

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## THE GOOD NEWS May 2024

*Love God. Love Each Other.*

*It's just that simple.*

—Jesus

### Lots Going On at St. Paul's

*Bill Gentry*

Whew! April was a busy month! Holy Week was eventful! The eclipse brought some old friends to Henderson.



Father Jim Christoph came early for the big event and officiated our Sunday service and then stayed for the eclipse. We are keeping our fingers crossed that he will

come again soon to visit with us. We also had a surprise guest sitting in the back row. Fr. Rich also came for the eclipse and visited with us on Sunday. It seems he is enjoying his retirement especially spending time with his grandson.



May promises some great activities. Of course, Mother's Day will be youth Sunday. I always look forward to that service. Our young people always do a great job. We also will honor our seniors.

Ally and Jenny Donnelly will be visiting us several Sundays during their summer break to share their extraordinary musical talents. We will keep you posted.

Deacon Larry has had a setback. While he is still in remission, he is having some issues that require him to take high doses of chemotherapy meds. They make him ill and he has to isolate during this time. Continue to remember him in your prayers. While he cannot have company, cards and notes are always welcome. His address is 223 Springer Dr., Henderson, KY 42420.



On Sunday, April 21st, we welcomed our newest member to our St. Paul's family. Noa Eileen Knight, daughter of Jordan and Daniel Knight, was baptized. Noa is the granddaughter of Elise May and great granddaughter of Michele

Deep. Great Uncle Brian and Aunt Susan Gillham are the godparents. Canon Jason officiated the service. It is always a very moving and joyous rite to witness.

When I attended an All Saints board meeting, I learned that there will not be camp this summer. On a positive note, there are plans in the making for updating the facilities there. I will give you further information as it becomes available.

There are so many activities and events along with our regular Sunday services to be involved here at church. I am looking forward to seeing each of you every Sunday at church. Oh, and don't forget coffee hour. We are always looking for volunteers for that. See you in church.



*Bill Gentry*

# Upcoming Events

We are delighted to continue to welcome you to join us for in-person worship.  
You are also welcome to experience services livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsHenderson>

**Sunday, May 5, 12, 19, 26, — Morning Prayer**

**Sunday, May 12 — Youth Sunday/Mother's Day**

**Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 28 — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics, 6 p.m. at Rookies**

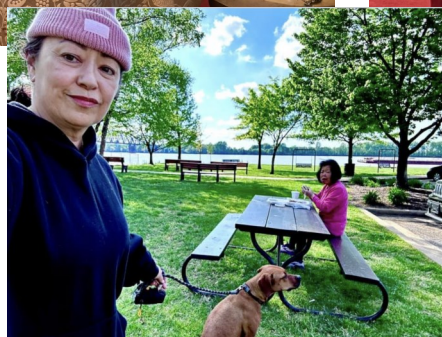
**Tuesday, May 21, 5:45 p.m. — Vestry Meeting, Rector's Study**

**Sunday, May 26, after the 10 a.m. service — Graduation Party for Miranda Purdy**

**Saturday, May 25 — Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Monday, May 27 — Memorial Day**

## April at St. Pauls



## Setbacks can be painful

*from the Deacon*

I spent a lot of time lying in the bed last week, we had just returned from Vanderbilt University Hospital. They did a lot of labs, trying to find out why my red blood cells were dropping so fast. They had increased my Idhifa (the chemo pill) to 100 mg on Friday before Palm Sunday. Holy week was a huge challenge for me. I managed to do the Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday I did the last Stations of the Cross, with Marty and Miranda.

During Holy week I met with the Bishop, I attended the Chrism Mass there at All Saints Camp. I managed to ride down with Fr. David Carletta the Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Owensboro. My meeting with the Bishop was very fruitful. The Bishop and I walked among the clergy asking who was available to serve at St. Paul's on Easter Sunday. That's when we came upon Fr. Bill Parker, who graciously accepted our invitation. The Bishop and I thanked Fr. Bill for helping St. Paul's on Easter Sunday. I received plenty of hugs that day along with prayers, love and peace. It was wonderful being with my fellow Clergy. We had lunch from twelve to 1:00 pm which is always delicious!

The Clergy started vesting at 1:15. The Bishop blessed us with a great sermon, afterwards we had communion with our Bishop. We finished the service with Archdeacon's dismissal. I arrived home at 4:00pm with plenty of time to eat supper and get ready for Maundy Service.

Saturday morning I had to be at the Church to unlock the doors, the lilies were being delivered for Easter Sunday. It turned out to be a long day, getting the Altar setup, cleaning the brass and changing to the color white. By the time I returned home I was totally fatigued. Michael ordered carryout from Cracker Barrel for our supper.

