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# ❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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## Upcoming Events

- June 3: 12:10 PM, Wednesday Worship  
7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal  
1:30 PM, Property Committee Meeting
- June 7: First Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM, Worship  
Children's Sabbath  
10:30 AM, Adult Forum
- June 8: 5:30 PM, Vestry Meeting
- June 10: 12:10 PM, Wednesday Worship  
7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- June 14: Second Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM, Worship  
10:30 AM, Adult Forum  
5:00 PM, Vespers Service and  
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- June 17: 12:10 PM Healing Service and  
Wednesday Worship  
7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- June 18: 5:30 PM, Vestry Meeting
- June 21: Third Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM, Worship  
10:30 AM, Adult Forum
- June 22-26: 9 AM – 11:30 AM, Music Camp, p. 5
- June 24: 12:10 PM, Wednesday Worship  
7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- June 26: 6 PM, Music Camp Concert,  
Lathrop St. Elementary, p. 5
- June 28: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM, Worship  
10:30 AM Adult Forum

## Looking Ahead

- July 11: Worship begins at St. Matthews

## A Letter to St. Paul's

Our new Interim Rector began her formal service to St. Paul's with a sermon on "The Good Shepherd". She reminded us that our Lord is with us, and interacting with us, always, and not only in times of special need. We have thought of our Lord's constancy, ever since her sermon, and especially on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Peggy and I were deeply touched, and deeply humbled by the presentation at the Sunday service as we realized that we had been privileged to be members of this wonderful parish for, virtually, half of our lives. We have tried, as have the hundreds who have preceded us, to continually grow in our understanding of God's presence, and to live up to that understanding, as we are able. We have been truly blessed by the wonderful examples surrounding us.

Each parish is unique, but this parish has been especially blessed with talents ranging from those able to translate the service into "child", to a Rector Emeritus who blessed this congregation not only as friend, theologian, counselor and teacher, but as the ancestor of generations of committed parish leaders. Over the past forty-three years, we have grown to know many, many committed, dedicated and practicing Christians: inspired and Inspiring scholars, teachers, leaders and musicians who have made this parish a true repository of the Holy Spirit.

As we look back on the chain of circumstances – and divine interventions – leading us to St. Paul's, we look forward to the parish's continued recognition of the unique and priceless talents leading the parish into the future. We are grateful for the recognition accorded us, but we are keenly aware that there are more, deserving than we.

Most sincerely,

Ed and Peggy Stark

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# From the Desk of Pastor Janet

## Get ready for Green

The season of Pentecost starts with a burst of red! Red symbolizes the Holy Spirit and is the liturgical (church) color for the Day of Pentecost, the Bishop's visit and the feast days of martyrs.

The first Sunday in the season of Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, when we, as a believing community, celebrate the fullness of God: "God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!"

The color on Trinity Sunday is white.

I'm mentioning this so you can enjoy these two colors before the long green season begins. The color for Pentecost is green—like the world around is will be in June and July. But the church will be green when the world turns brown and then bare. We'll be green until the first Sunday of Advent on November 29. That's a L-O-N-G time—the best part of six months! The church is a GREEN environment!

## Bishop Paul's Visit

Our originally scheduled visit with our bishop, on June 21, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 13. This is the Sunday after Labor Day. At that time, those prepared for Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church will be presented to Bishop Paul for those sacraments. If there is anyone in the congregation who is feeling moved in one of these directions, please speak to Pastor Janet.

A quick reminder that CONFIRMATION serves two purposes. Primarily, it is the sacrament for those baptized as infants who are now accepting responsibility for their baptismal vows, which had been taken on by parents and Godparents at baptism. Secondly, it is the way we bring baptized Christians from the Presbyterian, United Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and other churches into our church. Since the Episcopal Church takes its name from the Greek word for bishop, we require the laying on of hands by a bishop for membership in this church.

A person being RECEIVED into the Episcopal Church comes from a church with bishops, who has already been baptized and confirmed by a bishop in his/her original church. The bishop welcomes them into our branch of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. Typically, this includes Roman Catholics and Lutherans.

## Adult Forum Resumes June 7

During the six months of Pentecost that are beginning now, we will return to our primary gospel for this year, Mark. This earliest gospel begins with urgency and continues at a fast pace through its 16 chapters. Why was Mark in such a hurry? what is his primary message about Jesus? What "tracks" of belief are established in this gospel? Why does this gospel end so abruptly? For the answers to these and many other questions, bring your coffee and gather around the big table in the Parish Hall every Sunday after our service.

