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Summer Services at St. Matthew's, Stevensville Begin on Saturday, July 5

Beginning Saturday, July 5, 2008, a worship service will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Stevensville. The service will be held at 5 PM every Saturday evening from July 5 through September 6.

On Wednesday, August 13, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be holding their Annual Summer Meeting and Picnic at St. Matthew's. The Rev. Edward Erb will provide the program on Church Music. Bishop Paul will be the Presider and Preacher at the Eucharist.

St. Matthew's was founded in 1799, and the current sanctuary was erected in 1820. It is the oldest church structure in the Diocese of Bethlehem.

St. Matthew's is located outside of Stevensville on Route 706. Since 1946 the historic church has been yoked to St. Paul's, Montrose.

All are welcome.

Keep Up-to-Date with Spirit of Summer

Don't miss any of the *Spirit of Summer* events and opportunities. Information and updates may be found on the parish's website: www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org, as well as the Weekly Friday Email Update and the notices in the Sunday Worship leaflet. Don't be the last to know!

July 2008

My dear Friends,

Several vignettes:

#1 Last Sunday morning Ron Chandler, who tapes our Worship for viewing on the public access TV channel, arrived at the church at 7:30 AM. At first I thought he had misread his clock!

“Wow,” he said, “I couldn’t get into the church last night. This place [the Parish House] was packed with young people at a concert. I could not get from the stairwell on Chestnut St. to the Garth so that I could set up the camera for today’s Worship.”

#2 The previous Tuesday 17 Jr. High Students, and their counselors, from across the Diocese, arrived mid-afternoon to begin a three day environmental mission. St. Paul’s was their home for sleeping (on the Parish House floor), eating, and fun. By 5 PM the Guild Room was the repository of their sleeping bags and backpacks. A hot meal prepared by the women of St. Mark’s, New Milford welcomed them – along with a ton of cookies, cup cakes, and snacks. The stage became a place for prayer and meditation. On Wednesday, the women of Christ Church, Susquehanna, arrived with veggie plates, cheese snacks, fresh fruit, and more cup cakes. It’s amazing how the Parish House, Guild Room, and kitchen became home-away-from home.

#3 The next Tuesday 65 children, ages 4 – 12, arrived at the Parish House for the Music Camp. The registration line wound its way down the stairwell and out to Chestnut St. The stage had been turned into a choir, as had the Celtic Room downstairs. In the kitchen small boxes of drink had appeared, along with cheese sticks, and cookies. Soon the children had nametags, divided into Humming Birds (4-7 yo) and Cardinals (8-12), and began to warm up. By 11:30 they had learned three new songs, accompanied with hand instruments, drunk all the juice, eaten all the cookies, and explored the Garden.

As I was directing traffic at the Chestnut St. door at the 11:30 dismissal, the confrontation happened. As the Starlight Express was leaving the building, a small group of people was entering for their Adult Class! The adults were taken aback as the children raced with their music folders to their waiting parents. One waiting woman, looked at me and said: “Gosh, I didn’t know there were this many young children in Montrose.”

Several thoughts:

1/ Don’t you think that Samuel Dexter Warriner, Donor of the Parish House, has a big smile on his face, and is proud that we are living into his vision?

2/ Don’t you think that Anabele Post, the Benefactress of our Endowment Fund, is one pleased person?

3/ Don’t you think that Jesus was right when He placed a little child in the middle of those gathered around Him?

4/ Have you ever seen the cookie machine in the kitchen? The kids have.

Charles A. Cesaretti

From Your Senior Warden

At its June meeting (6/23/08), the Vestry welcomed Richard Schwab to the Vestry. Dick brings a wealth of experience in property management and fiduciary responsibility. As demonstrated at the Annual Meeting, Dick's grasp of finances and future planning is a huge asset to St. Paul's.

John Finlon, Junior Warden, handyman, and Property Committee Chair, continued our ongoing discussion about the accessibility ramp proposed as an entrance to the cloister. After much committee work, three bids were solicited for the construction of this ramp; all similar in scope and cost. The vestry has agreed to move forward with one bid but has referred the matter of funding to the Finance Committee. We have asked this committee to suggest three ways for St. Paul's to manage the expense of this capital improvement.

