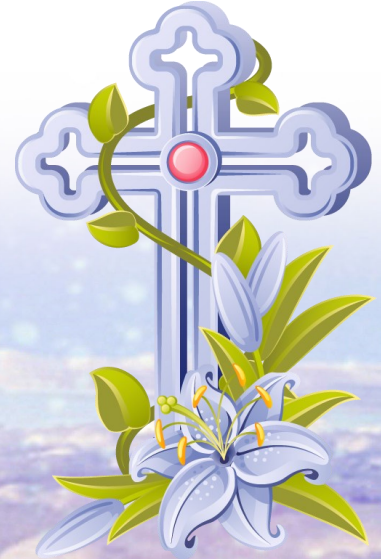


April, 2021

# Titusian



# THE HOPE *of* Easter



# From Our Rector

Resurrection, peace, joy, destruction of death, triumph, hope, witness, proclamation. An email this morning reminded me that these are the themes of Easter.

The words stopped me in my tracks. There was nothing surprising about them. I had heard them all before. But there was something about seeing the words strung together in that way that spoke powerfully to me about what happened some 2000 years ago, and what Easter means in our lives today.

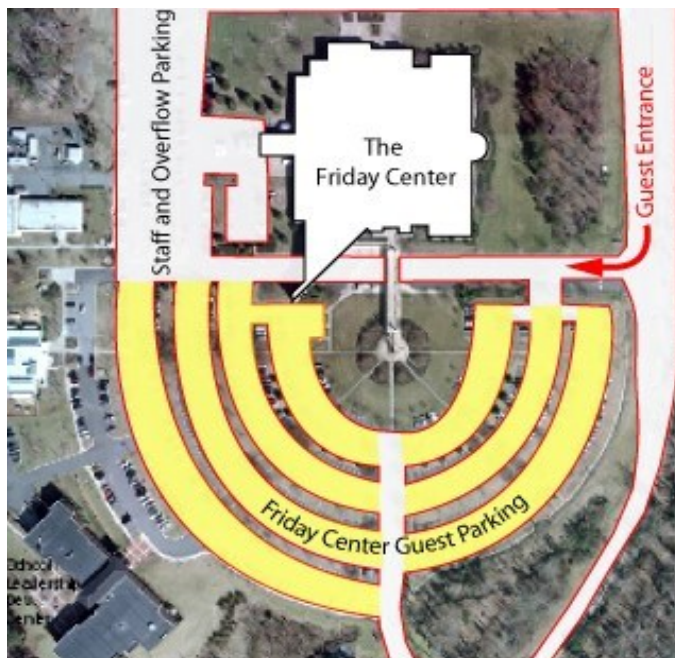
The words, and the truths behind them, are what I needed to hear at this moment in time. Like you, I am living through a season of loss. I've lost dear friends to COVID. I've desperately missed the joy of coming together to worship on Sunday mornings. I miss the singing, the hugging, the sharing of the Peace, and most of all, the sharing of the holy meal. Like you, I can't wait until we are all able to safely worship together again. I can't wait to be able to travel safely and to see far off family and friends. There are so many things that I miss. So many losses that won't be regained.

Perhaps I needed this season of loss to more fully appreciate what I have not lost. I write to you today at the beginning of Holy Week. This week we will walk together virtually as we remember the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. We will witness the trial, the cross, the agony, the death, and finally, the empty tomb. This week we will be reminded that we have not lost the love of God so clearly seen in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His victory over death is our victory. This week we will be reminded that those we have lost are not lost, and neither are we, but more and more found by God. We will be reminded that gifts we did not earn, redemption and reconciliation to God, are gifts that can never be taken away. We will be reminded of why Easter matters.

Beloved, may your lives be filled with peace, joy, and resurrection hope. Easter is coming. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Faithfully,  
Stephanie+

## 2021 Diocesan Annual Convention – Chapel Hill, NC Titusians Serving in the Diocese



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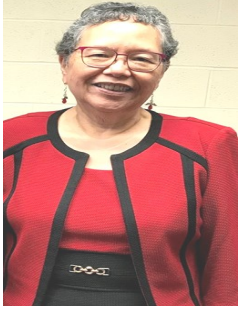
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### The Rev. David Stanford

Bishop's Committee: Prison Ministry

The Bishop's Committee: Pastoral Response Team  
The Commission on Ministry: Diaconate  
Sub Committee of Global Mission Companion Diocese of Botswana