Easter morning I had fatigue really bad. But I was determined to serve along side Fr. Bill Parker at the Easter service. I thought the service went very well. Michael and I stayed after the service to enjoy Connie's Easter Brunch. We had to come home, pack our overnight bags, I had an appointment first thing Monday morning at the stem cell clinic at Vanderbilt. I complained about the fatigue I was having. But was told my body was adjusting to the increased Idhifa.

We came home, that evening I was in bed and I was unable to function the rest of the week. Each day worse than the day before. Friday I had a fever of 101.2, it was time to go to the ER! I had to be transferred by ambulance to Vanderbilt. I spent the next four days in hospital while tests were being done. I watched the Baptism on tablet. Bless you all for your prayers and cards of love and support.

## Youth News

*Leslie Newman*

Sunday, May 5, church musician Neal Biggers will lead the handbell choir to open the service with "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands". Neal wrote a version of "Morning is Broken" for us to play on April 14 and it was beautiful! The handbell choir has mainly consisted of our youth and children but all ages are welcome. If you would like to try your hand at ringing (it's generally a hammering wrist action motion with a swing to it and you don't have to read music to play), please be at church at 9:20 a.m. to learn and practice the piece. Gloves (and bells!) are provided. It's fun and Neal makes it easy for us! Thank you, Neal! Our bells were a gift of former choir member Charles Sykes and I like to think he is smiling down on us using them again!



## Skateway closing forever??!



That's the announcement from the Dixon family; the sound of our community mourning the loss of this institution is palpable. All our St. Paul's family is invited to gather at Skateway on Tuesday May 7 from 6-8 p.m. for our last hurrah at this place that has provided a lifetime of memories for St. Paul's youth. It is likely we are not the only people who will want to make their last few rolls around the rink and dance their last Hokey Pokey, so please let me know who plans to attend, so we can purchase the right number of tickets and rent the right number of skates. Remember to bring your socks! We will order Skateway pizza for supper. Please let me know if you would like to join us because I suspect we are not the only people with this idea for the few dates remaining. We will have a plan B if we can't get in.

## No Camp disappointing for our Youth.

Bill Gentry returned from his board meeting at All Saints with the disappointing news there will not be camp this summer. Our youth and young adults are sad, distressed and disappointed. Thank you, Bill, for advocating for their interest and passion for the Christian formation and fellowship that has so inspired them over the years. EYC asks your continued prayers for the youth of the diocese, that there may be reformation and organization that will bring them together again, and hopefully in a camp setting.

## Youth News

Leslie Newman—

Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day and will again be Youth Sunday. We hope you can attend this lovely service. We have four high school seniors this year, Miranda Purdy, Kiya Hill and Landon and Hannah Hendricks, and each has been invited to give a homily. Miranda, who is not just a senior but already 18 and a member of our St. Paul's vestry, has accepted the offer and you can read a sneak preview below. *Italics mine (Leslie)*



Miranda writes: May 23, 2024, I will be graduating from Henderson County High School. How can that be? Seems like just a short time ago, I was in pre-school. *(Yes, Miranda, it seems that way to us, too!)*

I am looking forward to attending Henderson Community College in the Fall 2024. My Mom has told each one of us to do your best you can each day and we will succeed. You see, Mom said even she doesn't do her best every day, she does the best she can that day. I think this philosophy is one I want to follow in my adult life.

I am starting my college studies in Childhood Education. I currently work part time, after my high school day, at the Holy Name Extended Care Program. Some days are pretty funny with the things those kids say, some days not so funny. All part of being there for those children. Whether it is just listening to a funny story or wiping sad tears from their eyes. Being there for them. *(Miranda, you are pretty funny too and we know you bring joy and comfort to your students' days, by being you and being there!)*

St. Paul's has been that teacher for me. From Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night soup/book study, Acolyting, down to All Saints Camp. A teacher, a shoulder to lean on, a place of solitude, a place for family and friends... that is St. Paul's for me as well as my family.

Just as my family is a unit, and an unusual unit, St. Paul's is a unit I am most thankful for to have in my life. Dependable, loyal and a teacher. That is what I hope to be as a teacher.

If I find out college isn't for me, that's okay too. St. Paul's and my family will always be there to support me no matter my life career choice.

