

Saint Richard's, for The Season of Pentecost

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CASSELBERRY ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS DR. LESLIE POOLE A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD AT RECENT EARTHFEST.

Leslie Poole, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and History at Rollins College and noted member of St. Richard's was recently made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Casselberry during the City Earthfest celebration.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award is named after Rotary's founder. Since 1905, Rotary has grown from a small club in Chicago into an international organization whose motto is "Service Above Self". Engaging in small or large projects, it is the premiere service organization in the world. A major goal in the last few years is to eradicate Polio from the world. All but three countries are now Polio-free. There are just a few regions, within Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria, where this disease remains a challenge. Another major project is to ensure clean water worldwide.

Leslie Poole is an example of a life of service to both humanity and the



environment. A fourth generation Floridian, she is a life long advocate of protecting the environment particularly in Florida. In her lectures and books she has enlightened many as to how Florida was in the vanguard concerning environmental and related animal issues during the 20th Century. Early in her career she was a newspaper reporter. Her hard-hitting environmental series, "Florida's Shame", which appeared in the Orlando Sentinel, garnered her a nomination for a Pulitzer Prize. In 2015, her book, "Saving Florida, Women's Fight For The Environment In The Twentieth Century", was published. The title says it all.

Many of our readers are familiar with Leslie as the "face" of 'Family Promise' in St. Richard's. 'Family Promise' is a national program of

inter-faith groups helping homeless families get on their feet by providing safe shelter and meals within their own buildings. In the mornings the adults are transported to their jobs or receive training in skills to obtain a job. Children are driven to the same school or daycare in which they started so they can maintain an orderly routine. Originally, St. Richard's participated by augmenting another Winter Park Church. When that church was no longer able to continue with 'Family Promise', our Rector Alison, who is also a Paul Harris Fellow, became enthusiastic about moving it to St. Richard's. Under Leslie's leadership in this humanitarian activity, St. Richard's hosts families for a week, once a quarter.

In her "remaining" time, Leslie is a Lay Eucharistic Minister and a Lector at St. Richard's.

Every day in so many ways, Leslie embodies the ideals of service that make her a most worthy recipient of a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship.

Awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship means that \$1000 will be donated in the honor of the recipient to the Rotary Foundation to continue service in the worldwide community.

Kathleen Cresswell

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AND MUCH MORE!

The Rector's Message



Rev. Alison Harrity

Dangerous Thank You's and Courageous Conversations.

It is always dangerous at a church to say thank you to any individual because so many contribute so much in so many small ways, that are quiet and beautiful. However, there have been major changes in our physical plant since the roof was redone in December 2015. These other changes include new windows in the Parish Hall with new shades to go with them. Blinds in all the other windows in the Parish Hall and classrooms, a new Flower Room in what was the janitorial room and all the Family Promise linens and supplies were moved to the tiny Flower Guild Room adjacent to what we want to refer to as the "Lounge" or the "Pastoral Care Office". In addition, a new concrete patio was laid and thanks to the contributions of some of you has benches that convert to tables and will have a sun shade. The Memorial Garden is in better shape than ever, the fountain is clean and the irrigation is keeping the grass and bushes green. All of these new things, these visible and important improvements to the property have been envisioned, planned and executed almost entirely at the hand of the Junior Warden, Sue Sommers. She is both dogged and patient, she never spends a dime without ensuring that we get the best price for the best work, she almost always gets three bids, or estimates for any work. She is at the church almost every day in addition to taking care of her family and their needs. Thank you Sue Sommers for making St. Richard's beautiful and clean, safe and fabulous! (And a quick shout out to Janice Elsheimer for pur-

chasing and installing the flowers in the memorial garden and in the newly restored side garden outside the Parish Hall door.)



How many of us have stayed away from church because we were afraid that people would be too compassionate, too caring and you would just be a weepy mess in the pew? My older sister was killed in a car accident in 1987. My mother cried in the pew every Sunday. It made me uncomfortable and I didn't know what to do for her. Finally, I asked her one day, "Mom, when you start to cry what should I do?" And she said, "Just sit and be with me. Church is the best place to cry, the only place I want to be when I am sad." In that moment I learned that church was the place we can come to and simply be fully present in all our messy emotions in the presence of God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Grief and trouble, confusion and doubt are all part of our common life. And St. Richard's is open to having any and all sit in the pew and weep. However, this summer, if you are in need of having a conversation about anything and everything you might be wrestling with I am available to you. And we have two trained spiritual directors in Tiffany Lane and Joyce Walworth who will walk with you, talk with you, listen to you. Gail Hencken, Licensed mental health counselor is also here and ready to listen. Do you need to have a courageous conversation? With God? With one of us? Please let me know....



