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# ❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2**, Sunday, IV Lent  
9 AM, Worship  
10:30 AM, Church School & Adult Forum
- March 3**, Monday, John and Charles Wesley (page, 5)
- March 5**, 5: 30 PM Wednesday Worship
- March 8**, Crafters Corner Store, 11 AM – 6:30 PM
- March 9**, Sunday, V Lent  
9 AM, Worship  
10:30 AM, Church School & Adult Forum
- March 12**, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship  
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- March 16**, Sunday, Palm Sunday  
9 AM, Worship
- March 17**, Monday in Holy Week  
10 AM – 2 PM, Food for Easter Baskets Arrive
- March 18**, Tuesday in Holy Week  
10 AM – 2 PM, Easter Baskets Organized
- March 19**, Wednesday in Holy Week  
10 AM – 2 PM, Distribution of Easter Baskets  
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- March 20**, Maundy Thursday  
5:30 PM, Covered Dish Supper  
7 PM, Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar
- March 21**, Good Friday  
Noon, Ecumenical Walk with the Cross (page 4)  
7 PM, Good Friday at St. Paul's, The Solemn  
Collects
- March 22**, Holy Saturday  
10 AM, Easter Egg Hunt in the Memorial Garden  
5 PM, Great Vigil of Easter, Lighting of Paschal  
Candle, Baptism, and Holy Eucharist
- March 23**, Easter Sunday  
9 AM, Festive Choral Eucharist of Easter
- March 25**, Wednesday in Holy Week  
5:30 PM, Wednesday Eucharist  
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- March 30**, Sunday, II Easter  
9 AM, Worship  
(No Education & Formation)

## ONLY TWO OPPORTUNITIES LEFT TO VISIT THE CRAFTERS CORNER STORE THIS SEASON

Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> will find the St. Paul's Crafters' Corner Store again open for business. With both Easter and St. Patrick's Day falling in March this year, the Crafters have been busy creating items to meet every need, including special items for Easter baskets. We will also be once again serving lunch and varied refreshments throughout the day, and demonstrations will occur at 1 & 3 p.m. The store will be open from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This will be the next to the last Crafters' Corner Store for the season, with the final event taking place on the first Friday in April. It is our intent to reopen again in the fall, and we are in the process of assessing how we can make the store even bigger and better. February presented us with some weather challenges: however, we are hoping for sunny days the first Friday of March and April.

If you have not yet visited the Crafters' Corner Store, time is running out. For those of you who are familiar with the store, be sure to take advantage of these last two shopping events. It may also be a good idea to pick up business cards from the crafters so that you may contact them with any needs over the summer. We look forward to seeing you on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a friend and tell your family and neighbors that St. Paul's Crafters' Corner Store is the place to be on March 7<sup>th</sup>!

Individuals interested in providing refreshment donations may contact Rita Leigh. As always, we thank you for your support.

Sandy Schwab





March 2008

My dear Friends,

February is my “check-up” month! It is the month that I make appointments with my primary physician, dentist, and eye doctor. It is a habit -- a behavior -- I have had for years. Last week, it was wonderful to have the dental hygienist tell me that my teeth and gums were in “great” shape, and told me that at the next visit we needed to take x-rays. She also reminded me, with her impish grin, to remember to floss & use a mouthwash. I depend on these visits and professionals to assist, and guide, me in keeping healthy.

I am sure that you, too, have your habits and behaviors that help assess and guide you in maintaining your health.

Just as I have medical professionals and technicians to turn to for my physical health, I also have cultivated others for my spiritual health. I make a silent weeklong retreat every year, and have a spiritual advisor with whom I meet on a regular basis. These spiritual checkups help me assess my spiritual health and needs. And, sometimes – no, often – I need to be reminded not to stray from the healthy habits. One of my habits is spiritual reading every day, along with my daily prayers. It is like a tonic for me.

My Lenten reading this year is Archbishop Rowan Williams’ new book *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*. He is a remarkable wordsmith and I was struck by this observation:

“What the Bible puts before us is not a record of a God who is always triumphantly getting his way by doing miracles...but a God who gets his way by patiently struggling to make himself clear to human beings, to make his love real to them, especially when they seem not to want to know, or to want to avoid him and retreat into their own fantasies about him. And typically, the Bible sometimes does this by a very bold method – by telling a certain kind of story from the human point of view, as if God needed to be persuaded to be faithful to his people.”

