
❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2:** 5:30 PM, Wednesday, Worship,
James Lloyd Breck
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- April 4:** 11:00 AM-6:30 PM Friday Crafters Corner
- April 6:** Sunday, III Easter
9 AM, Worship
Church School & Adult Forum
- April 9:** 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship,
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7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- April 13:** Sunday, IV Easter
9 AM, Worship
10:30 AM, Church School & Adult Forum
11:30 AM, Daughters of the King
- April 14:** 5:30 PM Monday, Vestry Meeting
- April 15:** 11:30 AM-6:30 PM, Blood Drive at the United
Methodist Church.
Call the Red Cross to schedule
an appointment 278-1427.
- April 16:** 5:30 PM, Wednesday
Healing Service & Worship
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- April 19:** 2PM Saturday, Memorial Service,
The Rev. Henry J. Pease St. Stephen's Pro-
Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre
- April 20:** Sunday, V Easter
9 AM, Worship
Church School & Adult Forum
- April 23:** 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- April 24:** 6:00 PM, Thursday, Daughters of the King
- April 26:** 9:00 AM-Noon, Saturday, Spring Clean-up
- April 27:** Sunday, VI Easter
9 AM, Worship
Church School & Adult Forum
- April 30:** 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship,
Rogation Day
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- Looking Ahead:**
- May 17: 9:30 AM Under One Roof,
Evangelism Worship
- May 18: 10:00 AM, Annual Parish Meeting



Clean Up Day

at St. Paul's
is scheduled for
Saturday, April 26th
9-12 am

Volunteers are needed to:

- Rake and bag leaves
- Clean up the garden
- Organize the green and red rooms downstairs
- Bake goodies for the volunteers



Come, enjoy the spring and do your part to be good stewards of our beautiful church!

Options for those needing Home Care

A special Adult Forum will be held on Sunday, April 13, immediately following the 9 AM Worship in the Parish House. The topic will be Options for Those Needing Home Care, and Support for the Caregiver. The presentation will be made by the Area Agency on Aging. All are welcome. Tell your neighbors and friends to come.



FEEDING THE 600 AT ST. PAUL'S, MONTROSE

"I have a new understanding of why this is a Holy Week," opined Sandra Schwab, volunteer coordinator and a member of St. Paul's, Montrose. "I know that it is made holy by the sacrificial actions of Jesus, but over these three past days, as the donations of hundreds of people came flooding into our Parish House, and as volunteers from many places gathered to sort, bag, and distribute an Easter Dinner to the needy of our county, I feel that we have gained a new dimension of this week."

On Wednesday in Holy Week, 600 needy families and individuals were presented with an Easter Dinner at St. Paul's. The 3rd Annual Easter Dinner, called Bounteous Blessings, was organized by a consortium of churches and area agencies to prepare a full dinner for the needy in Susquehanna County at Easter. Last year 550 Easter dinners were distributed. The dinner included a ham, vegetables, potatoes/macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, bread, and holiday sweets. Several schools participated in this project. This year the consortium, coordinated by St. Paul's, was challenged with providing meals for 600 families and individuals.

"Our challenge was not only to provide the 600 meals," reports Rachel Warriner Bartron, St. Paul's Senior Warden, "but to engage the participation of individuals, churches, social organizations from every corner of our County. We achieved this by assembling an energetic coordinating committee for the funding, planning, preparation, and presentation."

Students at the local school districts collected the veggies, potatoes/Macaroni & cheese, and canned fruit. One high school collected over 2,000 cans of veggies. Churches from around Susquehanna County donated boxes of cake mix and icings. Churches in Montrose provided the Easter Candy. Three local grocery stores placed food collection barrels in their stores. And, a fundraising letter, sent out to over 200 organizations, agencies, and individuals in the County, brought in over \$6,000 to purchase the hams and the bread.

On Monday in Holy Week, the pieces began to come together. A refrigerator truck from the local American Legion arrived and was parked outside St. Paul's Parish House for the hams. For four solid hours, cars, vans, and trucks from every part of the County arrived with boxes and cans of goods. High School Students from Montrose and Blue Ridge helped move the goods to the lines of volunteers, who sorted and arranged them for bagging.

On Tuesday in Holy Week, the hams arrived and were refrigerated. The truck from the bakery arrived and 800 loaves of bread were wheeled into the nave of St. Paul's. For another four hours, High School Students and teams of church volunteers packed the bags with the fixings for an entire meal.

