it, he tells of the vision that C. Austin Miles had while he was waiting for some film to develop in his darkroom [this was 1912]. In the soft blue light, he started reading from his favorite Biblical chapter, John 20, about the first Easter. As Mary Magdalene encountered the risen Christ, so did Miles, and he wrote both the words and music that day. So when we sing In the Garden on Sunday, sing it with the understanding that it is as if we are Mary Magdalene. That makes good sense to me.

Come, sing with us! No strings attached- just come and sing for a day. For the rest of the summer, the Parish Choir will rehearse on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the choir room. Our anthems are intended to be singer-friendly, several even based on familiar tunes. You can bring your whole family and all can sing together with us. No robes, no processing, just come and enjoy leading the singing for that day.

Please give some thought now to joining our music ministry in the fall: our offerings include New Song, the Parish Choir, kids and youth choir for the Christmas pageant, the Handbell Choir, and a possible Support Choir for Celebration of Life services.

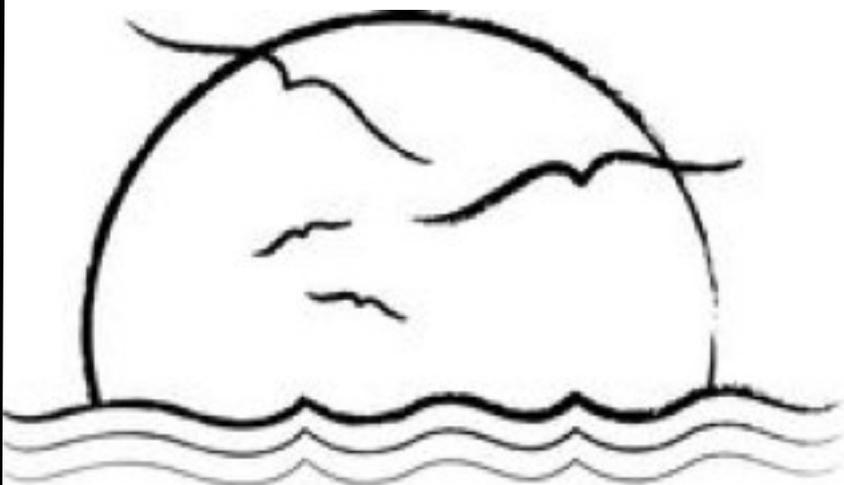
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Fish Dinners at St. Peter's Bon Secour

Mark your calendars! We will take the church van to fish dinners on the first Thursday of the month through October.

The dates are August 2, September 6 and October 4.

Please call the church office if you'd like to go. We will pick up Westminster residents.



Save the Date!

Sunset on the Bay

Saturday, September 22, 2018

An evening of

Fun

Food

Music

Silent Auction

Fellowship

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ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Healing Service
Wednesday
12:00 pm (Noon)

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
Children (McCann)
Adults (Malone Hall)
9:15 am

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
7:00 am

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Library)
10:30 am

Great Wednesday

(Malone Hall)
6:00 pm
Supper and Study



Thack will be leading the next
study beginning July 11 & 18
at 6:00 p.m. on
All Things Episcopal

**VESTRY AND
OFFICERS**

Term Ending

December 31, 2018

Davis Daniel
Jim Jackson
Janet Norman

December 31, 2019

Sue Cody
Alice Frederick
Michael Koepp, Jr. Warden
Tom Walker

December 31, 2020

Bill Harrison, Sr. Warden
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller
Donna Nolte

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Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Linda Bornes, Margie Cowart, Joyce Dawson, Suzanne Galloney, Patrick Green, Ray Hamilton, Linda Ledbetter, Ross Moore, Borden Morrow, Elsie Mosher, Airrior Norwood, Mary Rudolf

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Ellie Anderson, Marie Baggett, Pat Brislin, Lil Brown, Clayton Brunson, Bill Carr, Jim Council, Margaret Cummins, Jerry DeLoney, Elaine Glover, Wanda Hall, Ron Harrison, Trevor Hawkes, Susan Hill, Theresa Johnson, Stan Keel, David and Betty Lee, Andy Lipps, Dick McBride, Kelly McSpadden, Lance Monley, Al Rawls, Eleanor Reeves, Shannon Rutledge, Cathy Slagle, Phyllis Springen, Steven Stack, Gene Stealey, Jed Steber, Albert Thompson, Sallie Thornton, Bill Waid, Jane Watkins

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 834

For the Departed: Donna Lott

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 498

For Those Serving in the Military:

Matthew Cheatham, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Diana Evans, Landis Fouts, Deron Frailie, George Garner, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubleby, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Taylor Santa Cruz, Neill Sevelius, Derek Siegel, Andy Tuttle, James Wallin, Brad Yonkers

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 823

For those with Birthdays: July 11-31

(11) Wendy Robertson, (12) John Strange, Pat McKeown, (13) Eileen Henderson, John Cutright, Dean DeNeefe, Anabelle Miller, (15) Sally Boom, Lee Richards, Taylor Moore, Jonathan Doyle, (16) Mike Koepp, (17) Amy McKnight, David DeNeefe, (19) Marcia Rydin, (20) Arnold Farmer, Linda McNamara, Helen Walton, Esteban Morrow-Reece, (23) Coleman Wood, Patti Gatlin, Bill Harrison, Melissa Hoercher, J.D. Ross, (24) Jerry Dixon, Catherine Kiser, Matthew Robertson, (25) Alice Frederick, Jim Blackwell, (26) Carson Nicolson, (27) Shellie Teague, (28) Sue Ann Turnipseed, Margaret Murray, Harper Beckham, (29) Marty Adams, Marc Silliman, Marshall Eppes, Audri Richards, Craig Morgan, Holly Wolfrom, (30) Casey Williams, Darryl Bryant, Carol Eppes, Megrez Mosher, Anna Akins, (31) Stephen Pecot, D'ana Snow, Susan Johnson

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 830

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*