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# Senior Warden Letter

Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

Our Annual Meeting had a slightly different flavor this year in many respects. At this crucial interim time, from the retirement of our beloved Father Charles to the welcoming of a new rector, the meeting was a chance to look forward and begin to align ourselves again for the future. We are grateful to have the Reverend Janet Watrous, a friend and faithful leader, to guide us with knowledge, enthusiasm, and determination through the next three months.

At the annual meeting, we looked at the Financial Statements from 2008 and then the 2009 Annual Budget (thanks to our Finance Committee Chair Dick Schwab). From there, Junior Warden John Finlon took an overview of the Property Committee actions and recommendations for 2009. And finally, our discussions led to a report from our Search Committee Co-Chairs Sandy Schwab and Jane Chandler.

Though there is much good news, an item of particular importance is the increased income from pledging. Our parishioners are showing their support for the increased offerings and opportunities found at St. Paul's by making pledges. Year-end figures show that endowment interest income accounts for about 65% of our annual budget income while pledged income is responsible for the other 35%. Though still not quite the 50:50 split we are working towards, it is a dramatic improvement over the 20/80 split of a few years ago.

From there, we moved to a discussion centered on how we are acting as faithful stewards of the time, talent and treasure invested in St. Paul's. We need only to look at the annual report of the Property Committee to find the answer. New doors, insulation, and other energy efficient upgrades are cost effective and environmentally responsible. Research and discussion into the difference between owning a rectory or allocating a housing allowance was both illuminating and inspirational. The Property Committee, coordinating with the Finance Committee, is engaged in forward-thinking preventative maintenance and repair, and, when needed, the replacement of antiquated and inefficient systems (can you imagine--geothermal heating and cooling systems is one item on the table).

And the Search Committee shared much of their good news--great candidates to visit, healthy discussions and expectations to communicate, and a firm conviction that we have been blessed. We are blessed with amazing leadership. We are blessed with a strong and vibrant and growing congregation. We have the grace to open our hearts, mind and doors to see and embrace new opportunities. It is through the embracing, the welcoming, of new opportunities that we can more clearly see the path ahead--a path that is guided by our faith and our conviction that God is Good. This is something that has been and can continue to be embodied in this congregation and shared with our community but should also be shared with our new rector when he or she arrives. Pastor Janet concluded the meeting with some of the specific details of THE WELCOME of a new rector. Name tags and a geographic directory will be two of the necessary steps to helping acclimate someone to this area and to our parish.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Monday, June 8th, at 5:30 pm. We are anxious to welcome Lynne Graham, Joan Hamilton, and Carol Marker to the Vestry.

As always, you are invited to continue to Come and Grow...

Rachel

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### More from the Sr. Warden

On another note: I read with interest Anna Quindlen's column "The Last Word" in *Newsweek* this morning. Ms. Quindlen is retiring from the column after nine years and here is why: "It's always seemed to me that running a company well ought to be like a variant of musical chairs; every few years everyone should move around to someplace else, some position where they will learn new things." Such is true for me and after four years as Senior Warden, step aside I will--for new leadership brings new ideas, energy, and innovation to the table and I may just find other gifts of my own that need uncovering.

With blessings...Rachel

### From the Workbench of the Jr. Warden

I would like to thank the Cub Scouts and everyone who came out to help on St. Pauls clean up day. A job well done.

The Property Committee is still looking at different houses to determine which one will be the best as a rectory and the best for St. Pauls.

The construction on the accessibility ramp is moving right along. They have the stone on top of the landing and have started the field stone walls along with the electrical work. With any luck it will be completed in two to three weeks.

Property Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Guild room. *John Finlon*

### What Do We Want? What Do We Need?

Well, we talked about it at the Annual Meeting, and, I suppose, we decided that we couldn't really *picture* the priest we wanted. Or maybe we couldn't picture the priest we **need**. Or maybe, if we're lucky, that is the same priest. If we're both lucky and blessed, it is the same priest.

