

Leading by Example: Three ECW Volunteers

The ECW includes all women of St. Paul's. Many share their time and talents in a variety of ways strengthening the body of the church. Many work in the background responsive to the needs of others. Here are three active ECW members who do lead by example.

Sally Shore



Sally Shore is a young woman who is living her faith. Her enthusiasm reflects her belief that involvement opens doors of opportunity that "allow you to see what God is about."

Sally grew up at St. Paul's. It is where she and Ricky were married, and where their three children were baptized. After living in Hickory and Atlanta, St. Paul's became her church home again in 1996.

Although Sally's primary interest is working with the youth and seeing their faith develop, she values the older adults of St. Paul's who knew her as a young person and who have enriched her spiritual journey.

Sally has served as vestry liaison to ECW, Bazaar Chairman, and as Devotional Life Chairman. She is a member of St. Lucy's Circle. Participation in the Women's Retreat has been a meaningful experience which she highly recommends.

Sally knows there are "many, many strong women in this parish who have silent strength" and she feels this ECW spirit carried her through last year -- "our ECW members are supportive and provide a special connection." Sally continues to be involved because she believes "uninvolvement is a missed opportunity to serve Christ and others."

Linda Hill



Memphis is the area where Linda Hill's roots are. St. Paul's is the place where her heart has been since she moved here with her family in 1982. The family of Linda and husband, Gene, today includes four adult children and three grandchildren.

Linda believes that God has a plan for each of us. Being involved in St. John's in Memphis with the sister of our Caroline Kinser proved to be part of the design of Linda's life at St. Paul's. When Linda moved to Winston-Salem, Caroline readily included her in ECW activities and introduced her to many of the women Linda considers her closest friends today.

The ECW appeals to Linda because it is about women and their interests. Linda heads the White Elephant Sale which assists children and youth. She has served on the Diocesan ECW Board, as Bazaar Chairman and ECW President among her many church and community activities.

Linda continues to support the ECW because it is an investment in our youth and an example to our daughters about the importance of involvement. To Linda, the ECW is part of her faith backbone, her strength, "the tie that binds."

Doris Arzonico



Doris Arzonico became a member of St. Paul's when she and her husband, Jack, moved to Winston-Salem in 1951. Her early participation revolved around her responsibilities as a mother of four children — the family today includes seven grandchildren. She became involved in Bazaar activities, was a member and leader of St. Catherine's Circle and taught Sunday School for twenty years.

Community involvement has included volunteer work in the Family Room at Brenner Children's Hospital, Hospice, Meals on Wheels, and tutoring in the early Downtown Church Center program.

One very meaningful experience for Doris was teaching at St. Paul's Pre-School. She enjoyed the children she taught, the interaction with their parents, and the camaraderie of the staff. Doris has chaired the Senior Adult Committee, served on the Food and Fellowship Guild, and is currently involved with the Crisis Intervention Program. She is the leader of St. Helena/Elizabeth Circle.

Doris states that "St. Paul's has given me the opportunity to live and strengthen my faith." She has always found the ECW a wonderful way to meet other women and become involved in meaningful activities that help her faith to grow.

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.....	Doris Eller

SAINTS ALIVE! St. Paul's Circles

The women of St. Paul's, according to records, formed the Ladies Aid Auxiliary in 1890. In 1959, after several name changes, the organization became the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

It is obscure as to when early circles formed. Written records are elusive if in fact they exist at all.

Membership in some, like St. Agnes and St. Helena, declined and the circles ceased to exist or merged with other more active ones. Much of the valuable information about the genesis of our circles is in the memories of our older church members. They are a treasured resource.

Circles continue to form the backbone of ECW. Although members are participants in varied activities of the larger ECW body, they also offer support and assistance in a more personal way through their circles wherever there may be a need.

Our circles are named for special women – saints – whose lives were exemplary. The Saint Day usually marks her death. While there are probably no women at St. Paul's who would identify themselves as saints, many do fit the criteria in terms of their dedication and service.



- ST. AGATHA of Sicily (February 5) died 251 - Circle formed prior to 1950 for younger women. St. Agnes became part of this circle.
- ST. ANNE - Mother of Mary (July 26) died 1st Century. Circle existed by 1970.
- ST. CATHERINE of Siena (April 29) died 1380. Circle was already active in 1950.
- ST. CLARE-Abbess at Assisi (August 11) died 1253. Earlier circle. Present one formed in 1999.
- ST. ELIZABETH - Princess of Hungary (November 19) died 1231. Circle existed from 1980's. ST. HELENA merged at some point.
- ST. LUCY of Sicily (December 13) died 304. Circle formed about 1995.
- ST. MARGARET of Scotland (June 10) died in 1093. Circle formed in 2003 for 20-30 year old women.
- ST. MARY - Mother of Jesus (August 15) died in 1st Century. One of the first circles formed at St. Paul's, dating back to 1932. Originally organized for younger women, continues today with both older and younger members.