Much discussion was started about the ramifications of deferred maintenance. There are several items that need to be addressed right away -- the Tiffany windows (a work in progress), the accessibility ramp, the painting of the exterior trim, the altar lighting, to name a few; and others that should be addressed in the near future (downstairs bathrooms, the kitchen to name some others).

The Vestry is committed to living fully into the present while still preparing for the future. It is our goal, with the combined efforts of the Property and Finance Committees, to anticipate, estimate the cost of, and complete the necessary work to maintain our beautiful buildings. We realize that the continued use of the Parish House (see Father Cesaretti's letter page 2) will help us to see more clearly areas needing improvement. Much conversation will be necessary to decide how to move ahead. There will be opportunity for you to share in these conversations. As always, the Vestry is available and amenable to your comments and suggestions.

We spent considerable time at this meeting talking about the duties of and the potential timeline for the Search Committee. The core group will meet in the coming month and begin to block out time and benchmarks. If you are interested in participating in this process, please let Jane Chandler or any Vestry member know.

I hope you are pleased with the amazing things that are happening!

Come and grow...

Rachel

Special Christmas Ornament Celebrates Tiffany Windows

A special Christmas ornament has been designed to celebrate the Tiffany Windows at St. Paul's. The ornament, which depicts the angel window in color, will be available for sale at the Christmas in August Arts & Crafts Festival at St. Paul's, August 1 & 2. Only 100 of the collector's ornaments have been made. This is the first in a series.



SPIRIT OF SUMMER



Schedule of Events at Historic St. Paul's

JUNE

June 6: Celtic Dinner, 6 PM
Parish House

June 24-27: Music Camp ~ 9-11:30AM
Concert Fri., 6PM

June 22: Johanna Reed, French Horn
9AM Worship Service

June 29: Mountaineer Brass Band
9AM Worship Service

JULY

July 4: Refreshments in the Garden
During the 4th Parade

July 12: Church School Scholars host
"Where the Red Fern Grows"
11 AM, Montrose Theater

July 5: St. Matthew's, Stevensville
(July 5 through September 6)

July 13: Guest Preacher ~ 9 AM Worship
The Rev. Morgan Silbaugh
Sarah Bertsch & Mary Ann DeWitt
Organ & Piano Duet

AUGUST

Aug. 1-2: Christmas in August
St. Paul's Arts & Crafts Festival
supports Susquehanna Library

Aug. 17: Guest Preacher, 9AM Worship
The Rev. Janet Watrous

Aug. 3: Ice Cream Social in Garden, 1PM

Aug. 23: History of Tiffany Windows, 10AM
Arthur J. Femenella, Tiffany Restorer

Aug. 10: Susan Lewis, Guest Organist
9AM Worship Service

Aug. 24: Susan Klein & Friends (Puppeteer)
9AM Worship Service

More information and updates: 570-278-2954

www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org

Sunday Worship 9 AM at Historic St. Paul's, Montrose

Saturday Worship 5 PM at St. Matthew's, Stevensville (July 5 - Sept. 6).

Spirit of Summer T-shirts

Our Spirit of Summer t-shirts are a great way to show your pride and support for St. Paul's Spirit of Summer, especially on the 4th of July. Whether you are participating in the parade, helping with the refreshment sale in the Garden, or supporting along the sidelines of the parade route – show everyone your **Spirit this summer**. Adult t-shirts are available (medium, large, XL and 2X) at a cost of \$11. Children's shirts (small, medium, large) are \$6. All children participating in the Music Camp will receive a Spirit of Summer t-shirt. T-shirts will be available for sale on Sundays after Worship in the Parish House.

4th of July Festivities Float & Refreshments in the Garden

The St. Paul's patriotic float, created by Carol and Richard Marker, will be part of the spectacular annual 4th of July parade in Montrose, featuring children from our Music Camp. Uncle Sam has volunteered to walk along behind the float – and Uncle Sam NEEDS YOU!!! We would love to have representatives from the various organizations within St. Paul's, such as the Daughters of the King, join the walkers behind the float with their banners or flags. Walkers are also needed to hand out flyers to the crowd.

