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EARLY PENTECOST 2013



I am the vine; you are
the branches. If a man
remains in me and I in
him, he will bear much
fruit; apart from me you
can do nothing. This is
to my Father's glory,
that you bear much
fruit, showing
yourselves to be my
disciples.

John 15:5,8 NIV



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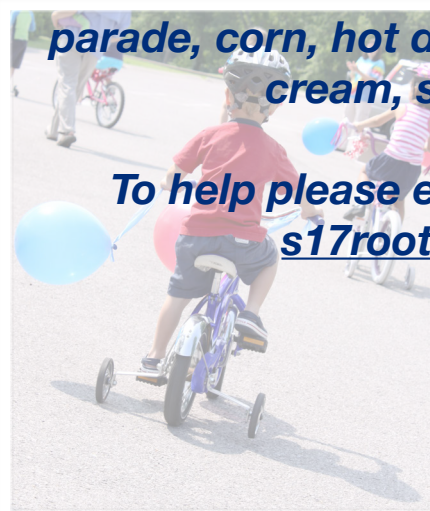
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ST. B'S ANNUAL CORN ROAST

Thursday, July 4
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m



parade, corn, hot dogs, watermelon, ice
cream, slip n' slide

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On the Cover: Eric Wyse, center, on his last Pentecost at St. B's with David Madeira, newly appointed interim director of music and Teresa Robinson, music administrator.



Pentecost

Called to be a Body

I never get tired of Pentecost.

Year after year, this season is full of surprises, and in spite of my familiarity to the biblical text, I find myself both in wonder and awe at the mystery of God as well as at His amazing love and mercy.

Pentecost, for all of its other intents, reminds us that not only are we called and redeemed to be the Body of Christ, but also, that by the Spirit we are enabled, even in our powerlessness.

Jesus instructed his disciples to go and wait for the Holy Spirit and then they would be empowered to be witnesses locally and internationally.

Witnesses... Testimony givers...
Ambassadors for the Kingdom...

Intimacy with the Spirit of God has some profound impacts on our lives...

I would like you to consider these very distinct areas.

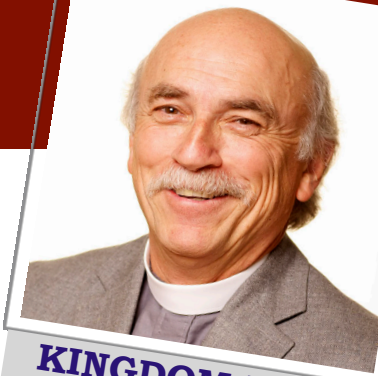
Firstly, according to the Bible, the Holy Spirit is the “assurance” of our new reconciled relationship with God the Father. The “peace that passes all human understanding” is His first gift to us.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit is the source of any and all “Christ-likeness” that we might begin to emulate. Paul calls this the “fruit of the spirit,” but really the long list of characteristics found in

Galatians 5 (love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, humility and self-control) is really the way that Christ’s character begins to manifest itself in and through us as He has His way in our lives.

Thirdly, the Spirit gives us those “grace gifts” (often known as charismatic gifts) as the occasion has need. Discernment of spirits, healings, gifts of tongues, interpretations of tongues, faith, knowledge and wisdom are all with the intention of allowing our supernatural God a place to work dramatically in our very natural world.

Fourthly, God the Holy Spirit gives us servant gifts and ministries to build up the community (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and



KINGDOM TALK
by Fr. Jerry Smith
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teachers) and the gifts of administration, giving, etc. to edify and grow the church.

The problem with all of these gifts is that we need to be willing and active participants. The Spirit presents Himself, but we often absent ourselves!

As the body of Christ at St B’s, there is increasing evidence that we need every member of the community to willingly join with us and partner with God so that none of the gifts nor ministries will go unattended. Sadly, our absenteeism (spiritual as well as physical) is the greatest hindrance to God actually manifesting Himself the way He longs to.

The reason this season never seems to exhaust me is that with each and every encounter with the Holy Spirit, there is life-giving breath blown into the recipient. Whenever God engages us, He enables us to accomplish that which He asks of us.

We often shy away from Him for fear of what He will ask, as we are trained to utilize our culturally-formed thinking but our God is countercultural.

My prayer this season of Pentecost is that you will find yourself in the presence of the Living God and open to surrendering yourself to Him. You will not be disappointed.



Worship & Classes

Valuing both

It is with awe-inspiring appreciation I write to thank all the incredible volunteers who unselfishly served in children's formation this past year. As partners in ministry, you not only stepped up to serve our St. Bartholomew's children, but then stuck it out despite a major unexpected schedule change, curriculum experiments and, in many cases, foregoing your opportunity to attend adult classes.

If you aren't familiar with the changes this past year, here's a quick overview. We changed the services time to create a Christian formation hour in between the services that all ages (nursery to adult) could participate in. We did this because we believe that both worship *and* instruction (i.e. Sunday School) are essential in our growth as Christians.

Here's a more specific look:

Liturgical Journey, Alicia Lewis, Director
8:15 & 11:00 am services, 4 years-6th grade

A children's church format, Liturgical Journey is based on our regular Sunday liturgy. Its purpose is not to separate the children from the worshipping community, but to give them child-appropriate training, practice, and encouragement. The hope is that as they get older they will be better able to engage in worship with their families and the rest of the church.

We recognize that Liturgical Journey may be difficult for certain ages and personalities. We also recognize that some

THE WONDER OF IT ALL

by Carla Schober

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children would prefer to sit with their parents and the larger community. This is great.

Though we are still tweaking Liturgical Journey, it shows great promise and purpose. Please know, we have made a point of not offering a cookie-cutter service from another church format, but prefer to prayerfully determine what best fits the demographics of this combined group within the Anglican way of worship. As with anything worthwhile, it deserves our attention to detail, growth and creativity. We are blessed to have this new opportunity to serve you.

Christian Formation Hour: 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Nursery – 6th grade

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3½ yrs. - 2nd grade and Sunday school, 2 yrs.- 6th grade are now running concurrent with each other and the adult formation offerings.

As we end this school year, once again, thank you to all that have served and to the families that have trusted us with your children.



Liturgical Journey & Nursery will continue with both services through the summer.

Christian formation classes return for all ages on August 18 in between services.



A Date with the Coles

Acknowledging some of our church mice

If you haven't run into Justin and Molly Cole at St. B's, then you're hanging out in the wrong places.

Quiet, yet humorous; industrious, but low-key – you can't summarize them easily. Case in point: They met at high school in Hampstead, Maryland, volunteer without fanfare at St. B's, and consider spending a day in the kitchen together a date.

Does that tell you something about them? Yes. But it doesn't sum them up. When you sip herbal tea in the kitchen they partly renovated themselves, snack on slices of candied grapefruit peel they recently made, and discuss house concerts ... you know there's just a whole lot more to them.

Because they are multi-faceted, it comes as no surprise that Justin holds two bachelors degrees, one in music composition and one in sociology



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(Belmont and MTSU, respectively) and Molly studied English at Messiah College. They have no compulsion to make threads connect in a linear fashion. She works in the graduate medical education office at Vanderbilt University and Justin works in the office at Buchi Plumbing. He didn't want a career in music composition, but he does play the piano every Sunday at St. Mark Reformed Church.

The Coles are in their sixth year at St. B's. She was Episcopalian. He was Lutheran. When they checked out Episcopal churches in Nashville, they were immediately drawn to St. B's.

They signed up for the Anglicanism 101 course and were hooked.

"That's how I met Fr. Dixon and got involved as a volunteer," recalls Molly, "I wanted to be plugged in in some way and Fr. Dixon said, 'Have you thought of helping out with youth? I don't really know if it was any more sophisticated a reason than that'," she says with a wry smile.

But it became more sophisticated. After five years, Molly has an integral role in leading the youth. The "mechanics" of what she does may be the same, but she has grown as a leader. She is known, for instance, for her 'silly' invitatories. Her current one requires putting an arm out front and one behind, symbolizing reaching back to the Torah – which they have explored – and forward to the future.

"It puts you on God's timeline. I spin it from there, based on the reading we've been doing," she says. She finds her involvement fulfilling. "I think I to have get more out of it than the kids do because I get *so much* out of it," she says.

Justin, meanwhile, does not feel called to help with youth leadership, although

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St. B's Mission Garden Mornings
Saturdays in June
9-11 a.m.

Come help in the garden.
No garden experience necessary.



How's Your Heart?

Blood Pressure Screenings
Every Third Sunday
9:45 - 10:50 a.m.
Parish Nurse Office



June 16, July 21, August 18

Christian Formation Classes for All Ages Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

concludes on June 2 for a summer break

Liturgical Journey will continue in the summer during both services.

Classes for all ages
resume on Sunday, August 18 at 9:45 a.m

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



WHAT'S
YOUR M*O?

st. b's
ministry fair

sunday, aug. 11
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
in wallace hall



Send me to Prison

Meet St. B's Nathan Lee, a man who wants to go to prison

by Whit Smyth



For over 25 years, Nathan Lee shared his music in clubs and bars. He had deals and cut records, but nothing stuck and made cash registers ring. "My music didn't go into a neat box like country or pop or rock," he says. "It was hard for producers to know where it fit."