On a cold, rainy Wednesday in Holy Week the volunteer distribution teams arrived at 8 AM, to prepare the special meals for those living in community homes. Then, at 10 AM, the guests began to arrive to receive their meals. They were individually greeted at the door, escorted to the registration and distribution area, where they received their dinner. Along with the dinner, guests received a card inviting them to a free coat, sweater, and blanket at the American Legion Post. Then, a High School Student carried their bag to their car with a cheerful "Blessed Easter."

Later that Wednesday, the parishioners gathered at the weekly 5:30 Worship and Healing Service; and, then, on Maundy Thursday began the Tridium. Somehow, at the Easter Eve Service after the lighting of the Paschal Candle and the Baptism, the Easter acclamation seemed so much louder this year: **He is Risen Indeed!** *Charles A. Cesaretti*



From Your Senior Warden

April 2008

Dear Friends,

Spring—a time of renewal, rebirth and rejuvenation both in our own lives and in our parish. The annual meeting is next month (May 18th) and provides a time and place to refresh. I invite you to think about new ways to come and grow...

Perhaps this is the year you

- choose to become more active in the Pastoral Committee, visiting parishioners that are homebound or ill
- join the Daughters of the King or the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, exploring and delving deeper into your own spirituality
- become a vestry member, helping to oversee both the day to day operations and working to ensure that we stay the course with the collective goals and aspirations of the parish
- offer to help in the church school or the youth group, making sure that St. Paul's is a warm and welcoming place for children of all ages
- sign up to host coffee hour, providing snacks and drinks that give our parishioners a place to connect

By embracing a new opportunity within our parish, you are renewing your baptismal vows to “proclaim by word and example the Good News,” “seek and serve Christ in all persons” and “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship.” But it is not only a way to give back but also a way to grow, tackle new challenges, and make new friends.

See you on Sunday!

Rachel

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brothers, Henry Pease and Jeremy Arnold, and our sister, Kay Watrous.

Goodbye and Good Luck to the Calbys

We wish Vicki and David Calby the very best as they begin on a new adventure—one that will take them from our midst to Tennessee. As faithful members of our parish, they will be missed immensely. The Calbys have demonstrated an amazing commitment to this parish, serving in various roles throughout the years but always acting as faithful stewards of this wonderful church. On the vestry, we will miss Vicki. Her thoughtful, careful approach to situations has been essential during this time of transition. We are thankful for her careful work establishing and chairing a successful Personnel Committee. This committee has worked hard to write and review job descriptions for all employees, conduct regular evaluations, and to provide a safe place to discuss concerns as they arise.

Katharine C. Watrous, 81 of Binghamton, NY and Halstead, PA died on March 20, 2007. Kay married Dr. Joseph Watrous in 1948. Dr. Joe died in 2005. They had 5 children.

Many of us at St. Paul's remember the 2 of them for they would attend service at St. Paul's while staying at “the farm” in Halstead. Kay loved music and was an organist at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Binghamton for 25 years. She would occasionally fill in at St. Paul's and at times would bring additional musicians to accompany her and the choir.

Kay supported several programs in the Montrose area, one being the End of Day School Program, and Friends of Historic St. Paul's. She believed in the outreach our church was doing.

Her memorial service was held on March 29. Please keep the memory of Kay alive. Pray for her family and friends. Kay was a special person! A great lady!

Regional Evangelism Training, *From Visitor to Member: Helping newcomers feel at home in your church*, will take place on May 3 at **Grace Church, Kingston**, on May 10 at **Christ Church, Reading**, and on May 17 at **St. Paul's Church, Montrose**. All from 10:00 to 3:00. Lunch provided. No fee. Each parish is asked to send at least two lay people to a regional training. The goal is to help congregations incorporate new members into their parish life. Sign up with Ely Valentin at Diocesan House.

ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY

Bishop Paul will greet members of the St. Matthew Society as they gather on St. Matthew Sunday, May 4, for a special reception to honor and celebrate their generosity to the Church.

The St. Matthew Society was founded in 2001 throughout the Diocese of Bethlehem to recognize and thank all those who choose to support the life and work of their parishes through bequest and planned gifts. Bishop Paul believes that planned giving is crucial to the future mission and ministry of the church.

This year's celebration event will be held at the Lehigh Country Club from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., and will feature food, drink and good company. The Bishop sincerely hopes that all current St. Matthew Society members will plan to join him and each other at this special gathering. For information about enrolling in the St. Matthew Society, and/or to learn more about the stewardship of planned giving, please contact Char Horst, Missioner for Development, at chorst@diobeth.org or 610.683.8625. Or, contact Maggie and Jerry Sock of St. Paul's.

