

# TIDINGS

From St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

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## PENNY'S FINAL TWO CENTS

Dear St. Paul's by-the-Sea Family,

I have always known that you are the best but you outdid yourselves the past few weeks. It began with a chapel service for our fabulous school. I confess that I almost didn't make it through the processional hymn that morning. The children, staff and faculty presented us with a gorgeous birdbath filled with hand painted mosaic tiles. A reception held after chapel was very touching. The wonderful party at the historic St. Paul's by-the-Sea followed and was truly amazing. It was a joy to see so many of you that evening. The night was festive, fun and full of surprises. All Marty and I knew was to show up - you did the rest. Alice, Jay, and Ann are very talented song - or should I say 'psalm' - writers! The Sunday lunch was a surprise as well. Great food, parish gifts that were so very thoughtful, and a bit of a roast for good measure. We are loving the wagon fully equipped for gardening from the Lay Weeders; the wine from the Guild of the Christ Child; the large framed photo taken by Andrea Ventura during the Children's sermon on Easter Sunday; beautiful jewelry from the Altar Guild; a treasured relic from the St. Paul's by-the-Sea cross from the vestry; remembrances from St. Monica's Guild; Brotherhood of St. Andrew's; Daughters of the King;

a life-size card with candy from the Bell's; and a wonderful stuffed lizard complete with a book about them. The choir graced us with an encore performance of 'Penny from Heaven'. So much work went into both events, and into the joyful worship service as well. I was so touched by the Children's Choir and Lynne Radcliffe's beautiful, soaring and complex anthem sung by the best choir this side of heaven. I will hold my time among you in my heart forever; great people and cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

My prayer is that you will link arms and hearts as you journey through the months ahead. Transition can produce anxiety but it can be filled with adventure, and dreams, too. I pray also that you will complete the search process with a new rector who will take St. Paul's by-the-Sea to the next level.

We humbly thank you for the love you have shared with us. We feel that we should be throwing a party for all of you because YOU are the ones who should be celebrated. Great things are in store for you as you continue to pray and play together.

Thanks for the memories and know that you are loved,

~ Marty and Penny

## PARISH RETREAT - MAY 15-17

Come and enjoy a weekend away at Camp Weed! The Rev. Edward Harrison will lead a special workshop on *Transitions*. We will explore together ways a parish can be an active, vibrant family during the time between rectors. Robert & Victoria Freeman will lead an extended dreams workshop. **Activities will be offered for ALL AGES!** Activities include kayaking/canoeing, rock climbing, yoga, icon workshop, swimming, skeet shooting, s'mores at the campfire and more. There are several choices for lodging and we will enjoy delicious meals served by Camp Weed. We will finish the weekend with our Sunday morning service in beautiful Mandi's Chapel.

Don't miss this opportunity to gather as a parish family for fun, fellowship and worship! Confidential scholarships are available. Don't delay! Registration is due by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visit our display in the Christopher Lobby for registration forms and more information. Forms are also on the website: [www.spbts.net](http://www.spbts.net). Click on Fast Info/Documents.



# Senior Warden's Letter by Wendy Wolfe

Well, that sure went by fast, didn't it? The Lenten Season into Easter seems like such a blur, a beautiful blur, but I think it was the fastest moving six weeks in my life. The Lenten meditations written by our congregation were incredible insights into how we all process, and discern the word of our Lord. Thanks to all of the contributors for your very powerful messages.

And while on the subject of "Thank You", I have a bunch of them. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in, and attended, the two parish events celebrating our journey with Penny and Marty. The Wednesday evening reception at our old chapel was a delight - even the weather was cooperative!

Betsy Brown and her committee (Evie Gabrielle, Walter Stutts, Wendell Sheppard, and Rick Bowyer) did an outstanding job coordinating tent raisings, food deliveries, pew moving, decorating, and many other tasks associated with the party! Thanks to the Brotherhood for helping out as well. They tended the wine, beer, and soda tables, moved tables and chairs from one location to another, and as always, did a great job. Andrea Ventura took a beautiful photograph of Penny delivering her Easter children's sermon, printed it, framed it, and presented it to Penny. Fortunately for all of us, she also made a second print that is now hanging in the church office; please be sure to look at it next time you are in there. It truly captures an important



part of Penny's ministry with us. Many thanks to Anne Wiggins, Henny Schoonover, and their crews for the fabulous lunch served on Sunday after Penny's last service. The parish hall looked like spring was really, finally here, and the food was delicious. Thanks also to Chris Younger for manning the grill and cooking that

chicken to perfection! A big thank you to all the groups that participated in Sunday's luncheon program - the Guild of the Christ Child, the Lay Weeders, Judy and Dick Bell, the Daughters of the King, the Altar Guild, St. Monica's Guild, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Thank you to Ann Carroll for finding out the skinny about Penny and letting us all in on it. Thanks to Lynne Radcliffe and choir for their