Leslie writes: *It's a surprise! Please join the Purdy family in the parish hall following the Sunday May 26 10 a.m. service for a reception to celebrate Miranda's graduation.*

## April was a busy month for EYC

Leslie Newman—

Fr. Rich spent time to catch up and visit with the youth after Sunday service when he was in town for the eclipse. I happened onto a picnic the Purdy family hosted in honor of his visit, in Audubon Mill Park, the evening of the very special day of the eclipse. A good time was had by all.



EYC had an impromptu picnic on the banks of the Ohio (in flood stage) on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, April 14, in Sunset Mill Park. Thanks to Marty, Brandy and Gisele for joining our youth and children. The park was bustling with activity on the playground, and friends and picnic food were abundant.

**And then we went to TriFest!**

The weather was cool but perfect and I think it's fair to say our kids had their fill of rides and festival food. And no one got sick, and no one got hurt!



Only Alexis and I lasted for round 4 of the day (counting the worship service as round 1!), attending Jesus Christ Superstar as part of the Broadway Series at Old National Events Plaza that evening. It was a first for Alexis and she said she was really glad she got to experience it. I was particularly glad the play was in Evansville so close to Easter.

Gisele, Kaleigh, Miranda, Marty, Caroline and I attended the April 28 reception at Rookies to celebrate the first communion of Eleanor McMichen-Alexander at St. Benedict's Catholic Church on Lincoln Avenue in Evansville where Eleanor is in the second grade. Eleanor and her mother Brandy regularly attend St. Paul's, where Eleanor serves as an acolyte and participates in Godly Play. In her spare time, Eleanor studies classical dance and recently danced the roles of the gardener and a streusel in the ballet Hansel and Gretel as produced by the Children's Center for Dance Education.



# St. Paul's Calendar May 2024

| SUNDAY   | MON | TUES  | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT                         |
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|  |     |   | 1   | 2     | 3   | 4<br>DAR - Parish Hall      |
| <b><u>5—6 Easter</u></b><br>10—Morning Prayer<br>Neal Biggers - Organ  | 6   | 7<br>6 p.m. —<br>Saints,<br>Sinners, and<br>Cynics  | 8   | 8     | 10  | 11                          |
| <b><u>12—7 Easter</u></b><br>10—Morning Prayer/Youth Sunday<br>Jenny and Ally Donnelly - Musicians                           | 13  | 14<br>6 p.m. —<br>Saints,<br>Sinners, and<br>Cynics | 15  | 16    | 17  | 18                          |
| <b><u>19—Pentecost</u></b><br>10—Morning Prayer<br>Ally Donnelly - Guest Musician<br>CCO—Breakfast Items                     | 20  | 21<br>5:45p.m. —<br>Vestry Meeting                  | 22  | 23    | 24  | 25<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| <b><u>26—Trinity Sunday</u></b><br>10—Morning Prayer<br>Ally Donnelly - Guest Musician<br>Graduation Party for Miranda Purdy | 27  | 28<br>6 p.m. —<br>Saints,<br>Sinners, and<br>Cynics | 29  | 30    | 31  |                             |

Services in person and livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page.  
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# Lay Ministry May 2024

| Date & Lessons | Altar Guild<br>Altar Flowers | Ushers | Acolytes | Lay Readers | Coffee Hour |
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| <b>5-6 Easter</b><br>Acts 10:44-48<br>Psalm 98<br>1 John 5:1-6<br>John 15:9-17 | Gisele Purdy<br><br><br><br><br><i>Martha Polk</i> |  |  | Marty White,<br>Mike France | Susie<br>Watkins |
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| <b>12-7 Easter</b><br>Acts 1:15-17,<br>21-26<br>Psalm 1<br>1 John 5:9-13<br>John 17:6-19 | Susan Sauls<br>Ella Thomas<br><br><br><br><i>Mr. and Mrs.<br/>Mitchell Deep</i> |  | Youth Sunday | Youth Sunday | Russ and<br>Kathy<br>Gubernot |
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| <b>19-Pentecost</b><br>Acts 2:1-21<br>Psalm 104:25-<br>35, 37<br>Romans 8:22-<br>27<br>John 15:26-27;<br>16:4b-15 | Alexis Purdy<br><br><br><br><br><i>Susie Watkins</i> |  |  | Susan Sauls,<br>Marty White |  |
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| <b>26-Trinity Sunday</b><br>Isaiah 6:1-8<br>Psalm 29<br>Romans 8:12-<br>17<br>John 3:1-17 | Marilyn Dixon<br>Ellen Redding<br><br><br><br><i>Larry<br/>Courtney</i> |  | The Purdys,<br>Caroline<br>White | Susie<br>Watkins,<br>Mike France | The Purdys |
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## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