During Lent we have a continuous run of these bold human stories – Abraham, Moses, Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well – in our Sunday Scripture readings. These are the accounts of people with the growing awareness that God has come into their lives. It’s check-up time!

How’s your spiritual health? Have you had your check-up? Is your appointment overdue?

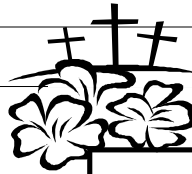
Charles A. Cesaretti

## EASTER FLOWERS



An envelope is attached to this issue of the Newsletter for Easter Flowers. Each year we decorate the altar with special flowers for both the Easter Eve and the Easter Day services. Parishioners give these flowers in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving. Please use this envelope to indicate the names of those you wish to remember at Easter. The deadline for contributions is Friday, March 15. The envelopes may be placed in the Sunday offering plate, or send to the Parish Office.





**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

by Bernie Zalewski Stewardship Chair

At present we are falling short of our pledged income for 2008. Your help and pledges would be greatly appreciated.

I will share with you now my reference to bible verse and statement to the strategic planning committee. I think this will be helpful. The widow's mite. Your gifts, whether large or small are the building blocks of St. Paul's ministry. They bring life, breath, and perspective to the church, its property, and its people.

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR 2008 PLEDGE**

*He that gives all, though but little, gives much; because God looks not to the quantity of the gift, but the quality of the givers.* By Francis Quarles

**ANOTHER REASON TO PLEDGE TO ST. PAUL'S**

St. Paul's has installed an accounting system that records all contributions to the parish, and a report is mailed by January 30 to every contributor. Over the past two years, offering envelopes have been sent to all parishioners to assist them with their weekly offering and also enable easy identification and records. You're required to have documentation for all charitable cash contributions, no matter how tiny, if you want to deduct them.

Let St. Paul's keep track of your contribution.

**THE ECUMENICAL LENTEN WORSHIP**

continues at the Montrose United Methodist Church on March 5 and 12, at 5:30 PM. The half-hour worship will include prayer, singing, a short message by someone from one of our churches, a few minutes of meditation, followed by a sharing of unconsecrated bread, wine, and juice as a sign of our common commitment to bringing Our Lord's message of love and forgiveness to our world. All are invited.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S**

**Worship Services**

**March 16: Palm Sunday**

9 AM: Blessing of Palms & Holy Eucharist

**March 19: Wednesday in Holy Week**

5:30 PM: Healing Worship Service

**March 20: Maundy Thursday**

5:30 PM: Covered Dish Supper  
7 PM: Holy Eucharist & Stripping of Altar

**March 21: Good Friday**

Noon: Ecumenical Walk with The Cross  
7 PM: Liturgy of the Day ~ The Solemn Collects

**March 22: Great Vigil of Easter**

10 AM: Easter Egg Hunt in the Memorial Garden  
5 PM: Lighting of Pascal Candle, Baptism & Holy Eucharist

**March 23: Easter Sunday**

9AM: Festive Choral Eucharist of Easter

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED**



St. Paul's will join with our partner churches in Montrose to provide Easter candy for the third annual Easter Dinner. We are responsible for 250 bags of Easter candy. The bags of candy may be placed in the receptacle at the rear of the Church. (See page 6 for news article.)





## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING PRAYER SHAWLS

As you know, the Daughters of the King provide hand made prayer shawls to those who are ill, facing adversity, or in need of comfort and prayer. These shawls are blessed by Father Charles, with members of the parish adding their prayers during a Sunday service before they are delivered to the intended recipient. The feedback from those who have received the shawls is tremendous, indicating that during their times of trouble the shawls and accompanying prayers brought significant comfort.

Although our hands are busy knitting and crocheting, it is sometimes hard to keep up with the need for these shawls. We could use your help.

If you knit or crochet and would like to make a prayer shawl your help would be greatly appreciated. They are very easy to make and if you need instructions please see one of the Daughters.