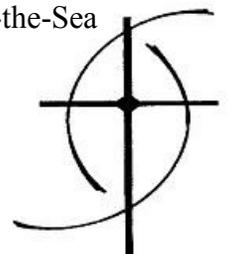
joyous contribution "Penny from Heaven" ~ it was pitch perfect! I see songwriting careers for Alice Pantfoeder, Ann Brodt and Jay Brandon. The choir did such a great job of it at Wednesday's function, we got an encore performance at Sunday's luncheon. It was just as brilliant the second time!

To anyone I forgot to mention here (I AM SO SORRY), but thank you, thank you, thank you!! I have seen firsthand the dedication and devotion of our members in so many ways over the last six or seven weeks. We are all so blessed to have each other...

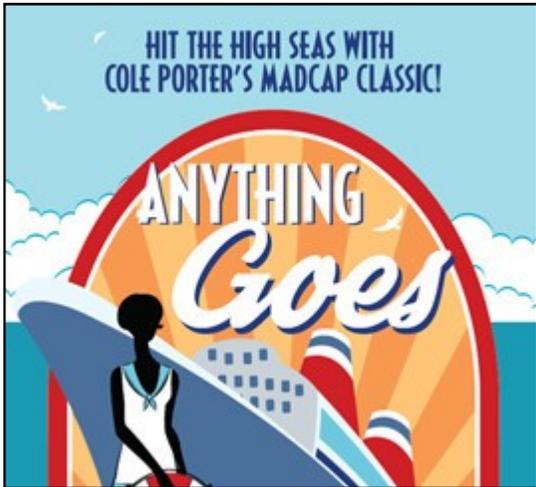
Godspeed,  
~ Wendy

THE LAST DAY OF ....  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
SPY ~ MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
THE ADULT FORUM ~ MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Help keep St. Paul's by-the-Sea  
a vibrant place of  
peace and welcome!  
Remember  
your church  
during the  
summer months!



**Save the Date: November 10<sup>th</sup>**



**SPBTS Foundation Night at the Alhambra**



# Milestones



*Births: Emma Werner, 04/11/2015*

*Baptisms: Arden Charley Bond, Jada Fields, Raven Fields, Julia Hatcher, Terri Herring, Kamden Kettrey, Logan Palmer, 04/12/2015*

*Deaths: Charlie Grinstead, 03/31/2015  
Joan Enos, 04/01/2015*

*Wayne Knapke, 04/01/2015  
Harold Mullins, 04/12/2015  
Frances Wiggins, 04/14/2015  
Wally Wright, 04/26/2015*

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFASTS BEGIN MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

If you are able to prepare and serve a breakfast, please sign up for a Sunday on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Christopher Lobby. All costs are reimbursed.

## CHRISTOPHER LOBBY ART EXHIBIT

A big thank you goes out to Charlotte Jones for allowing us to exhibit her beautiful floral watercolors in the Christopher Lobby. Make a point to see them when you are here.

# Rector Search Announcement by Wendy Wolfe

I am pleased to report to you that your vestry has notified the Diocese that we intend to perform a full search to fill the open office of Rector at St. Paul's by-the-Sea. This decision, which was unanimous, was made deliberately and prayerfully. Each member of your vestry took the time to listen to you, to discuss and debate the options that had been presented to us by the Diocese, and made the most appropriate decision. It is important for each and every one of us to understand how the process works from this point. To begin with, the Diocese will begin to search for an appropriate Interim Rector. This could take months. In addition, the Diocese will appoint a search consultant to aid us with the parameters and procedures concerning a search committee and the search itself. Neither of these actions will happen quickly. I do not expect anything to happen until sometime this summer - this delay is by design. As a family, we need time to reflect on our journey with Penny, take a breath, be kind to one another, then roll up our sleeves and get to work! We have a great schedule of supply priests for the summer, and there will be something for everyone!

Over the summer, the vestry will work with the consultant to evaluate and seat a search committee. We are all obviously very interested in the processes and people that will be directly involved in finding our next spiritual leader, but our job (all of us) right now is to pray, discern, reflect, vision and dream. If you have suggestions regarding the process of seating a search committee, please feel free to share those thoughts with me, or any member of the vestry. Your input is invaluable to achieving our long term goals. I can be reached at 923-4271 or [w\\_wolfe@bellsouth.net](mailto:w_wolfe@bellsouth.net).