This is a great way to remember St. Paul's. Your gift will ensure the church remains a vibrant and vital part of the Christian community. A brochure will be handed out during one of the Sunday Services.

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, May 18

The Vestry has set Sunday, May 18, 2008 as the date for the Annual Parish Meeting, immediately following the 9 AM Worship Service. The Annual Meeting will elect members of the Vestry, review the finances of the parish, discuss parish programs, and conduct such business as is necessary for the future health of the congregation. Learn about The Spirit of Summer at St. Paul's. Mark this date in your calendar.

CRAFTERS' CORNER STORE TO HOLD FINAL EVENT OF SEASON AT HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S

Crafters will again gather at Historic St. Paul's for the final Crafters Corner Store of the season on Friday, April 4th from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Two new crafters will join the regulars for the April event. Marlene Lyons will be on hand with her sterling silver and crystal jewelry creations. Chris Pasternak will feature his handmade wooden cross necklaces. Chris will also demonstrate his skills throughout the day.

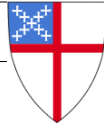
April will mark the end of the first season of the Crafters Corner Store, which held its grand opening at St. Paul's in October of 2007. Recent surveys of participating crafters reflect total satisfaction with the endeavor, with the majority of the crafters hoping to return in the fall. As a result of the Crafters Corner Store, crafters have found increased demand for their products and several report new venues for selling their creations. The crafters have expressed their gratitude to St. Paul's and all who have supported the Crafters Corner Store for the past 7 months.

The Crafters Corner Store will return in the fall of 2008. Over the summer we will be assessing crafter input, strengths and weaknesses of this first season, and expanding our list of crafters for an even bigger and better monthly event commencing in the fall. If you have input, please do not hesitate to share it with Rita Leigh, Esther Welden or Sandy Schwab.

Food is another feature the Crafters Corner Store is known for, and this would not be possible without all of you who have faithfully prepared desserts, soups and other tasty creations over the past seven months. Rita, Esther and I, along with the crafters, extend our sincere thanks to all of you who have supported the Crafters Corner Store. Once more we ask for help with refreshments for the April event. Please contact Rita Leigh if you are able to provide a dish for the April 4th store.

We hope you will join us for this final event of the season. Our crafters continue to create new items to insure that the April event is as exciting as the grand opening in October. Please join us and bring a friend.

Submitted by Sandy Schwab



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is remembered in the Church calendar on April 9th, for his opposition to Hitler and the Nazis and for his martyrdom. The last two years of his life were spent in German prisons, and a fellow prisoner, who survived, said of him, "He was one of the very few men I have ever met to whom God was real and ever close to him."

Bonhoeffer was born in 1906. He studied theology at Tübingen, Berlin and Union Theological Seminary in New York. He served for a time as pastor of two German-speaking congregations in London, and while he had been offered a teaching position in America, he felt it his duty to return to Germany to oppose the rise Nazism. While many churches and clergy acquiesced to the demands of the German government, a group of Protestants formed the Finkenwalde Confessing Church to resist the Nazis. For a time Bonhoeffer led the Church's underground seminary and acted as its leading spokesman.

In 1939 he became deeply involved with a group attempting to overthrow Hitler and in 1943 he was arrested, primarily because he was found to have taken part in a plot to smuggle fourteen Jews into Switzerland. He was hanged at Flossenbürg just two weeks before Allied forces liberated the concentration camp.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer believed deeply, and unlike many others, was willing and able to live – and to die -according to his beliefs. In a world more than willing to 'go along to get along' he lived with, and for his God.

The following hymn was written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the concentration camp, shortly before his death. This appears as Hymn 695 in our Hymnal:

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
And confidently waiting come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
Oh, give our frightened souls the sure salvation
for which, O Lord, You taught us to prepare.

And when this cup You give is filled to brimming
With bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world You give us
The joy we had, the brightness of Your Sun, we shall remember
all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be
Yours alone.

Submitted by Ed Stark and Fr. Charles

Pomoju (3)

In February Charlie Barebo, chairman of the New Hope campaign and Archdeacon Stringfellow visited Kajo Keji to continue to strengthen the relationship between the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Kajo Keji. The report of their visit is contained in the March issue of *Diocesan Life* and further reports will appear in the April issue.

