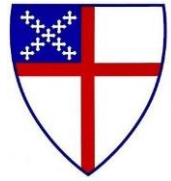


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ART CAMP!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is having an art camp July 11 - 13!

We need volunteers for the following:

- Creation Station
- Snack Station
- First Aid Station
- Check In Station
- Exercise Break
- Dismissal
- Hospitality
- Set Up and Clean Up
- Youth Volunteers Welcome



Contact Pam Rhea to volunteer -

Email deaconrhea@gmail.com or text or call 662-386-2839

Register Kids [Here](#).

Fun & Creative
Art Activities
for Kids who
have completed
K5 through 5th

HOW GREAT THOU ART CAMP

MON - WED,
JULY 11-13

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
From 1:30pm - 4:30pm



ACTIVITIES:

- Painting
- Arts & Crafts
- Individual and Group Projects
- Snacks

REGISTER
ONLINE HERE

SPACE IS LIMITED



Bring an
old
T-shirt



FOR MORE INFO: 662-386-2839 | deaconrhea@gmail.com

Reflection from Father Jason

I wanted to write about how angry people are lately - since Covid, but before Covid too - and how anger is the easiest emotion to play to - making people angry is like shooting fish in a barrel, something that would definitely make some people angry. Who shoots fish in a barrel? I'm sure someone at some point did it, even if they did it after the phrase was coined, just to see if it was really that easy. It depends on how many fish there are in the barrel, and how much water there is, and how big the barrel is - there are a number of variables. Which is what bogs me down when I try to write. When I write, "Why are people so angry?" My first thought is, "So angry that what?" So angry that they scream at customer service representatives? So angry that they corner a flight attendant in the galley and scream insults at him? So angry that they assault someone who looks Asian, or Arab? Yes - all those things, but I want to do it in a way that doesn't use the word so - to be declarative and say, "People are angry." Or, "People are angrier now than ever before." But I don't know if the latter is true.

People are angry - angry that things aren't working the way they were before Covid - before Black Lives Matter Summer - before restaurants closed and people scammed PPP loans, and before we didn't have to wear a mask anywhere unless we went to see someone in the CCU and there was a mask protocol in place, but otherwise we might wear a mask for Halloween or Mardi Gras but not for our health. And I am mad - angry - but not at restaurants or stores or airlines or banks - I'm mad at the people who are mad at them. As if anyone would refuse service to someone out of spite - as if these restaurants were making things difficult for customers just to mess with them. They know that the best thing for them to do is to make the customer happy. No, I'm mad at the total lack of empathy in our world. Yes, people are mad, angry - but they are also petulant, acting like children that didn't get the toy they wanted in the store.

These are grown people throwing fits, blaming everyone but themselves. We are disgustingly entitled, thinking that it is our right to get what we want, when and how we want it - and when we don't or can't, we take it as a personal insult. We are overflowing with stuff in this country - but it's never enough, or it's the wrong stuff; we are inundated with options for food and entertainment, but never satisfied - it's always on to the next thing.

We who believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior have been given the greatest gift we can ever receive - grace. We have been forgiven, unconditionally and forever. I believe the thing we want more than anything is to know that we are loved and that we matter. No object, meal, or trip can do that for us - but we can do that for each other. Instead of exchanging meaningless pleasantries (how are you?), we can say that we're glad to see each other; we can say something of substance that raises the other person up. We can pray for each other - in person.

The Methodist Pastor Glenn Miller always prays for me when I see him - he hugs me, and prays while he's hugging me. I'm not a big hugger, and the first time I was a little put out. But at the end of the prayer that first time I felt good - Glenn had called down the Spirit. I'm not a hug - and - pray kind of priest, but I could learn to put a hand on someone's shoulder and say a quick prayer, "Thank you, Jesus, that we get to be here today, enjoying the world you created for us." My guess is that a lot of you cringed when you read that. I get it. But there has to be a change in the world. This stuff is not easy, and it will likely be uncomfortable, but I prefer that to the anger, vitriol, and enmity that we have now. We were not made to be angry - to hate and make ourselves and others suffer. We were created to love. So let's get to work loving each other.

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT DOBBS DECISION BY PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

Today the Supreme Court released its decision in the case of *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The court has overturned the constitutional right to abortion that was recognized in the seminal 1973 case *Roe v. Wade*.

While I, like many, anticipated this decision, I am deeply grieved by it. I have been ordained more than 40 years, and I have served as a pastor in poor communities; I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact this decision will have.