Once in place, our search committee will begin an enormous task. They will gather information about our family, our community, our visions and goals. They will assess and evaluate a great deal of data generated by us, the Diocese, and potential candidates. Their work is done quietly, and confidentially; however, it is not a quick or fast process. Be patient. Be prayerful. Be the servants of God we have become. I fully believe that the road we have chosen will yield us wonderful results, as long as we are all in it together, committed to each other, and believe in the power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

# Incredible Edibles



Crafty people are already at work every Thursday at 9am in the Christopher Lobby, preparing for the Arts and Crafts department of this year's event. Your ideas and your help would be very welcome!

Please hold on to your donations for the collectible department until October. Call Virginia Wood, 246-4007, if you are donating a large item.

Evie Gabrielle is beginning the task of contacting each household in the congregation to find out what you are planning to make, bake, or donate to our annual and largest single fund raising event. (Evie would welcome a call from you to let her know what you plan to make. Save and bring your mayo jars to the church for Evie to fill with her delicious soups and sauces.

*Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-2pm*



Our spectacular Easter breakfast crew, Mike Borno, Sid Spurgin, Carmel Jeck, June Fulford, Mary and Joe Gayhart.



## Holy Land Pilgrimage with the Pfabs

Marty and Penny will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land during HOLY WEEK and EASTER from March 19 - 28, 2016. An optional extension to Jordan March 28-31 is offered for those who want to join them there. Brochures are being printed and the pilgrimage will appear on worldwidpilgrimage.com soon. Call or email Penny or Marty for more information.

## GRADUATION SUNDAY ~ MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

If you or someone in your family is graduating high school or college this year, please let us know! Call Jerri, 249-4091.



# The Order of the Daughters of the King Daughters of the King

by Lawanda Williams

The mission of the Order of the Daughters of the King is the extension of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the Church's spiritual life. As we carry out our vows of prayer, service, and evangelism, we are supporting the Church as a whole, as well as our church, St. Paul's by-the-Sea.

Sid Spurgin, Elsa Cruz, and Jane White attended the Spring Assembly at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The speaker was Rev. Amanda Nickles who presented a program on Grace Mission Church in Tallahassee. New Diocesan officers were installed including Jane White as Secretary.

We are excited to have four candidates currently studying to become new members of our DOK chapter! They are Sara Rich, Pat Wing, Cheryl Sweat, and Denise Ennis. Anyone interested in the Daughters of the King is welcome to join us at our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 8am in the Christopher Conference Room.



## Just a Little Promotional Message for BEAM



The new facility "7 North" will be opening sometime this summer and we are in need of more volunteers for this, the office and food pantry on 850 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, the Thrift store on 1447 Mayport Road as well as the food pantry there. Please consider volunteering 4 hours a week, a month, etc. Remember, "Volunteers make the world a better place!"

Call Susie Miller 662-7249 or go to the web page, Jaxbeam.org.

## Welcome Station Coordinator Needed

St. Paul's by-the-Sea needs someone to coordinate the Welcome Station ministry. Duties mainly consist of making an annual schedule for the rotating volunteers and ensuring the station is staffed. Please contact Jerri, 249-4091, if you are interested in helping in this very important ministry at St. Paul's by-the-Sea.

## Recycling for Incredible Edibles



Wanted: 8 & 4 ounce Ball, Mason, or Kerr canning jars. Charlotte Crouse would like to keep the cost of making her jams and preserves down, so she can pass those savings on to you at the next Incredible Edibles. Please place your clean, empty jelly jars in the labeled basket under the table in the reception area of the parish office.

## Lay Weeder News by Melissa Nelson

We are moving into our busiest season and have a lot of keeping up to do, so if anyone has time to bend down and say a prayer over our weeds while you're pulling, that would be a true blessing. We will be removing some old plants and freshening up some gardens - please remember us at the May and June donations for Mother's and Father's Day.

## SPY NEWS

by Gretchen Howe

SPY meets on Sunday evenings from 5pm until 7pm. The evenings begin with activity-based social time followed by sharing some pizza, and concludes with a Christian formation lesson. We have enjoyed our Christian formation leaders and thank Felicia Boyd, Dylan Morgan, Betsy and Tom Schifanella, and Anne Wiggins, for your time and energy. Youth Sunday on May 31<sup>st</sup> will conclude our regular SPY meetings, but we will gather for various events and occasions during the summer.



## Transportation to Church Needed? Foundation Evaluating a Transportation Ministry

The SPBTS Foundation is considering starting a formal Transportation Ministry. Initially this Ministry would be dedicated to providing rides to and from church services and activities for those without transportation, and would be coordinated and operated by volunteers, using their own cars. If there turns out to be sufficient need, we have been offered the use of the Dial-A-Ride van in off hours and weekends. The use of the van could be funded by a Grant from the Foundation.