Don't think you can make the full parade route? How about splitting the walk with a parade buddy? You can begin the parade and be replaced by your buddy when we reach St. Paul's.

If you are unable to complete the parade walk, help is also needed on the church lawn, where we will be selling cold drinks, coffee, water, and cookies throughout the parade.

The parade will start at 11:00 a.m., with all participants needing to be in position no later than 10:30. The parade route starts on Grow Ave between the Pump & Pantry and McDonald's, and McDonald's, and will conclude at the Green.

Whether you walk, ride, sell refreshments or wave from the sidelines – be sure to wear your St. Paul's Spirit of Summer t-shirt.

Christmas in August Arts and Crafts Festival August 1 & 2 In support of The Blueberry Festival

We hope there is no snow outside, but Christmas will be coming in August as St. Paul's supports the Blueberry Festival with an arts and crafts festival in the Parish House on August 1st and 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists and crafters from Northeastern Pennsylvania will be on hand displaying their talents and selling their creations. A \$25 rental fee will be charged for a 10'x6' space, with all rental fees being donated to the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library, along with proceeds from raffles. In addition to the artists and crafters, we will have a table of Blueberry Festival items, which we will sell on behalf of the Historical Society and Library.

We will also unveil the first in a series of St. Paul's Christmas ornaments, a series which will feature the various beautiful aspects of our historical church. This year's ornament will be of the oldest of our Tiffany windows – the angel window, which was created by the Louis Comfort Tiffany Studio in 1902. A limited quantity of these ornaments will be available.

Also available will be a St. Paul's Notecards. The beautiful cards will depict the Tiffany angel window too. The all occasion cards are perfect for notes and personal greetings. They may also be perfect for your Christmas Card in 2008

Ice Cream Social ~ Sunday, August 2, 1 PM

Wrap up a busy weekend at the Blueberry Festival with an old fashioned ice cream social in St. Paul's Garden on Sunday, August 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The event is open to all and will provide a fun and delicious ending to a wonderful weekend in Montrose.

Church School Scholars Host Movie at Montrose Theatre

In the *Spirit of Summer*, our Church School Scholars will host a free movie, Where the Red Fern Grows, at the Montrose Theatre on Saturday, July 12, at 11 am.

The Scholars, with the help of their parents, will provide healthy snacks and will greet our guests. They have been encouraged to invite friends and acquaintances to the movie. We will also share tickets with the Trehab Food Bank and Interfaith.

Where the Red Fern Grows is a classic movie taking place after the Depression. The storyline focuses on a boy and his deep desire to have two coonhounds. Faith and family, central values now and then, play a prominent role in the boy's life.

Wanted – Artists, Crafters, Potters, Creators of all things wonderful and original...

Space is still available for the Christmas in August Arts and Crafts Festival, on August 1st and 2nd. Please be sure to spread the word to all the talented people you know. A fee of \$25 will be charged for a 10' x 6' space. A 30" x 8' table will be provided if requested. Participants must limit their displays to their designated space and ensure that any display boards or tables do not extend beyond this space. Multiple spaces may be rented, contingent upon availability.

All products sold must be the creation of the participating artist or crafter, although they may have a designee sell on their behalf. This event is intended to feature the many talents of artists and crafters throughout Northeastern PA, so manufactured or items purchased for resale are not eligible for this event.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the church office (278-2825) or Sandy Schwab (967-2962). Remember, the \$25 table fee will benefit the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

Food Bank Sunday July 13

On Sunday, July 13, three Episcopal Churches in Susquehanna County will be gathering in food for the County's Food Bank. St. Paul's, Montrose; St. Mark's, New Milford; and, Christ Church, Susquehanna have distributed grocery bags to parishioners with a list of needed items for the Food Banks in the County.

"We are coping with two major issues this summer," reports Lynn Senick of the Trehab Food Bank. "We have all the children out of school who otherwise get their nutrition during the school day; and, we have a significant increase in the cost of food in the area markets. This presents serious problems for families and individuals on fixed incomes."