In the meantime we at St. Paul's are continuing to work out a procedure for establishing more personal communications with the people of our companion parish, Pomoju parish, recognizing that there significant differences in our languages and our cultures, if not in our faith.

Be sure to read the reports of progress in the New Hope campaign in *Diocesan Life*.

Submitted by Ed Stark

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

As members of St. Paul's we do so much within our own church, in the community and in our Diocese of Bethlehem. You can find out what the Episcopal Church is doing world wide by signing on to the web and inserting: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal_life.htm. The articles you may read can be inspiring and informative. Give it a try. We are only one small Church in the Episcopal Church.

ECW Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the diocesan ECW Annual Meeting will be held on May 14 at Kirby House, 9:30 to 2:30. The Program: *The Lionesses of Sudan, Women of Southern Sudan*, presented by Jo Trepagnier, World Mission Committee secretary, and Char Horst, development officer for the Diocese of Bethlehem. Bishop Paul will preside and preach at Eucharist. Send PREPAID registration \$12 to: Catherine Jeffery, 1839 Ulster Road, Allentown, PA 18109. Make checks payable to "Diocesan ECW." Registration deadline is April 25 (No exceptions). All who attend are asked to bring a small bottle of tap water from your home, labeled with your church's name and the area where you live.



Revelation vs. Contract Bridge

A story for *Diocesan Life* ...

and, perhaps, for your local daily ... The recent Pew Forum survey on the American religious landscape found that almost half -- some 44% -- (stop to consider that, *almost half*) have switched denominations at least once in their lives. One in three native-born Roman Catholics, for example, has left that church for other churches or no church. I'm interested in doing a story for *Diocesan Life* on this as it has been experienced in our parishes. If you, especially clergy and wardens or vestry members (current or former), can provide me with info and comments, you and your parish will be in the story. Please send your info/comments directly to me.

For example ...

- (1) What % estimate would you put on the currently active members of your parish who came to the Episcopal Church from other denominations?
- (2) What were the denominations most of them came from?
- (3) Why did they come to the Episcopal Church?
- (4) What about you, now clergy in the Episcopal Church or warden/vestry member (current or former)?
- (5) Are there people in your parish who might give me a few paragraphs of their own on this?

Please send names and email addresses. If you are reading this you are most welcome to send info/comments directly to blewellis@diobeth.org Although everyone is welcoming to join in, I'd be especially interested if you came into the Episcopal Church over the past 5 to 10 years. Actually, this might evolve into a series for *Diocesan Life*, if I receive enough comments from parishioners in all parts of the diocesan community. More importantly, perhaps, we may be able to interest local dailies around the diocese in this story. That would make it a potential evangelism opportunity.

If interested send your input to the Church office at St. Paul's or to Maggie at mcgeesock@epix.net. It would be interesting to see how St. Paul's fits into this.

In the mid-eighties my wife, Rita, and I began playing contract bridge. I worked during the day in the building where the games were played at night. My wife came two miles from home and we had a "night out". In case you don't know who plays contract bridge, it's couples who, for the most part, deserve each other. Classic type A personalities. Dog eat dog. Ferocious. (Neither Rita nor Al.)

We tried to beg off. We are lower in the alphabet type, but they needed another pair to make a table. So there we were. We became a virtual shoo-in for the best amateur pair each month, which ticked off the "real" players who deserved it. The other players couldn't figure out our system because we didn't have one. The director would be called to arbitrate bidding which was different from what our card stated. Hands down, we would have the most director calls of the night. He would show up, hear the complaint, shrug his shoulders and say, "It's Rita and Al!" (We were there for fun ... wrong.)

(For those of you who have never played contract bridge, let me describe it as somewhere between a poke in the eye with a sharp stick and a spinal tap.) The reason I bring it up is that my spiritual journey into the book of revelation brought back painful memories of contract bridge. My journey into "Revelation" has multiplied by a factor of four.