6 Emily Phillips  
7 Mitchell & Vickie Deep  
Hannah Stocum  
14 Laura Klutey  
16 Mark Phillips  
Kaylon Cardwell  
17 Susie Watkins

18 David Walaskay  
21 Jennifer Preston  
22 Scott Reitz  
24 Larry Courtney  
26 Ann Street  
28 Cooper and Robin Lilly

## 81st General Convention to be held in Louisville this year

Bill Gentry—

The Diocese of Kentucky is excited to host the 81st General Convention and the 51st Triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women June 23-28, 2024 in Louisville. There will be many exciting events including a revival hosted by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Saturday June 22nd. In addition, another significant event is the election of our next presiding bishop which occurs every nine years. Amy Spicer, the volunteer coordinator for the General Convention, came to give a very nice presentation and to speak with us on April 21st about the many opportunities available for volunteering at the convention. At that time, she had about 1,000 slots available for volunteers. A link to sign up for the mailing list can be found on the diocesan page or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GC2024VolunteerCentral>). You can also contact Amy directly at [amyspicer@episcopalky.org](mailto:amyspicer@episcopalky.org). There is work available for all abilities and for youth at least 16 years old. The slots fall into one of three categories: Clerical, Logistics, or Hospitality. The General Convention is a time to gather with our Episcopal family in reunion to share and learn from others across the country.

## Another Milestone

Leslie Newman—

Another milestone: Will White, son of the Rev. Beth Macke has, after four intensive years of studies at Middle Tennessee State University, qualified as a commercial airplane mechanic and has been hired by Gulf Stream. Will is a qualified professional pilot. Congratulations to Will and kudos for pursuing his dream!

If there are milestones in your family's life, please let Leslie know so we can include them in the newsletter!

## Youth Opportunities at General Convention

Leslie Newman—

Our youth met with Amy Spicer on April 21 to learn more about volunteering for General Convention. This is the first time in more than 80 years the Episcopal Church's triennial convention has been hosted by our diocese and it is a BIG deal. This is not the annual diocesan convention; it is the convention of our whole church and the opportunity to be present and to volunteer will be monumental for our youth. This convention includes a revival service on Saturday June 22 at the Yum Center where Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will give his final sermon to as many people as the Yum can hold, and on Wednesday June 26 the election of the new Presiding Bishop will take place. If you are interested and available to volunteer, our youth can help guide you in registering. If you are going and can offer a ride, or if you need a ride, let's talk!

## Plans are Underway for Youth Sunday

Leslie Newman—



The Youth are working hard preparing for another Youth Sunday/Mother's Day service. Please plan to join us on May 12 as the St. Paul's Youth lead the service.

### **CCO Donation for May:**

### **Breakfast Items**

**Cereal, Oats, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Evaporated or Powdered Milk, Honey**

Bring your items to church with you, or drop them by the Parish Office by the third week of the month.

### **Financial Summary as of March 31, 2024**

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| <b>Pledged Income Received to Date</b>            | <b>\$20,672.00</b> |
| <b>Non-dividend Investment Income Transferred</b> | <b>\$0</b>         |
| <b>Other Operating Income to Date</b>             | <b>\$21,070.00</b> |
| <b>Total Budgeted Expenses to Date</b>            | <b>\$45,743.00</b> |

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

The Rev. Larry Courtney, Deacon  
Leslie Newman, EYC Director  
Judy Duncan, Parish Secretary  
Phone—270-826-2937

## Service Times

Morning Prayer - Sundays 10 a.m.

## Vestry Ministry Teams *(\*denotes chair of the committee)*

Sr. Warden  
Jr. Warden  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Bill Gentry  
Marty White  
Susie Watkins  
Mike France

Budget and Finance  
Worship and Music  
Communications  
Christian Formation and Youth

Marilyn Dixon, \*Mike France, Bill Gentry, Joe Mattingly  
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\*Christie Johnson, Bill Gentry, Susan Sauls, Susie Watkins  
Alexis Purdy, \*Miranda Purdy, Leslie Newman, Marty White,  
Monessa Curry

Building and Grounds  
Fellowship/Outreach  
Pastoral Care  
Search Committee

\*Marty White, Bill Brodsky, Joe Mattingly  
Marilyn Dixon, Diane McMIndes, \*Susie Watkins, Marty White  
\*Dcn. Larry, Marilyn Dixon, Susie Watkins, Marty White  
Mike France, Bill Gentry, Cooper Lilly, Christy Mattingly,  
Ellen Redding, \*Susan Sauls, Connie Spivey

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