

Rector's Corner

The last time Easter was on April 1st, April Fools day was 1956. April Fools day is not my favorite day. Some of the surprises are not very nice.

We are seldom surprised in church are we? One of my favorite cartoons is of a man and woman leaving church on Easter Sunday. He turns to her and says I don't know why we come here, they sing the same songs every time.

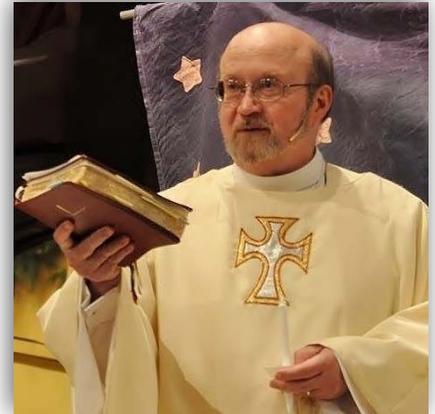
Sometimes when you are the preacher, you begin to feel like you are singing the same song over and over.

The first Easter was a surprise, a great wonder. We continue to need surprises in our church. What we would be like if we prayed every day that God would surprise us?

Easter is not only a celebration of something that happened in the past that we hope will happen in the future, but it's a celebration of how to make sense out of life now. How to live life in anticipation that God wants to surprise us with joy, real joy, and radiant love. Sometimes life is tough, we all know that. But surprise God can throw a celebration in a cemetery. God can surprise us with joy.

I think it's important that part of the message on Easter day is that God has triumphed death has been overcome. Surprise! We need not fear death.

A priest at the children's talk asked what Jesus said on Easter morning. One of the little girls threw her arms up and said TADA! We have been through Easter before, sometimes the surprise has faded. Let the Resurrected Christ surprise us with meaning and purpose in the midst of lives that can sometimes go adrift. Let the resurrected Christ surprise us with life, abundant life, resurrected life.



CAITLYN CALDWELL- High School Senior

By Debbie Hambley

Self-described as “hard-working” and “very happy all the time”, Caitlyn Caldwell adds that she is a “people person”. “I am a family person. I am a friend person” she continues. The Westover High School senior exudes warmth and friendliness. You cannot help but be reminded of her Grandmother, Sammie Harewood.

They also share the tendency to stay busy and involved in many activities. Caitlyn plays tennis, swims and runs. She has cheered for both basketball and football. One doubts the seriousness of her confessed procrastination and laziness considering her schedule. She has also been a gymnast. These sports demand discipline and commitment, a trait genetic to Caitlyn. Her academic achievements and goals also reflect her diligence and vision. Caitlyn is already a fulltime student at Albany State University. She was accepted to all the universities to which she applied. She has narrowed down the next chapter of her education to the University of Georgia, Auburn University and Florida State University. Caitlyn is considering a major in biology with a future as a pharmacist or physician’s assistant.



She loves to travel and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing London, Rome and Paris. She also enjoys travels to the state of Virginia, and closer to home, Panama City Beach, Florida. She is a “beach person”, but when she is home, she is always shadowed by her Pomeranian, “Lovely”, a rescue dog she found at the Humane Society two years ago.

“Grandma Sammie” is the most influential person in Caitlyn’s life. “We are super-duper close. I always wanted to stay with her. She is such a vital part of my life. She has always been there for me. Now she is still very happy regardless of the challenges she has faced with her health. She is just such a force. I want to be like her in so many ways. She is the most influential person in my life – yes, my Grandma Sammie”.

Caitlyn began attending St. Paul’s with her grandmother Sammie in 2013. The church has become very important to her. “Faith is so important to me. I turn to my faith for everything,” she explains. The St. Paul’s church family is invaluable to her and she has seen the importance of St. Paul’s to her grandmother (and vice versa).” “I can really stress some times and my faith and church ground me,” she added.

Molly and Bill Swan are Caitlyn’s Shepherds at St. Paul’s. They are especially precious to her. “Their support has been amazing. They call and text to offer encouragement and prayers. They send sweet messages and we do a lot together. They have been very interested in my college pursuits. The Swans gave me a book of bedside prayers and I read one every morning and another at night. The Shepherding program is awesome, and I was blessed to get two incredible people”.