My commentaries on the Book of Revelation (dummies, idiots and smarties) haven't arrived yet, so I was surfing on amazon.com for appropriate "scholarly" books to consider and reading their reviews. The one at the top of the list is "Revelation: Four Views: A Parallel Commentary" which has received 4.5 stars out of 5 from 37 reviews. (This is the only book title I ever remember having TWO colons in the title!) Suddenly I realized that my scope just increased, maybe exponentially! But it's inside work; no heavy lifting. *Submitted by Al Leigh*

*Author's note: The sign isn't as clear as it once was. Seems that one of four books ordered will be released in late April. Therefore, they held the whole order up. The three books in publication have been ordered and are being shipped. The dummy book will be two months away. Two months! Maybe there needs to be a book written entitled, **Customer Service for Dummies**. There must be a lot of dumb, smart idiots out there interested in the last book of the bible! You'd think Amazon.com could, at least, send ONE of them earlier!*

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum has recently been considering the roots of Anglicanism and its transition into modernity. On my way out of a meeting with Father Charles he commented: "I'll leave Post-modern Christianity to you!" WHAT? I'd never even heard that term so I went home and Googled it. Here's what I learned:

"Postmodern Christianity is an understanding of Christianity that is closely associated with the body of writings known as post-modern philosophy. Although it is a relatively recent development in the Christian religion, many Christian postmodernists assert that their style of thought has an affinity with foundational Christian thinkers such as Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas, and famed Christian mystics such as Meister Eckhart and Angelus Silesius."

Well that was interesting because it suggests some pathways that I've been encountering over the years. As I researched further I came upon some other reminders that I'd been swimming in this stream for some time. Some of the landmarks included:

- Liberal Christianity
- Christian existentialism
- Radical orthodoxy.
- The hermeneutics of religion
- Non-dogmatic theology (also known as Weak theology)

Wait a minute! Weak Theology? What is that?

"Weak theology is weak because it takes a non-dogmatic, perspective approach to theology. Proponents of weak theology believe that dominant contemporary explications of theology are inherently ideological, totalizing, and militant. In response, weak theology expresses itself through acts of interpretation. In the body of thought, the paradigm of God as an overwhelming physical or metaphysical force is regarded as mistaken. The old God-of-power is displaced with the idea of God as an unconditional claim without force. As a claim without force, the God of weak theology does not physically or metaphysically intervene in nature. Weak theology emphasizes the responsibility of humans to act in this world here and now. Because God is thought of as weak and as a call, weak theology places an emphasis on the "weak" human virtues of forgiveness, hospitality, openness, and receptivity. In each of these virtues, a metaphoric "power of powerlessness" is at work."

Well now, I thought: "This is getting close to what I said in my last article about the name of our god."

If our god is LOVE, as incarnated in the body of Christ, then our Good News Stories, where the weak and helpless figure so prominently, are stories about the story of LOVE. This is what we postmodern Christians hear each time we receive the Word

into our hearts. This is the direction in which our incarnational theology is taking us. Come along with us each Sunday as our Adult Forum explores new meanings for our traditional faith.

Submitted by David Plank

HYMN STORY:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (450, 451)

The words for this hymn were written by Edward Perronet (1726-1792), whose family had been Huguenots, who, before Edward's birth, fled from France to Switzerland and then to England to avoid persecution. Perronet's father, Vincent Perronet, became a Church of England vicar and pastored a church in Shoreham for 50 years. The father was a friend of both Charles and John Wesley.

The son, Edward -- the writer of this hymn -- was a hot-tempered man who started as a Church of England pastor -- and then became a Methodist -- and then was involved in the split of the Methodist Church from the Church of England -- and finally became a dissenter and served an independent congregation for the balance of his life.

This hymn was first published in 1789, and was paired from the beginning with the hymn tune, "Miles Lane," by 19-year-old William Shrubside. While it is still associated with that tune in many hymnals, most American hymnals use the tune "Coronation," written by an American, Oliver Holden, in 1793.

Some of the original words have also been changed. Dr. John Rippon, a Baptist minister, rewrote some stanzas and wrote one new stanza for his 1787 hymnal. The result is that the words for this hymn differ from hymnal to hymnal today.

The hymn is a tribute to Jesus' lordship. It portrays Jesus as a king -- with angels at his feet -- with a crown on his head -- with "ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe" singing praise to his majesty. And it celebrates our opportunity to be part of the celebration -- to "join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all." It promises to be the grandest party ever, and we are all invited!