Then, three years ago, after completing a week of shows in Los Angeles, a buddy asked Nathan to play with him at the L.A. City Jail. And in that tough, dark place, Nathan found his niche. "At the end of my first song, I knew this was where I was supposed to be - playing for the lost, the broken, the downtrodden - offering a glimpse of hope to the hopeless; it's what my songs are all about."

He returned to Nashville on fire with a vision to create a ministry with other musicians, to reach out to prisoners in song and scripture, encouraging inmates to see themselves as God sees them. It's an inner turmoil he knew well: "I've always struggled with allowing God to love me," he says.

With the help of business-savvy friends, a non-profit organization called *Send Musicians to Prison* was

launched in 2010. This put Nathan on a new path: "I want to be a servant. When I die, I want my friends to say 'He was a servant,'" he explains. "It's not easy because I spent 30 years serving only myself."

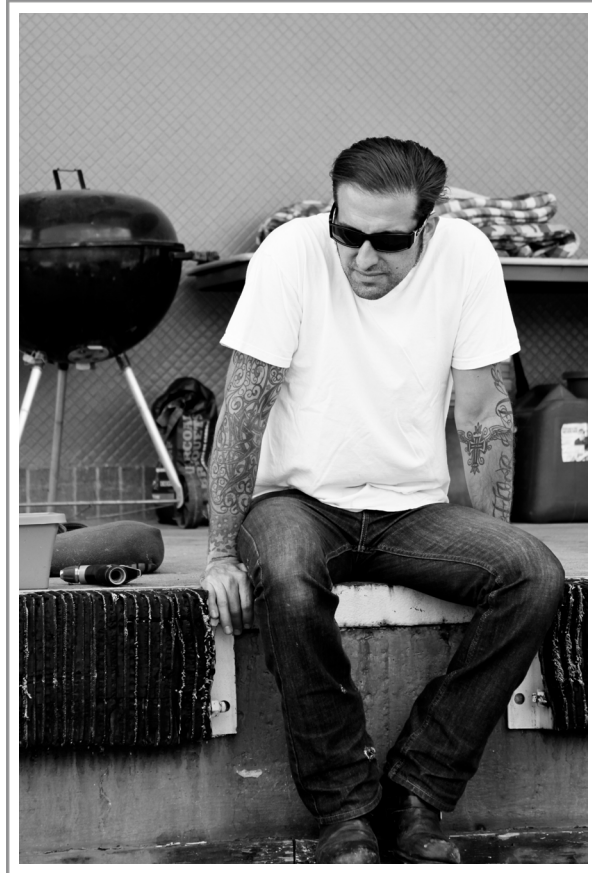
During the last week of every month, Nathan flies either to Los Angeles or to Rikers Island in New York City to sing, talk and share the Gospel with inmates. When in Nashville, he'll do one-day shows at local prisons or in surrounding states. A trip to Rikers Island may include performances in nine different cellblocks during the week. It's not glamorous work. "Security is tight and it often takes two hours just to get inside," he says, recalling an early visit when guards searched his piano, pulled it apart, took out all the screws, then walked away leaving Nathan to put it back together.

Typically up to 150 inmates attend the one hour performance. The setting is stark - a bland white room with terrible acoustics - a musician's nightmare. Occasionally a performance will touch hearts; often prisoners will yell, "This music stinks." Prison is ugly, fights erupt,

guards are on their toes. "It's not a place to pitch your CDs or set up a merchandise table," he quips.

Money is tight at *Send Musicians to Prison*. Tim Lauer, a friend from St. B's and a fellow musician, said, "Nathan, you're absolutely terrible at asking for contributions."

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"It's true," he admits. "I've always been an artist, and now I'm also trying to be a businessman. To be honest, this is a hard ministry to get behind. There are no obvious results for donors to see. I'm throwing seeds out there with no idea where they land."

Airline tickets every month to Los Angeles or New York City can get expensive, and the prisons don't reimburse him for travel or lodging. So where does the money come from? "I never know," he says. "I've lived in the 11th hour for a long time - having faith, letting God lead and not freaking out."

Besides funding, another challenge is recruiting other musicians. "I need to get others involved so *Send Musicians to Prison* continues after I'm gone," he notes. Ashley Cleveland, a well-known

singer who attends St. B's, has joined Nathan at one of the sessions. A skilled production manager, Nate Lampa, has volunteered to help set up prison events and handle administration.

To learn more about Nathan, we visited him recently at his studio near 100 Hundred Oaks Mall. He's waiting on a loading deck, which doubles as his front porch. He ushers visitors into an offbeat, warehouse-sized room, which he shares with his dog, Moses, who loves visitors and is partial to ear rubs.

Born and raised in Easton, Pennsylvania, Nathan's father was a musician, which explains his interest in music from an early age. His parents were part of the Jesus Movement, which Nathan did not embrace. As a counselor once told him, "You were too close to it, saw too much."

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More From sendmusiciantoprison.com

As I was walking into the women's block that morning, I received an email from a friend who is going through a hard season. She explained how she needed to be prayed for . . . and what she no longer wanted in her life. I heard God in that email.

I heard the Lord saying that a broken woman needs to be loved gently, she needs a listener, and she needs affirmation of her value. I know nothing of raising daughters or marriage. But what I do know is, God is Merciful. And so I walked into the woman's block and gave them my best, I gave them my heart.

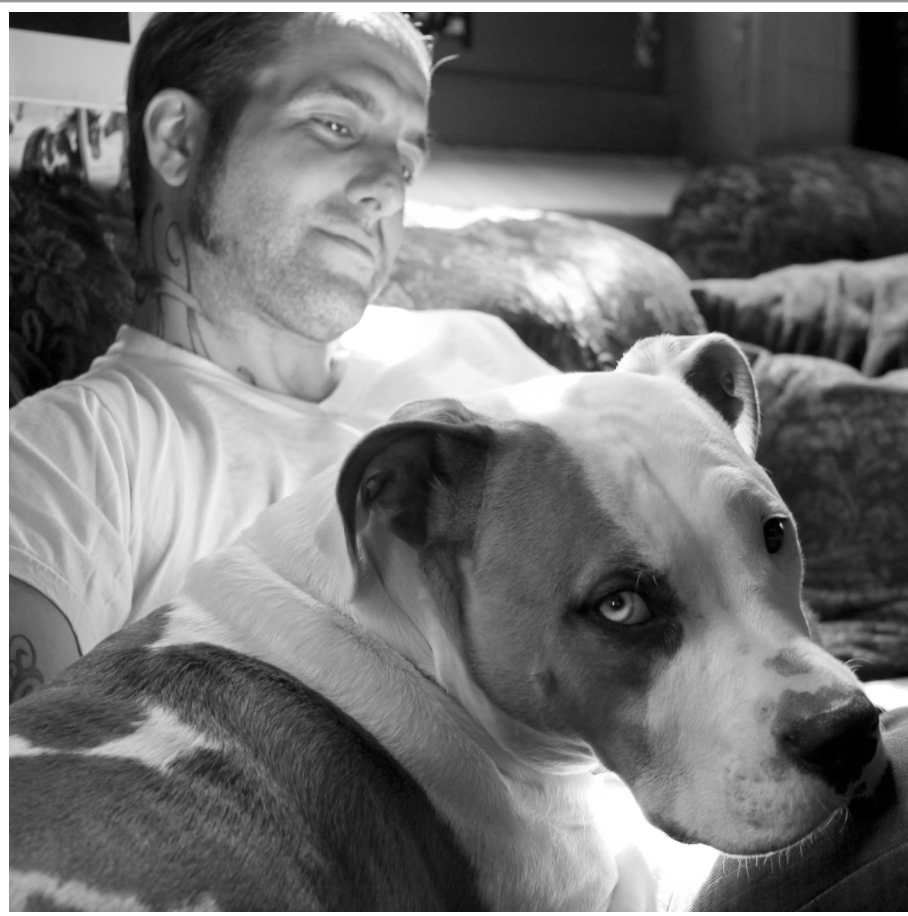
Most of these girls were young, tough and hurting. To remind a girl that she is beautiful is one thing; to encourage her to see herself as the Lord sees her, well, that's scary. All I know from Friday is that I had one hour to encourage a room of broken women that they are valuable.

I cried a lot that afternoon. I hope that someday, as this organization grows, I will be able to take women there to visit with them.

By the time I made it back to Nashville on Saturday evening, I was spent. Sunday morning,

Easter, what a day. Yes, the resurrection of Christ was enough to renew me. But something else happened. Someone at Church hugged me, and said, "welcome home."

To make a donation visit
sendmusicianstoprison.com



Greens, Glorious Greens!

Thinking about real food this summer



One of my earliest food memories is of my Grandma Taylor's collard greens and drinking the "potlikker" which is the liquid left over after the greens have stewed for half a day. I craved those greens. The bitter earthiness of that North Carolina southern side really answered something in me and the fact that they were made with so much love makes me pine away for them right now.

