

NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH & ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL

Mission statement: The mission of our parish is to help make the love of God more widely known in our community and in the world.

The Rector's Report

May, 2008

Varieties of Gifts, But the Same Holy Spirit

Soon after I arrived in the parish seven years ago, I drove out to St. George's Chapel where an ecumenical meeting was being held. (We had no parish hall then in which to meet.) People from various ministries and organizations met to pray together and to discuss their work with children, the poor and hungry, prisoners, and the sick and dying. As I walked into the chapel, a Roman Catholic nun who was walking with me began to cry and exclaimed, "The Holy Spirit is in this place!"

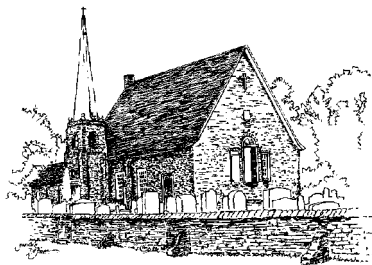
Our creeds and our catechism are necessarily vague in defining the Holy Spirit. Our language is inadequate to describe this aspect of the Trinity, One God, who we experience as the power of God, the divine Wisdom of God, the exhilaration and inspiration of God. As a gift sent from God we may experience the Holy Spirit through worship and the sacraments, through prayer and meditation, in being called and empowered with a variety of gifts for a variety of ministries.

Between Easter and Pentecost we have heard read on Sundays wonderful lessons from The Acts of the Apostles. These are rich descriptions of the activities of the apostles and early disciples

after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they bore witness to Christ's resurrection and to God's love and mercy. Through the wonders and signs they performed, many were healed and many were saved. They declared God's salvation



All Saints' Church, Rehoboth Beach



St. George's Chapel, Harbeson

for peoples of all nations, not merely a chosen few, and "the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word."

Just like the early disciples depicted in Acts 2:42, we carry on the tradition of devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Just as in

ancient times, the Holy Spirit falls on us who hear the word and pours upon us the inspiration, the gifts, and the strength to do the work of God in our little corner of God's Kingdom.

I have heard Bishop Wright talk about discerning where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are being made manifest. He said that we as Christ's Church attempt various ministries and we watch to see which ones seem to gather energy and support around them, which ones take off. By doing so, we may get a glimpse of the direction that the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Just as described in The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 12, God gathers into one parish family, into one Body of Christ, diverse peoples with varieties of gifts allotted and activated individually "just as the Spirit chooses." Through the grace of God we look around and see the fruits of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in this place! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The peace and joy of Christ,

Father Max Wolf



CHRIS'S CORNER

By Father Chris Moore

A Compulsive Workaholic's Ten Guidelines for Sane and Soulful Living

If you are like me, you often get just a tad obsessive from time to time about getting things done. Here are ten guidelines that have helped me in the past. I offer them in the hope that they might be helpful to you as well.

1. Stop. Sit. Relax. Breathe. Be still ("and know that thou art God" -- Ps. 46:10).

2. Decide what you really want to do. Try to sense what God is calling you to do right now, today. Listen to your hunches. Sometimes your hunches are wiser and more congruent with your soul needs than what you had planned to do.

3. Simplify. Remind yourself that less really is more. Resist muchness and manyness in all its forms. Continue working on simplifying your house, your environment, your life.

4. Don't rush. Do things slowly and deliberately. Do this especially when feeling rushed and hassled.

5. Don't multitask. Do fewer things - with focus, care and attention - than more things in a distracted, harried and hassled way. "What

profit it a man if he (finish the mail, get on top of the phone calls, get on the computer, etc, etc.) and lose his own soul?" (i.e., his emotional centeredness) -- Mk. 8:36.

6. Stop deferring rewards. If there is something that gives you pleasure, do it - today if possible - not next summer when you are on vacation.

7. Listen to others. Remind yourself that others have great wisdom. Listening to others - really being aware of them and open to them - is the first casualty of obsessiveness and compulsiveness.