“I am so blessed with such special people in my life”, Caitlyn continued. “I am very grateful to my parents. They stay on me a lot about school and homework. Their consistent concern and support are so constant that I can honestly hear them say it before they actually say it now. I am blessed and supported and loved and that means the world to me. They keep me on track. Sometimes I think they are too strict, but I’m glad that they are”, she admitted. “I also have incredible friends. We encourage each other. We stick together. We support each other. My oldest sister is in Pharmacy School now. She is a source of information and support regarding school decisions too. I have an all-around wonderful support system,”

Olympic gymnast Gabby Douglas is the individual Caitlyn would most like to meet. She was the first African American to win the individual all-around event. She was also a gold medalist for the U.S. in team competitions in the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympics. The two ladies share a willingness to make sacrifices and contribute long hours of hard work to achieve a goal. They both smile a lot too! Caitlyn is an all-American girl. She loves all sorts of music. She enjoys Harry Potter books. She loves Italian food, especially pizza and lasagna. And she has her eye on the prize. Olympic gold? Maybe. Nobel prize? Perhaps. Caitlyn’s story continues to unfold and we are blessed to bear witness to it.



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HARVEST MOON

4th MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Please mark your calendar to join us for Monday, April 23 at 6:30 for Beer & Hymns with Als Angels, which is made up by members of all 3 Albany Episcopal Churches and from surrounding Episcopal Churches too. ALL means ALL, or it doesn't mean much at all. So mark your calendar to join us !





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ST. PAUL'S PARTICIPATES IN CURSILLO 124!

We were well represented at Cursillo with Roy & Christy Brown and Mike and Paula McComb on staff. Cursillo 124 participants from St. Paul's were Sid and Helen Bush and Tim and Kelly Wesselman. Everyone had a wonderful time with wonderful memories for years to come. Please consider participating in Cursillo when the next time rolls around. If you have questions ask Mollie Swan.

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE: 8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST; 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST; 6 PM EVENING EUCHARIST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY	2	3 *Melody Sheffield Jon Woodcock	4	5 EPISCO CHICKS	6 *Jeanetter Hoopes Ned Newcomb	7 *Linda Lowery
8 2nd Sunday After Easter	9 **Burt & Kelly Sorrells	10 *Edward Newcomb Lauren Chandler	11 *William Divine Curtis Harrison **Rick & Jackie Theidel	12 *Constance Wehner	13 *Don Shiver Caden Woodcock	14
15 3rd Sunday After Easter	16	17 *Mills Pickett	18 ** Jeffrey & Jeanette Hoopes	19 *Mary Thomas Pickett	20	21 *Shannas Aderhold FEED MY SHEEP 8 AM
22 4th Sunday After Easter *David Simmons	<u>23</u>	24 **Ryan & Jennifer Durden	25 ** Sid & Helen Bush	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday After Easter *Jeffrey Hoopes Gaylon Ramsey	30 *Kelly Wesselman	* <u>St. Paul's Birthday</u> ** <u>St. Paul's Wedding Anniversary</u>				

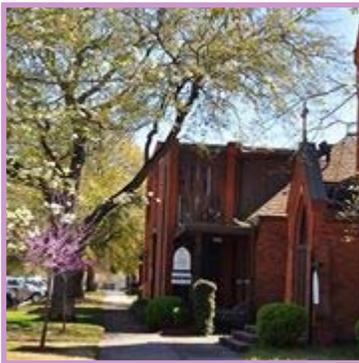
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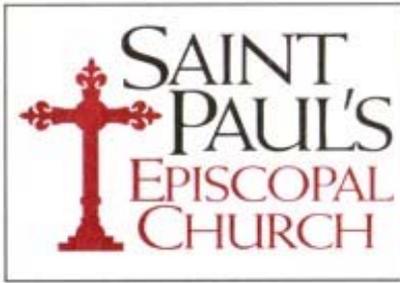


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Worship Services

Sunday

- Rite I Eucharist at 8:00 am
- Rite II Eucharist at 10:00 am
- Contemporary Eucharist at 6 pm (Chapel)

Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist & Healing Service at 12:00 o'clock noon (Chapel)

Clergy and Staff

- The Very Rev. Lee Lowery, Rector
- The Rev. Leigh Hall, Associate Rector
- Marcia Hood, DMA, Music Director
- Chris Hendley, Ph.D., Asst. Music Director
- Kenneth Williams, Organist
- Debbie Godwin, Parish Administrator
- Velma McClary, Housekeeper
- Robert Clay, Sexton

St. Paul's Vestry

Terms ending in 2019

- Carolyn Hatcher, Jr. Warden
- Bill Swan
- John Woodcock
- Ted Wright, Sr. Warden

Terms ending in 2020

- Elliott Cantrell
- Bland Cleesattle
- Jimm LeVaughn
- Mark Pickett

Terms ending in 2021

- Shanna Aderhold
- Roy Brown
- Mary Helen Morgan
- Pam Reynolds