



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

July 27, 2014

Seventh Sunday After
Pentecost

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From Mary Anthony

Today our lessons from the Lectionary are 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, and the gospel is Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

During the summer there will be a Godly Play Story time for the younger children ages 3 to 7 or grades Pre-k - 2nd. Older children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This week the children will hear The Story of Abraham. Kathleen Chase is our Storyteller week. Weather permitting the children will go outside following the story for outdoor activities.

Miss Cara our Nursery Caregiver is out of town this weekend visiting her new grandson. Juliana Powell will fill in for her this week in the Nursery.

Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Parent Meeting next month on Sunday, August 24 following our 10 am service. This meeting will be to discuss the upcoming school year, sign up to teach, discuss Youth Group activities, and to discuss Vacation Bible School for next summer. I hope all of our parents can attend.

Collect for Sunday

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



☯ Sunday Schedule ☯

9:00am - Nursery opens
9:45am - Godly Play Choir (during the school year)
10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)
6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
*Children join their parents in
Church at the Peace*
11:45am - Youth Choir (during the school year)

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the **10am** service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in case of an emergency. Our Nursery Attendant is **Cara Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Summer time Primary - (Ages 3 - 7)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts-Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and MeDuring Melinda Rucinski, Tracy French, and Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Summer time Intermediate (Ages 8 - 11)

During the summer months children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This is a great way for the older children to learn the different parts of the service.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class are on hiatus during the summer. The youth attend church with their parents.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets are on hiatus during the summer. The youth go on a Mission Trip every year during the summer for a week.

Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS Expect Immaturity

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; There was nothing wrong with Luke. Teens may look like adults, but on the inside they are still under construction. Over the past twenty years, neuroscientists have learned that the teenage brain radically changes its structure in adolescence. There is a beautiful scientific term for the process of brain development that occurs between age ten and puberty; *exuberance*. This period of vigorous production of brain cells is followed, between the ages of fourteen and seventeen, by a period of pruning them back, when the gray matter thins dramatically. The brain becomes more streamlined and efficient. But the frontal lobes, the areas of the brain responsible for rationality and modulation of impulses and desires, do not reach full development for girls until age twenty-four or twenty-five and for boys until age twenty-nine. Judgment and wisdom, or, in the language of the neuropsychologists, *executive functions*, live in the part of the brain that is last to mature.

Luke was not neurologically developed enough yet to think, *It is not only polite but in my best interests to greet my mother after a long trip*. In an adult, Luke's behavior might be a red flag for pathological narcissism or sociopathy. In a teen, it was evidence of normal neurological immaturity. I often say to worried parents, "If you think of your teen as ping-ponging between the ages of five and thirty-five, his behavior won't seem odd." An accepting parent tries to guide a child toward great maturity, but tries not to panic at immature behavior, or take it too personally, or mistake it for a permanent character flaw.

Powerful brain scans or studies are compelling, but we don't really need them to tell us that teenagers suffer from what Shakespeare long ago identified as "boiled brains." They are moody, impulsive, drawn to risk, , and vain. I'll bet you are not currently drawn to high-speed amusement park rides or beer pong or driving fast at night with the lights off, but you did your version of these things when you were a teenager, and your children have to do some version of them, too. The same goes for storing completed homework assignments under a damp towel on the floor of the bedroom, or weeping in anguish over a new haircut that to your eyes looks exactly the same as the style they've always had. If you confront teens with their bizarre behavior and ask, "What were you thinking?" the usual answers are:

Nothing

I thought it would be fun. And it was.

It's fine Mom. There's a tank top underneath the towel that keeps my homework dry.

I didn't think aunt Jane would see my Facebook wall.

I can't go to school with my hair like this. I look like the wrong kind of person. ""

To be continued next week!!!

From "The Blessing of a B Minus" by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

Meditation

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

~Psalm 119:129-136

Happy Birthday...

Grace Owen (7/27)



Planning Ahead

Sunday, July 27

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k -3rd, 10 am,
- Children and Youth grades 3rd and up attend church with their parents

Sunday, August 3

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k - 3rd, 10 am
- Children and youth Grades 3rd and up attend church with their parents

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Acolyte Reminders!

July 27: Dylan Powell

August 3: H. Rucinski

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.