8. Be kind to yourself. Be kind to others and to the planet.

9. Take a regular Sabbath. Give yourself permission on a regular basis to have a day off when you are totally and completely "unproductive", when you accomplish absolutely nothing.

10. Ask Janice. If in doubt about whether you are following these guidelines, always ask the wife!

TTFF Set To Meet May 7

True Tales and Faithful Fiction will meet on Wednesday, **May 7** at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints'. The May selection is Father Chris Moore's *Solitude: A Neglected Path to God*. TTFF will take a break in June and July and resume meeting in August. See the August selection in a future bulletin or newsletter. Any questions? Contact Fr. Chris or Trixie Miller at 228-9549.

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Parish Register



Marriages

Abby Webb & Andrew Hooven
Caroline Wolf & James Trimp

Baptisms

Maddox Trusty
Ellie Soriano

Deaths

Bill Mason

EFM Members Get Certificates May 18

On Sunday, **May 18** at the 10 a.m. service, five current members of EFM (Education For Ministry) will receive their graduation certificates -- Ann Ameigh, Patrick Driscoll, David Holsopple, Hank Thomas and Sharon Radomski.

Ann Ameigh reflects the sentiments of fellow graduates with these comments about her four years in EFM. "During the last four years, my classmates and I have had the opportunity to read and appreciate the Bible from Creation through the New Testament. We have explored the development of Christianity through supplemental readings, such as *Walking the Bible and Constantine Sword* and along the way explored our faith. We have recognized how that faith affects and directs our lives each day."

Now, what I read and come to understand helps me to reach beyond myself and help others become stronger. No longer do I sit in the pew each Sunday and hear the words of the Old and New Testament without thinking, "what am I going to do with this on Monday morning?"

EFM has issued me a new challenge: "How can I help to make the world a better place each day?"

The graduates and current members of EFM will be at the coffee hour on May 18 to answer any questions that you might have. We need a minimum of six students in order to keep the program going

Important Dates

May

- 1 -- Holy Communion & Fellowship – 2 p.m. at Brandywine Assisted Living
- 3 -- Taizé Service of meditative singing and Holy Communion, 6 p.m. at All Saints' Church
- 4 -- Rogation Sunday, St. George's, 9:30 service will be held in the Chapel.
- 6 -- Liturgy Committee meets, 9 a.m., All Saints'
- 8 -- ECW Luncheon, 1 p.m., La Rosa Negra
Reservations due by May 2nd
- 11 -- United Thank Offering, Spring Ingathering at All Saints' & St. George's
- 12 -- St. George's ECW Chapter, 10 a.m., St. George's parish hall
- 12 -- St. Francis ECW Chapter, 12 noon, All Saints' parish hall
- 13 -- Finance Committee, 3 p.m., All Saints' Church
- 17 -- Woodbridge Community Choir Concert, 7 p., All Saints' Church
- 18 -- VBS training, 12:30-2:30, All Saints' parish hall
- 26 -- Memorial Day, Parish Office closed

June

- 1 -- VBS training, 12:30-2:30, All Saints' parish hall
- 5 -- Holy Communion & Fellowship, 2 p.m., Brandywine Assisted Living
- 7 -- Taizé Service of meditative singing and Holy Communion, 6 p.m. at All Saints' Church

Save The Date

- Sept. 12 & 13 -- The Baritones of the U.S. Army Chorus return for their 4th annual concert at All Saints'
- Sept. 14 -- National Cathedral trip

next year. We now have four continuing members -- Tom Calo, Tom McCormick, Trixie Miller and Tom Napier-Collins. Currently, EFM meets at All Saints' on Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. Enrollees commit to one year at a time. We encourage anyone interested to join us for a class. For more information, contact Chris Rogers at 227-6827 or Crog1@aol.com.