Thanks to Dick Donovan

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King are experiencing many emotions as we send our love and best wishes to our President Vickie Calby, as well as our dear friend Dave Calby. Everyone at St. Paul's is sharing in the joy of the exciting job opportunity Vickie has accepted. Way to go Vickie—we are so proud of you! We are equally thrilled for the vast career options that will be available to David, and share in his enthusiasm as they move on to their new life in Nashville, Tennessee. In an energetic new city with new friends and a new home – it is a time filled with positive anticipation for Dave and Vickie. At the same time we are all feeling a loss – our friends will no longer be right down the road. St. Paul's will miss their dedicated service. We will miss our friends. Some of us will miss our social director – the dinners, nights of trivial pursuit and hours of laughter. Above all this, the Daughters will miss their President. Vickie's faith and her devotion to the Daughters of the King has served as an example for us all. Her dedication and leadership as our President provided strength and kept us focused. She has served with caring and devotion, always keeping in mind the Daughters Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service. Vickie's leaving creates a void that will be greatly felt by all the Daughters. The loss will, however, be overcome with the joy we feel in our hearts for Vickie and Dave. We know that our loss is Nashville's gain, and Vickie has already determined that the name of her new church is ... St. Paul's, and they have an established Daughters of the King Chapter, a chapter that is about to receive a very special blessing in the form of a new Daughter. There can be no doubts that this life change is part of a greater plan. As I think of the motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King I am certain the Lord has plans for our Vickie...

“For His Sake...I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?”

We thank you for all you have done as our President and as our sister.

By the time you read this article, Vickie will already have left for Nashville. David will soon follow once tax season is over and the final loose ends are tied up. We wish you both safe travels and a happy and joyous life. God bless you both! *Submitted by Sandy Schwab*

PRESENCE

[The following biblical reflection by Father Charles was printed in the April 2008 issue of Diocesan Life. The full text is printed here.]

A chance encounter at breakfast one morning seven miles from Jerusalem transformed and directed the news of Jesus' resurrection from a moment in history to a dynamic life-giving movement. In the skilled hands of Luke (24:13-35), the events that had taken place in and around Jerusalem the previous days are lifted from the confines of the episodic to the fast-flowing course of worship and mission.

In its multi-layered telling, the account of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus both recapitulates the account of the crucifixion and the resurrection, and liberates them from memorial through the interpretation of the scriptures and the breaking of bread to real presence. In the words of Walter Bruggemann, "...the story relates how the church encounters Jesus and learns to see him as someone other than merely a strange fellow traveler."

We should not be surprised by the formula in the telling of the encounter at Emmaus. It repeats the many such meetings in the Gospels – Jesus' roadside conversation with Nicodemus; the woman at the well; the exchange with the rich, young man; the confrontation in Bethany with the family of Lazarus. Each of these records the self-revelation of Jesus as Messiah. The qualitative difference is that at Emmaus, through witness of the scripture fulfilled and the meal shared, the risen Lord posits the paradigm of worship and transformed lives which moves the good news from Jerusalem to the world, and throughout time, to us.

The Diocese of Bethlehem (and each of us within it) continues to live into the journey that began outside of Emmaus. Two disciples have just journeyed to Kajo Keji to break bread with our sisters and brothers there. I was tempted to begin this reflection with a rewording of the story to say: "two of Jesus' followers were going to Kajo Keji. But, I will leave that to you, dear reader.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FR. PEASE

Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 PM

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, with The Rt. Rev. Paul Marshall, Bishop of the Diocese presiding. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. Interment will be in Montrose. Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Friends of Historic St. Paul's, 60 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801 in memory of the Rev. Henry J. Pease.

The Rev. Henry J. Pease, 75, died during the early morning hours of Thursday, March 13. He served as rector of Historic St. Paul's Church, Montrose, for 26 years (1972-98). In retirement, he served as priest-in-charge of St George's Church, Nanticoke, a small parish near Wilkes-Barre, for eight years.

He was born August 4, 1932 in Exeter, Grafton County, New Hampshire to the late Perley H. & R. Mary [Wright] Pease.

Father Pease graduated from Seymour High School, Seymour, CT; Blackburn College, IL; received a Master's of Economics from the University of Tennessee; and, a Master's of Theology from the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Ordained a priest in 1965, Father Pease served as an assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, for six years before being called to serve as rector in Montrose. Prior to seminary and ordination, he worked at Dun and Bradstreet (Richmond District) and as a Bank Examiner for the Federal Reserve in Philadelphia.

During a courageous journey into Ecuador in 2000, he rescued three grandsons, ages 3, 5 and 8, whom he raised in his Saddle Lake home near Tunkhannock where he had been living alone and legally adopted them to be his sons.

He was also an adjunct professor of economics at Kings College & Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre since 1966.

Informing some 90 clergy colleagues at the Chrism Mass of Father Pease's death, Bishop Paul Marshall said Father Pease was "the most non-anxious person I knew, always positive, always having a word of encouragement for his colleagues and for his bishop."