The three Episcopal Parishes have joined together to make a significant donation of food and other items, such as diapers, to the Food Bank this summer. The Parishes are also looking ahead to the cold weather and are collecting blankets.

"Blankets, afghans, and comforters are very important during the cold winter months," stated Brenda Loubet, Directory of Interfaith in Montrose. We present every client with a blanket during the winter. With the cost of heating many of our clients, especially the elderly, save by lowering their thermostat. The blankets, sweaters, and afghans are a blessing."

The Episcopal Parishes will have simultaneous in gatherings on Sunday, July 13.

The Rev. Morgan Silbaugh Guest Preacher ~ July 13

The Rev. Morgan Silbaugh will be the guest preacher at the 9 AM Worship at Historic St. Paul's on Sunday, July 13.

The Rev. Morgan Silbaugh was born in Ohio, raised in Binghamton, and ordained a deacon there in 1963 at Trinity Memorial Church. A graduate of Amherst College, he earned a Master's Degree in English from Cornell and a Bachelor of Divinity from the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Before going to seminary he served two years as an enlisted man in the US Army.

Father Silbaugh served churches in the Diocese of Central New York for more than twenty-five years -- in Phoenix, North Syracuse, Manlius and Watertown. From 1990-2000 he was Rector of Christ Church Los Altos, California in Silicon Valley. Retiring in 2000 he moved with his wife Charlotte to Ashland, Oregon, (a delightful small city with a university and home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival) where he now serves as part-time Pastoral Associate of Trinity Church.

The Silbaughs are East-West snowbirds, wintering in Ashland and driving east each June to spend the summer at a cottage on one of the beautiful mountain lakes near Montrose.

Serving the broader community has been a hallmark of his priesthood: in Manlius he helped create non-profit housing for the well elderly and a residential program to enable bright young women from academically weak school districts prepare for college at Fayetteville-Manlius with the support of house parents, resident tutors and members of the community who serve as host families.

Early Ecumenism

Last month I told you how I found the *Didache*, that second century "book of common prayer" in one of our Sunday hymns. Well, I found it again, this week, in the ruins of a town on the Iraqi Syrian border called Dura-Europos, an ancient stop on the road from Babylon to Jerusalem.

This outpost of the Roman Empire was destroyed in the third century of the common era (CE) and only rediscovered a century ago.

It recently attracted attention because of some large, well-preserved murals that decorated the large Jewish synagogue occupying an entire city block. Adjoining this community center are the ruins of what has been identified as the first known Christian house-church, familiar to us from Paul's letters and the scenes in *The Acts of the Apostles*. This house had a baptistry as well as murals depicting Jesus as shepherd and walking on the waters.

There were a fair number of religious establishments in this section of town, with strikingly common design and decorative similarities. Some scholars have remarked that parallel appeals were being made to the city residents to come and see what each cult had to offer. A noteworthy exception is the *mithraeum*, which served the large military garrison and followed a standard design found throughout the Empire. From the structure of the building and from paintings which are preserved in certain *mithraea* it appears that Mithraists gathered for a common meal, initiation of members, and other ceremonies. However, very little is known of the liturgy that was followed there because all initiates were sworn to secrecy. The practice of the Christians was quite different in this regard.

In these ruins a single page from the *Didache* was discovered, as well as another from a "harmony" of the gospels currently in circulation. This Dura-Europos *Gospel Harmony* is described by its editors as "filling the need apparently felt in Syria and Mesopotamia in the second and third centuries for a harmonised text of the Gospels" which would simplify the Christian message for the benefit of new hearers of the Word. It is not surprising to see this approach repeated in more modern times where *The Jefferson Bible* was compiled by our third President to explain the Christian beliefs for the unbaptized, "...unembarrassed with matters of fact or faith beyond their comprehension." So what is clear in these archaeological discoveries at Dura is that there was a lively, open "market" for religious life here on the fringes of the Empire. Perhaps our *Spirit of Summer* celebration echoes the early Church in more ways than we know.