2008 MS Walk Is May 30

The annual Multiple Sclerosis walk to raise money to help find a cure for this debilitating disease is set for **6 p.m., Friday, May 30**. The walk takes place at Baywood Green golf course on Route 24. For more information on how to join the walk and how to donate, call **Jamie Colvett** at 684-4513.

**We Are An
All-Inclusive
Church**

Meditations

Read: Acts 2:1-13

Acts 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

NIV

Have you ever met a new Christian adult or witnessed an adult who recognized Jesus for the first time? They are like the Apostles at Pentecost; the wind blows them seemingly everywhere with great exuberance. A mighty wind sweeps through the church when it needs to be revived and enlivened. The wind is often referred to as the breath of God in the bible.

The wind can be strong and move trees over and tear buildings apart as we have seen in recent hurricanes. The wind can be the driving force for sails on a boat that give power to the craft. The wind can be refreshing as a caress on a hot summer day. The wind can lift a balloon and carry it for a great distance.

This day when the wind entered the upper room it had far reaching effects upon those that were present. It brought with it a power to give those people in the room speech in languages that they were never taught. It gave them a strength to go out and preach the Good News to all those who would listen. It was this same breath of wind that empowered the church to grow and stir the hearts of those who would hear.

I remember the day I first encountered Christ in a new way. My life was changed and I have never

looked back since. At first the wind took hold of me and carried me away into a desert where I experienced a great thirst. My thirst led me to read everything I could about Christ and included the Bible. I began to study and read just as the wind led me. A good fortune happened to me, as I was able to have good mentoring by good Spiritual leaders that gave me guidance so I would not flounder. One such leader for me was a priest of our church, Fr. Michael Webber. He watched over me and we had many conversations together and the wind continued to blow, but I began to settle in a direction that was no longer haphazard but with good instruction to help me grow.

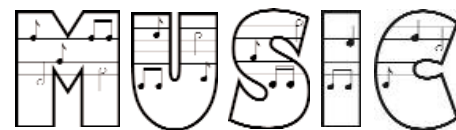
Has the wind taken hold of you? Where is Jesus guiding you? Are you willing to let go and let God's breath carry you to high places? It can be a bit disturbing for some and one must be willing to give up some control of their own in order for the wind to move them.

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, creator and director of all that is, help me to let the wind of your direction lift me to those places that you need me. Give me understanding for your purpose and allow me to be free to ride the wind that you provide. Keep me safe and allow me to grow as you direct me. This I ask in the name of my Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Your brother-in-Christ,
John Birdsell

UNITED THANK OFFERING --

UTO collection boxes have been placed at the back of the church at All Saints' and at St. George's for those who would like to use them to collect their spare change until our spring ingathering **May 11**. The boxes are designed to hold offerings of coins that signify a thanksgiving to God.



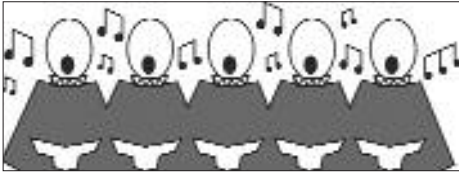
It's me again. Even though I announced my "retirement" as Parish Music Director five months ago, I've continued to select hymns, schedule organists and help conduct the search for my replacement. As many of you already know, our new Director of Music, Gail Kelso, starts June 1 and I thought this would be the perfect time and place to make the formal introduction.

Gail Betton Kelso is a long-time resident of the region and attended East Carolina University on a field hockey scholarship. She has also worked as a swimming instructor in Asheville, NC, performed as a music therapist intern in Denver, Colorado before being asked to return to Delaware to start the music therapy program at Howard T. Ennis in Georgetown. In 1985, she became choir director at Epworth United Methodist Church in Millsboro where she was organist, choir director, led two bell choirs and was guitarist leader of the 12-member contemporary Praise Band.

It is a blessing that we were able to find someone -- a wonderful musician -- locally who can lead the music program and build it to parish standards.

It has been my pleasure to serve as interim director for the past year. Many thanks to our terrific music staff: Betsey Von Dreele, Tom Tibbetts, Melanie Bradley and Alex Helsabeck for helping the parish (and me) through this transition.