Knitting and crocheting is not your thing? There is still a way you can help out. Donations of yarn can also be helpful. It takes 3-4 oz. skeins of one color to make a shawl. (Please check the side of the label to insure all three skeins show the same dye lot number to insure matching colors.) Please be assured that your donation of time in making a shawl, or your donation of yarn will carry prayers and comfort to someone facing tremendous challenges.

## BAPTISM AT EASTER IT'S IN THE PRAYER BOOK

In the early Church, Lent was the time for preparation for baptism. The forty-days of Lent provided a special time to prepare catechumens for baptism and the laying-on-hands, which incorporated them into the Body of Christ.

The Prayer Book (PB) is clear and direct about the continuation of this tradition. On page 312 of the PB the rubric\* directs: "Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present."

If there is anyone in the parish who desires to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, March 22, please contact Fr. Charles. The Easter Vigil will be held at 5 PM on Easter Eve.

\*A rubric is a rule or explanation for conduct of a liturgical service. The word rubric comes from the Latin *rubrica* and refers to the use of red ochre, which was used as a heading in manuscripts. Red was used so as to stand out from the text. In Middle English, the word for red ochre was *rubrike*.

*Submitted by Father Charles*

## ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, March 21, the Ecumenical Way of the Cross will again be held in Montrose. The Way begins at noon, at Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church with a reading from the Passion, prayers and music.

A wooden cross will then be carried in procession by community members to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a continuation of the reading and service.

The procession continues to the Montrose United Methodist Church where the reading and service resumes. The Procession concludes at the First Presbyterian Church with the final reading and service.

If you have never participated in the walk, please come. It is a moving experience. Everyone is invited to this holy event.





## ADULT FORUM TO STUDY ENGLISH REFORMATION

Beginning Sunday, March 2, the Adult Forum will be discussion the English Reformation. Key to the Reformation is Thomas Cranmer. The following biographical sketch of Cranmer is from the BBC web site. The Forum convenes in the Parish House immediately following the 9 AM Worship.

### Thomas Cranmer (1489 - 1556)

Cranmer was archbishop of Canterbury (1533 - 1556), a leader of the English Reformation who was responsible for establishing the basic structures of the Church of England.

Thomas Cranmer was born on 2 July 1489 in Nottinghamshire. His parents were minor gentry. As his father only had enough land to give his eldest son, Thomas and his younger brother joined the clergy. Cranmer was given a fellowship at Jesus College, Cambridge in 1510, which he lost when he married the daughter of a local tavern-keeper. She died in childbirth, at which point he was re-accepted by the college and devoted himself to study. He took holy orders in 1523.

A plague forced Cranmer to leave Cambridge for Essex. He came to the attention of Henry VIII, who was staying nearby. The king and his councilors found Cranmer a willing advocate for Henry's desired divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Cranmer argued the case as part of the embassy to Rome in 1530, and in 1532 became ambassador to Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. Cranmer was sent to Germany to learn more about Lutheranism. Here he met Margaret Osiander, the niece of a Lutheran reformer, who he married.

In 1533, Cranmer was chosen to be archbishop of Canterbury and forced (for a time) to hide his married state. Once his appointment was approved by the Pope, Cranmer declared Henry's marriage to Catherine void, and four months later married him to Anne Boleyn. With Thomas Cromwell, he supported the translation of the bible into English. In 1545 he

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## A NEW METHOD OF WORSHIP

John and Charles Wesley are remembered in the Church calendar on March 3. The Wesley brothers were ordained priests in the Anglican Church but while they were teaching at Oxford, they became concerned about the state of worship in the Church of England. They were particularly concerned with the state of evangelism in the church, and with neglect of the Eucharist in Anglican services.

In 1729 the Wesley brothers and some friends began to meet evenings for systematic study of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. Eventually their friends observed that they had instituted a new 'method' in their approach to worship, and they began to be called "Methodists". They encouraged the development of Methodist Societies which they intended to operate within the Anglican Church. However, after their deaths (1788; 1791) these societies, especially in America began to be organized as separate churches, using much of the organization of the Church of England. In fact the Methodist Church was originally called the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The brothers were prolific writers of hymns. Charles wrote more than 6000 hymns, including "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today", "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" and many, many more.

It is quite possible that the Wesley brothers' concerns with the Church of England influenced another group of Anglican clergy at Oxford to begin what has come to be known as the 'Oxford Movement'. This movement began in 1833 with a sermon and a series of tracts emphasizing a return to the neglected rituals of the early Church, and the social responsibility of the church and its adherents.

