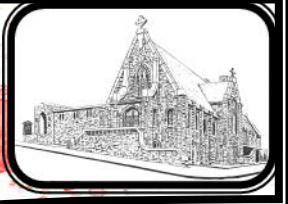


# The Rainbow



May 2023

## Save the Day! *By Becky Beckett*

462 days ago the Search Committee began the process to secure a new rector for Christ Episcopal Church. Father Lou Hays guided us through the steps necessary to find a match.

We often thought of 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

In January, Pastor Paul began his ministry with us. The work “pastor” derives from the Latin pastor, which means “shepherd” and us derived from the verb “pascere” – “to lead to pasture, set for grazing, cause to eat”. Also, relates to the role of elder within the ministry. Our Pastor Paul exemplifies this definition. I have often said that calling Paul “pastor” is the perfect way to title him.

Paul, you have chosen God’s love to open your huge heart and live your life as our shepherd; as both a servant and a leader. Your sacrifices and hard labor are not in vain. You have helped us to be better persons. We deeply appreciate all you have for us and the Bluefield community already.

Nevertheless, your pastor days are coming to an end and priesthood is in the near future. My dear friends, I am asking you to SAVE THE DATE, June 17, and join me at the ordination service of Paul Barker here at Christ Church. Bishop Mathew will send the official announcement this week but we were allowed to share the news this morning.



## The late Bea Paine honored by Rotary Club of Bluefield, W.Va. *By Lise Tracey*

The Rotary Club of Bluefield, W.Va., honored the memory of longtime Christ Episcopal Church member Beatrice “Bea” Paine on April 11 at its weekly luncheon at The Clover Club.

Her husband, Albert James Paine, and their six children, Teresa Paine, Pamela Abada, Jim Paine, John Paine, William Patrick Paine, and Rick Parsons, were in attendance.



Bea graduated from Stuart Circle Hospital Nursing School, in Richmond, Va. She moved to Bluefield in 1950 with her husband, Jim, after he completed his medical degree. In addition to raising children and running her husband’s medical practice, Bea became the first woman to serve on the Bluefield City Board in 1977, a position she would hold for 16 years. For eight of those years, she served as the city’s vice-mayor. Bea is credited with saving the “Old City Hall” building from demolition and getting the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Paine Gallery, inside the Bluefield Arts Center, is named in her honor.

Bea joined the Rotary Club of Bluefield in 1989, this being the first year that women were invited to join. She remained a faithful member for 35 years. She served as President, was named Rotarian of the Year, and was honored to be a Paul Harris Fellow, as well. When her travels took her away from Bluefield, she enjoyed going to other Rotary Club meetings to maintain her weekly attendance requirement. One time, while attending a Rotary luncheon in Berlin, Germany, she ended up being the only woman at the meeting. Bea was comfortable breaking down barriers. Fellow Rotarian Lauren Crews said Bea “was good at finding common ground with everyone.”

Bea’s daughter Teresa thanked the Rotary Club of Bluefield for honoring her mother. Both she and her brother Patrick remembered a number of Rotary foreign exchange students that stayed with their family through the years. Teresa also mentioned that her mom was instrumental in starting a “Sister City” with Lithgow, Australia, during her service to the Bluefield City Board. Rotarian Wayne Stonestreet said his son Brian was fortunate to study abroad in Lithgow while in high school due to Bea’s efforts.

Rotary President and Christ Episcopal member Ted Lewis expressed the club’s appreciation for her life of leadership and service to the Bluefield club and beyond to Rotary International. Fellow Rotarian and Christ Episcopal member John Beckett read the club’s “Resolution in memory of Bea Clarice Carmines Paine by the Rotary Club of Bluefield, WV.” Christ Episcopal pastor, Paul Barker, gave the benediction. He charged everyone present to remember the work started by Bea Paine and continue to work together to unite the Bluefield community in service to one another.

## **Faculty Merit Foundation Names Dr. Joseph Allen Professor of the Year *By Mimi Merritt***

Christ Episcopal Church member Joseph L. Allen was presented the 2022 Professor of the Year award from the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia on April 18 at the Culture Center in Charleston.

Allen is the Concord University Distinguished Professor of Geology and chairs the university's Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences. He lives in Athens with his wife, Alice, and sons, William and John.



Allen came to Concord in 1998, founded the Environmental Geosciences program in 2004, chaired the Division of Science, Mathematics, & Health from 2002-2014, and was a finalist for WV Professor of the year in 2019. Prior to his promotion to Distinguished Professor, he served as Professor of Geology in the College of Science, Mathematics, and Health. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences from Michigan State University; a Master of Science in Geology from East Carolina University; and a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Allen has also served as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Tennessee.