Father Pease was long active in concerns of the 14-county Diocese of Bethlehem where he held many leadership positions, including president of the Standing Committee, chair of the Personnel Committee, chair of the diocesan Program and Budget Committee, the Grant-in-Aid Committee (now Congregational Development), the United Budget Task Force, and vice-chair of Diocesan Council.

For 20 years, he served also as an Education for Ministry mentor in Montrose and Scranton.

In the community, he owned Country Care Personal Care Home, and he served as board chair of Trehab, a community action agency serving six rural counties in northeastern Pennsylvania, the Susquehanna/Wyoming Unit of the American

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Society, the Susquehanna County Chapter of the American Red Cross, former member of the Montrose Rotary Club where he was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, served as President of Montrose Literacy Council, the Montrose Recreation Committee and NY-Penn Board. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award through the Boy Scouts of America.

In a 2002 interview for a Diocesan Life story by Dave Howell, Father Pease spoke about how his three grandsons changed his life. In some ways it [raising his second set of children] is a lot easier, he said. I know a lot more than I did forty years ago and I'm not involved in day-to-day work, so I have more time. I plan my days on the basis of the kids needs. He noted that grandparents are healthier and stronger today, though he admits to being tired by the close of an average day.

Survivors include his daughter, Sandra Pease-Darde, Montrose, PA, son, John Stephen Pease, Tunkhannock, PA, adopted sons, Francisco David Pease, Dominic Luis Pease, Simon Alexander Pease, grandsons, Eric Justin Darde, Bradley Matthew Darde, former wife, Vivian N. Pease and cousin's, Bruce Wright and Stanley Wright.

Father Pease was dedicated to his family and loved them very much.

Read more in the *Episcopal Life* April 2008 issue diobeth.org

Bus Reservations for Pease Memorial Service

A bus will depart St. Paul's at 11 AM on Saturday, April 19, for the Memorial Service for Fr. Henry Pease, which will enable the St. Paul's Choir to join the rehearsal for the 2 PM service, and allow others the opportunity for lunch at a local eatery. A sign-up sheet will be available on Sunday, April 5th and reservations may be made by calling the Parish Office at 278-2954.

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Church School Update:

During Lent, our studies took us from the sacrificial approach (I will give up _____ during Lent) to the devotional approach (I will do a kind deed for someone each day). During one lesson, the children made crowns of thorns (with bread and toothpicks) and took them home. Each time they did something kind for another, they were allowed to remove a thorn from the crown. By focusing on doing good deeds and helping others as Jesus did, the children are better able to work within the parameters of Lent and the holy Easter season.

We had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt on the 22nd. We welcomed our own scholars and other local and visiting children to the Parish Hall for crafts, then the garden for a GREAT egg hunt and back in for snacks. Huge thanks to Matthew, Ryan, Ben, Molly, and Sarah for all the help setting up and serving.

The children did a terrific job singing "The Stone Was Rolled Away" on Easter Eve and had a special message from Father Charles at this service.

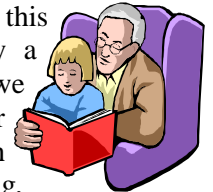
Church School continues every Sunday morning from 10:20- 11:20. Come and grow...

Submitted by Rachel Bartron

Looking ahead for Church School

"Special Sundays" for all

As you know, children and seniors can benefit from regular, planned visits together. This fall, we would like to begin something to encourage this intergenerational bonding one Sunday a month. On this special Sunday, we would welcome one or several of our adults (those without children in Church School) to do a project (think gardening, knitting, woodworking), play games, bake cookies or tell stories.



Since Church School will resume on September 7, 2008, a day that is also recognized as Grandparents Day. We would like to recognize this day and kick off "Special Sunday" with a distinctive tea/

coffee hour where the children and adults can play games and do puzzles together. This will get us underway for "Special Sundays" for the coming year.



Please mark September 7th on your calendar and plan to come and share some time with the younger generation at St. Paul's. If you would like to sign up for a Special Sunday later in the year (you can do it with a friend), please let Rachel Bartron know. This is a chance to share your memories, stories, talents, knowledge and activities with our youngsters!

New Members Wanted

There is always something going on at St. Paul's and you can join in the many activities and programs we have. Here are some: Become a **choir** member and let your voice join with theirs. Our choir may be small but they are dedicated and sing beautifully. Become an **Altar Guild** member and help set up and take down the altar before and after the services—you will be trained by one of the faithful who help do this behind the scene duty. Help at **Coffee Hour**. The numbers have dwindled a bit here, so additional members, be they male or female, are needed to set up and take down, and bring in something for members to munch on as they talk about the service or welcome the visitors who attended that day. These are just 3 of the many ways you can become more active at St. Paul's. This may be the year to "come and grow." Join now!