Charles and John Wesley are remembered in the Church calendar both for providing Christians with an alternate method of worship and for their leadership in what culminated in a renewal of the Anglican Church's vision of its mission to 'love God and love your neighbor'.

*Submitted by Ed Stark*

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SPRING AHEAD

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on March 8th.



### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL EASTER DINNER PLANNED FOR NEEDY IN COUNTY

In cooperation with Interfaith and the Trehab Food Bank, a consortium of Churches in Susquehanna County has been organized to prepare a full dinner for individuals and families in need at Easter. In 2007 over 550 Easter dinners were distributed. The dinner included a ham, vegetables, potatoes/macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, bread, and holiday sweets. This year the project is preparing to provide meals for 600 families and individuals. The dinners will be distributed on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

“Local area schools have been recruited to collect cans of vegetables, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, and canned fruit,” reports Rachel Warriner Bartron, convener of the consortium. “Letters have been sent to all the civic and social organizations and groups in the County to solicit funds to purchase the hams. All the Churches in Susquehanna County have been invited to join in the annual event. And, we are pleased that collection stations for veggies will be available at local Montrose grocery stores. This is a County-wide effort on behalf of our needy neighbors.”

The Key Clubs and Honor Societies of area High Schools have been invited to join in the sorting, bagging, and distribution of the dinners.

“We are asking all the Churches in Susquehanna County to provide the dessert, which will be included in the gift dinner. We are in need of 1000 boxes of cake mixes and 1000 boxes of icings,” adds Dee Butler of Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church. “The five partner churches in Montrose will be providing the Easter candies.”

Along with Interfaith and the Food Bank, members of the Consortium are drawn from the Bridgewater Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Holy Name of Mary RC Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the United Methodist Church of Montrose

“Last Easter we were blessed by the generosity of individuals and organizations from across the

County,” opines the Rev. Charles Cesaretti of St. Paul's Church. “Over \$7,000 was donated to the project, which allowed us to purchase all the hams, as well as assist the Food Bank with funds for emergency needs over these special holiday.” Fr. Cesaretti reports that monetary donations are most welcome and appreciated, and should be mailed to St. Paul's, 60 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801-1231. Place “Easter Dinner 2008” in the memo line. “We take cash, too,” he adds.

### POMOJU

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On February 10<sup>th</sup> Charles Barebo, New Hope Coordinator for the Diocese spoke to the Adult Forum about our companion Diocese, Kajo Keji. He provided exceptional insights into the character of the people and their circumstances which had so impressed Bishop Paul and the Rev. Mrs. and Jack Moulton on their initial visits to the Sudan several years ago.

Those visits resulted in an exchange of letters between St. Paul's and Pomoju, our companion parish; however communication was interrupted, and we hope that it can soon be continued.

Mr. Barebo and Archdeacon Stringfellow were asked by St. Paul's to take some initial steps to reestablish communication between the parishes during their upcoming visit this February to Kajo Keji.

Two-way communication is not always easy, especially when it involves cultures as diverse as St. Paul's and Pomoju's. However, while we have few things in common, our shared common faith binds us in a community in which all things are possible.

The New Hope campaign was another result of Bishop Paul's visit to the Sudan and even now, money is being pledged and used in improving the lives of the people in our companion Diocese. An item in the recently published February issue of **Bethlehem Diocesan Life** by Jo Trepagnier discusses some of the wonderful happenings in Kajo Keji. We will be hearing more of this remote, but very real, part of the world as Mr. Barebo and the Archdeacon return from their visit.

*By Ed Stark*

## SPIRITUAL ZERO (SZ)

When was the last time you used Roman numerals? They HAD been around for quite some time, but were replaced by Arabic numerals ... Why? Very simply, it was the numeral zero. We take it for granted today. Not so 2000 years ago... or MM in Roman numerals.

So why do we use Roman numerals in our prayer life? Oh, we don't? When was the last time you used the zero in your prayers? No, I don't mean not praying. I mean shutting off all audio input and just BE. Strange concept that spiritual zero(SZ). Silence.