# Vestry Zoom Meeting Highlights - February 21, 2021



**Attendance:** Althea Alton, Meisha Davis, Diane Hundley, Lorie-Ann Lee-Carter, Preston Edwards, Marguerite Peebles, Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Rev. Sarah Woodard, Rev. Philip Zoutendam  
**Treasurer:** Deborah Debourg-Brown  
**Guest:** Lew Myers

## **Opening-Rev. Yancy at 11:03 am with Bible study on Mark 1:9-15**

### **Reflection Questions-**

1. What word or phrase in this passage strikes you or has meaning for you?
2. Jesus was fully human and fully God. Concentrate on the humanness of Jesus. What emotions do you think Jesus felt at different points in this passage?
3. Is there a place in the passage where you feel a particular connection with Jesus? A place where he experiences an emotion that you have experienced?

**Minutes-**approved on proper motion, second and vote.

### **Treasurer's Report- Deborah Debourg-Brown**

Reviewed the January Financial statement. She expressed some concern about utilities expenses and will meet with the parish secretary to try to learn more about the charges, rates and frequency of the same. She also expects the financial review (audit) to begin soon. Deborah will also investigate application for the second round of PPP funds. Treasurer's Report was accepted on proper motion second and vote.

### **Rector's Report- Rev. Yancy**

**Ash Wednesday-**Small packets of ashes were made available to all parishioners. Ash Wednesday Liturgy at noon via Zoom and Facebook. The service was over Zoom and live streamed to Facebook.

**Worship During Lent-**Will offer a service of Antequommunion; will end at the Peace.

Morning Prayer added on Tuesdays; Evening Prayer offered on Thursday. All services available via Zoom or Facebook.

**Christian Formation-** Donna Smith, Catechist, continues to keep in touch with the children and families who participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She delivered packets to each family with activities that the children could do during Lent.

**Philip Zoutendam, Curate,** is leading a Bible study on the Ten Commandments on Sundays at 3:00 pm.

**New parish administrative assistant-**Teresa Balatico, whose skills will be immensely helpful; will work Monday through Thursday for 19 hours per week; the parish will not be required to pay for health insurance, life insurance or pension.

**By- Laws-** The consideration of draft by-laws will occur later after the Diocese revises the Canons to permit electronic voting and provides guidance to parishes on drafting by-laws.

**Vestry Size.** At the January meeting the Vestry had agreed to enlarge the Vestry to nine (9) members sequentially; however, the lack of Diocesan revision of canons, the Vestry will now need to elect or appoint new members for 2021. Vestry nominating committee includes Preston Edwards, Charles E. Thompson. Marguerite Peebles and Lew Myers. The Rector proposed a nomination slate deadline of two weeks so that a vote can be taken and Annual Meeting can be scheduled for late March. The vestry size proposal and nomination committee on proper motion, second and vote was accepted.

**Ordination Endorsement-** A motion, second and vote on Alice Grant's Endorsement to continue in the process towards ordination passed.

**Rector's Housing Resolution** – \$17,000 of the Rector's Annual Compensation will be designated as Housing Allowance, upon proper motion second and vote.

**Parochial Report** was presented. It must be submitted to the Diocese by March 1. A motion, second and vote unanimously accepted.

### **Curate's Report-The Rev. Philip Zoutendam**

Made comments of thanks for the support during the period of his ordination last month. He is conscious of his time with us nearing its end. His task during this time is to assist us in facilitating our virtual technology with a live stream camera. He showed information on one he has researched and recommends. The cost will be approximately \$3000 including \$2200 for the camera and software. We may be able to use another Diocesan Innovation grant although we do have funds available via the budget.

### **Deacon's Report-The Rev. Sarah Woodard**

**NCCU Campus Ministry** - Transformation Tuesdays are held on Zoom every Tuesday from 8 -9 p.m. This is a time for students to lead prayers and discussions. Many community churches participate in this weekly event.

**El Buen Pastor Food Ministry** – In addition to the usual first Saturday food drive, we participated in a food drive Feb. 20.

**Good News Garden** – Gardening will resume in Delany Park Friday, Feb. 26th. We are building community with members from St. Luke's. It's a relaxing time together.