Learning that green is the liturgical color of for the season after Pentecost I felt I had to write about the most nutrient-dense class of veggies in existence, greens! Turnip greens, collard greens, cabbage, kale, broccoli, arugula, dandelion greens,

beet greens, spinach, mustard greens and so on. These greens are nothing but goodness for our bodies. I recall that when I was a little girl kale was only used to decorate the buffet table, but you would have never thought to eat it. Today...we know so much more about green things. Here are just a few of the benefits of collards and kale:

- there is just as much calcium in these greens per serving as there is in a glass of milk
- besides calcium, they're rich in other minerals like magnesium, potassium and iron
- obviously rich in fiber and antioxidants
- loaded with vitamin C and fat-soluble vitamins A & K, so you should eat good fats with them to better absorb these vitamins
- kale contains lutein and zeaxanthin which protect the eyes from macular degeneration

Most importantly, when prepared properly they taste great!

I'm always in awe of our great God when I sit down and count out the incredible benefits of real foods like these greens. God is so good to us and gave us all these glorious plants to give us energy and good health, so eat them and be blessed by their goodness.

Here are some of the ways I incorporate greens into my everyday diet:

- throw a few leaves into a smoothie
- raw kale salad (see recipe on pg. 10)
- braised with homemade broth to raise the mineral content (you'll find this recipe "Get Your Greens In!" on my blog: www.chefshanekelly.com)
- added to soups
- simply sautéed with lots of garlic and coconut oil
- shred greens and add them to your favorite slaw recipe

So, make it a part of your Pentecost journey and eat more green things... you'll feel better and your body will thank you!

Peace to All,
Chef Shane a.k.a. "Queen of Greens"



As a teenager growing up within reach of New York City, Nathan played in clubs and bars in the Big Apple, much of it with his 5-piece rock band. He eventually got an offer to come to Nashville with his band. He was 18 and the music life was good. "The only problem was that I never made much money," he says.

At 30, he quit music to produce Christian rock tours for World Vision. "It was the first time in my life I ever made any money," he recalls, "but in my heart I was still an artist, so I went back to playing music. Record deals came and went until that trip to the Los Angeles jail changed everything for me."

Since giving his life to Christ in his early 20's, Nathan has always had a measure of faith. Church was another story. "It was frustrating to me. I couldn't make

sense of it, and never realized the importance of intimacy, probably because I never had it with my own father."

Last year on Mother's Day, Nathan's feelings about church did a one-eighty. He was booked to play at a Women's Prison in Asheville, North Carolina. Joining him on the trip was a friend, Ellie Crumbaugh.

"After performing, our hosts invited us to their Episcopal Church," Nathan recalls. Neither he nor Ellie had been to church in four years. But on this Sunday, something special happened: "That service was a great experience, so loving, and the liturgy was especially meaningful," he explains. "It was a game changer."

Back in Nashville, Ellie suggested they check out St. Bartholomew's, which was close to her home. Something

clicked. "At St. B's, I've learned that loving God is about letting God love you," says Nathan. "I thought I'd never be a provider. I thought I'd made too many mistakes in my past."

Success today has a different sound for Nathan, and it's no longer just music. "Now I want to serve inmates and serve God. If I can keep doing that as I get older, I'll be happy," he says. "I love music but, even more, I love.



Asian Raw Kale Salad Serves: 4-6

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1 large bunch kale, stems removed & leaves chopped small (about 8 cups)
3 tablespoons sesame oil
1-2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon soy sauce
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)

Optional:

1 teaspoon fresh-grated ginger
1/4 cup toasted sesame seeds

Procedure:

Add chopped, washed and dried kale to a large bowl. In a smaller bowl whisk the sesame oil, toasted sesame oil, soy sauce and red pepper flakes and pour over the kale, toss well and let marinate for 30 minutes to one hour tossing several times again so that the kale will wilt a bit. I like to squeeze the kale with my hands for about five minutes to help break it down even further. Top with toasted sesame seeds and enjoy!



A Toast to 19 Years

St. B's says farewell to Eric Wyse, Director of Music

Eric - Thank you for guiding me into the Liturgical form of worship. My Charismatic background has been enriched by the rich heritage found here at St B's. Thank you for giving me the opportunity! Praise God for you!

Novella James Dean

Eric's commitment to worship at St. B's has led me to experience the music in a similar way to those who find icons can offer a window into the sublime. There are times in church when I feel I am worshipping with ears, voice, body, and soul. I will be forever grateful to him for showing me that path.

Zena Carruthers:

"Growing up at St. B's, I remember the music always being one of the things I looked forward to the most each Sunday. In high school it was a huge honor and joy to join the music-making team and I have many wonderful memories of playing in the Loft under Eric's direction... I wish him the best of luck on his new adventure."

Matt Rhea

P.S. Remember that time we were classmates? Yeah that was fun, too.

Eric mentioned to Teresa Robinson who contacted me about how great it would be to see if any Music Ministry folks would like to gather and go out to sing Carols to some of those in the Parish that were home or facility-bound! After three years this has become a looked forward to event on our Advent calendar.

Robert Smith



Searching for a new church, I arrived at St. B's and Eric's music picked me up and swept me through the service; I had no need to search further.

Ann Bishop

What I will miss are Eric's impromptu mini lessons on the history and background of sacred choral music. It always amazed me how he could rattle off details about a composer or a particular piece we were working on. This comes from a deep knowledge and passion about the Church's music.

Nancy Hindalong:

Eric's particular knowledge and gifts are very unique to those of most church musicians. He has the background of both classical and contemporary worship music, and understands how to weave those together with liturgical worship styles and the great hymns of our faith. That rare blend has defined the music at St. B's for the last decade and a half. I'll miss him and his gifts a lot.

Don Cason

Before Eric leaves, be sure to buy the entire collection of Wyse piano CDs featuring the wonderfully wide range of hymns he loves and loves to share with others. Don't drive or clean the kitchen without them. Warning: Eric's playing reduces stress and blood pressure, so your regular listening may require you to adjust your medications. Really. -Jim Pichert

Eric Wyse is the best!

Mary Mullins



A Toast to 19 Years

St. B's says farewell to Eric Wyse, Director of Music

1. "I am very appreciative for Eric's care in choosing music for our worship. He once told me that he knew the music had to be first rate, theologically and musically. He sometimes went through hundreds of songs to find one or two that were good enough for us to sing..."

2.

...per year of worship. I will miss Eric very much and wish him the very best and a wonderful organ to play."

Bonnie Bashor

From the bottom of my heart I thank Eric for allowing the music at St B's to help me grow in the Parish Choir. Being in the loft each week and singing with such talented people could only be done because of the leadership and direction we receive from Eric. From clapping our hands in

celebration to lowering our voice in a cappella style, I never fail to feel the Spirit moving in us, and that is a blessing I know he has been a part of giving to us.
Brea Cox

"Choir Director, Organist, Teacher, Worship Leader, Music Director, Friend... all of these describe Eric. Those of us in the Loft have had the privilege of being led..."

...week after week, by someone whose main focus is honoring God through music and through relationships built in community, touching so many people and changing lives along the way, to have served with him and helped in some small way to bring his vision to light on a weekly basis has been an honor."
-Teresa Robinson

2.

Eric, you are one of the most talented musicians we have known, and your ability to merge the traditional is absolutely wonderful. We love the way you involve the amazing talent in our congregation; it is commendable and appreciated.

Fr. Dave and Katrina Wilson



1.

"One of the things that drew us to St. B's was the music. From our first time..."

2.

...to visit, it was apparent that someone (Eric) took great care to plan each song to weave a pattern into the theme for worship. The attention to detail, variety/mix of musical styles, and sequencing all draw the worshipper into the service. We will miss..."

3

...Eric on so many levels — his direction and planning, his musical compositions, his love for sacred music that is evident when he plays the organ or piano, and mostly his friendship and encouragement."
Jeff Wright

As St. Augustine says, "Singing is for the one who loves." The embodiment of our church's life, community and worship is realized each week through songs that descend from the loft. Eric has put forth his love for St. B's for 19 years. It is evident in every note that he so confidently leads or plays from that sacred space. Our family has been immeasurably blessed by his dedication and love. We are forever grateful.
- Amy Wirdzek

A Toast to 19 Years

St. B's says farewell to Eric Wyse, Director of Music

1. "Years ago as part of a Youth Sunday, I was volunteered to sing the Psalm. I was so nervous I couldn't see straight, but Eric made a place for me. Time and time again, Eric made space in the loft for this soft voiced youngster. Since then, Eric has continued to make space and create space for people like me to have a voice..."

2.

"...In many ways, Eric, you gave me my voice. You have given this church a voice, and you are a big part of why I call this place home."

Julia Carruthers-Thorne

I've learned more about the pastoral, theological, musical, and practical aspects of leading worship from Eric Wyse than from any book, seminar, or class on worship. Thank you so much, Eric! David Madeira

Eric has been a friend, a confidant, an inspiration. Fun at times, serious at times, deeply spiritual in prayer and worship, and a great guy just to hang out with. His creative gifts and his drive have been a great blessing. Eric, I love you! Charleston is the richer for your move, and we are the richer for having known you so long.