SZ flies in the face of the active life. Who has time to do nothing? That's for losers. If you DO more you ARE more, right? If you ARE what you DO, then when you DON'T you AREN'T. We have been so ingrained with Roman numeral method praying (no silence) that the thought of silence as a method of prayer is a foreign concept.

Do you remember the subject of Lectio Divina that we had a workshop on last September? The four steps are Read, Reflect, Respond, Rest. The first three steps require active mental activity. The fourth is just BEING after the other three. Spiritual Zero. Silence. Resting with God.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not there yet, either. But I'm trying. Silence and just BEING is a part of my prayer life. Corporately, I belong to a Centering Prayer Group that meets once a week. After the preliminaries, we go SZ for twenty minutes. I've done it so well that I have been informed that I snore. I told you I'm still learning! (After I stayed overnight at my brother-in-law's home several years ago, he told me that he thought that a semi was coming down the hall. He got me a special coffee cup, "The World's Loudest Snorer." I still have it.)

The first thing that happens during SZ is that the mind compensates for the absence of audio input. If you want to know more about this, you can "Google" = sensory deprivation. As the mind enters the silence zone there is a detox that occurs. All different sorts of thoughts come in. The grocery list...the to do list... I'm really angry at ... ad infinitum. As long as you don't engage them, they pass away ... like boats on a

river with you sitting on a log at the bottom of the river.

You have been introduced to SZ at the Sunday worship service at St. Paul's. If you have been coming to the Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten prayer services, you have experienced it there. As you become aware that there IS an SZ, it becomes more friendly. But at first, it will seem quite unsettling. You've heard the saying, "Less is more." SZ is a natural extension, where nothing is something. *Submitted by Al Leigh*

## DUMMIES, IDIOTS AND SMARTIES

Lent is well underway. I've read the book of Revelation once, (again). Now I need to check the meaning of a few things. The four horsemen were familiar. The seven seals were familiar. The warning at the end was not.

By now the commentaries I've ordered should be in. I've ordered *The Book of Revelation for Dummies*, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Book of Revelation* and *The Book of Revelation: the Smart Guide to the Bible*. These three books will keep me grounded in my humility... at least the first two will. I'll let you know how smart I am.

By the time I'm through comparing thoughts with these three aids, I'll be ready to consider another one that has been recommended, *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation*.

People seem to get excited about the rapture. Many of those I've met seem to think they have a lock on a first class seat. And don't suggest that they will be going economy class! Or worse yet, bumped to a later flight. Maybe that's why it's taken me this long to really look into Revelation.

Beyond that, the wording appears to infer that the

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Whenever we deal with things relating to the Spirit, we inevitably use an English proper noun: "**God**". We do it so frequently that we become desensitized to this name and fall back upon our earliest inklings if we try to find some meaning in it. Perhaps the great painters supply us with an image to anchor our concept of such a Being.

When Moses went up on the mountain and asked for a name from heaven he was told: "**I AM THAT I AM**". With time a considerable number of different attributions were developed by the Hebrews, as aids for their worship. While the priests used the four letter tetragrammaton YHVH in the Temple prayers and in study, by the time of the Talmud it was the custom to use substitute names like "Adonai" [Lord], or simply say "Ha-Shem" [lit. The Name].

What would happen if we did what the ancient Jews finally did and ceased using the traditional name altogether?

Look again at the Commandment: "**You shall not misuse the name....**" (Exodus 20:7 TNIV). Take this to heart and ponder its meaning.

The central metaphor of Christianity tells us "**God is Love**". Surprisingly, the Gospels refer only once or twice to this attribution. In the teachings of Jesus and the Letters of Paul the emphasis falls upon the manifestation of love in human experience. In order to make the concept of deity more concrete in our understanding it might be a worthwhile practice to consciously substitute the word "**Love**" for "**The Name**" each time we use it in prayer or study. We cannot depend on the insights of others to make clear to us the nature of the Supreme Being we worship. But if we are attentive to the subtle nuances of love, we can become more aware of this *Unutterable Name*, the center point of our religious heritage.

*Submitted by David Plank*

## BREAD OF LIFE CAFÉ

The Bread of Life Café is a "soup kitchen" that will serve a free meal to all that would like to join from 4 PM to 6 PM on Saturday, March 15 and every third Saturday of the month in the Holy Name of Mary's Church Hall (lower level of the church), 60 South Main Street, Montrose, PA.

