



# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WACO, TEXAS

## TIDINGS July 13, 2014



mission:houston2014, complete and in the books!

31 youth and 5 adults attended this year's mission trip with me, heading down to Houston to work and play for 6 days. This trip found us working in various places, alongside other volunteers, serving people instead of just manual labor, and making life-changing connections along the way.

We worked with Cathedral Urban Service Experience (CUSE), housed and run by Christ Church Cathedral. It is always so nice to work with an Episcopal organization, especially one within our own diocese. Through CUSE we were set to work with various organizations throughout the week, and because we were the largest group that CUSE has ever had, we were split up into two groups during the week for the most part. Also, we had the pleasure of spending the first two nights with company from the Christ Church Cathedral youth group. They were younger youth, and our group acted as wonderful role models to them for the few days of overlap.

So, where exactly did we work in Houston? And what did we do?

- ★ **The Beacon:** we made a couple of visits to The Beacon during the week, giving each person in our group a chance to see the various services provided. Our groups worked in the laundry (washing, drying, folding), the showers (calling out names of clients and passing out toiletries), the common area (wiping tables, sweeping floors saying hello), the sugar cart (passing out sugars and creamers for tea and coffee), and in the kitchen (meal prep, serving line, washing dishes).
- ★ **Generation One:** we worked with Generation One a couple of times as well. Their goal is to help clean up the Third Ward, and our group did some of that work. We helped clean up lots, did some much needed maintenance around the Generation One offices, and worked with the Houston Furniture Bank at the mattress recycling center. And let me tell you, tearing apart box springs so they can be recycled is some serious work!
- ★ **Avenue CDC:** Monday afternoon half of our group worked on scraping and painting a home. The homeowner was so pleased to have this work done and was a wonderful host.
- ★ **Hope Episcopal Church:** again, working with another Episcopal church in the diocese is always a pleasure, and we were able to make a tremendous difference in their flower beds outside, as well as help clean out and organize some storage areas.
- ★ **Olivewood Cemetery:** Our whole group really put everything they had into this worksite. We helped clean up weeds around some of the graves, and then everyone took turns rolling gigantic pieces of trees from where they had been cut to the gate of the cemetery. It was incredible to see how hard all the youth worked together moving these logs.
- ★ **The Way Station:** half of our group got to do an early shift fixing breakfast. We had the opportunity to see some of the clients from our first day at The Beacon, and they remembered us! It was heartwarming to know that we had touched their lives, even in a small way.
- ★ **Salvation Army and Open Door Mission:** similar to the work that had been done at The Beacon and The Way Station, our group served dinner at these two locations. Both places serve some homeless, as well as some clients there in a recovery program.

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As always, we had to be flexible with our schedules, and I want to applaud all the youth and adults that made our days run so smoothly. We learned so much about public transportation and what it is like to live and work in such a large city. Having 37 people get from one bus stop, to the correct rail stop, then to a worksite was quite a feat, and I think we managed it quite well!

While in Houston we were also able to visit many places within the city. We ate and played at Discovery Green, visited the Holocaust Museum, as well as the Museum of Natural Science. We ended our week with a fun trip down to Schlitterbahn in Galveston. It's always nice to reward the youth after a full week of work.

Overall, it was another successful mission trip. I came home feeling blessed beyond words. Inspired by the youth and their constant smiles. Loved by so many. Proud of the youth pulling together to get jobs done. Delighted to see the mission trip "first timers" (adults and youth) work so hard and enjoy their time. In awe of the adults that give up a week of their time to travel with us on these trips. Sad to see some of my graduated seniors complete their last mission trip. Happy to know that those same seniors have touched lives and mentored the younger youth. Rejuvenated in my faith. Honored to have spent a week with these 31 youth and 5 adults.

And thankful. Thankful for each and every member of our congregation that supported us in the recent months. From purchasing Tervis Tumblers (they are in!) to putting money in an envelope to buying baked goods to having your car washed by a bunch of teenagers to selecting a prayer stone and praying for us on our journey; you have been there every step of the way. And without your support we couldn't make these trips happen. Grateful also for the parents of the youth that attended. Grateful that they trust me to take their youth away for a week, and all the care they provided in the time leading up to the trip. And lastly, so pleased with the adults that went. Keith Mikeska, Suzy Nettles, Bart Romig, Fr. Chuck Treadwell and Mary Wentworth. They made this week possible. Youth ministry is not a one woman show, and their ability and desire to be there makes everything better. They went on a mission trip with a pregnant youth director, 31 youth, and all said they would be willing to do it again! Thank you!