We as a church have tried carefully to be responsive both to the moral value of women having the right to determine their healthcare choices as well as the moral value of all life. Today's decision institutionalizes inequality because women with access to resources will be able to exercise their moral judgment in ways that women without the same resources will not.

This is a pivotal day for our nation, and I acknowledge the pain, fear, and hurt that so many feel right now. As a church, we stand with those who will feel the effects of this decision—and in the weeks, months, and years to come.

The Episcopal Church maintains that access to equitable health care, including reproductive health care and reproductive procedures, is “an integral part of a woman's struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being” (2018-D032). The church holds that “reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender” (2018-D032). The Episcopal Church sustains its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them” (2018-D032). As stated in the 1994 Act of Convention, the church also opposes any “executive or judicial action to abridge the right of a woman to reach an informed decision...or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision” (1994-A054).

The court's decision eliminates federal protections for abortion and leaves the regulation of abortion to the states. The impact will be particularly acute for those who are impoverished or lack consistent access to health care services. As Episcopalians, we pray for those who may be harmed by this decision, especially for women and other people who need these reproductive services. We pray for the poor and vulnerable who may not have other options for access. We urge you to make your voice heard in the way you feel called but always to do so peacefully and with respect and love of neighbor.

STATEMENT FROM PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY AND PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES GAY CLARK JENNINGS ON NYSRPA V. BRUEN

The Supreme Court's recent decision striking down New York's regulation of the concealed carry of firearms—at a time when our nation is reeling from gun violence—raises grave concerns. We fear this decision will lead to more firearms on our streets and in our communities. When we signed onto [an amicus brief](#) in this case last year, we did so because we feared increased gun violence in churches and other houses of worship—a fear that was realized less than a week ago at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

As the conveners of the Bishops United Against Gun Violence network wrote [in a statement released today](#), the ruling “puts people of faith at greater risk when we gather for prayer, worship, fellowship, and service.”

The Episcopal Church will continue its advocacy for commonsense gun violence prevention laws, and [we invite you to learn more](#) about how you can become involved in these efforts.

Finally, we ask you to pray for all those who have lost a loved one to gun violence—or will lose one today or tomorrow.

Dear St. Paul's,

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Walter Rainey, Sarah Yeager, and Jane Pounds who were murdered June 16 at a potluck dinner at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Pray for their family members, as they grieve for their loss; pray for the church, as they struggle with how to move forward after these horrific events. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has offered the following prayer in response to the murders:

Eternal God of love, we know that you do not willingly inflict pain upon or grieve your children, and your dream for all is life abundant. We come to you now in sorrow and sadness at the death and violence inflicted on our siblings of St. Stephen's Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Receive the souls of those who have died. Grant them peace in your arms of love. Be with those who are injured and suffer, those who are grieving, and those who are frightened and dispirited. Help us as a nation to find ways to bring an end to this scourge of violence, which hurts your children and our human family. Give us the strength we need, the courage we must have, and the faith in you that will see us through. All this we pray and ask in the name of the prince of peace—your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer.

Father Jason+

From the Senior Warden

Summer began at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 5th with an Instructional Eucharist and Pentecost picnic. Attendance was wonderful! Many thanks to the busy hands preparing and serving to make this a success.

St. Paul's joined with First United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School from June 13-17. Many of our youth volunteered to help as assistants, as did quite a few adults. Everyone who attended or helped claimed it to be a joyful time of instruction.

The second Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Pam Rhea conducts a Deacon's Mass in the chapel. It is a very informal service and easy to attend for those with physical limitations since there are no stairs involved. Please watch for announcements if another Deacon's Mass is added per month after Pam retires from the public library. With family travel over the summer, should you miss a Sunday morning service, this is a wonderful way to make it up.

Please: should you be traveling this summer, be mindful and be safe! Bring some pictures from your trip and put them on our bulletin board to make the rest of us jealous!

Marian Hazard, Senior Warden

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be found online at
<https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html>

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Parish News

Deacon's Mass

The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea will lead a service of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, also known as a Deacon's Mass, on the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the chapel. This is meant to be a "come as you are" service in a relaxed atmosphere.

The next mass will be held on **July 10 at 5:30 pm.**

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs 20 - 25 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. There is an **urgent need** for **Vegetable Beef Soup and Minestrone Soup**. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need.

St. Paul's serving days are **July 11 and 13**. St. Paul's served **570** lunches during May.