**North Carolina Council of Churches** – Changing the Lens – Part II. Will participate in Part II of race equity training on Monday and Tuesday next week.

**Bishop's Committee on the Diaconate** – I enjoy serving on this committee with other deacons, priests and lay persons from throughout the Diocese. We are in the process of updating the online manual for diaconal formation. We met last Saturday on Zoom.

**District Four – Partners Against Crime** – I attended this meeting last Saturday morning on Zoom. Topics included:

# Vestry Zoom Meeting Highlights - February 21, 2021

Best safety practices for Covid vaccinations and other information; an update from the Police and Sheriff Departments. Doctors from the Duke ABC Science Collaborative updated us on the virus numbers in Durham and the state of North Carolina. After motion, second and vote, the report was accepted.

## Junior Warden's Report Preston Edwards

The deeds have been received for our properties (there are separate deeds for the church and the Delany Building sites); he met with Attorney Keith Bishop regarding recording the deeds and funds for tax stamps. Lew reported on the inquiry we've had for land off Moline St. Again, he is consulting with Keith Bishop but reported that the offer would not interfere with any of our future plans. Lew Myers met with a Landscape designer recommended by Greg Jacobs who will provide some ideas and plans for creative use of Delany Park and include some safety recommendations. On proper motion, second and vote, the report was unanimously,

## Senior Warden's Report-Althea Alton

Attends pre-convention meetings related to the Diocesan Convention scheduled for March 6. She continues to provide highlights of our monthly Vestry Meeting for publication in the Titusian and maintains the St. Titus' Facebook page and attends the Weekly Zoom call with the Bishops. The report was accepted.

Deacon Sarah closed the meeting with prayer at 1:15pm.



## New Vestry Members

The vestry is the legal representative of the church with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The number of vestry members and the term of office varies from parish to parish. Vestry members are usually elected at the annual parish meeting. The presiding officer of the vestry is the rector. There are usually two wardens. The senior warden leads the parish between rectors and is a support person for the rector. The junior warden often has responsibility for church property and buildings. A treasurer and a secretary or clerk may be chosen. These officers may or may not be vestry members.

The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances. *From The Episcopal Dictionary*



**Keith Bishop** 20+ years as Durham resident; practicing attorney, (Keith A. Bishop, PLLC); participates in various community service activities each year; Executive Director of the ANCA Educational Foundation, Inc. Chaplain, Durham alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Truancy Court Judge, Neal Middle School; After School Volunteer Counselor, Chewning Middle School



**Gloria Drew** Born in Brooklyn NY. In September 1959, I traveled to Durham with my father to attend NC College against my will. He wanted his third child out of New York; he was a graduate of N.C. College for Negroes class of 1933. To this day, I have greatly appreciated my father's decision. In May 1963 I was confirmed at St. Titus' and in June, I graduated from NCCU. I settled in Hendersonville, NC and joined St. James, Episcopal Church where I was active, and my three children were baptized. In 1973, I transferred back to St. Titus', and have served in many activities such as Eucharistic Minister, Altar Guild, and Cousins Club. On the Diocesan level, I served on the Stewardship Commission, the MRST Commission and reader for the General Ordination Exams. After 30 years, I retired from Durham Technical Community College as a program Director, and NCCU as an adjunct instructor in Sociology. I have 8 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. It will be my pleasure to serve on the vestry. I will do my best to support and foster the goals of the St. Titus' family.



### Mark Perrone

I was born in Lexington, Kentucky, grew up in the Midwest and served as an acolyte from grade school through high school. After college, graduate school and a postdoctoral fellowship, I started a career in drug discovery and supported the development of 6 drugs that were approved by the FDA. I moved to Durham in 2017 and very shortly thereafter discovered the fellowship of St. Titus'. I am a widower with one son who lives in Chapel Hill. I appreciate the trust St. Titus' has entrusted in me to serve on the vestry and look forward to helping fulfill the St. Titus' mission.



# “Sing in the Virtual Pauli Murray Choir”

*Susan Stedman, Music Director*



## The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray

### How do you honor someone who:

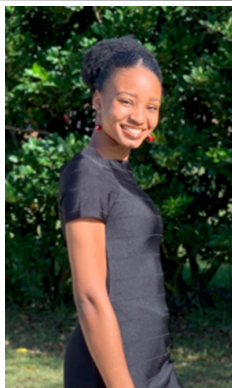
- Argued for civil rights which laid the foundations for the NAACP arguments in Brown v. Board of Education;
- Argued for women’s rights and served JFK’s Commission on the Status of Women;
- Fought for LGBTQ rights;
- Authored papers, speeches, law books, autobiographies, and a book of poetry;
- Was the first African-American to receive a Doctor of Juridical Science degree from Yale University; and
- Was the first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church?