Saint Margaret's Guild

As we reach the halfway point in our year we would like to give you an update.

We continue our outreach to our members and our community. In March we handed out "purple bags" and with your generosity we delivered sixty five bags with toilet articles to The Orlando Rescue Mission for which they were very thankful.

We have a new child that we are sponsoring in Honduras through El Hogar Ministry.

In April three members of the guild attended a Deanery meeting of Episcopal Church Women which was held at Church of Ascension in Orlando. We do not have a chapter at St Richards but we all belong as women of the Episcopal Church. We were encouraged to use or gifts and reach out to each other.

United Thank Offering has become part of our mission and we had your participation in the ingathering the past two weeks. About five hundred dollars was collected which will be forwarded to UTO.

We also had our chili cook off which was fun for all and we raised nine hundred and thirty seven dollars. A big thanks for all your support.

We are looking for new members. Our meeting is on third Monday Of the month and all women are welcome to join and we have no annual dues.

May the Lord continue to guide us in our work.

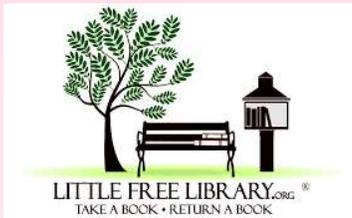
Mazrine Duncan

Little Free Library

I met a young woman who brings her 3 young children to our LFL almost weekly. She thanked us for placing it here saying how nice it is under the big oak tree with a bench to sit on. And she said that they have visited several others in the Winter Park area, but ours is always nice and full of quality books for adults and children. She wanted to say how much they appreciate our offering this service to the community.

This spring we added a LFL Journal with pen attached so that our library patrons might share thoughts with each other. The following are some quotes: Nancy wrote that her grandchild (Sam) told her, "I like to come to this little house to find a new book for me. I bring books, too. Granny, that's called sharing, right?" A retired HS secretary wrote, "I have visited other LFL here and in NY state, but this is the nicest." Argo and Marie are in their 80s and left this note, "beautiful day for my husband and I to walk. This is such a nice rest stop. We both found good books." Someone wished a "Happy St. Paddy's Day and I am so glad to sit and rest. I found 3 books for herself and one for a neighbor boy." One Good Friday, Sally M wrote, "Service is about to start and I will go – I've never been before and I'm a little nervous. I'm so glad to find a large print book." Marty S said, "Thanks for always having such a full library of books and such a nice variety, too. I've told my friends about your nice gift to all of us who live around here." Someone else wrote, "I cannot afford to buy books in stores and I don't have a ride to the library. I really appreciate this little 'retreat' under the tree. I always find something interesting to read."

Thank you to all the Little Free Library assistants who help keep us stocked with books and looking so neat. We keep a large bag under the Red Booth to place extra books. Other LFLs in our area are located in the children's park behind the Winter Park YMCA, at Dinky Dock by Rollins, and the Dog Park at the end of Lakemont Ave. just before entering Baldwin Park.



ACoA

Adult Children of Alcoholics meet on Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It is an open group. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Please Share
your
St. Richard's
photos on
Facebook!



Email them to Marc,
magutierrez77@gmail.com

Summer Fellowship News



Sandy Engert

Sunday, July 3: Hot Dogs 'n' Bingo – noon in Parish Hall. Wear your brightest red, white, and blue and join us for Hot Dogs, beans, chips, and ice cream and some fun games of Bingo with unique prizes. This is a great time to invite your friends to our church. We need some people to help us with set-up, bingo game and callers, etc. Contact Sandy Engert, (407) 671-8875, sengert@cfl.rr.com

Sunday, August 7: BIG SUMMER EVENT – noon in Parish Hall. This will be the Ingathering of School Supplies for the Arnold Palmer Hospital HUG ME program (for children with AIDS). Our tables theme will be "**Decades of Fun.**" You will sign up to sit at a table of the decade in which you were born. We need volunteers to help decorate tables and volunteer to bring a dessert for your table. We'd also like people to bring their own baby picture. Hamburgers and assorted salads will be served. Anyone who would like to model an outfit, sing a song, dance, share a poem or a joke, impersonate a famous person from your decade, hat of this decade, etc.

Contact Sandy Engert,
(407) 671-8875,
sengert@cfl.rr.com

2016-2017 Planning Meeting for Fellowship Events

What's next for Fellowship? We need YOU to help us decide. We will be selecting 4-5 events to have next year, September 2016 – August 2017.

Please bring your ideas to a meeting on Sunday, July 31, 12 noon in the Parish Hall.