Safety Reminder

The doors to the parish hall are auto locked on Sundays. Please use your door to code to enter.

Men's Group

The next Men's Group meeting will be held in August, co-hosted by Clif Scott and Robert Whitaker. Look for more information in next month's newsletter!

Vacation News

Father Jason will be on vacation June 29 through July 6. Deacon Pam will officiate at the July 3 services. While Father Jason is gone, please contact our senior warden, Marian Hazard, if you need assistance, or call the church office.

Preschool News

St. Paul's Episcopal School is pleased to announce the hiring of our new school director, Juwana Jenkins. Juwana has an associate's degree from Itawamba Community College in Early Childhood Education, an associate's degree in Business Management from East Mississippi Community College, and a bachelor's degree in Childcare and Family Studies from Jackson State University. She has most recently worked as a preschool assistant teacher at Emerson Family School in Starkville. With her background in both management and childcare, we are confident that Juwana is going to be a great leader for SPES. **Welcome, Juwana!**

August Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the August edition of the newsletter is **July 27, 2022**. Please email your information to officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.co

July Observances

Birthdays

- 3 Virginia Branch
Scott Pridmore
- 4 Tom Whitaker
- 5 Coley Fenstermacher
- 8 Robert McClanahan
Genevieve Hanes
Brad Mauck
- 9 Vickie Cockerham
- 11 Rose Crowe
- 12 Anna Bolton
Gunnar Gale
- 13 Ginny Sanders
- 14 Mark Hardy
- 17 Hannah Brady
Reuben Proffitt
Jennifer Shelby
- 18 Reynolds McCain
Livia Windham
- 19 Rachel Brady
Frank Imes
- 21 Sam Chesnut
- 24 Campbell Proffitt
- 26 Sarah Anne McShan
- 28 Thomas Fitzner
- 29 Vernon Davis
- 30 Bill Branch
- 31 Nora Miller
Atticus Puckett

Anniversaries

- 7 George and Marian Hazard
- 30 Walt and Lee Ann Starr
- 31 Casey and Carrie Mastley



Intercessions

Elwyn Searcy	Jacob Davis	Harrison
Gina Swartz	Gale Holland	John Simpson
Mark Clay	Jan Ballard	Matt and Alice Parker
Carolyn Laster	Beth Rice	Rusty Holleman
Josh Bowman	Samantha Turner	Patsy McDaniel
Rufus Ward	Paulette Frank	Bruce Howell
Doug Phillips and family	Linda Horn	Juanita Trimuel
Jean Floore	Kevin Alexander	Billy Buck Staggers
Pat Jones Kinder	Peter Huggins	Wink Wright
The Sanders Family	Linda G.	Cathy Hatch
Axel Durr	Tammie Damron Dolan family	George Richards
Bobby	Lynn Nelson	Kim Sanders
Rev. Anne Harris	Catherine Penick	Maria Pintado
Harriet Doyel	Faye Tabor	Nancy Smith
Family of Colby Waldon	Betty Lou Jones	Mallory Caissie
Lynne Rosamond	Mollie Hamblin	Allison Whitaker
Chip Billups	Valerie Gonzolaes	Dot Breland
Linda, Amanda, & Bryan Tucker	Dudley and Eddie Davis	Eddie Mauck
Rose Loftis	Carole Knie	Emily Hayden
The Kemp Family	Kevin Hogan	Eugene Blaine and Family
Quint	Sandra Mims	B.J. Montgomery
Peggy Gentry	Myra Rowzee	Pat Herndon
Richard Thomas	Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders	Jamie McCollum
John David Hardy	Frances Benton	Martha
Bob Drake	Vernon Gregory	James and Ann Masinelli
Ramona Jones	Steele Family	Jesse Sparkman
Katherine Horton	Teen Stallworth deRoode	Jeana L. Whitacre

John Barron

The Rev. Don Chancellor

Brenda Caradine

Kathleen Atkins

Tina Louise

Nursing Home Residents:

Lee Ann Dorn

Mark Lewis

Trey Atkins

Outreach for July

Throughout the summer, New Fans may be donated to Helping Hands Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monetary donations are also accepted and fans will be purchased on your behalf. For more information, contact Jennifer Garrard at 662-328-8301. If mailing a check to Helping Hands, please make payable to Helping Hands.

If you would like to contribute to St. Paul's fan drive, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "fan drive" noted on the memo line.