-- Doug Yetter



Enjoy Woodbridge Choir At All Saints' May 17

Come celebrate the music of love as the Woodbridge Community Choir once again performs at All Saints' Church on Saturday, **May 17 at 7 p.m.**

There'll be songs for everyone -- from oldies, "When I Fall In Love," to newbies, Celine Dion's "I Knew I Loved You" and Rascal Flatts "Bless The Broken Road."

This is the largest all-volunteer choir in Prince William County, VA, providing free concerts during the Christmas and spring season since 1966.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gives 150 Worldwide

The prayer shawl ministry is about three years old and has given over 150 shawls to people in our community, friends and family throughout the United States and in Germany.

Ann Ameigh sent 10 shawls to Africa prior to her recent visit to be distributed by friends to people there as a sign of God's mercy and love made manifest in the works of our hands.

We continue to have shawls to give and seek people to create them. Thanks to all who have been a part of this ministry. Please call Susan Phillips at 422-3257 or Lois Johnson at 945-7492 for additional information. -- Susan Phillips

Vacation Bible School At All Saints' June 16-20

All Saint's Parish Hall will be the location for a community Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children sponsored by All Saints' & St. George's, St. Edmond's and Westminster Presbyterian. The program will be held **June 16-20** from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The theme is Rainforest Adventure: A Tree Top Bible Blast! Daily activities will include Canopy Crafts, Green Tree Games, Rainforest Rhythm, Sky High Storytelling and Swing Vine Science. There will be opening worship each day. Snacks will be provided at each session.

The week's program is free. **June 1st** is the registration deadline. Students from 4 years old through 5th grade are eligible to attend. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

Each participating church is asked to have a volunteer leader, an adult guide and a teenage support person for each activity plus a worship leader. Training sessions will be held on Sunday **May 18th & June 1st** at All Saints' to review the course material. The sessions will be held 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. We need a minimum of 16 volunteers from our parish. If you are good at crafts, games, music, storytelling, science or making snacks, please consider volunteering. A sign up sheet is in the parish office.

VBS committee members from All Saints' & St George's are Father Max, Thenia Brasby, Trixie Miller and Scott Walsmith. If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact one of the committee members or call the parish office.



Lonnie Joseph	May 2
Paul Wagner	May 2
Cathy Graden	May 3
Fritz Hessemer	May 4
Emma Hudson	May 4
Dorothy Dayton	May 5
Marcy Collins	May 6
Rob Burton	May 7
Jacqueline Carlson	May 7
Priscilla Smith	May 8
Lynda Smith	May 9
Maria Slagle	May 10
Joyce Steele	May 11
Betty Melvin	May 12
Win Rosenberg	May 13
Lucy Allen	May 14
Kenny Shade-Rania	May 14
Don Webster	May 16
John Morris	May 18
Matthew Collins	May 19
Karyn Hudson	May 23
Norman Sugrue, Jr.	May 24
Father Max Wolf	May 24
Beth Joyner	May 27
Michele Carey	May 28
Inga Ganaway	May 28
Gwynne McDevitt	May 28
Joe Thoroughgou	May 28
Pat Gorecki	May 29
Tyler Graves	May 29
Tom Metz	May 29
Jason Morris	May 29
Mrs. Howard Ritter	May 30
Abby Webb	May 30

Mark Your Calendar For Meet 'N Greet June 22

Our annual **Meet, Greet and Eat** party that allows newcomers to the meet other parishioners and enjoy some fellowship, food and fun will be held **Sunday, June 22**. This year, it'll be held at St. George's.