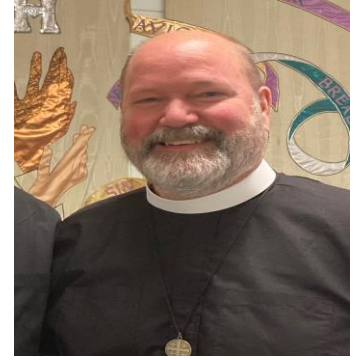
Allen's achievements include his effectiveness in the classroom with continual use of new and creative pedagogical strategies, and his scholarship, for which he's been awarded \$2.9 million in externally funded research grants, including a \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded in 2021 to fund undergraduate students' field research on earthquake dynamics in Greenland. Other research has been supported by grants from the American Chemical Society, WV EPSCoR, and the National Park Service. Field sites involving students, in addition to Greenland, include the Colorado Rockies and the southern Appalachians of Virginia and West Virginia.

Allen's extensive service record includes participation and leadership in faculty committees and membership on the statewide Advisory Council of Faculty, which comprises faculty representatives who advise groups including The West Virginia Legislature, the Higher Education Policy Commission, the West Virginia Council of Community and Technical College Education, and the West Virginia Institutions of Higher Education Board of Governors.

The Faculty Merit Foundation was created in 1984 to recognize and reward innovation and creativity among the faculties of West Virginia's public and private colleges and universities. Through the Professor of the Year program, the outstanding achievements of those individuals are brought to the attention of the public. A \$10,000 cash award is given to the candidate selected Professor of the Year. The Professor of the Year Award is sponsored by United Bank; Bowls, Rice LLP; Greene Ketchum Bailey & Tweel LLP; Maier Foundation; and The Daywood Foundation, Inc.

## A Letter from Pastor Paul

Welcome to the beautiful month of May! We continue in our Easter season through most of May until we celebrate the Day of Pentecost on the last Sunday of the month. Along the way, we will also commemorate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And don't forget Mother's Day and Memorial Day, the less official beginning of summer, yeah! So, we can call May a Holy month as well. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. We can all do something extra this month to be a compassionate friend and neighbor to someone we may know who is feeling overwhelmed. Give them a check-in call or text and let them know that you are thinking of them. And check on yourself; you deserve some time off and chances to pause during your busy day to do something relaxing or enjoyable. And always remember that God loves you and is ever present in your life.



We had our first Sunday school offering for children during the worship service on April 30 and it went very well. Thank you to our participating families and to Elizabeth Clement, lead teacher, and our education volunteer Tricia Hein, for leading the session. Our next two "breakouts" are scheduled for May 14 and 28. It would be great to have two or three more educational volunteers, so please, prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry. Contact the church office for more information. These offerings will take a break during the summer and start a regular Sunday school class, with a set-aside schedule, in the fall. I'm excited to have Christ Church returning to regular children's education!

Spring is such a beautiful season, with all the returning greens and colors. I love being able to get outdoors more. Let's continue to give thanks to God for the many wonderful gifts of this season and may our Lord and Savior continue to bless Christ Church and our faith family this month and always.

Peace Always, Pastor Paul



Minutes-CEC Vestry Meeting April 19, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry was held in Rowley Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Susanne Pulse, Mary Catherine Williams, Betty Nash, Peter Taylor, Peter Richardson, Mimi Merritt, Becky Beckett. Absent Vic Bowman Don Kersey. Also present were Pastor Paul Barker

Pastor Paul called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Betty Nash gave the devotional.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Betty Nash and second of Mary Catherine Williams, they were unanimously approved.

The Vestry members reviewed the financial documents. Mary Catherine Williams made the motion to approve the financial documents and Betty Nash seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Becky Beckett gave the Senior Warden's report. A list of persons will be prepared for Pastor Paul so that he can visit members of the congregation that are homebound. Administrative Professionals' Day is April 26, 2023. Becky Beckett will purchase flowers for Emma Bennett. A card has been signed by most of the congregation.

Peter Richardson gave the Junior Warden report. The roof over the office wing has been replaced and the work has been paid for through grants from The 1912 Foundation and the Tierney Foundation. Wallace Wiring has estimated that it will take \$2,125.00 to put conduit on the new roof. This is for wiring only and not to replace the fixtures. Susanne Pulse made the motion to accept the proposal of Wallace Wiring to put conduit on the new roof and to replace the fixtures. The expenditure should not exceed \$3,000.00. Peter Taylor seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. The estimate to replace the roof over the third floor is \$26,600.00.