Let's figure it out. First of all, right now, as a church, who are we? When we say the Lord's Prayer, we say, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." I think we have started to try to do that. We are feeding the hungry, at least at Christmas and Easter. And more than those two seasons, we give food and money to the food bank right here in Montrose. We also are trying to clothe people, helping with getting coats to people who need them through the VFW program. We also give underwear to school nurses to help children who are in need. This certainly isn't everything, but it just as certainly is something. Is this the kind of church we want to be?

There is a lot more that we're doing. The *Spirit of Summer* is about to begin. We are reaching out to the community, all of the community. But, we can do more! Do we want to do more? Do we mean it when we say, "Thy kingdom come. . ." I think we do. At least we seem to be working toward that idea. Do we need a priest who will help us do this? Do we **want** such a priest? I surely hope so.

Probably we should be thinking now about what we want to add to what we are doing to make God's kingdom come. Then we should look for a priest who will help us do it.

*Submitted by Jane Chandler, co-chair Search Committee*

### Vespers Service, Sunday June 14, 5 PM

The May Vespers service will be held at historic St. Paul's Church, Church Street, Montrose on Sunday, June 14th at 5:00 p.m. Greeters for the service will be Louise and Kenneth Smith. Alisoun Bertsch will welcome the congregation and the lector will be Larry Souder. Sarah Bertsch, will be organist for the meditation. A light supper will follow in the Parish House.

The Service of Vespers is held on the second Sunday of every month at St. Paul's Church which is located on the corner of Church and Chestnut Streets. All are welcome.

~The Spirit of Summer~

2009



**Celebrate Father's Day! June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Bring your Dad to Church

**Music Camp for Kids: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

Don't miss the closing concert!

**The Fourth of July Parade**

A new float! Pecos Bill at the grill!

**Saturday Night Services at St. Matthew's:**

July 11<sup>th</sup> -September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

**Reading Camp for Kids: July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>**

Reading opens the world!

**The Blueberry Festival: August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Arts and Crafts Festival!

New Christmas ornament & notecards!

Mouth-watering recipes in the St. Paul's

Cookbook! Will Pecos Bill be jealous?

He'll be here both days.

**Community Vesper Service at St. Paul's**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Light Supper immediately following

**St. Paul's Men support  
Capital Fund and the Environment**

Thanks to the Socks and Markers for some great camaraderie and food last Sunday afternoon at "the great can count". St. Paul's first can and bottle drive for the year resulted in a collection of nearly 4000 aluminum cans worth nearly \$150 that were redeemed in NY or recycled as scrap aluminum.

Our next collection will take place on May 30, the Saturday after Memorial Day weekend, between 10AM and noon outside the Chestnut Street entrance of St. Paul's. Please save your *uncrushed* NY 5 cent plastic or aluminum returnables and other clean empty aluminum beverage containers for drop off at St. Paul's.

The collection schedule for the rest of the year will be the Saturday after each major holiday through the summer as follows: July 11 and September 12.

For additional information contact either Jerry Sock at 833-4586 or Dick Schwab at 967-2962.