So blessed,

Erin Busby



# Church Calendar July 13 – July 26, 2014

## WEEK OF JULY 13, 2014

**Sunday, July 13, 5th Sunday after Pentecost (RCL)**

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frances Dossett and Stanley Hill Swift; and in loving memory of Robert Aigner Hunter by his family, and in thanksgiving for Julia Barclay Therrell and George Bender Hunter.*

### Altar Guild

Retha Tucker, Gail Attas, Carl Ballew, Anne Barrett, Cyndie Burgess, Susan Dossett, JoAn Felton, Betty Khoury, Nancy McGovern, Donna Miller, Pati Milligan, Grace Murphey, Toni Riley, Ginger Strickland, Mary Wentworth and Rene Yawn

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I & Children's Chapel  
Brunch follows**

**Reception for The Rev. Sharron Cox**

12:30 P.M. Singles Lunch (Buzzard Billy's)

4:30 P.M. Jr. EYC (Youth Center)

5:30 P.M. All EYC Dinner (Youth Center)

6:00 P.M. Sr. EYC (Youth Center)

### Monday, July 14, 2014

9:00 A.M. Meals & Wheels volunteers

### Tuesday, July 15, 2014

9:00 A.M. Youth Breakfast (Café Cappuccino)

5:15 P.M. St. Paul's Vestry (Parlor)

### Wednesday, July 16, 2014

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:00 A.M. Meals & Wheels volunteers

5:30 P.M. Wednesday Worship-Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Thursday, July 17, 2014

**EYC Wellness Event (TBD)**

12:00 P.M. Centering Prayer (Chapel)

### Friday, July 18, 2014

10:30 A.M. Meals & Wheels at Sr. Ministry

## WEEK OF JULY 20, 2014

**Sunday, July 20, 6th Sunday after Pentecost (RCL)**

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-11, 22-23

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John McNamara and Dillard Harwell; and in loving memory of Dot Talbert.*

### Altar Guild

Sandra Callan, Carl Ballew, Nancy Callan, Sharon Calvert, Susan Duncan, Karen Johnson, Janette Mathias, Carolyn Monroe, Frankye Oliver, Nancy Reid, Joy Robb, and Pat Waterman

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II & Children's Chapel  
Brunch follows**

12:30 P.M. Singles Lunch (The Hilton)

3:00 P.M. St. Catherine's Guild (McAlister's)

### Monday, July 21, 2014

9:00 A.M. Meals & Wheels volunteers

### Tuesday, July 22, 2014

9:00 A.M. Youth Breakfast (World Cup Café)

### Wednesday, July 23, 2014

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:00 A.M. Meals & Wheels volunteers

5:30 P.M. Wednesday Worship-Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Thursday, July 24, 2014

**EYC Fun Event (TBD)**

12:00 P.M. Centering Prayer (Chapel)

### Friday, July 25, 2014

10:30 A.M. Meals & Wheels Sr. Ministry

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## LADIES NIGHT OUT DINNER



**Wednesday,  
August 6, 6 PM**

**NO MEETING  
NO MINUTES  
NO MEN**

**Invite a friend!**

**We will meet at 6 p.m. at 1424 on Washington**

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**Holy Baptism Date August 10**

*If you would like to schedule a baptism,  
please contact the Church office, 753-4501.*

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**Connections Luncheon**

**Tuesday, August 12, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great Hall**

  
A reception for the Reverend Sharron Cox will be held on Sunday, July 13, after the 10 a.m. service (during Brunch, 11:15 a.m.).  


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#### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:10 A.M. Christian Formation For All Ages (Sunday School)  
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I

## JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### 8:00 AM Service

Holy Eucharist Rite I

### 10:00 AM Service

**July 6:** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
**July 13:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
**July 20:** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
**July 27:** Holy Eucharist Rite I

The parish will once again enjoy a brunch following the 10:00 a.m. service, a wonderful time for fellowship for the whole family!



**St. Paul's Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**  
**July 31, 7 AM at Holy Spirit**

**Community Gatherings**  
**August 3, 6:30 PM**

**Newcomer's Ministry Training**  
**August 16, 10 AM - 2 PM**

For all ministry submissions (25-50 words max.), contact Joanna in the church office, 753-4501, [joanna@stpaulswaco.org](mailto:joanna@stpaulswaco.org). Please email Joanna if you would like to receive the Tidings e-newsletter (PDF).

**Next Deadline: Noon, Monday, July 7, 2014**  
(covers July 27-August 9, 2014)