David Thornton

1. "Eric was so gracious inviting me in to be part of the St. B's worship team for the past 8-10 years. He has ALWAYS been particularly "patient and tolerant" of non-schooled musicians like me who play by ear. Eric has always made room for..."

2. "...ANYONE with heart to contribute, inviting them to be part of this amazing ministry which has meant so much to me personally. He will be sorely missed but I am confident his legacy will live on and continue to thrive!!" Brack Leaberry

1. "In the time we've been at St. B's, you've always been there. Your absence will be a change, and as you say, with change comes loss but I do wish you much happiness in your new job..."

...Thanks for your heart for worship, your vast knowledge of hymnology, and your faithful service to St. B's. I will always have fond memories of the years in the choir and Cantorum, and of our many conversations. Wishing you and Dawn the best."

Wendy Baldwin

2.

1. "Besides the thoughtfully prepared, eclectic worship music, I have really appreciated Eric's kindness to our son, Trane, age 3. Trane has studied the balcony musicians throughout services all his little life, and he pretty much hero-worships Eric. On a number of occasions Trane has set up his own cardboard box..."

2.

"...organ" at home and announced that he is "being Mr. Eric." Eric has always been very friendly to Trane, inviting him up to observe the music from the balcony during the last song of the service." Gretchen Abernathy

"Eric, it has been such a pleasure to sing under your direction the 3 years we have been at St. B's. The super high quality of your musicality and the privilege of singing so many things you have written are surpassed only by the very clear evidence that you are WORSHIPPING as you direct. That leads us all deeper in worship. May God bless you as you move on from here. Yours, with care, Doug Heimburger."



A Toast to 19 Years

St. B's says farewell to Eric Wyse, Director of Music

"Never before have I encountered a music director like Eric Wyse. I was a bit nervous when I joined the music ministry team due to past experiences that I will not describe. I soon noticed under Eric's leadership that he focused on having a great rapport with the volunteers in the music ministry..."

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...He was very intentional in expressing his appreciation and making sure that everyone felt included within the group. The level of hospitality and not allowing us to feel burnt out has been a great way to show his appreciation for the time we offer on Sundays as well as rehearsal times...

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...Always open to suggestions, comments, and new ideas, he showed me that he is a great leader and a wonderful friend. I pray that he may continue to bless others with his leadership as he has blessed me."
-David Burger

In surveys that ask why people attend a particular church, music generally falls within the top five answers. During Eric's incredible tenure at St. B's, I'm guessing music was in the top two. Not only is he a gifted musician, writer, and director of music, he's also been a wonderful ambassador for the church. Whenever I mention where we attend, invariably someone says, "Oh, you mean where Eric Wyse leads music," or something similar. People like, respect, and trust Eric.

So, while our family is happy and excited for Eric's well deserved opportunity, we'll miss him tremendously each Sunday.

-Matt Price:



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"Eric has played a pivotal part in my life, not just as a music director but also in my career. Eric hired me after I had done a video for Camp DeSoto to do an EPK for Keith and Kristen Getty. Though I was not established by any means as a videographer, Eric took a chance on..."

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...me and I bought my first camera and lighting kit with this job. It allowed me to keep shooting and build up my portfolio and today I am supporting my family in this line of work and I am still extremely grateful for how Eric put faith in me with very little to go on. I believe that is just part of how God made...

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...him and I know I am not the only one who has benefited from the faith Eric. I am excited within how God will continue to use him in Charleston, SC and abroad."

From John Moessner

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"I haven't known Eric as long as most here at St. B's. But, he has had great impact on me and my family. I really appreciate his thoughtful music selection and wide variety of music; truly something for everyone. I have enjoyed the opportunity to sing in the choir under his leadership and trying to guess the answer to his music trivia..."

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...questions before Jim Pichert beat me to it! But, my favorite memory of Erik is his impact on my children who both love to sing "Lamb of God" and "Our Father"... Loudly... at the top of their lungs! One service, they finished singing and declared 'I just love those songs!'"

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...God speed Eric! You have many more hearts to touch!
We will miss you!"

Brian, Natalie, Maddie and
Max Langlais

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the two of them lead the young adults group.

Justin was slowly drawn into his own area of service. His first volunteer gig was helping Jason Ingalls – now ordained and living in England – teach Exploring Anglicanism: Gems in the Attic. He still finds it amusing that two men new to Anglicanism were leading the class.

After that brief foray, Justin found a mission in guiding St. B's Anglicans into being better stewards of God's earth. It is part of who Justin is. His own backyard bears testimony – with its square-foot garden sections – that he believes in active redemption of creation.

Like Molly, never suspecting he was headed for a leadership role he entered by invitation. Jud Laughter, who had been representing the church on a diocesan Living in Creation ministry, was moving. Fr. Dixon asked Justin if he'd like to take his place. Although the diocesan committee was never able to do much due to lack of funding, it led to efforts at St. B's. Justin and Rachel Sefton began a recycling initiative at St. B's. It was an endeavor that was to grow.



They started by making recycling bins available and being present at events to help people recycle. From there, they were able to encourage the church to use less plastic and either use washable goods or products that were more earth friendly.

The church now composts, thanks to Justin. "My Sunday morning routine before I go and play at the other church," he jokes, "is to go and turn the compost."

Before the compost, however, they introduced a Creation Care project that focuses on encouraging backyard gardening. Every second Sunday, during the harvest season, gardeners are encouraged to share their bounty to be sold after church. The thrust is two-fold: "It involves all people who garden in sharing some of what they've grown and people who don't garden get to see the neat things people have grown," he explains.

There is a third benefit: the proceeds are turned back into food outreach, not only at St. B's, but in supporting the Nashville Food Project and Nashville Mobile Market.

Now Justin is spearheading the development of a veggie garden at St. B's. This year is devoted to prep, or sheet mulching. A layer of cardboard – he recommends the squares of cardboard stores like Aldi use between layers of goods on their pallets – is topped with manure, compost and leaves. The weeds will be smothered as it breaks down. The volunteers will then plant a winter cover crop of clover or rye, which will be turned into the soil to provide a nitrogen fix.

The first garden will be planted next year.



In reflecting back over his leadership evolution, Justin admits, "I never before would have jumped in and said, 'I'm going to lead this thing.' It's been an interesting trial and error experience learning to be a leader."

Justin and Molly find their center in their own home.

Recently, they spent a day canning grapefruit segments, making candied rind, and cooking up some mint syrup, as well as pickling their winter crop of carrots. They have also made kimchee – a Korean version of pickled cabbage, using bok choy from their garden.

"It is almost like a date for us," says Molly.

"It is," agrees Justin.

"It is kind of like a date day, where we can hang out in the kitchen together," she elucidates.

They highly recommend it.



What's Your M.O.?

Reflecting on the call to tender care

By Mark Powell



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In early April, I had the opportunity to attend a conference on global mission efforts inside the Anglican communion. As I perused the various conference workshops, I was drawn to those that centered on missionary and pastoral care and cultural transitioning. I knew why. It was for two reasons: first, it is what we've been about for the last five years, and second, in just two short months my family would be experiencing transition first hand.

The workshops were rich with information. Much of what I heard, I had either experienced first hand in my own life or had walked along side of those who were going through either some pretty dark and confusing times, times of transition or enriching formation. In a conversation with my friend who was also attending the conference, I knew that there were nearly 700 attendees. So you can imagine my surprise when I walked into an almost empty room for my first

workshop, A Toolbox for Missionary Care. This observation and my subsequent thoughts made me realize that God has placed within Susan and I a unique desire to serve His ministers and servants who are at work all over the globe - a calling that, in our experience, is answered by few.

The presenters of this workshop offered me a book titled *Tender Care*. I was glad to have the book in my

hands and eagerly flipped through it. In the chapter entitled "A Necessary Theology of Suffering", a word (or symbol as it was Greek) caught my eye. I had seen this word before and recalled at once the odd set of circumstances surrounding this word being put before me. It was only hours earlier in the Atlanta airport as I stood with my passport in front of the Passport Control Officer. He'd asked me what I had been doing in Germany. When I told him of our ministry, he wrote the Greek word for suffering - *θλίβουσιν* - on my customs declaration form and said, "thlipsis, in this life you will suffer". He stamped my passport, initialed my form and waved me along. I wanted to go back and talk to him but knew I couldn't. I had to catch the next plane on the final leg of my trip. Back in the nearly empty room of the workshop conference, as I stared at the word in the book just handed to me, I knew I was in the right place.

The book's title, *Tender Care*, is taken from the commercial sea diving industry. The Tender is the person on the vessel who is monitoring and caring for the diver who is hundreds of meters below the surface. The authors aptly describes the Tender using the following description,

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Elected to Serve

Introducing St. B's new vestry members

Letters for Pentecost: New Vestry, Old Timer

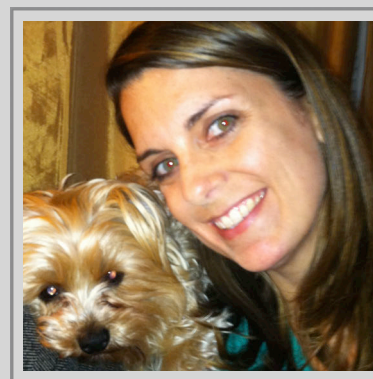
Natasha Deane

A favorite memory of mine from St B's is from one of the women's retreats I attended as a young mother. Relatively new to the parish, I gathered at St Mary's retreat center in Sewanee with a group of lively women of every age and walk. I followed along in activities led by more "seasoned" parishioners. It was also back in a day when I still understood prayer language" to be the way that people who simply talked about God in their everyday language expressed themselves. Oh boy, did I learn a thing or two! As a professional scientist, I was a bit of a fish out of water; a long time believer, never formally disciplined, who had hopped from church to church before arriving in Nashville. At St B's, my spiritual horizons were to broaden, and I finally had found my spiritual home.