Hymn Story: Be Thou My Vision (Hymn 488)

The hymn, "Be Thou My Vision," has its origins almost fifteen hundred years ago in Ireland. We don't know the author's name, but its meaning of his or her words is still clear today. The hymn is a prayer -- a prayer that Christ will be our vision -- our best thought -- our presence -- our light.

What would it mean if Christ were our vision? How would it change our lives?

It would mean simply this -- that instead of seeing the world through the eyes of a Madison Avenue advertising agent or a Hollywood movie or a television newscaster, we would see the world through Christ's eyes.

It would change our lives, because seeing the world through Christ's eyes would cause us to love as Christ loved. It would cause us to focus less on getting the things that we want and more on giving what we can to help others. It would cause us to care less about other people's opinions and more about the direction that God would have our lives take.

In some ways it would complicate our lives, because we could not longer be as focused on the things that the world considers important -- more money, bigger houses, more prestigious cars. But in other ways it would simplify our lives, because it would allow us to stop striving for ever-larger piles of things and would allow us to focus on spiritual values. People who have come to see the world through Christ's eyes tend to be centered -- less troubled than most -- strong with a strength that comes from God.

"Be thou my vision." As we sing it, let's remember that it is a prayer. Let us make it our prayer.

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Mary and Martha

Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, are remembered in the church calendar, on July 29th.

Lazarus, Mary and Martha were among Jesus' closest friends. We know Lazarus because Jesus brought him back to life after he had died, but we know Mary and Martha for other, and perhaps even more important, reasons.

First, Mary and Martha *believed* that Jesus had the power to cure their brother when he was ill, and to revive him even after he had died.

Second, we remember Mary and Martha for their distinctly different ways of living their faith in God, and in Jesus as the Messiah, the One sent by God. Jesus stopped in Bethany, at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus on his final journey to Jerusalem. He and his friends all knew that he was in danger, and this visit in Bethany was a valuable opportunity for rest and reflection before the ordeal facing him.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus knew that Jesus' presence in their home represented a potential threat, but Luke tells us that, even so, Martha went about preparing a meal. Luke also tells us that while Martha 'slaved' over a hot stove, Mary sat and listened as Jesus taught. Martha finally asked Jesus to tell Mary to help with the preparations, but Jesus, instead of reprimanding Mary, suggests to Martha that she might do well to 'look at the bigger picture', telling her not to be distracted from the reason for her service, that is, her love of God and her love of his Son.

Both Mary and Martha were doing what God -- and Jesus -- expected of them, but Martha was in danger of losing sight of her reason for her self-sacrifice. In effect, Luke seems to be telling us that each of us serves in his or her own way, but each needs to be reminded, occasionally, that service is not service for its own sake, but for the glory of God.

Submitted by Ed Stark

Houses of Worship entice Newcomers with Fellowship of Meals

Mark I. Pinsky, Orland, Fl., /Sentinel Staff Writer
May 24, 2008

For Julie and Pancho Gajo of Orlando, active membership at Northland, a Church Distributed, began with a simple invitation to dinner at a marriage seminar for young couples.

"There's something special about sharing a meal with a group of friends and enjoying the company of other couples," Julie, 34, said of the 2003 gathering. "The dinner group was a nice 'jump start' for us to start taking time out for us and connect with other Christian friends."

Churches are known for Sunday potlucks and feeding the homeless. But an increasing number of congregations -- from small, neighborhood houses of worship to mega-churches -- are returning to the timeless tradition of using shared meals as a form of outreach for new members among the unaffiliated and recent arrivals.

Every Wednesday night there is a free dinner for prospective members at First Baptist Church of Orlando, featuring sandwiches, homemade cookies and sodas. Although the fare is simple, great care is taken in the preparation and presentation.

"If it's a fantastic meal, and then you have a gospel message presentation, it all goes together in creating an environment where someone feels comfortable making a decision for Christ," said Marcus White, the congregation's director of food services. "We believe we're a ministry in itself."

Using food and fellowship harks back to the earliest days of Christianity. In the first century, the shared meal was a primary method of outreach, fellowship and evangelization following the crucifixion of Jesus.