Who was this amazing trail-blazer? The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, who spent her childhood in Durham, NC attending St. Titus’ Episcopal Church with her mother’s family. Each year, St. Titus’ honors the remarkable life of Pauli Murray in a service of worship and celebration held on July 1. A highlight of this celebration is a choral offering by The Pauli Murray Choir. If you have a computer and smart phone, earbuds or headphones, and the willingness to sing along with a recording, you can be a part of this exciting celebration!

Come, lend your voice to the **Pauli Murray Virtual Choir!**

Please indicate your interest to Susan Stedman, at [sfstedman@gmail.com](mailto:sfstedman@gmail.com) by **April 5**. Include your name, email address, and phone number. Susan will send you details on how YOU can participate!

# News Bits About Us



The Orange County Human Rights Commission held its 31st Annual Pauli Murray Awards program on February 28. Our own **Alani Rouse**, granddaughter of Willette Crews, was a featured guest, along with renowned poets Nikki Giovanni and Jaki Shelton Green. The program was offered as a Zoom webinar. It is still available and can be seen [HERE](#). Alani reads one of her original poems beginning around minute 19.



**Valencia Quiett was accepted in The Governor's School of North Carolina in the Choral Arts Area this summer.**



**Rheaya Willis, a 2021 Duke med school graduate was matched with her first choice for Residency in Psychiatry, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania..**

**21 Day Spiritual Meditation Journal** provides guided meditations for the reader to meditate on the word of God. It is meant for beginners or experts, alike, to develop, expand and deepen their relationship with God as he has directed us to do. Hopefully, each reader will develop a habit of meditating on God's word daily and then journal any visions or revelations that have been given to them. **All Pre-Ordered Books will be shipped out on the day of the actual launch, May 1, 2021!**  
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**By Syrena Williams**

# Our Good News

## Garden

In early March Pamela Howard, Greg Jacobs and Carla Knip added compost and topsoil to our new bed. It looks beautiful. We can't wait to start planting!

In late March we met again to harvest all of the greens and cilantro, one volunteer turnip and a handful of carrots from the bed we planted last fall. In total we had about 20 bags of lettuce, kale, collards, mustard and cilantro to share. Sarah Woodard planned to share some with the group of NCCU volunteers who came to help out the same day and disperse the rest to the neighbors or Urban Ministries. Now all that remains in the bed are carrots and garlic. The carrots are coming along nicely and should be ready to harvest soon. Garlic is usually ready in June.



Sarah Woodard, Greg Jacobs and Mary Beth Berkley started March with a meeting about how to further and strengthen our efforts in building local community after Greg and Mary Beth attended a Good News Gardens training webinar. We discussed local groups that

might be interested in joining us, where to send our food once it is collected, what the overall vision is for Delaney park where Saint Phocas Garden is located, and how to organize as we grow. Sarah pledged to contact several local groups to see if they have any interest in participating in some way.

If you enjoy the company of others, the good feeling of growing and providing fresh vegetables to people who could really use them, fresh air and sunshine, please join us. We have a lot of exciting things to do and could use more and more hands as the weeks progress, plus we really enjoy the conversations and stories that people share. If Friday from noon to one does not work for you, please contact Mary Beth at 919-224-9697 (text or phone) and I will see about scheduling another time slot!

After the harvest, we spent some time discussing what to plant in the new bed and decided on tomatoes, cucumbers, and some variety of sweet peppers that does well in the NC heat (not Bell). We also talked about interplanting with supporting crops. It's exciting to think that soon our garden will be growing, blooming and producing. Spring is upon us!

When we meet again, we will weed the old bed and sow cover crop to promote healthy microbes and nitrogen fixing in the soil and create pollinator forage. We will also create paths between the beds for the new planting area and install trellising for our soon to be planted tomatoes and cucumbers. Lastly, we will weed the bed by the fence next to the church and install two baby raspberry plants. Stay well, enjoy the spring weather and we hope to see you in the garden!