In those early years, as in these, there was a group of "mature" women who participated in retreats with great gusto and whose laughter, joy, and fervent prayer was aggressive and clearly audible. I so admired these women, their confidence, their personal abandon and their life long relationships with one another. They had "seen it all" (or so I imagined): hard work and hard times, celebrations and mournings, marriages and the raising of children and grandchildren, illnesses, deaths, certainly doubts and perhaps even lapses of faith, confidences kept and betrayed, bitter disagreements and reconciliations. They represented such strength to me and such hope in the face of human affairs. Formidably, they had stayed together through life's trials and had shared intimately as sisters within this community that I was just coming to know. How I desired that kind of sisterhood, strength, and wisdom! Without lecture or workbooks, they were actively discipling those of us still coming of age on what it means to be part of a Christ-centered community and indeed to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and they represented a

promise that even now is powerful and deeply encouraging to me.

Twenty some odd years later, along with my peer group as with my church family, have experienced a significant segment of our lives together. Though I wouldn't say that we have yet "seen it all," many of us stood firm in our common spiritual home at St B's, and we shared in life's varied offerings as sisters and brothers, becoming increasingly enriched by one another through the Holy Spirit. We learned together that God daily has new blessings as well as challenges, no matter what our age or stage. For all that we have seen and done along life's road, this community has remained our constant refuge in Christ. Through fellowship over time we've gained a still more urgent readiness to open our hearts in prayer and to one another, the ability to recognize and trust those moments when the Spirit descends to guide us and, yes, a willingness to be more audibly engaged in this community that we cherish. I'm grateful for the memories, for all that I've learned, for a clear way forward and I'm grateful for the opportunity God has provided for me to finally carry the baton among the "well-seasoned" in this place. I look forward to the new memories we'll make together and trust that these things continue to sustain us for years and for the generations.



Melissa Culbreth

Your Church Story

About three years ago, I was going through an extremely dark time and was no longer attending the church I had been a part of for 7 years. Around the same time, one of my close friends and her family started attending St. B's. This friend is someone that I admire and respect a great deal. So, even though I had never been to an Episcopal church or even attended a liturgical service, I was curious about this church she kept telling me about. She invited me to lunch with her family one Sunday, and as I accepted her invitation, I asked "can I come to church with you too?" I've been at St. B's ever since.

Your Personal Story

I am a social worker and currently manage a team of case managers for a large health care company in Nashville. I am the proud mother of Maddie, my 6 year old yorkie. I have 4 siblings and love to spoil my 2 nephews and 4 nieces. My mom lives in the Nashville area and we are very close. Painting is one of my favorite forms of therapy.

Why Vestry?

Being nominated and elected to vestry is quite humbling and I feel a deeper sense of responsibility than anticipated, because it seems the only option is to trust God in the casting of lots. I hope to contribute my clinical experience and intuitive nature to the group.

Your Prayer?

For St. B's to be a place where people feel love, no matter who they are or where they come from. That St. B's won't be defined or limited by the walls of the church building and the love of God experienced at this place will spill out into the community around us.

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It's Ordinary Time

Where exactly are we in the church year?



WALK THIS WAY *by Bev Mahan*

*Verger & Assistant to the
Rector for Liturgy*

I love holidays. I love to decorate, plan family gatherings, and eat special dishes. I love to hear about how others celebrate the holidays. I also love when the holidays are over, and even relish a little boredom after the frenetic pace of most holiday seasons.

In the church year, we have just celebrated Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter, in what felt at times like in rapid succession. Now we are heading into ordinary time, 28 weeks without a major celebration other than Holy Eucharist. The season after Pentecost is the longest in the church year. I appreciate that the church calendar reflects our life: we can only experience so many mountaintops and walk through so

many valleys before we need to take a break and catch our breath. The majority of our days are ordinary, with some memorable highs and remarkable lows. Right now I welcome the calm; in 28 weeks I'll be beyond bored and ready to enter into the season of Advent.

The term "ordinary time" is not found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). It comes from the word ordinal, because the Sundays after Pentecost are numbered in the liturgical calendar, as in The First Sunday after Pentecost through The Twenty-Eight Sunday after Pentecost. You will find this designation on the cover of the bulletin each Sunday, as well as numbered propers with collects and lectionary readings for the Sundays after Pentecost in the BCP.

Still, the connotations of ordinary as normal, common, regular, and habitual are apt descriptions of this season in our liturgical life. It is a time to learn to walk out our faith in everyday life, to recognize God in the mundane and seemingly insignificant, to sharpen our discernment, and nurture our faith. In Matthew 6:24-34, Jesus teaches that though the birds of the air and lilies of the field seem insignificant

compared to us, God remembers and cares for them. How much more so does He care for us? Are there unimportant, meaningless aspects of our life that God does not care about? I am reminded of the example of praying for a parking space. It seems trite to some, but if we care about it, then God cares about it.

The liturgical color for ordinary time is green, the color of growth. The season is free of distractions, and offers us the opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of God, to develop eyes that see and ears that hear, and to nurture relationships with the body of believers. May each of us encounter God in the ordinary, the normal, and the predictable this season after Pentecost.



Commercial deep sea diving is a highly specialized occupation with work so complex and dangerous that the help of a Tender is required. The Tender has a profound impact on the safety and success of his diver. ...the Tender's diligence in preparation, alertness during the dive, and attention after a dive are all crucial to the success of the diver's mission and to his survival.

So too is the preparation, alertness and diligence of the Tender who cares for missionaries, pastors and cross cultural workers. Susan and I dream of again working as Tenders in a global setting. God continues to relentlessly and graciously put people and situations in our path that are leading us to a place of deep discernment for what our next step in ministry should be.

Recently, Susan and I were on a walk in Kandern and we started talking about our gifts and the calling God has placed on our lives. We ran down a list of 'who' exactly is our mission field. This is not an exhaustive list but it gives you a picture of who we've been serving over the last five years.

Our mission field is:

- the teenage M.K. who is trying to make his faith his own;
- the girl who approaches God with curious wonder;
- the young married couple who is juggling cross-cultural tensions and adjusting to married life;
- the young family whose children have specialized educational needs;
- the young boy who has witnessed trauma in his war torn country;
- the hurting husband who needs another Christian to talk to without any fear of being offered advice or a quick fix;
- the lonely single who knows without a doubt that she is in God's will but yet lonely;
- the angry young man that needs someone to speak, in love, the painful truth that he so badly needs to face;
- the teenager who is recognized for

his accomplishments in sports or academics;

- the seasoned missionary that feels the need and the pressure to pretend that life is working;
- the new missionary, who faces tough circumstances in life, begins to seriously question God's call, a call he once was so sure of.

These are the ones we serve. The ones who have opened their lives to us and to whom we've opened our lives to. We can't help but believe there is a Master Conductor orchestrating all of this and for this we are thankful. However, who will be our Tender? Is this your M.O.?



Congratulations to our graduating seniors.

Seniors were prayed over on Pentecost at the 11 a.m. service and then given prayers beads/ropes as a spiritual aid to help them as they journey forth.



St. B's 26th Season of RITI Ministry

Men of St. B's Annual Retreat



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Identity was a central theme of the men's annual retreat. Men were asked "Who are you?" and "Why are you here?"

The retreat was held on Friday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2 at Dubose Conference Center. The cold and snowy weather didn't prevent a record turnout of 76, a huge increase from the 61 who attended the previous year.

The men watched "The Way," a film in which a father, played by Martin Sheen, mourns the death of his adult son, played by his real-life son Emilio Estevez, who died while walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route in Europe. The movie is a journey of self-discovery for Sheen and for the people he meets along the way.

As Marshall Weems put it, Sheen's character learns what it means to walk alongside others and to have them walk alongside him as he meets the unexpected.

Father Jerry performed compline evening service on Friday. Just as he has said during services at St. B's, he spoke of how being disciplined in

doing daily prayer services like compline and morning prayer have saved him in his ministry while most of his seminary peers have seen their careers end.

"They had nothing to tether them," Fr. Jerry said.

On Saturday, Tim Villager challenged the men by asking, "How can you make a difference? Who are you and who are you becoming?"

Later, the men broke into small groups. One question was "How are you known?" One man included the words curious, idealistic and playful as words that others would use to describe him.

The level of organization was a common reaction among the men once the retreat ended. They were provided with a detailed but flexible time line, and events moved on schedule. The organization would not have been

possible without the help of the many people who gave their time publicly and behind the scenes.