The Bread of Life Café is being sponsored by Holy Name of Mary's Social Concerns Committee. Please call 278-1504 if more information is needed.

*(Continued from page 5) Thomas Cranmer*

wrote a litany that is still used in the church. Under the reign of Edward VI, Cranmer was allowed to make the doctrinal changes he thought necessary to the church. In 1549 he helped complete the Book of Common Prayer.

After Edward VI's death, Cranmer supported Lady Jane Grey as successor. Her nine-day reign was followed by the Roman Catholic Queen Mary, who tried him for treason. After a long trial and imprisonment, he was forced to proclaim to the public his error in the support of Protestantism, an act designed to discourage followers of the religion. Despite this, Cranmer was sentenced to be burnt to death in Oxford on 21 March 1556. He dramatically stuck his right hand, with which he had signed his recantation, into the fire first.

*Submitted by Father Charles*

**Thelma Miller**, a long-time parishioner of St. Paul's, died on February 11. She was a resident of Meadow View for a number of years. Thelma was the wife of the late Jim Miller. Our sympathy and prayers are with her daughters, Marleah and Pauline, and son, Raymond.

A memorial service is planned for the spring. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace

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end time is just around the corner. But that was almost two thousand years ago. Was God "just kidding"? Was it hyperbole? I guess I have some studying to do.

Besides studying I probably should do some praying. I ran across a book called *How to Pray* by R. A. Torrey. (Yes, I've checked out prayer in the BCP.) Torrey's book has several merits. First, it's local. (You'll remember Torrey Lodge on Lake Street? That's where he lived.) Second, Chapter 5, Abide in Jesus, describes the process of Lectio Divina, without the Latin. There are several other reasons that I'll leave for later. You can check the book out for yourself. It will be in the Lectio Divina Treasure chest in the Guild room.

*Submitted by Al Leigh*

## **ST. PAUL'S MONTROSE DONATES CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO NEW HOPE CAMPAIGN**

On Sunday, February 10, St. Paul's, Montrose presented Mr. Charlie Barebo, chair of the New Hope Campaign of the Diocese of Bethlehem, with a check for \$1,200.00 for the Campaign. The Parish had committed its Christmas 2007 offering to the Campaign for projects in Kajo Keji and Northeast Pennsylvania. Mr. Barebo was visiting the Parish to acquaint the parishioners with the needs and the plans for the \$3.8 million mission outreach.

"We are thrilled to make this contribution to our diocesan campaign," said Richard Schwab, chair of the parish's Finance Committee. "Our goal is to share 10% of our 2007 contributions to the campaign. The wonderful news is that we are almost reached that goal and expect to accomplish it before the end of the five-year campaign."

In December, the Women of St. Paul's contributed the total proceeds of \$1,4000.00 from their annual bazaar to New Hope at the time of Bishop Paul's Visitation. "This was the largest amount of money we have ever raised," reported Jane Chandler, chair of the effort, "there is no doubt in my mind that our decision to have the annual fundraising event benefit New Hope helped with its outstanding success."

"In the spirit of Christmas, the parishioners of St. Paul's collected \$1,200, the total amount of the offering at our worship services, to assist our sisters and brothers in Kajo Keji," reports Bernard Zalewski, chair of the parish Stewardship Committee.

Kajo Keji County is located in the southernmost Sudan and is roughly the size of the 14 northeast counties of Pennsylvania. There is a population of 270,000 people in the county, of which 220,000 are Episcopalian. There are no paved or improved roads, no electricity, and no running water or sewage and septic systems. There are three autos in Kajo Keji, and about twenty-five motorcycles. All residents of the county, including the local Bishop, the priests, and local officials must farm to eat. Ninety percent of the population earns less than one dollar per day. The adult literacy rate is below 25%.

In 1999 the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem entered into a partner relationship with the diocese of Kajo Keji. Over the years a number of projects have been sponsored in the county. However, after a visit by Bishop Paul Marshall to the county in 2005, and the election of a new bishop, a major fundraising effort was established in the Diocese of Bethlehem. This effort has as its goal the raising of \$2.8 million to enable the establishment of an educational and economic infrastructure in the county. The campaign has already raised 75% of its goal.