On Friday, March 26, NCCU students (Weekend Warriors) participated in an "Interfaith Day of Service" at St. Titus' Church. (The group weeded an area and cleared trash from the parking lot). The Good News Garden Group shared well wishes and invited them to view the garden plots in Delaney Park. Here they observe a plot for growing mushrooms.



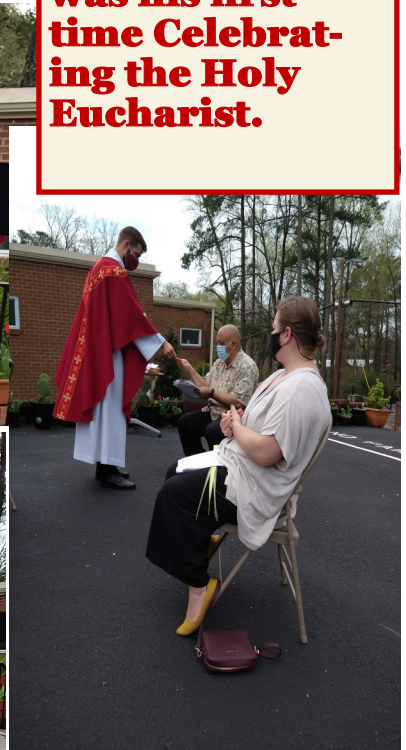
**2021**

**St. Titus' Church**



*Palm  
Sunday*

**The Rev. Philip Zoutendam, our Curate, was ordained to the Priesthood in January, 2021. The Palm Sunday Service was his first time Celebrating the Holy Eucharist.**





**Affectionately called "Miz Mac", Mozella Lambert McLaughlin transitioned on Friday, March 12, 2021, in Daytona Beach, Florida.**

She was born in Goldston, North Carolina on March 22, 1917, the ninth child of twelve. She received her Bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1939 from

Fayetteville State Teachers' College (now Fayetteville State University) and her Master's degree in 1953 from North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University). She was married to William Henry McLaughlin, Jr., and throughout their marriage and until his death in 1984, she not only taught in the Durham Public School System, she also assisted him in the family business, **Neighborhood Grocery Store**. Three children were born of that marriage-Gwendolyn McLaughlin Bookman, William Henry McLaughlin, III, and Beverly Anne McLaughlin.

After retiring from teaching in the Durham School System for 32 years, Mozella substituted for five years, and then started a new career for 13 years as a rehabilitation

specialist in a group home for adults. She ran her own family foundation for many years, was a long-time member of St. Titus' Episcopal Church, and a member of the Arusha, Tanzania Committee of Sister Cities of Durham, the Alphabettes, and the Durham Chapter of the Fayetteville State University Alumni Association. She helped to achieve the recent designation of her neighborhood-where she lived for more than 70 years-as the **College Heights Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places**.

Mozella was an avid traveler, who loved swimming and gardening. She is survived by her three children, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces, and nephews.

A Celebration of Her Life will take place at a future time.

In lieu of flowers. The family requests contributions to The McLaughlin-Mitchell Scholarship Fund c/o Durham Jazz Renaissance Foundation, 1929 Cecil Street, Durham, NC 27707 (djrfo.org)

Or St, Titus' Episcopal Church, 400 Moline Street, Durham NC 27707 (sttitusdurham.org)

*Obituary forwarded from The Triangle Tribune Newspaper*

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
01 Karen Horne-Seymour	12 Ayanna B. Richardson	11 Ahmed, Sr. & Betty Finoh
02 Willie Covington	12 Sharon Taylor	17 O. Ray, Jr. & Lafayette W. Lipscomb
05 Gwendolyn Valentine	15 Murphy D. Jenkins	17 Leslie & Jean Walton
07 Sheila Bond	22 Wesley Abram	
09 Aaron Jones	24 Philip Christman	
10 Keith A. Bishop, III	25 Ahmed Finoh, Sr.	
11 Lisa Wilks	25 Robyn Furges	
11 B. Thurber	27 Lyndsay Barnes	
11 Amad Jenkins	28 Malcolm M. Exum Musinguzi	
12 Owen Peterson	28 Lewis H. Myers, II	

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**PLEASE NOTE: REV. YANCY IS OFF ON FRIDAYS. REV. ZOUTENDAM IS OFF ON MONDAYS.**