"A strategy for evangelism based on table fellowship is very much at home in the Christian tradition," said David Steinmetz of the Duke Divinity School. "There's nothing new about the importance of food and drink for a genuinely religious life."

Martin Marty of the University of Chicago agreed -- in part.

"We know that the earliest Christians did not have 'Evangelism Committees' with sub-committees on 'How to attract converts with food,' " he said. "They had something better: hospitality as a way of life."

Christians are not alone in the use of meals to introduce prospective members to their congregations. Although Muslim and Jewish faiths eschew evangelism, congregations in each tradition have outreach meals for those who indicate an interest in them, are newcomers to the area or who have lost touch with the faith of their parents.

The Islamic Center of Central Florida hosts regular meals for people who are interested in the Muslim faith. The dinners, called "invitationals," include a PowerPoint presentation and a question-and-answer session that draw a diverse crowd. "I left there understanding Islam and Muslims a bit better," said Margaret Morgan of Casselberry, who was raised Protestant but is now unaffiliated. A graduate student at Troy University, she attended the dinner with two other members of her diversity class.

"You don't have to embrace it, but it's nice to understand it," she said.

For Jewish congregations, meals are a means of outreach to other Jews who are new to Central Florida or not affiliated with a temple or synagogue.

"Food, or specifically a meal, is a wonderful way to provide an opportunity for newcomers to socialize with established members, and getting to know the community, the synagogue and its values and goals," said Rabbi Jackie Wexler, spiritual leader of Congregation Mikrah Kodesh in Orlando. While the return of meals for recruitment is helping to bring in the faithful, it also brings current congregation members closer to their houses of worship. *Continued on page 10*

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For a nominal fee, the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Winter Garden has held community fish fries, pancake suppers, barbecues, and even a gourmet grouper dinner for members and neighbors. "They've been in our building; they've met our people and found out that we're friendly," said the Rev. Tom Rutherford. "You get to know folks when they have spaghetti sauce on the front of their shirt."

The Summer Music Camp at St. Paul's ~ 2009 Date Set

The Music Camp began on Tuesday, June 24 with 65 children, ages 4 through 12, in attendance. Yes, you read that right – 65 children! They spent the week singing, playing instruments, and having fun – did you know that the Garden is a great place for hide and seek? The camp was under the direction of Sarah Birchard and Jamie Dean-Brackett; Jeff Brackett provided guitar accompaniment on several songs sung by the group. The children presented a concert for their family and friends on Friday evening, June 27. Mary Ann DeWitt was the overall coordinator.

The Summer Music Camp has been such a success St. Paul's will host it again next year: Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26, 2009. Mark the date!

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Responds Flooding in the Midwest

[ERD] Episcopal Relief and Development is providing emergency assistance to communities devastated by ongoing flooding across the Midwest. So far, the flood waters are responsible for killing 24 people, injuring 148 and displacing tens of thousands of others.

The damage to infrastructure and the agricultural sector is severe. In some areas, entire towns are completely inundated, their past existence confirmed only by a lone church steeple poking above the water line. Hundreds of thousands of acres of crops have been destroyed. The floods have inflicted up to \$1.5 billion in damage to Iowa's agricultural sector alone. This number will increase dramatically as the loss is assessed in other states.

The crisis is far from over. Rising waters have breached 20 levees across the region and officials fear that more flooding will occur as river levels climb in Missouri and Illinois.

ERD is working with its partner, the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, to provide support to people who have been displaced from their homes by floods in the state. Mental health services will also be offered as needed.

In Milwaukee, ERD will partner with the Diocese of Milwaukee to assist people in rural counties. In northeastern Wisconsin, the agency is working in Fond du Lac to restock the food pantry at the Cathedral and provide temporary rental assistance to families as they clean up their flooded homes.

ERD will work with the Diocese of Indianapolis to provide rental assistance, food and water aid to families in communities that have no potable water.

"We hold in prayer all who are impacted by the flooding, all who are working tirelessly to prevent further flooding, and all who stand together to care for these people and communities as the waters recede," says Abigail Nelson, ERD's senior vice president for programs.