Those who helped plan and/or carry out the retreat included: Sean Root; Father Jerry; Tom Mahan; David Logan; Tim Villager; Marshall Weems; Robert Smith; Malcolm White; Eric Wyse; David Thornton; Sally Chambers; Jane Long; and Dick Jewell.

Father Stu said it was the best retreat he's attended in his time in the Episcopal Church.

Another attendee said the best lesson he took from the weekend was a reminder that he is not alone when he is facing struggles in his life.

Next year's retreat will be Jan. 31 to Feb. 1, 2014, at Dubose. Mark your calendars.





Nancy Cason

Your Church Story

I'm a lifelong Episcopalian and experienced a real renewal of faith in the 1980s while a parishioner at Christ Church, Mobile. Don and I had visited St. B's on business trips to Nashville prior to our move here in 1993, and found it to be the same kind of community; we never felt the need to look elsewhere for a church home.

Your Personal Story

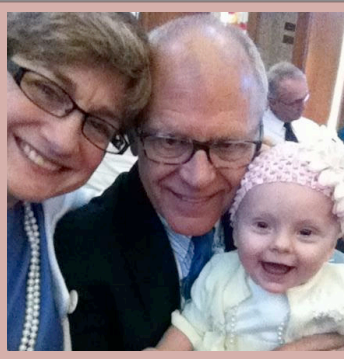
We are incredibly blessed to have our three children and their families here in Nashville: Holly and Simon are the parents of Kate (13), Sam (9) and Jake (7) and live in Franklin; Parker and Eva are in Sylvan Park, and Patrick lives near Belmont, where he will soon start his senior year. Since 2007, I have been teaching at Belmont in art history and art education. Before that, I held education and curatorial positions at the Frist Center, and earlier, taught at MTSU. I am now teaching part-time in order to travel—indulging further my interests in art, architecture, and history.

Why Vestry?

A previous Vestry term and service as both junior and senior warden at St. B's has provided some perspective on how the church operates and initiatives it has pursued in the past. I look forward to actively participating in discussions and decisions about present and future directions for St. B's, and encouraging others to do so, using my gifts in communication, interpersonal skills, hospitality and administration.

Your Prayer

That we increasingly become a community that facilitates the maturation of faith and extends grace to all.



Robert Stewart

Your Church Story

I was raised a Southern Baptist and spent time in the pews of a couple United Methodist Churches before confirmation with Christ Episcopal Church in 1990. After moving back to Nashville and starting over in almost all aspects of my life, I met a cute girl from Oregon named Sarita Martin. We started dating and attending St. B's in 1996 and were married at St. Bartholomew's on July 12, 1998. We love our Church!

Your Personal Story

We have three adult children and three grandchildren under two years old. I am a janitor! I was looking for a way to support my family and started Major Commercial Cleaning in 1999 as an organization of one. I was the cleaner, sales rep, bookkeeper and whatever else needed to be done. Today Major Cleaning has upwards of 90 employees and we clean the Grand Ole Opry House, Ryman Auditorium, Cummins Station, Girls Scouts of Middle Tennessee, several Metro Buildings (and St. B's). We also do post construction cleaning and just completed the new and very large Music City Center.

Why Vestry?

I feel both called and privileged to serve on the vestry. I have experienced success and failure which has, I believe, prepared me for leadership. I have a servants heart.

Your Prayer

More of the same great fellowship, spiritual formation, worship and excellent pastoral leadership!



Heinrich Tischler

Your Church Story

I grew up a Baptist and I was a Baptist until a few years ago when we discovered St. B's. We spiritually needed healing and St. B's was just the right medicine for us. As a contractor, I have had several projects with churches.

Your Personal Story

Janaruth and I have been married 34 years this summer and believe me, for putting up with me, she has secured her place in Heaven as a Saint. Janaruth teaches Physics and Astronomy at MTSU. We have three grown children - Andrew, Jessica, and Rebecca. I am now the Tenant Finish Manager at Hawkins Development Company, after 4 years of either un-employed or under-employed.

Why Vestry?

Janaruth is the teacher in our house, yet one year I felt like I needed to volunteer to teach our own Sunday school class. I taught for two years and it turned out to be such a blessing to me by making me want to walk the 'path' again. Being on the Vestry is now on my path and I will embrace it. I generally end up thinking outside the box. As a project manager, when problems hit my desk, normal solutions have already been reviewed and rejected. Maybe I can help with some unconventional thinking.

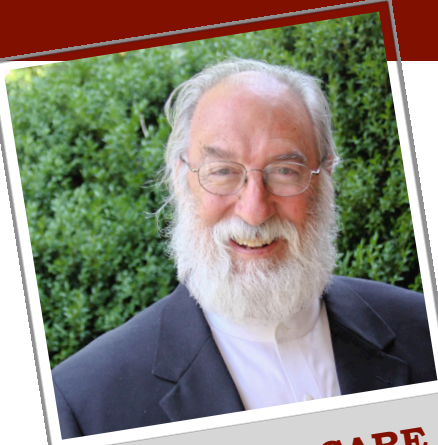
Your Prayer

I don't know if the congregation realizes what a welcoming place St. Bartholomew's really is. My prayer is that we celebrate this atmosphere of inclusion and let more people know St. Bartholomew's is a great place to be.



In the Silence of Your Heart...

A reflection on prayer & pastoral care



PASTORAL CARE
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Whether Christmas, my Birthday or Father's Day, my daughter seems to take it as a challenge to find that perfect gift that is guaranteed to bring rivers of tears to my eyes. She succeeds almost every year. One such gift was a small painting that she made for me. A night filled with stars and a note at the bottom... "God understands our prayers, even when we don't have the words to say them..."

Prayer... A common practice for all of us... The Book of Common Prayer that contains our liturgy and directions for our spiritual life sits unopened on the back of the pew in front of us. But How... Do you ever find yourself wondering how to pray, what to say and if anyone is listening? We march through our Sunday worship, repeating the prayers from the BCP printed in our bulletins. But do we really "Hear" our prayers? Do we wrap ourselves in them, making them our own? Or are we unsure of the whole concept, scared that we don't have the "Right" words?

As I reflect on that, I ponder, what kinds of prayers do we send forth in our day-to-day lives?.. Prayers of

Adoration, where we show our love... Prayers of Thanksgiving, where we humbly verbalize the bounty we have received... Prayers of Intercessions, where we are asking for God to intercede on someone's behalf... Prayers of Petitions, where we ask for something... Prayers of Penitence, where we confess our frailties and human failings and ask for forgiveness. All of these come into play for us. But as we kneel, alone in our homes or corporately on Sunday, we often combine all of these. The Prayer Book is a wonderful guide, walking us through and bringing us before the Almighty. But these five areas can provide a template for our own structured prayer when words fail us.

In your quiet time, your period of silent contemplation, reflect upon what you need personal assistance with, who are those in the St B's family that we can ask on behalf of, what have we a need to ask forgiveness of, what are we thankful for and what do we come

together in awe and wonder at? As you answer these questions, you are well on your way with your prayers!

There are over 125 fellow Parishioners that gather in mind and spirit to pray for intercession for the needs of others, and in praise and thanksgiving by way of the "St B's Prayer Chain." A short request is blindly (no one's email address is shared with any one else) e-mailed out with a request for the recipients to consider in their prayers. I have been amazed with the power and majesty of the results of these prayers! Prayers may be requested in several differing ways- a call to the Church Office, filling out a request and placing it in the Offertory Plate, contact with the Clergy or email, in person or over phone.

In addition, at each of the Sunday Services, Prayer Desk volunteers are present to wrap others in their arms of

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St. B's Women

A reflective note from Jude

It's been a wonderful year for the Women Of St B's, also known as the ECW (Episcopal Church Women).

We've had a fantastic variety of events since the end of last summer, kicking off with the Fall Luncheon. Marjie Smith, this year's President, encouraged us all into true community, deeper friendships, and greater accountability with each other. We've seen this play out in the formation of a number of small groups, as well as high participation at many of the events.

Our Outreach team had a busy autumn. We hosted a lunch honouring the seniors of St Luke's and helped run their annual Halloween extravaganza.

Before Christmas a great many of us gathered at Marjie's house in East Nashville for an evening of Soup Tasting and festive drinking. It was the first time I, personally, got to meet a lot of St B's ladies and, frankly, it was delicious.

Into 2013 the Fellowship committee had a games night at Carla Schober's house, and also the third year of the wildly popular painting evening with Mimi Heldman and Nancy Cason.

Nearly 100 of us headed out to Garner Creek Retreat Center in April for the annual retreat. St B's own Gail Pitt lead us into cherished moments of silence, which worked well alongside more light-

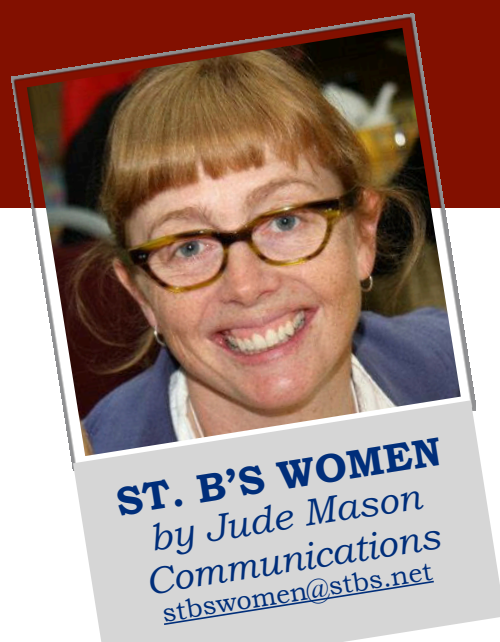
hearted times of fellowship together.