*Easter
Joy!*







The Wednesday morning Bible class will take a break through June and July and resume on August 3, in classroom 1, our Theological Library.

Bob McClure

Tuesday Night Bible Study

is on summer break until the Tuesday after Labor Day in September.

The Healing Service

will continue on the first Wednesday of each month: June 1, July 6 and August 3. Then will resume weekly on September 7.

If you are in need of healing prayers, please call Alison and we can arrange anointing for you or someone in need.

Family Promise is our ministry to homeless families.

You can help!

Join St. Richards' Family Promise program and make a difference! Four times a year, for a week at a time, the church hosts up to four families who otherwise would be living on the streets or in their cars. Our goal is to provide, a warm, safe home for these families until they are financially on their feet.

**Our next host week is
June 5-12**

Summoning the Divine through Literature

Join us as we read famous authors through the lens of faith.

Monthly meetings (2 sessions for each author) are held in the Conference Room on specified evenings (6:30-8:00 p.m.) & are repeated the next morning (9:30-11:00 a.m.) A full set of readings for each session is available in the Church Office at least 1 week before the session or by emailing session designer-facilitator Pamela Menke, menkepamela@yahoo.com. Everyone is welcome even if you don't think you enjoy literature or have time to do the readings. Discussion is always fun & spirited!

June 20-21 and July 18-19: Mary Oliver (1931-), Episcopalian convert, Pulitzer Prize and National Book award winner, and beloved American poet.

August 15-16 and September 19-20: Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), Jesuit priest whose stunning poetry calls us into God's presence.

Summoning the Divine 2016-17 authors will be announced in September.

Youth Sunday School

Summer Off But Exciting Plans For Fall

With Pentecost we end another Youth Sunday class. Been a great year. Learned a lot of neat things. Took some amazing field trips. Some days we had 2. Others we had up to 12. During the summer we hope to have a reunion bowling party after a 10:30 service.

Michael Jones has joined our staff and brings the exuberance of a 20's person to our group. Plans for the new semester include building a permanent labyrinth out near the Pet Cemetery. We've been invited to learn to water-ski the first Sunday in October. Other plans are still on the drawing board. It is a pleasing thing that all our class members participate in other aspects of our St. Richards life. Some acolyte, some sing, some usher, some read scripture. We are truly blessed in our Youth group and fabulously enabled by all our drivers and chaperones. Kahni and Tom thank everyone for your marvelous support.

Celebrating our Children, Sunday, May 22

As the religious education year draws to a close, we invite our Sunday School families to join us in celebration of our children! All families and children are invited to the events listed below.

9:30 a.m.—Final Sunday School Class

Children and teachers will gather in Classroom 3 for a special project and festive snack!

9:30 a.m.-- Brunch and fellowship for Sunday School parents and grandparents. Enjoy bagels, fruit and coffee while enjoying conversation with other families. We will be joined by Rev. Alison and will take a brief time to discuss the past year and hear your feedback.

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4th Wednesday
Brown Bag Lunch
and Learn

Internet Safety:
How to Stay Safe and
Surf the Web

Guest Speaker:
Kittie Johnson
Winter Park Tech
Tutors, Instructor/
Owner

May 25, 11:00 a.m.
In the Parish Hall
(Bring your own lunch)



*D*ivine *D*iner's

meet at a different
restaurant each month!

All are welcome.
Check the bulletin or
The Divine Diner's
Facebook page
for upcoming events.

Contact Andrea Morgan
morganmediation@gmail.com

The Schola of St. Richard's
Dr. Carl MaultsBy, *Director of Music/Organist*
in a

Concert of Sacred Jazz

in Celebration of the
60th Anniversary of
St. Richard's Episcopal Church

With Special Guests

The Valencia Singers
Vanessa Hawkins, soprano
Alan Gerber, tenor
Brian Brudder, bass-baritone



Duke Ellington
Come Sunday
In the Beginning God
T. G. T. T.

Baikida Carroll
He Will Never Let You Down

Carl MaultsBy
A Sacred Jazz *Te Deum*
Elijah Rock

Sunday, October 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

\$10 for tickets purchased prior to October 1, 2016
\$15 for tickets purchased between October 1 & 22, 2016
\$20 for tickets purchased at the door

Pastoral Care

Recently the Pastoral Care Team has become aware of the need for recommendations for professional and other services. What do you do when your primary care physician retires or dies? Maybe you continue with another doctor at the practice or maybe you decide to "shop around." We would like to help you with the shopping. Kind of like the "A..... List" without membership dues. To get it started, the Pastoral Care Team is looking for your recommendations for people with whom you have had a really good experience and would recommend to others. These could include doctors, lawyers, plumbers, auto mechanics and so forth. If you have a recommendation, send it to Kathy Anderson at nosrednak@juno.com. Even though Kathy is going away for the summer she will coordinate the list by email. We intend to keep the list current and stand ready to share the recommendations upon request. We will keep track of who recommended each person, so be sure you wouldn't mind being contacted for further information. Let's help each other get help when we need it!