However, in order to evaluate the feasibility of this ministry we need to determine the existing and potential need. To do this we are asking for recommendations from the parish. If you know of anyone, in the parish who is unable to attend church because of lack of transportation, or if you know anyone who is not a member but who might want to attend, even for an exploratory visit, please give that information either to Roger Brown, 508-367-2602 or cucumber7@comcast.net, or Jim Stuck, 992-3946 or jimstuck@aol.com. Your help in identifying these needs will be very much appreciated.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEACHES EPISCOPAL SCHOOL !



## New BES Video: Learn. Love. Lead.

Watch it on our website:  
[www.beacheseπισcopschool.org](http://www.beacheseπισcopschool.org).  
Remember to let your friends and family members know about our school for their



children rising into PreK4 through sixth grade. St. Paul's by-the-Sea members get a 10% discount on tuition for their children.

## Be on the Lookout for Summer Camp Registration

Mark your calendars and make plans now for your children to attend the 2015 BES Summer Camp. The camp will run during the following weeks: June 15-19, June 22-26, July 13-17, July 20-24 and is open to students entering PreK4 through sixth grade. Camp brochures (including registration forms) will be available at the school office and the church in the coming weeks. You can find out more about this year's camp from Dallas Skornia - contact information is below. Some quick facts about this year's camp program:



**Dates:** June 15-19, June 22-26, July 13-17, July 20-24

**Days and times:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Grade ranges accepted:** Students entering PreK4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (Must be 4 by the first day of first camp week attended.)

**Website:** [www.BeachesEpiscopalSchool.org](http://www.BeachesEpiscopalSchool.org)

**Contact for more information:** Dallas Skornia, Director of Communications

Email: [dskornia@beacheseπισcopschool.org](mailto:dskornia@beacheseπισcopschool.org) / Phone: 246-2466 x121

**All programs facilitated by adult educators associated with BES.**



## Enrollment Heating Up! BES Accepting Applications

We are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 academic year. If you know of someone who is looking for an exceptional education for their child, they can contact Heather Galloway, 246-2466 ext. 112. Word of mouth is our greatest source of marketing. You are our most dedicated advocates, and we truly appreciate your support.

## Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Musical	Thursday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show	Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm
PreK3-PreK4 Challenge Day	Monday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>
K-6 Challenge Day	Tuesday May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Awards Assembly (4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 8:10am
6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Graduation/Last day of school	Friday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8a B'hood Mtg
3 7:30a Eucharist 8:15 Breakfast 10a Eucharist 5p Youth Meeting	4 7p Guild of the Christ Child	5 8p AA Meeting	6 7a Eucharist. 9a Bible Study 10:30a Eucharist 3:30p Child. Choir 5:30p Bell Choir 7p Choir Practice	7 9a IE Crafters 2p Art Class 6p EFM 6:30p BES Gr. 2-5 Musical	8	9
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 7:30a Eucharist 8:15a Breakfast 10a Eucharist	11 7p BES Board Mtg	12 8p AA Meeting	13 7a Eucharist 9a Bible Study 10:30a Eucharist 11a St Monica's 3:30p Child. Choir 5:30p Bell Choir 7p Choir Practice	14 9a I.E. Crafters 2p Art Class 6p EFM 6:30p BES Gr. 6 Talent Show	15 Parish Family Retreat	16 Parish Family Retreat 8a B'hood Mtg 8a DOK
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24 <b>Pentecost</b> 7:30a Eucharist 8:15 Breakfast 10a Eucharist 5p SPY	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> Parish Office Closed	26 8p AA Meeting	27 7a Eucharist 8:10a BES Awards 10:30 Eucharist 3:30p Child Choir 5:30p Bell Choir 6p Mission House Meal 7p Choir Practice	28 9a I.E. Crafters 2p Art Class 6p EFM	29 10:30a BES Graduation	30 12p Brotherhood Picnic, Mayport
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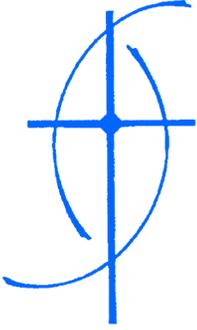
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St. Paul's by-the-Sea is committed to renewal based on powerful worship, unconditional welcome for the seeker, and passionate service to the community.



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:30 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST

8:45 AM—CHRISTIAN FORMATION

10:00 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST

### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:00 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST

## Tidings

from

### St. Paul's by-the-Sea

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The deadline for articles to appear in Tidings is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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