O God, your will for all people is health and salvation. Please send your Holy Spirit to comfort and heal these loved ones for whom we offer our prayers, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Robin Abrams
Richard Appleby
Joyce Allen
Patricia Anderson
Edith Ayres
Janis Bardi
Zachary Barkley
Jean Beaman
Gerri Beckett
Cathy Bell
Taylor Lee Bretl
Patti Brittingham
Bob Brown
Kerry Brown
Michael Brown
Julia Bryan
Cat Cameron
Will Cathcart
Buzz Campbell
Sarah Cecil
Nathaniel Chapman
Bev Chifton
Norm Cochrane
Henry Wheaton Collins
Fr. Harry Collins
Violet Creighton
Marcia Davis
Mary Lou Deakyne
Jane Dodge
Dee Dreer
Karen Edwards
Deanne Elliot
Spencer Evans
Nelle Filden
Richard Fischer
Mary Fisher
Pam Wampole Fitzgerald

Marion Fleming
Paul Flood
Bro. Dominic Fontaine
Cindy Foster
Maureen Gallagher
Debra Gingrich
Bonnie Grulke
Susan Harvey
Chris Henning
Charles Hildebrand
Liz Holmgren
Charles Horn III
David Hubbuch
Jean Hughes
The Hussein Family
Katherine Johanson
Andy Johnson
Sue Jones
Allison Keck
Lee Kerin
Katherine Kielbasa
Jeff Kihn
Gregory Kinney
Donna Dirkpatrick
Julie Kojock
Cordell Koland
Dr. Eileen Kuhns
Chrissy LaCastro
Lorraine Lackman
The Lennox Family
Cliff & Debbie Leong
James Lewis
Barbara Liffander
Carla Mootz Logan
Danny Lundy
The Madison Family
Nancy Martin

Fran Marvin
Charles McCabe
Claudia McCloskey
Paul McCool
Matthew "Mac" McDermott
Warren MacFarland
Nan Mein
Leo Menard
Elizabeth Mercer
Debra McKinney
Louise Miller
Rick Miller
Bob Mitchell
Janice Moore
Terri Murphy
Erin Muse
Patty Parsons
Betty May Patterson
Susan Paul
Mari Phillips
Beth Pile
Katie Pile
Gladys Pinover
Jane Pittman
Charlie & Jane Proud
Mary Ann Rania
Laurie Ramseyer
Franklin Richardson
Bob Rider
Linda Ritter
Mary Kathleen Rorick
Cindy Ross
Olivia Ruggiano
Joyce Saville
Barbara Scott
Mickey Screpsi
Linda Showell

Cheryl Skinner
Irene Simpler
Walter Slavin
Beau Smith
Jean Smith
Mike Smith
Christine Snyder
Carol Soldall
Bill & Rebecca Spare
Will Stoddart
Lou & Dean Stugis
The Rev. R. Swartout
Frank & Bennett Taylor
Jackie Thomas
Ruth Thursby
Sean Toner
Rosemary Vaccalini
Mary & Wm. Van Wart
Jeane Vest
David Vinjamoorie
Lisa White
Lance Whitlock
Charlotte Whyte
David Williamson
Jordan Wolf
Nancy & Judy Wolf
Pat & Tom Wolfe
Bishop Wayne P. Wright
Harriet Wright
Angelo Zenorini
Ella Mae Zorb
The Way House
Habitat for Humanity



We commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our Armed Forces at home and abroad. Defend them with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials, give them comfort, grant them a sense of your abiding presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chris Ashinhurst
Mike Bege
Charles Bowen
Bob Burner
Luis Cancel
Thomas Chesley
John Clanton
Christopher Connors
William Cooper
James Diniz
Duane Duke
Colin Eaton
William Ewald
Neil Ewachiw
John Fisher
Stephen C. Flor
Heath Folmsbee

Cynthia Garceau
Christopher N. Hall
Lamar Hall
Amanda Hammond
Matthew Heil
Alex Helsabeck
Gary Hogan
Randall "Hap" Holm
Joseph Holt
Nicholas Imperial
Andrew Jones
Joshua Jones
John L. Kallerson
Rex Kenyon
Curtis Kinsey
Rocky Lackman III
Steven Levasseur