Revelation for Blockheads

You know about The Book of Revelation versus idiots and dummies. We now must consider a new category ... blockheads.

Douglas Connelly has the lock on the "Blockhead" books ... at least those related to the bible. He has authored three: The Bible for Blockheads, Bible Prophecy for Blockheads, and The Book of Revelation for Blockheads. Blockheads have their own literary circle; there are 13,000 hits on amazon.com for them. However, there appear to be fewer religious blockheads ... only 47 hits for "blockhead bible." The other 44 books that Connelly didn't write aren't nearly as focused for bibliophiles.

New studies bring with them new vocabulary. My latest "revelation" word is *dispensationalist*. Connelly is a dispensationalist. Right away I feel it is a loaded word. When was the last time you used a seven syllable word with a warm and fuzzy feeling?

The term reflects the concern for dispensations (also known as ages) and what is supposed to happen during them. This is a key indicator of that group of theorists. (Didn't Christ say that we weren't supposed to be concerned about timetables in the readings of the seventh Sunday after Easter? (Acts 1:6-7)

The rapturists and "people on the first flight out" who study the Book of Revelation are associated with the word, dispensationalist.

(Why do I get visions of the last days of the Viet Nam war and helicopters and the American embassy?) More study and prayer needed. Lots of prayer.

Until now, no homework has been assigned. Here is your first assignment:

Identify the specific characteristics of the four basic approaches to the Book of Revelation ... where does "dispensationalist" belong?

- 1) **Historicist Approach,**
- 2) **Preterist Approach,**
- 3) **Futurist Approach,**
- 4) **Spiritual Approach.**

Don't forget to check out the "Revelation" commentaries in the guild room.

Brotherhood of St. Andrews (Summer Meetings)

We have decided to meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the guild room at 8:30 AM., that is, July 15, August 19 and September 16. We can discuss the need for evening meetings for the fall, winter and spring.

Submitted by Al Leigh

BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(study, prayer, service)

Angel Food Ministries

Ten years ago, a man in Georgia saw his neighbors struggling to pay for food and wanted to help. Angel Food Ministries was founded and has spread to many communities in the United States. When Ministry of Christian Services heard about it, we wanted to be part of it. After several; months of training, we are up and running a small group was done Saturday, June 21st, and more people will be accepted for July.

For \$30.00, a large box of food will be given to each participant, food which is easily worth twice this amount. It includes meat (like steak and chicken), vegetables and may other foods, different each month. Anyone who eats qualifies for this program, prepaying at the start of the month, picking up (bring your own box/cooler/laundry basket) the 3rd Saturday morning of the month at the Bridgewater Baptist Church. Volunteers and always welcome to help and anyone who wants some really good deeply discounted food is encouraged to sign up! Information will be at the back of the Church.

**July 2008
Lay Ministry Schedule**

Altar Guild

6: Ellie McKeage
13: Betty Smith
20: Helen Viteritto
27: Esther Welden

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

6: Betty Smith
13: Kathy Warriner
20: Sherri Warriner
27: Helen Viteritto

Greeter

6: Maggie Sock
13: Joe Welden
20: Esther Welden
27: Karen Wolfson

Counters

6: Warren Morgan and Ed Ochse
13: Ed Stark and Sandy Schwab
20: Richard Schwab and Bernie Zalewski
27: Jane Chandler and Richard Marker

Eucharistic Minister

6: Charlie Warwick and Jennie Bowen
13: Mary Jane Syle and Esther Welden
20: Bernie Zalewski and Bob Arnold
27: Margie Baker and Brenda Syle

Lector

**Sunday,
St. Paul's 9:00 am**
6: Ed Stark
13: Brenda Syle
20: Mary Jane Syle
27: Scott Finlon

**Saturday,
St. Matthew's 5:00 pm**

5: Mary Jane Syle
12: Jerry Sock
19: Rita Leigh
26: Richard Marker

Usher

**Sunday,
St. Paul's 9:00 am**
6: Richard Schwab
13: Bob Arnold
20: John Finlon
27: Ed Ochse

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