The Spring Tea had less hats, but more daughters than last year! Thanks to all those who made the delicious treats and the beautiful centerpieces.

We will be rounding off the year's activities by hosting the ceremony for this year's graduating class from Magdalene House. A local non-profit with whom we are proud to be associated, Magdalene House works with women coming off the street and helps them with rehabilitation and career training through their Thistle Farms products. It will be a glorious day!

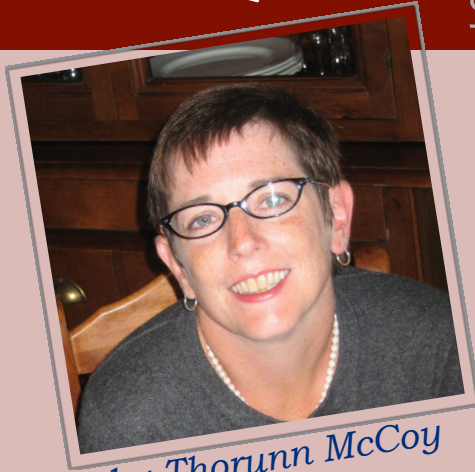
If you aren't on the mailing list for the women's activities and would like to be, please email me at stbswomen@stbs.net, and I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Jude



Very Good Housekeeping

St. B's Altar Guild



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feast at communion.

Altar Guild's mission is to make sure that everyone who walks into our church feels special, knowing that a place has been set especially for them at God's table. Like the feasts that bind us together as a culture or a family, Eucharist draws us into God's home and encourages us to celebrate our faith as a community of believers in Christ. Each week, we wash and iron the linens—including the fourteen foot fair linen that adorns the altar, polish the brass alms plates and candles, and make sure the silver vessels are correctly placed for the priests. Our aim is to let everyone know that this meal is special to us and to make everyone feel special and welcome at a table where we, ourselves, have only been granted the invitation by God's grace.

In addition to weekly services, Altar Guild helps with many of the sacramental celebrations of the church, preparing the church for baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, and ordinations. Again, these celebrations bind our lives together and celebrate births, deaths, and the occasions where we collectively pause to thank God for his rich blessings.

Stereotypes of the ancient, blue-haired, somewhat cranky Altar Guild matron could not be further from the truth at St. B's. Our Altar Guild is a diverse mixture of young and mature, cradle-Episcopalians and those new to liturgical worship, men and women—in short, a cross-section of our parish.

Teams are set up on monthly rotations, with some serving only on Sundays and other coming on Fridays or Saturdays to help. There is a place for everyone in Altar Guild, and through our work together, we have shared in the joys and sorrows of our community and made friends.

If you would like to set God's table, be a good host/hostess, make friends, and serve the community, there is a place on Altar Guild for you; contact Thorunn McCoy at tmccoy@usn.org or 889-3029.



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love and compassion... to raise them up before the Almighty in their petitions, thanksgivings or their fears.

Anne Lamott wrote a wonderful small book, "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers." Without delving too deeply into the book, doesn't the title sum it up! "Help" us, Oh Lord, in our daily lives! "Thanks" for all Your wondrous works for us! "Wow," You are so magnificent! Isn't this a great little start for our prayers! Just a small listing of some thoughts in each of these areas and we are on our way! We often ask for "Help"... for others, those we love, friends and some that

we feel need solace. Heck, I, as a child, even prayed for my dog after he was injured! In prayer, everything is brought forward and laid before God.

I remember when Kirk and I were trying to find a plot of land to build "Our" place! We thought that we had found it. We negotiated and finally overcame all of the obstacles and had an agreement that would finalize in less than a week! We were ecstatic. On the day of closing it became evident that the owner was not going to sell to us. As we returned home from the thwarted closing, we clasped hands and prayed for God's will. It was a

dreary, drizzly day, but as we came up to the stop sign at the crest of the hill close to home, a ray of sunshine hit us through the trees and a rainbow stretched across the road just before us, and around the next turn, another, and, again, around the next turn, a third! We knew that prayers were answered!

The simple enormity floored me. How often have I sat dumbstruck, confounded by my inability to adequately verbalize what was stirring in my heart?! Remember this, "In The Silence of Your Heart, God Speaks!"



The "DTR" of the Church

The Rite of Confirmation

Somewhere around 2005, a fabulous acronym entered our lexicon: DTR. DTR stands for "Define The Relationship" and it is employed when a relationship between two friends has taken a romantic turn and has gotten awkward enough that they have to talk about it. Sentiments like, "I think we're actually dating, but we've never said so" cry out for a DTR. The relationship needs to be defined.



In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation is our sacramental DTR in two ways. First, it is the rite by which children who were baptized as infants publicly and personally can claim the Christian faith as their own. Second, Confirmation is the Rite by which Christians from traditions that are historically "down-stream" from the Church of England (everybody except the Roman Catholics, the Orthodox and the Lutherans) can officially become members. In these two primary ways, Confirmation serves as our sacramental DTR. It begs the question, "What kind of relationship do I have with the church and what kind of relationship do I want with the church? Are we casual or is this something official? Are we dating or not?"

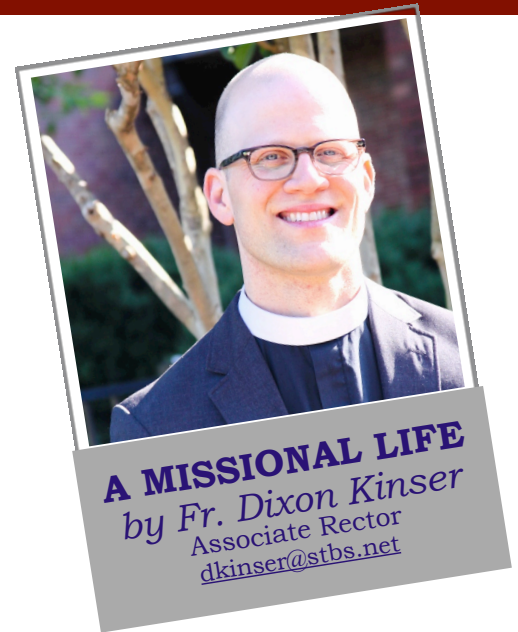
Confirmation. The DTR of the church.

This clarification of commitment is, I think, what makes Confirmation such a powerful Rite in our tradition. It is also what makes it one of the most threatening. We live in a culture that teaches us that the more options we have, the better and freer we are as a people. The good life, we are groomed to believe, is when you have limitless choices to satisfy any of your present cravings. Anything else is bondage.

But this just is not the case.

The Kingdom of God teaches us that instead of tying our hands, commitment is actually what frees us. In this sense, Confirmation is profoundly countercultural. It chaffs against our consumer impulses and in fact, opens the door to what we truly seek--community, connection, and love. By shutting down our options and officially "throwing our lot in" with one particular group of people we supercharge our love and take a huge step toward the kind of unity Jesus says will tell the world that he is Messiah (John 17:21).

This year confirmation happens at St. B's on Sunday, June 2. On this date, our bishop will confirm more than 20 people and receive half as many more (being "received" is how we do membership for the aforementioned churches who are "upstream" from Anglicanism). The bishop's presence symbolizes our church's connection to other Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Tennessee, the United States, and the worldwide Anglican Communion because Confirmation is about becoming part of a family. On the June 2 Liturgy, I invite those of you who have been confirmed to consider the state of your devotion to the



church. What is our relationship like to our community? Where can you give thanks? What needs to be mended? For those being confirmed, consider what this means going forward for you in your life with God. And finally, for those who have not been confirmed: What you are waiting for? Is there a way the spirit of God is wooing you toward a DTR moment? Why or why not?

Pray for all those being confirmed, received and reaffirming their baptismal covenant and we'll see you June 2!