Christian T. Lewis
Bob McDonald
H.I.B. McNeilly
Brandon Melvin
Mariann Miller
Danny Mosko
Toby Myer
Dustin Myers
Matthew Nall
Jesse Neace
Patrick O'Kane
Cliff Ogea
Alvy Powell
Bruce Ritter
Matt Ryan
Keith Rybicki
Scott Schwartzkopf

Jonathan Seiter
Jennifer C. Snyder
Justin Snyder
Alison Sposato-Jones
David Stevens
Vincent Street
Crystal Thompson
Billy Thompson
Tim Thornton
Michael Todd
John Ulmer
Karl Wethe
Nicholas Whitney
Pete Wilks

Mental Health Ministry Holds Fifth Dinner

The fifth dinner was held at St. George's parish hall for two mental health group homes. Some 20 parishioners have been involved and usually we have 20 guests plus 12 to 15 people including clergy.

The April dinner featured fried chicken with all of the fixin's. We sang hymns from the Lift Every Voice Hymnal accompanied by Betsey Von Dreele on the organ. Some funny impromptu singing by Laura Dotterer, Marcia Birdsell, Joan Fletcher and Pat Kline of "Side by Side" entertained our guests. Also, making their debut were Paul Chervenie and Laura Dotterer as "Hit and Miss" singing "I've Been Working On The Railroad."

The Taton House staff is organizing a fundraiser at Roadhouse Steak Joint for **Thursday, May 11** from 6 to 8 p.m. plus a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and door prizes.

A visitor to our church read about the mental health ministry in the Newsletter and asked to be on the Third Annual People of Color Mental Health Conference for Southern Delaware sponsored by Delaware State University and the Mental Health Association. It was held April 5 and we met community leaders, mental health social workers and faculty members who were involved.

Thanks to everyone who is a part of this ministry. We always need new people. -- Susan Phillips, Postulant For the Diaconate



'Three Cups Of Tea' A Recommended Read

The April gathering of TTFF (True Tales and Faithful Fixtion) discussed Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea*. The consensus of the group was that it is an excellent book and everyone should be encouraged to read it. It is an amazing true story of what one person can do in the world to "love thy neighbor as thyself" and to promote peace one step at a time.

Mortenson was befriended by a village in Pakistan after a failed attempt to scale K2 that threatened his life. To repay the villagers for saving his life, he promised to build them a school. The task was not easy and at times the obstacles seemed insurmountable. One school has turned into over 55, funded entirely by private funds and most aimed at educating girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Three Cups of Tea is not just a "feel good" story of one man's achievements. As we discussed the book, we realized that Mortenson's story did much to dispel some of our stereotypes of Islam and of the people who occupy the land that gave birth to the Taliban. We also realized that like Our Water for the World project, much can be accomplished without having to use the latest technology and most modern materials.

Currently on the best seller list, the TTFF group highly suggests that you put this book on your reading list.

Susan Phillips Admitted As Postulant By Bishop

There's a postulant in the parish! On March 31st, it was recorded by Bishop Wright that, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, Susan Phillips is admitted as a Postulant For the Diaconate and that she possesses such qualifications as fit for her to enter with advantage upon course of study preparatory to Holy Orders.

A postulant (from the Latin postulare, to ask) in my case is used to describe the church status of a person who has discerned a call to the diaconate and has received parish and diocesan endorsement.

This is an initial time of preparation and testing prior to ordination. Candidacy is the next stage in the process. I have been on the path to the diaconate for about two and a half years, I hope, at this point, to be ordained sometime next year. Thank you for all your kind words, support, and prayers.

-- Susan Phillips

International Students Arrive Mid-May-June

The international students will be arriving by bus each day from mid-May through June. Julia and Russ Morey will spearhead the "meet and greet" outreach for the students arriving **May 26 through June 1**. Volunteers are needed at the welcome table in Rehoboth. If you can volunteer several hours that week, please contact Julia and Russ at 644-6923.