Kathy Anderson

Spiritual Direction
is available
at St. Richard's
by appointment.

Please Contact Tiffany Lane
269-274-7537
tiffanylane46@gmail.com

Carry the sacrament of
Christ's presence.....

Give strength and encouragement by bringing communion to those who are home bound or unable to get to church. Become a **Lay Eucharistic Visitor**. You can be a living example of the Body of Christ at St. Richard's.

Call Burr Anderson at (407) 671-2464 or email burr@embarqmail.com.

Serve our Lord and his Congregation.....

Assist the clergy in providing our congregation with a corporate worship experience where God's grace can be discovered. Become a **Lay Eucharistic Minister**. You can be the Hands of Christ at St. Richard's in this very important ministry..

Proclaim the Word of the Lord.....

Share the Word of the Lord by reading the lessons in our worship services. Become a **Lector**. You can be the Voice of Christ at St. Richard's in this very important ministry.....

For LEM's or Lectors, call Christy Woodruff at (407) 810-5676 or email christy.woodruff52@gmail.com



A Renaissance Fair for St. Richard's Diamond Jubilee





Angie Fox

ANGIE'S Corner

Today is Monday, May 9, and the deadline for the almanac articles is May 11. I sit here contemplating about what to write. I recall a time last summer at an event in the parish hall. I told Alison I was having a troubled time trying to think of something to write about. Alison's response was... You can do it Angie just be inspired.. she has this gift of encouraging us to push on, to strive to be better than we are. I think of her words often. Thank you Alison.

So many things have happened since the beginning of our Lenten series. Pam Menke's series on Madeline L'Engle was well attended and very interesting. With all the services leading to the Glorious day of Easter, and then ending, we began to focus on the celebration for the Renaissance fair. The first event to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Richard's began April 23rd. it was a beautiful sunny day! Many people came to look at all the displays of outreach events put on by St. Richard's. Many dressed in the renaissance attire and it was good to see the different costumes. All of the Mc Connell family, Alison, and Cindy & Bob, , Sharon Knapp, Marleen Kvalheim, Sandy & Ed North and Oh so many looked the part. The music played all day long and Cindy sang, her beautiful voice filling the air, a wonderful gift from our Lord!!

Alison our priest was there all day greeting all who visited, and welcoming them to St. Richards. It was a very successful event. Bill Platt did a remarkable job and the food was certainly enjoyed by all. I would be remiss if I did not say the feeling of a good church family was every-

where. it was well worth the effort that went into the preparation for this event. Bill was very appreciative of all who helped with the set up and tearing down. The Dinosaur that Bill made was such a hit and so many were taking photos with it. NOW WE COULD ALL AGREE THAT IT WAS A HUGE FUN EVENT!

I now want to share a very spiritual event at St. Richard's. It was the Ascension Service last Thurs. May 5th. Alison began the Ascension service two years ago, and it was a first for many attending.

Many expressed how much they enjoyed the service. I for one was thoroughly into Alison's sermon. It caused me to think about the events of the forty days after our Lord's Resurrection. I thought about his teaching on the beach to his disciples, and telling them to go out into the world and teach all nations the good news. I thought about how good it would have been to experience it as the disciples did.

When the service ended we all gathered at the new patio extension to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, and share the delicious Margaritas, Salsa and dip. The best was being able to have fellowship share laughter, leave in peace knowing we all shared a very special service. Phil and I bid our good byes and on the way home counted our blessings of Alison and Romane and our St. Richard's family.

I pray God blesses all of you, those you love, and by all means enjoy the summer.

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THAT LASTS
FOREVER."

Good Shepherd Food Bank

Our church joins with the the Episcopal church in Maitland, Good Shepherd, in providing food staples for those in need. Extra items are needed in the summer months when children and teens are not in school. Suggested items include peanut butter, canned meats, fruit and vegetables as well as brownie and cake mix, cereals, snack items. Paper goods are also needed. There is a metal cart in the back of the church in which to place your contributions and all will be taken to the food bank and gratefully received.



**The Bloodmobile will be
here on June 12
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

*Please know we are here
for YOU...*

The Pastoral Care Office
in the Library
is open every
Wednesday,
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come
if you have questions,
want resources,
a listening ear
or support in
whatever way

HELP! HELP!

