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ST. PAUL'S CARES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILKESBORO, NC

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thursday, August 17:

11:30am Crisis Assistance in Parish House
12:00noon Al-Anon in library

Saturday, August 19:

11:00am Diocesan Picnic

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20:

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Chapel
9:45am Adult Choir Practice
10:15am Nursery opens in the lower level of the Main Sanctuary
10:30am Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary
9:00am Diocesan Youth Event

Monday, August 21:

12-3pm Eclipse picnic
4:30pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, August 22:

7:00pm Al-Anon in library

Wednesday, August 23:

7:00pm Compline in labyrinth

Thursday, August 24:

11:30am Crisis Assistance in Parish House
12:00noon Al-Anon in library

Saturday, August 26:

6:00pm Rise Against Hunger fund raiser in Parish House

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 27:

10:30am Back to School Blessing
After 10:30am service Acolyte trip meeting in Parish House
11:45am Vestry meeting in library

Diocesan Picnic

August 19, 2017 - 11am-3pm
Valle Crucis Conference Center

Join us for our diocesan picnic! The diocese will provide hot dogs (and lemonade) and each parish can bring dishes to share and a dessert for the dessert table. We will have lots of opportunities to play outside, enjoy the beauty of Valle Crucis Conference Center, hike, etc. More details to follow..

Eclipse Picnic

Monday, August 21st, join us for lunch and stay to see the eclipse. (note: special glasses needed!)



Time: **12noon-3:00pm**

Location: Dam Creek Park @ Kerr Scott Reservoir

Lunch is create your own picnic.



Bring a lawn chair and some lemonade or other beverage of your choice and any munchies you'd like to have for a little fellowship time after the brief service.

Outreach Food Collection:

For August, our collection is Hamburger Helper. At the end of the month this collection will be taken to the Hospitality House. A box will be placed in the Commons for all donations.



The Outreach Committee appreciates your support in our efforts!



Join us next Saturday

for our fundraising event:

August 26th

6:00-8:00pm in the Parish House

We will kick off the countdown to meal packaging and our final fundraising push with an evening of dance and drumming. Dancers from a variety of dance backgrounds will perform and we will end the event with a drum circle.

We will provide drinks, please bring finger foods to share.

Back to School Blessing

Join us on **Sunday, August 27th** during the **10:30am**

service as we bless students and teachers heading back to school.

Students and teachers, please bring an item to represent the school year (backpack, name badge, notebook) to have blessed. We are collecting school supplies for our neighbors in need, so please pick up something extra as you are completing your back to school shopping.

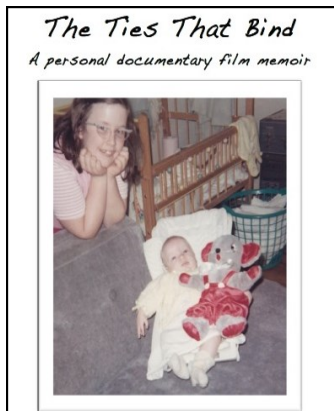


The Ties That Bind Movie

On August 29th from 6:30 – 8 in the Parish House there will be a screening of a film memoir titled “Ties That Bind” with a dialogue to follow. It’s a first person narrative from someone whose family member (a sibling) went through a transgender change.

The inclusion of transgendered persons has been in the news a lot over the last 18 months or so. This film is an opportunity to partner that news with the lived-experience of individuals and families.

While the filmmaker takes a particular position and invites viewers to do the same, the spirit in which this is offered is respect for diversity of beliefs along with an atmosphere of openness, inquiry, and inclusion.



Acolyte Festival Interest Meeting

Calling all acolytes and acolyte leaders! We will have a quick meeting in the Parish House following the 10:30 service on August 27th to talk about this year’s National Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on October 7th.



NEXT WEEK’S CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

21-Evelyn Southwell
22-Lani Cook
24-Cassie Stone
24-Rik Absher
25-Marietta Carroll
25-Donald Curley

ANNIVERSARIES

24-Duane & Rusty Smith
26-Jim & Rose Andrews

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers

All those who are ill or unemployed.
All those who are on our prayer list.

ILLNESS

Rik Absher, Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Joe Barber, Ted Buddine, Rayburn Byrd, Ken Canter, Hayden Cleary, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, Anne Day, Tina Duncan, Ernestine Freas, Ann Fortuna, David Eller, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Edward C. Griffith III, Greg Harrison, Janet Hartzog, Margo Hurd, John Jacobson, Joan Knox, Jane Lowe, Glenn Merritt, Gary Mitchell, Sid Mullins, Bertie Pardue, Jeffrey Parisi, Curtis Parker, Alayna Roitz, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Rusty Smith, Gaynell Stone, Marilyn Trussell, Anna Anderson Wyatt, Jane Younce, and Cole Younger.

ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Rob Beauchaine, Alex Cline, Philip Cooney, Karl Duerk, Mike Earley, William Grant, Edward C. Griffith IV, Jonathan Johnson, Brandon Moore, Russ Necessary, Charlie & Lauren Pendry, Adam Pinkerton, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, Nathan Wyatt, and all others who serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Please send to the church office the addresses of troops with connections to office@stpaulwilkesboro.org, especially those serving abroad.

SUNDAY’S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you

a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell

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upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Sunday Servants	August 20
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Anne Hannibal
Usher 8:30am	Doug Merritt
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Chuck Forester Elizabeth Freas
Lector 10:30am	Mary Southwell
Prayers of the People 10:30am	Elizabeth Freas
Oblation Bearers 10:30am	Joe Richardson Jenny Richardson
Acolyte Leader 10:30am	Mayberry
Acolytes 10:30am	Crucifer 1-Drew Mayberry Torch-Aaliyah Kilby Torch-Benjamin Searcy Gospel Carrier-Chuck Forester Server-Luke Sturdivant
Greeters 10:30am	Denise Morris Doug Morris
Communion Bread	Gwen Temple
Ushers 10:30am	Joe Manolovich, Chief Colleen Manolovich Robert Baugh Steve Jackson
Altar Guild	Mary Lankford Betty Morris Sharon Greene
Nursery Volunteer	Ben Staley Cynthia Palazzolo
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Sandra Elledge

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.