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Bishop's Visitation & Confirmations, Sunday, June 2



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Anniversaries

Michelle and Jim Alcott	08/03
Michelle and John Andrade	07/05
Nita and Al Andrews	06/23
Jessica and Dan Bauchiero	06/12
Nancy and Don Cason	08/01
Kristin and Keith Chapman	07/20
Kristi and Dan Cleary	06/25
Lisa and Steve Craig	06/22
Amy and Tommy Dunaway	06/21
Donna and Luke Easter	08/09
Deedee and Roland Ewubare	08/02
Michelle and Jay Ferguson	08/14
Lynn and Randall Ferguson	06/14
Meredith and Joe Flynn	07/21
JanaRuth Ford and Heinrich Tischler	08/18
Shirley and Bob Garth	06/13
Ginger and Don Paul Gross	07/12
Karen and Brian Hampton	06/23
Nancy and Steve Hindalong	06/26
Becky and Ben Hornsby	06/10
Joan and Thomas Hutchinson	08/02
Emily and Brett Kinzig	06/14
Katherine and Gregory Letterman	06/11
Deen and David Logan	07/26
Ashley and Greg MacLachlan	06/27
Beverly and Tom Mahan	07/17
Diane and John Marshall	08/05
Katherine and Thomas Petillo	06/13
Sue and Jim Pichert	06/21
Lisa and Robert Rhea	08/01
Carmen and Damian Roberts	07/20
Tamara and Bob Rowland	06/24
Rachel and Aaron Sefton	06/19
Marjie and Jerry Smith	08/18
Kirk and Robert Smith	07/01
Shari and Whit Smyth	06/29
Sarita and Robert Stewart	07/12
Mary and Jonathan Stone	07/19
Jane and James Stranch	07/01
Miriam and Seth Swihart	08/17
Kendra and Christopher Thorpe	06/05
Sonza and Walwin Vialdores	07/28
Gail and Bruce Waters	07/18
Kimberly and Christopher White	08/29
Katrina and David Wilson	06/07
Sandy and Rick Wood	07/30
Dawn and Eric Wyse	06/10
Phyllis and Harry Xanthopoulos	06/22

June Birthdays

Abernathy, Judson	06/22
Allen, Caroline	06/30
Andrade, John	06/30
Bowlby, Bill	06/16
Cason, Don	06/11
Castellon, Jaisie	06/23
Cox, Brea	06/27
Daniel, Elijah Qoe (Eli)	06/21
Dumitru, Michael	06/04
Edwards, Mary Winston	06/10
Edwards, Winston	06/10
Ewubare, Deedee	06/18
Floyd, Bob	06/30
Flynn, Joe	06/07
Goodman, Rachel	06/04
Griffith, Eli	06/11
Gustafson, Gates	06/17
Hampton, Karen	06/09
Hayden, Anna	06/10
Hoggard, Shelby	06/15
Holt, Dennis	06/03
Hornsby, Christopher	06/14
Huddleston, Brannon	06/23
Huneycutt, Bryan	06/29
Hyer, Nancy	06/16
James, Stephen	06/24
Jewell, Elizabeth	06/17
Jones, Celia	06/29
Latham, Austen	06/21
MacLachlan, Grace	06/06
Martin, Daniel	06/09
Martin, Jeffrey	06/03
McCoy, Thorunn	06/27
Michel, Miriam Corinne (Mimi)	06/23
Minshall, Jerry	06/04
Price, Julia	06/05
Pullen, Robert	06/17
Quinn, Lori	06/21
Robinson, James	06/19
Rowland, Priscilla	06/08
Russell, Jared	06/10
Ryan, Taylor	06/15
Sale, Max	06/13
Seavers, Hillary	06/17
Sefton, Lily	06/10
Shay, Rock	06/06
Stone, Jonathan	06/24
Sullivan, Aidan	06/18
Sullivan, Jack	06/01
Thornton, David	06/05
Tylor, Abigail	06/15
Tylor, Hudson James	06/02
Waters, Bruce	06/12
West Jr, David	06/20
West, Millicent Rae (Milly)	06/01
Wood, Missy	06/14

July Birthdays

Barmer, Jude Adam	07/08
Carruthers-Thorne, Julia	07/31
Clair, Hadley Marie	07/08
Clair, Kylan Love	07/18
Darnell, Brian	07/27
Darnell, Jess	07/08
Darnell, McKenzie	07/01
Dunaway, Abbey Grace	07/20
Easter, Donna	07/22
Ferguson, Lynn	07/27
Garth, Bob	07/29
Grant, Rusty	07/21
Griffith, Joel	07/05
Headley, Katie	07/12
Hutchinson, Thomas	07/22
Jewell, Ellen	07/14
Kimble, Monty	07/31
Kinser, Mrs Kristin	07/15
Kintz, Elizabeth	07/10
Kipp, Athalia Mae	07/24
Krogman, Melody	07/17
Langlinais, Maxim	07/02
Leo, Kathy	07/21
Lewis, Alicia	07/23
Lewis, Lily	07/21
Logan, Deen	07/10
Lowell, Finn Everett	07/30
Madeira, David	07/14
Miller, Mr Brian	07/20
Minshall, Jan	07/24
Moore, Chad Thomas	07/26
Morreale, Tony	07/30
Morris, Pat	07/23
Myatt, Trey	07/17
Niemeyer, Henry Conrad	07/05
O'Neil, Dianne	07/03
Pendarvis III, Lee Allen	07/11
Petillo, Lola Rose	07/29
Price, Jeanie	07/27
Quinn, Connor	07/22
Rhea, Alex	07/29
Robinson, Mary Ruth	07/09
Root, Sean	07/26
Rowland, Bob	07/30
Sheffield, Diane	07/07
Smith, Hannah	07/29
Smith, Sharon	07/29
Stannard, Diane	07/08
Stewart, Robert	07/02
Thorpe, Christopher	07/24
Trone, James Abram (Abram)	07/29
Villager, Nyla	07/30
Ward, Howlet Paris (Howie)	07/08
Williams, Maggie	07/13
Wills, Heather	07/15
Wilson, Katrina	07/12
Wirdzek, Adam	07/31
Wood, Katherine	07/14

Being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory.
from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, chapter 3, verse 18.



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August Birthdays

Black, Mary Ellen	08/17
Chambers, Sally	08/12
Chapman, Samuel	08/07
Cleary, Kristi	08/08
Clements, Natalie	08/02
Cropp, Kate	08/31
Darnell, Donna	08/20
Dennison, Anne	08/30
Dunaway, Thomas David	08/20
Edwards, Lillian Hazel (Hazel)	08/24
Ewubare, Nefe	08/22
Ferguson, Randall	08/19
Fink, Jerry R.	08/19
Flynn, Jack Dunham	08/23
Goldthorpe, Georgeanna	08/19
Goldthorpe, Jane Frances	08/13
Granbery, Langley	08/12
Granbery, Margaret	08/05
Green, Mrs Randi	08/21
Gross, Don Paul	08/06
Gross, Olivia	08/01
Headley, Laura	08/07
Hindalong, Erin	08/29
Hindalong, Nancy	08/26
Insani, Christopher	08/27
Insani, Patricia	08/21
Jewell, Dick	08/24
Kintz, Andrew	08/09
Krogman, Jerry	08/22

Langlinais, Madeline	08/04
Lee, Lindsay	08/17
Lowell, Asher	08/19
Lowell, Micah	08/19
Lyons, Bob	08/30
Mason, Emily Hazel (Milly)	08/24
Mason, Evan	08/07
Muckala, Aaron	08/14
Pichert, Jim	08/28
Poindexter, J. Michael	08/27
Price, Grayson Henry	08/08
Reasor, Mrs Katie	08/26
Rhea, Lisa	08/19
Schoenberger, Ed	08/25
Seaton, Charlie	08/18
Slocum, Olive	08/04
Smith, Marjie	08/03
Smith, Maureen	08/10
Smyth, Whit	08/11
Stewart, Sarita	08/13
Sullivan, Nora	08/04
Swihart, Seth	08/09
Thornton, Andrew	08/13
Thorpe, Caleb Gerard	08/07
West, Lydia Loree	08/26
West, Manier	08/18
West, William Henry	08/15
Wilhoite, Jackson	08/14
Wills, Isaac	08/10
Wills, Jessie	08/20
Zadick, Jonathan	08/17

Births

Asher	3/7
parents, Misty and James Trone	
Aiden Erick	3/8
parents, Abby and Nathaniel Tylor	
Daniel Neal	4/11
parents, Jenny and Marc Ramsey	

Baptisms

Jonah Odongo Emmanuelle	3/30
Celina Chanthachine	3/30
Emma Claire James	3/30
Elijah Thomas James	3/30
Samuel Jelks Johnson	3/30
John Daniel Bodie Buxton	4/21
Scarlett Lindsey Costello	4/21
Rhys Adams Ward	5/12
Jesse Foster Michel	5/12
Elijah James van der Heijden	5/18

Weddings

Nicole and Ethan Stranch	4/6
Allison and Andrew Walker	4/13

Saturday, June 15, 2013
The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt
will ordain
Margaret Peel
to the
Sacred Order of Deacons
at 10 o'clock in the morning
at Christ Church Cathedral
reception to follow

Congratulations to Margaret Peel
on her graduation from Virginia
seminary & her approval
for ordination to the
Deaconate



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a stained glass window. It features various colored glass pieces in shades of blue, yellow, red, and purple, arranged in a pattern that resembles a mosaic or a large-scale geometric design. The colors are vibrant and the pieces are set against a dark background.

TE DEUM

You Are the One
That We Praise

Sunday
June 23, 2013
6:00 PM

This Festal Evensong service will include congregational hymns, choral anthems, instrumental music, scripture and prayers. A newly-commissioned choral setting of Te Deum, composed by David Madeira will be premiered. The Parish Choir, Chambers Singers, and the musicians of St. Bartholomew's will be featured.

After 19 years, this will be Eric Wyse's last service directing. A farewell reception will follow in Wallace Hall.