**Second Sunday of each Month  
WRC**

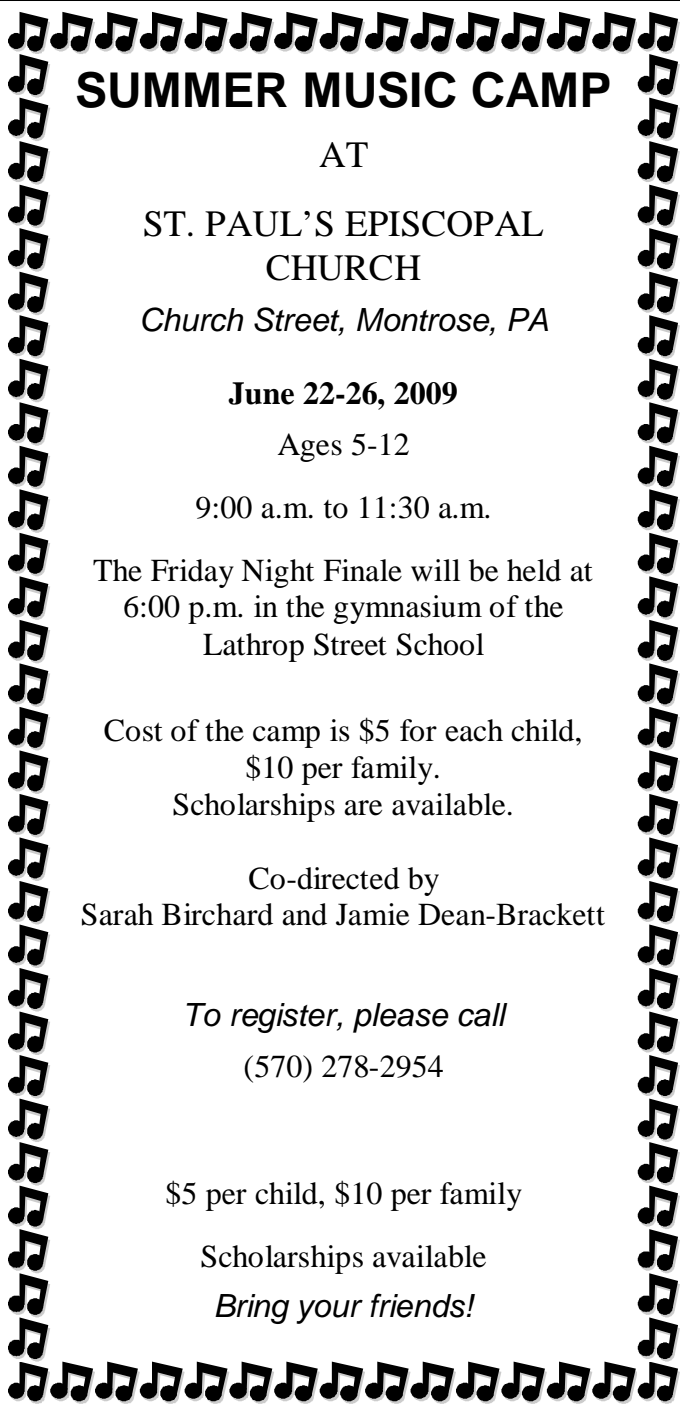
The Women's Resource Center serves adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their significant others. Their needs include, but are not limited to the following: Cleaning supplies, paper products, blankets, pillows, towels or even gift cards to department or grocery stores (for a complete list please see the website, <http://www.wrcnepa.org/community/wishlist.php>). Items can be dropped off at St. Paul's in the rear of the Church the second Sunday of each month.

**Food Bank**

St. Paul's collection for Food Bank donations is the last Sunday of the month. Items can be placed in the back of the Church.

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8-4 PM, Closed for lunch between 12-1 PM

Directions: From Montrose, take 29 south to blinker light in South Montrose, take a right, then take the first left (Mill Street), go about 100 yards the building is on the left, directly across from Pennfield Feeds.



**SUMMER MUSIC CAMP**

AT

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

*Church Street, Montrose, PA*

**June 22-26, 2009**

Ages 5-12

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Friday Night Finale will be held at  
6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the  
Lathrop Street School

Cost of the camp is \$5 for each child,  
\$10 per family.  
Scholarships are available.

Co-directed by  
Sarah Birchard and Jamie Dean-Brackett

*To register, please call  
(570) 278-2954*

\$5 per child, \$10 per family  
Scholarships available  
*Bring your friends!*

## Notes from Sandy

### Daughters of the King Training

In the month of June, the Daughters of the King will re-new their commitment to the Daughters by going through the National Study Guide for the DOK as a group. This study guide provides clear understanding of the purpose and commitment of the Daughters of the King and is studied by all individuals as preparation for being accepted into the group. This is a perfect time for anyone interested in becoming a Daughter to attend the meetings and go through the process with the group. Mary Jane Syle will lead the study at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Jane Chandler will lead the July 12<sup>th</sup> session. Sunday meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month immediately following the Adult Forum. Attendees may feel free to bring their lunch if they desire.

Commencing on August 9<sup>th</sup> our Bible Study will focus on Corinthians. Tuesday meetings (last Tuesday of the month at noon) will continue the study of Genesis. If you are interested in becoming a Daughter or attending a meeting to see what it is like, please feel free to join us at any time.