Several of the major objectives are to complete, equip, and provide support for a college; to build, equip, staff and support five primary schools and one secondary school; and to fund a micro-finance program for families starting small businesses and for parishes' projects.

"God has abundantly blessed us at St. Paul's throughout the years," opines Rachel Warriner Bartron, senior warden of the parish. "We have come to recognize that we are called to share God's blessings with others --- those in our community and throughout the world. The needs of our sisters and brothers in Kajo Keji have called out to us, and it is with great joy that we join with other Episcopalians in northeastern Pennsylvania to respond with a generous outreach."

"We are in the final laps of our campaign," Mr. Barebo told the parishioners of St. Paul's, "and I am very confident that individuals and parishes from around our diocese will be joining with you in reaching our goal --- no, I really believe we will oversubscribe it!"



# Youth Page

## LAMB PROJECT A SUCCESS!

Shortly after the “Lamb Project” was concluded, the assembled kits intended for foster children in urgent need, were put into use.

The elementary school nurses for the Montrose Area School District, including our very own Judy Ochse, originally suggested the idea. The nurses often see students in crisis requiring immediate removal from their own homes, seeking placement in foster care. Because of this rapid departure, the children often enter these alternative care situations with only the clothes they are wearing at the time. They have nothing they can call their own.

It was suggested that the items to include in the kits were blankets, stuffed toys, books, and toothbrushes; but St. Paul’s youth wanted much more for these kids. After much brainstorming, planning, and shopping, made possible by generous donations by members of St. Paul’s, each kit additionally included crayons and activity book, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, a nightlight, and a pillow. All items were conveniently packed in a duffle bag that the children could take with them wherever they go.

Sophie Riemenschneider aptly named the “Lamb Project” last year. It was a reminder of Jesus as Lamb and His sacrifice, but also fitting because of the fleece blankets that were to be included in the kits. Youth members attacked this project with gusto, immediate understanding the need. Molly Brunner, Matthew Ochse, Ryan Ochse, Sophie Riemenschneider, and Ben Zalewski were each able to put themselves into the shoes of the foster kids and come up with a list of items they felt were most necessary for a child who has nothing, especially during that first night in a strange home.

Ben, Matt, and Ryan compiled and packed the bags just last month, and they were gratefully received by the nurses at Lathrop Street and Choconut Valley.

Two of the kits have already been used, to the surprise and delight of the County Children and Youth Services, leading this youth leader to believe that the “Lamb Project” should be an ongoing process.

Many thanks to those who have made the “Lamb Project” a success!

*Submitted by Sarah Warriner*



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. PAUL’S

Come one and come all—invite your friends! On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Paul’s will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt from 9-11 am. There will be games and crafts inside and then a big egg hunt in the beautiful memorial garden. Hopefully warmer weather and no snow this year! If you would like to help, please let Rachel Bartron know as soon as possible.

### **CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

The children’s choir of St. Paul’s will be performing on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Easter Eve, Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2 Corinthians 4:1-12. *Since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.*



***He is Risen!***

*Help me to lose myself in adoration. I cannot grasp the resurrection. But it can grasp me and give rise in me to a loving heart that is losing the limits of its compassion. Taken from A Season for the Spirit by Martin L. Smith.*

## TIFFANY WINDOWS AT HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S TO BE RESTORATION

Three Tiffany Windows that have graced the apse of Historic St. Paul's Church in Montrose for many decades have been removed for cleaning and restoration. The windows have been sent to the studios of Femenella & Associates, stained glass conservators, in Branchburg, NJ. The project will take eight months. St. Paul's has initiated a multi-phase project to clean and restore all of the stained glass windows in the nave of the Church.

The cornerstone of the present church building was laid on June 17, 1856, completed and consecrated on July 17, 1857. The foremost American ecclesiastical architect of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Richard Upjohn (1802-1878), designed the building. Originally from England, Upjohn was responsible for launching the popularity of the Gothic Revival style in the US; his most famous and influential commission was the rebuilding of Trinity Church in NYC (1846). He was a founding member of the American Institute of Architects, and its first president (1857-1876).