Outreach: Peter Taylor gave the Outreach report. No kerosene vouchers will be given out in April. The Presbyterian Church contacted Peter Taylor about Christ Church helping with the community picnic in August 2023. The location this year may be the parking lot on Duhring Street. Betty Nash will work with the Presbyterian Church and the Lutheran Church to arrange the community picnic.

Parish Life: Mary Catherine Williams gave the Parish Life report. She wanted to thank the Vestry for helping with the refreshments on Easter. David Hardin and Terry Whittington bought and planted the pansies at the Church. She also wanted to report that the Episcopal Church Women are planning to have a fund raiser this fall.

Communications: Susanne Pulse gave the Communications report. A discussion was held regarding when to put the Vestry Minutes in the Rainbow. Whether it should be in the issue of the Rainbow after the minutes are voted on or the next edition of the Rainbow immediately following the meeting. It will remain as is and will be in the edition immediately following the meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul will be out April 30, 2023. David Kersey will lead the service and Brian Tracey will be the guest preacher. May 15 to 17 Pastor Paul will be at a Clergy Retreat. Pastor Paul reported that there were 175 in attendance for Easter week services. That is an increase from 2022. He wanted to thank everyone who volunteered for the Easter week services.

New Business: Peter Richardson made the motion to authorize funds for Swiftnet to help Emma Bennet with computer issues up to two (2) hours a month if needed. Betty Nash seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Landscaping around Christ Church cost \$1,400.00, plus \$180.00 for mulch.

Pastor Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY REPORT**

**FOOD PANTRY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>**

Bags Distributed : 37

Volunteers: Betty Nash, Liam Cole, Patricia and Peter Taylor, Art Meade

**UNION MISSION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

Meals; Total of 104 meals prepared, packaged and served.  
Menu; Stauffer's Lasagna, salad, roll, brownie and beverage.  
Volunteers; Sheila Brooks, Art Mead and Patty Richardson of  
Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield, WV. Marjorie Justice  
and Betty Watson of Bluefield, VA.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

An incredible 230 meals were served under Episcopal sponsorship on Wednesday and Thursday. Volunteers had prepared, packaged and served 160 meals when fresh buns ran out forcing Craig Hammond to dip into the Mission's reserve of refrigerated sub sandwiches increasing the count to 199. On Thursday, with fresh buns and a remaining pan of BBQ, Mission staff prepared another 31 meals.

Menu: BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert and a beverage.

Volunteers: Sheila Brooks, Elizabeth Clement, Art Mead, Shirley Ofsa and Patty Richardson of Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield, WV. Charlie Helmandollar, Senior Warden, Christ Episcopal Church, Pocahontas, VA. Majorie Justice and Betty Watson of Bluefield, VA.

**If you are interested in helping with the planting and watering of the flowers in the Columbarium for the summer please contact Linda Ammar.**



**BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| May 2 Sloane Hunter    | May 8 Chris Justice   | May 17 Brayden Wimmer  |
| May 3 Pat McCoy        | May 9 Parker Anderson | May 19 Barbara Sudduth |
| May 5 Vic Bowman       | May 9 Joyce Morgan    | May 22 Nancy Faris     |
| May 5 Theron Lewis     | May 16 Jay Kephart    | May 22 Patricia Taylor |
| May 7 Ramona Parks     | May 17 Vanessa Hall   | May 23 Gina Paine      |
| May 7 Patty Richardson |                       | May 24 Lori Hypes      |



**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers:** Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob and Peggy Walk, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Jay Kephart, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Fr. Russ Hatfield, Brian, Becky Steorts, Lane, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, Joel Hammond, Martin and Ethan, Jim, Brenda Payne, Joan Gray, Rosemary, Eddie Hughes



May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> The Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 Holy Eucharist  Parish Life Committee Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4:00 Union Mission	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> The Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 Holy Eucharist	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:30 DOK	<b>17</b> 6:00 Men's Dinner  7:00 Vestry	<b>18</b> 9:00 Food Pantry	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> The Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00 Holy Eucharist	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 3:30 Union Mission	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday 10:00 Holy Eucharist	<b>29</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ember Day	<b>Altar Guild for May:</b> Patty Richardson and Becky Beckett		

The following people have graciously donated flowers for the month of May:

May 7, 2023 Dr. James Paine  
 May 14, 2023 John & Becky Beckett  
 May 21, 2023 Don & Mary Catherine Williams  
 May 28, 2023 Jim & Susanne Pulse

Lectors and Acolyte Schedule for May:

May 7 Ted Lewis, Lector Becky Kersey, Acolyte  
 May 14 Rob Merritt, Lector Katherine Lewis, Acolyte  
 May 21 Brian Tracey, Lector Mike Lilly, Acolyte  
 May 28 Don Williams, Lector Becky Kersey, Acolyte

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