### Bake Sale Success

The Memorial Weekend bake sale, which was the first event of our newly formed women's group, was a huge success. Food, fun and fellowship abounded, starting on Friday when a team of volunteers filled the parish house with the aroma of baking apple pies. Co-chairs Charlotte Ellis and Mary Ann Dewitt, along with a team of highly skilled bakers offered up an array of pies, cakes, cookies, muffins and fudge that tempted the throng of people attending Community Day in Montrose. Word quickly spread that we had home made pies, resulting in a constant flow of people to St. Paul's. Our bake sale was a total sell out – not a morsel or a crumb was left long before our anticipated closing time. A tour of St. Paul's was given by Maggie to a visiting family, members of the community expressed interest and support for our ramp project, and we raised a total of \$353.25 for the accessibility ramp. Thanks to Charlotte and Mary Ann for their leadership and to all who made this possible and enjoyable.

### Search Committee Update

Much has happened since our annual meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We have narrowed our search down to 3 top candidates that will be scheduled for interview. The Diocese is currently carrying out background checks and Bishop Paul will be speaking with each respective candidate's Bishop. Members of the Search Committee have been checking clergy and lay references for each candidate, and by the time this news letter reaches you, interviews will most likely be on the calendar. We continue to work diligently with Pastor Janet, who continues to provide us with training and guidance in this process. This is a very exciting time and a time for a great deal of hard work by your Search Committee.

As stated at the annual meeting, your prayers are needed during this process. We also need you to believe that just as God has blessed St. Paul's with two gifted and loving interim rectors, He has another very special Shepherd in mind for our future. God already knows who this person is. We will soon! View this as a time of exciting anticipation, not as a time of fear and worry. Allow your faith to lead you through this time and your arms will open wide to welcome our new rector when he or she arrives.

### A Cook Book Without Recipes

Last call for recipes!!! Email them – mail them - write them by hand – type them – whatever the format, please get your recipes to Sandy Schwab or Judy Ochse no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. Our goal was to have our cookbook go on sale at the Christmas in August Arts and Crafts Festival, but to date only 1 person has submitted recipes. Now I will admit these are some pretty appealing recipes, but I think we need more to make up a cookbook. We have some great cooks at St. Paul's and you must have one or two (or more) recipes to share. Please get them to us now or we will have to postpone our cookbook until next year (and just think of all the great food you will miss out on during that time).

## A Pslow Learner of the Psalms

Deitrich Bonhoeffer was born the same year as my father, 1906. He left America on the last ship to Germany before WWII in 1939, the year I was born ... no connection. Six years later he was hanged, also, no connection. He loved the psalms. I'm learning, both the psalms and to love them. Pslow(sic.) learner. Both subjects.

*Medical update: All tests are back ... nothing abnormal but my thinking. I'm working on that. Now we are working on shrinking the tumor, evidently it is benign. Just large. Sorry for the interruption. Made out will, so did my wife. No plans on going, but you never know. Saw the Dr. for the mini stroke. Lose weight. Oh, well, where have I heard that before. Serious this time.*

I've been "Lectio Divina-ing" the psalms. Now I've taken it to the next level. I have my own book of psalms ... just them. There are other books of psalms that are "rewritten" in modern terms. Heretical! The psalms are "God's word." If I were to rewrite the psalms in modern terms, that would not make me a **heretic**, but rather a **prophet**. Me?! If I HAD a choice, I'd RATHER be a prophet than a heretic. Maybe I don't HAVE a choice on that option. Let me think on that.

We don't spend enough time on the psalms. The clergy, in many denominations, have "the Divine Office." This is comprised of a lot of psalms. The song that we sang on Easter was a variant of the psalms. Sneaky. So's the doxology. More sneaky. We are being taught the psalms in spite of ourselves! Really sneaky!

Speaking of sneaky! What about more songs? Take the second song we sang on the second (thru the sixth) Sunday after Easter, number 417. That's a paraphrase of Revelation 5:12,13! And you thought I was being pushy trying to get you to read Revelation. Which would you rather have pushy or singing? It happened again on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Sunday after Easter, too! We're praying the psalms and revelation without even knowing it! Maybe we'll get to love them!

And then there is the four-square New Jerusalem of "Revelation". It's a 1500 mile cube. Do the math and you'll see that it is 1.35 billion cubic miles, less the thickness of the walls. What's the sense in having gates? Where would you WANT to go? The New Earth? What's the optimum population density for spirits, anyway? How many angels DO fit on the head of a pin? And you always thought that argument had no meaning! While you're at it, what's the spiritual population density for the other place? You know, the lake of fire. I know ... you'll ask me when I get there. Be original. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen used that one when I was in high school with the Fonz.