COLUMBARIUM?

Church examines cremation worship options

By Melanie M. Sidwell Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT — First Evangelical Lutheran Church has surveyed its members to see if enough interest exists to create a columbarium through the church at Third Avenue and Terry Street.

A columbarium is a place where cremated remains of corpses are stored. Columbaria come in various designs and styles, and they can be either freestanding or part of an existing building.

Churches are exploring this as more people choose cremation over casket burials. Two Longmont churches, Bethlehem Lutheran and St. Stephen's Episcopal, already have columbaria. "There's been talk at our church about having a columbarium for some time," said pastor Steve Berke at First Lutheran. "At this point, we're just gathering information from the congregation." Berke said that last month, the multiple-question survey was mailed to the church's 400 registered families; 41 were returned by the Feb. 15 deadline.

Committee chairman Richard Dierks said the information will be compiled into a report, which will be discussed sometime in the next two weeks by a church committee, its council and parishioners. Dierks and his wife, Carol, are supportive of a church columbarium. "The impetus for the committee to examine this was that my wife and I had talked about it (cremation), and that's our plan," Dierks said. "This is a transient society; we no longer are living in the community of our relatives, so people are looking at different options — would they rather have their name on a tombstone or a columbarium?"

Some projections say that by 2025, 65 percent of those who die will be cremated, according to the National Funeral Directors Association. According to the most recent reports, more than 55 percent of the state's deaths were cremated. Cremation is typically cheaper than a casket burial, and concerns about leaking embalming fluids in the ground, families far from cemeteries and flexibility with memorials also have made it more attractive.

Chandra Caylor of Longmont said her grandmother, who died last year, was cremated and her ashes were spread months later just south of Estes Park. Other loved ones also chose cremation, she said. "I think it's a nice idea and more people are seeing that circular nature of life and death," she said.

Berke said half of the church's funerals involve cremations, citing a shift in religious and public attitudes about cremation, though certain groups like conservative Jews, Mormons and Eastern Orthodox churches disapprove.

"The church approves of cremation; that's a misconception even among Catholics," said the Rev. Brian Morrow of St. John the Baptist, who said the Roman Catholic community has accepted cremation since Vatican II. "What the church asks is that the body be present at the (funeral) Mass and to have cremation afterward," Morrow said, adding that the church averages two funerals per week, though he said St. John's does not record what kind of burial — cremation or casket — is chosen. "We try to be sensitive to the families' wishes," he said. "Again, this shows the willingness of the church to adapt, to preserve the belief system and the sacredness of the body, as long as it is not disrespectful."

Rector Max Bailey at St. Stephen's, which has a freestanding columbarium with niches to hold cremains, said he had his own reservations until his brother was cremated. "When I talked to the priest, I told him, 'I just don't know about this cremation thing,' and he said to me, 'In 100 years, it's all gonna look the same. This is just speeding up the process,'" Bailey recalled. "The nice thing about it is for us, in the early history of churches, graveyards were connected to them. This is a natural part of the church's ministry in the community. It's nice to have a service, go outside and put the ashes in the niche, say prayers and have a reception. The entire process is at the church."

**April 2008, Lay
Ministry Schedule**

Altar Guild

6: Barb Buffington
13: Carol Marker
20: Ellie McKeage
27: Betty Smith

Coffee Hour

6: Brenda Syle
13: Helen Viteretto
20: Katherine Warriner
27: Sherri Warriner

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Counters

6: Karen Wolfson and
Dick Schwab
13: Ed Ochse and
Warren Morgan
20: Ed Stark and
Jane Chandler
27: Bernie Zalewski and
Sandy Schwab

Eucharist Ministers

6: Bob Arnold and
Bernie Zalewski
13: Margie Baker and
Jennie Bowen
20: Bob Arnold and
Jane Chandler
27: Alma Shingler and
Brenda Syle

Greeters

6: Rachel Bartron
13: Margaret Burgh
20: Jennie Bowen
27: Else Brunner

Lectors

6: Richard Marker
13: Fraser Moffat
20: Mary Zalewski
27: Jerry Sock

Ushers

6: John Finlon
13: Al Leigh
20: Dick Schwab
27: Scott Quigg

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