As the world turns two of our morning phone volunteers have vacated the premises for the summer. Please if you could come into the office either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9 or 9:30 until 12 noon, we need the help. Duties include answering the phone, smiling a lot, greeting visitors as they sashay thru the door, retrieving the mail and distributing it, sometimes folding and stuffing and stamping. The atmosphere is loving and caring and you will go home happier than when you came in. Please speak with Alison, 407.671.4211 if you can help us until September 1st. thank you.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land January 23-February 3, 2017

In conjunction with Purposeful Pilgrimage, you are invited to participate in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Rev. Dr. J. Lawrence Cuthill has been leading pilgrimages for 15 years and cofounded Purposeful Pilgrimage with the goal of introducing travelers to a deeper kind of journey that is more than quick stops and photos, but one that touches the soul and enriches people mentally and spiritually.

Itinerary Includes: Ceasarea Philipi, Mt. Carmel, Megido and Nazareth, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Gideon's Spring and the Jordan River, the mount of the Beatitudes and Capernaum and an extensive tour of Jerusalem including the Wailing Wall. On to the Dead Sea and into Jordan to visit the Rose City of Petra.

The cost of the trip is \$2799.00 and a deposit of \$750.00 is due to reserve your space by June 5. We are looking for a minimum of 20 participants. Cost includes airfare from Orlando, four star or better accommodations, breakfast and dinner, admissions to sites, motor coach transportation and the tour guide. Prices are for a double occupancy and single supplement will apply. Contact Alison for more information 407.671.4211, rector@strichards.org

St. Richard's Treasurer's Report Through April 2016

Operating Fund

Revenues

| | Actual | Budget |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pledge | \$84,556.50 | \$88,484.58 |
| Non Pledge | \$4,675.00 | \$9,184.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$14,438.89 | \$8,650.16 |
| Total Plate & Pledge | \$103,670.39 | \$106,318.74 |
| Special, Other | \$30,116.81 | \$28,979.99 |
| Earnings on Investments | \$8.09 | \$5.47 |
| Total Revenues | \$133,795.29 | \$135,304.20 |

Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel | \$73,646.89 | \$73,864.15 |
| Christian Education | \$0.00 | \$629.14 |
| Administration | \$27,405.76 | \$31,711.03 |
| Building & Grounds | \$15,883.10 | \$15,007.91 |
| Diocesan Support | \$10,367.04 | \$10,631.88 |
| Parish Life | \$9,583.30 | \$6,757.24 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$136,886.09 | \$138,601.35 |

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| Net | -\$3,091 | -\$3,297 |
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Year to Date:

- 1) Plate and Pledge revenues were less than budget by \$ 2,648.
- 2) Total revenues were less than budget by \$ 1,509.
- 3) Total expenses were under budget by \$ 1,715.
- 4) The Operating Fund showed a net loss of \$ 3,091 ...\$ 206 better than budget.
- 5) Operating Fund resources totaled \$ 47,551.

Resources

St. Richard's total intangible assets (includes Operating, Restricted and Endowment funds) were \$ 176,311 ... an increase of \$ 1,906 year to date.

Comments

- 1) The fund performance through April shows a negative cash flow, but overall performance of the Operating Fund through April was better than budget expectations.
- 2) The Restricted Funds and the Temporary Restricted Funds are not reported here. A detailed Treasurer's Report including the Restricted and Temporarily Restricted Funds can be provided on request via email to treasurer@strichards.org
- 3) Contributions to the various Restricted Funds can be made by denoting the name of the fund on the check or envelope.

Celebrating our Children continued from page 6

10:30 a.m.—Recognizing our Children

As the St. Richard's family, we affirm the spiritual growth and development of our children. Our Sunday school students will be asked to come forward as a group during the service. We will recognize each child by name and present each child with a small gift. All children are welcome!

In order to plan for these festivities, an RSVP would be greatly appreciated! Please e-mail Deirdre Eckian (Deirdre.eckian@gmail.com) indicating the events your child and family plans to attend. Thank you!!!



ST. RICHARD'S

Episcopal Church

5151 Lake Howell Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

We are a church on a mission to discover God's grace, change our lives and change the world.



The Flower Guild is so grateful to Angie and Phil Fox for donating a beautiful sink for our flower room. Thank you so very much.

Dale Truscott volunteered to put the sink in and do all the plumbing for us. How absolutely wonderful—and such a lovely surprise. Thank you Dale! We are so grateful to all!

With Love and Appreciation,

*Marleen Kvalheim
St. Richard's Flower Guild*

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