One last thought. Deitrich Bonhoeffer wrote a small book entitled "Psalms – the Prayer Book of the Bible". He recommends reading several psalms a day "so that we succeed in reading through this book a number of times each year." What a concept!

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Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA) for St. Paul's June 2009 newsletter BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(prayer, study, service)

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## Common Prayer: 1549

Jesus' disciples were aware from the very beginning that his every thought, decision and act involved intimate communication with his Father. He prayed continually, setting an example that led them to ask, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

The prayer Jesus gave his disciples summarized the new covenant between God and His people, reminding them of the responsibility God had taken for them, and the response God hoped of them in return. The prayer emphasized "us", reminding them that this new religion was about corporate worship, as well as individual grace.

These new Christians quickly realized that 'hallowed be thy name' involved more than a simple phrase, but expressed a way of life, with God at its center. This new life involved a multitude of daily decisions relating to God's kingdom, and the earthly kingdoms in which the people lived.

As the church developed throughout the last twenty centuries, its worship has attempted to ensure that nothing important to God and to mankind is neglected, as worshippers praise God, and as they seek His guidance. The result has been a series of continually changing liturgies and orders of worship. In our branch of the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, first published in 1549, defines our common life. We commemorate this every year on June 4.

Until 1549, churches in England used Latin liturgies developed over the centuries in the Roman church. When the English church broke from the Roman church during the reign of Henry VIII, the Latin service continued to be used. However, after Henry's death, under Edward VI, a group of bishops met to provide a distinctly English prayer book. The Prayer Book of 1549 was produced, largely through the efforts of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. Cranmer drew on existing worship sources, especially the Latin liturgy developed in the thirteenth century in Salisbury. It also incorporated material from German, French and Lutheran reformers.

The 1549 prayer book was used for three years. A 1552 revision was never used because when Edward died, his half-sister Mary re-instituted Roman Catholic worship. After her death, another version of the prayer book was published in 1559. Following the English Civil War, the 1662 version was produced and is still in use in the Church of England.

Since 1549, the Books of Common Prayer of the Anglican Communion have been revised many times. The first American prayer book followed the Revolutionary War. It was published two years after the Constitution, in 1789. Vast changes in American life produced a new book in 1892, and a third revision was created in 1928. Revisions in the American Church are initiated by actions of The General Convention, the legislative body of the church. The revision process began again in the 1960's, following World War II and the baby boom. The 1979 Prayer Book, expanding the Eucharistic prayers and including contemporary versions of many services, was the result.

During our own Civil War, the Episcopal Church in the Confederate States, produced a revision of the Prayer Book, published in London. In 1900, the prayer book was translated into the language of the Cheyenne tribe, and in 1916, it was translated into the language of the Oneida Indians. Eventually it was translated into nearly a dozen native-American languages.

In 1941 the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States published a "Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors", and in 1951, a similar book was produced for Service personnel in the Korean War.

Finally, of course, the Book of Common Prayer is currently used in various versions, in the forty-four countries represented in the world-wide Anglican Communion. Each looks back to its origin in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, begun in the reign of Henry VIII.

*Submitted by Edward A. Stark, with the help of the Internet and Mother Janet.*

## June, 2009 Lay Ministry Schedule

### Altar Guild

7: Barb Buffington  
14: Carol Marker  
21: Betty Smith  
28: Helen Viteritto

### Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

### Coffee Hour

7: Sherri Warriner  
14: Esther Welden  
21: Mary Zalewski  
28: Else Brunner

### Counters

7: Richard Marker and Warren Morgan  
14: Sandy Schwab and Bernie Zalewski  
21: Dick Schwab and Nancy Finlon  
28: Karen Wolfson and Bernie Zalewski

### Eucharistic Minister

7: Bob Arnold and Margie Baker  
14: Jennie Bowen and Jane Chandler  
21: Alma Shingler and Brenda Syle  
28: Mary Jane Syle and Esther Welden

### Greeter

7: Nancy Finlon  
14: Carol Lasher  
21: Jack Lasher  
28: Richard Marker

### Lector

7: Jerry Sock  
14: Ed Stark  
21: Brenda Syle  
28: Mary Jane Syle

### Usher

7: Ed Ochse  
14: Dick Schwab  
21: Mike Shingler  
28: Jerry and Maggie Sock