Upjohn designed St. Paul's brick building in what is sometimes called the "country Gothic" style, with a tower and spire in the northeastern corner. It has a simple nave, without aisles, containing two ranges of open pews seating about 300 people. The woodwork is of solid oak, fashioned by William Boyd of Montrose, a local builder. Boyd was one of the contractors for the Susquehanna County Court House in Montrose. Suspended from low buttresses in the exposed ceiling woodwork are single globe chandeliers.

The Tiffany Windows were a later addition to the building. The windows were crafted in the studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933), an American artist and designer who is best known for his work in stained glass, and is the American artist most associated with the Art Nouveau and Aesthetic movements. He became interested in glassmaking about 1875, and worked at several glasshouses in Brooklyn, NY, forming the Louis Comfort Tiffany and Associated American Artists in 1887. The first Tiffany Glass Company was incorporated on December 1, 1885, which in 1900 became known as the Tiffany Studios.

Tiffany used opalescent glass in a variety of colors and textures to create a unique style of stained glass. This can be contrasted with the method of painting in glass

paint or enamels on colorless glass that had been the dominant method of creating stained glass for several hundred years in Europe. The oldest window at St. Paul's is reported to be by Frederic Wilson, one of Tiffany's best designers, created in the 1880's. It is fabricated from a rich palette of opalescent, drapers and rolled glasses, primarily held in a copper-foil matrix. The other two Tiffany Windows are from later, different periods in the styles of the Studio.

"We are honored to possess three windows representing different periods of the Tiffany Studios," opines Rachel Warriar Bartron, the parish's Senior Warden. "And, we are so pleased that faithful parishioners of St. Paul's, as well as members of the Montrose community, have formed the Friends of Historic St. Paul's to help raise the funds necessary to clean and restore the windows and take the lead in the renovation of our historic building."

While the windows are being cleaned and restored, photos of the windows have been taken and transferred to plexiglas, and have been installed to replace the originals for the interim.

### FOOD ITEMS CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED

Remember to bring in canned goods and other household supplies on the first Sunday of each month. It is such a simple way to help those less fortunate. These items help the Trehab Food Bank.

Trehab has another wish. We can pray that it may be answered. They could use a car/van/truck to deliver items to other areas of the county. Currently items must be delivered by the staff in their own cars. Having an agency vehicle would make it easier to deliver and pick up food and non food supplies. Please say a prayer for them.

Remember the Women's Resource Center. There is a separate basket for them in the back of Church. Items for women and their children are always needed.

**March 2008 Lay  
Ministry Schedule**

**Altar Guild**

2: Alice Wood  
9: Bernie Zalewski  
16: Mary Zalewski  
22: 5:00 PM  
    Ellie McKeage  
23: Margie Baker  
30: Else Brunner

**Coffee Hour**

2: Sherri Warriner  
9: Esther Welden  
16: Else Brunner  
23: Mary Zalewski  
30: Betty Smith

**Camera and Closing**

Ron Chandler

**Counters**

2: Warren Morgan and  
    Ed Ochse  
9: Sandra Schwab and  
    Ed Stark  
16: Richard Schwab and  
    Bernie Zalewski  
23: Vickie Calby and  
    Ron Chandler  
30: David Calby and  
    Richard Marker

**Eucharist Ministers**

2: Bob Arnold and  
    Bernie Zalewski  
9: Margie Baker and  
    Jennie Bowen  
16: David Calby and  
    Jane Chandler  
22: 5:00 PM  
    Jennie Bowen and  
    Bernie Zalewski  
23: Alma Shingler and  
    Brenda Syle  
30: Mary Jane Syle and  
    Esther Welden

**Greeters**

2: Fraser Moffat  
9: Maggie Sock  
16: Mary Jane Syle  
22: 5:00 PM  
    Rachel Bartron  
23: Joe Welden  
30: Alice Wood

**Lectors**

2: Mary Jane Syle  
9: Bernie Zalewski  
16: Margie Baker  
22: 5:00 PM  
    Rita Leigh  
23: Vickie Calby  
30: Scott Finlon

**Ushers**

2: Richard Schwab  
9: Ed Shingler  
16: Scott Quigg and John Finlon  
22: 5:00 PM  
    Al Leigh and Ed Ochse  
23: Bob Arnold and Mike Shingler  
30: Vickie Calby

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