
❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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THANK YOU, MAGGIE!

For over ten years, this monthly newsletter has come to us thanks to the vision and hard work of Maggie Sock. The May issue quietly told the story: Vol. 11, Issue 5, May 2008. Each month, Maggie gathered the articles – we all know of those emails that arrived on the strike of the 20th of each month reminding us that our articles were due – she spent hours late into the night formatting, rearranging, cutting and pasting --- giving the newsletter shape. Then, she gathered the team that printed, addressed, and mailed it by the 1st of the month.

A decade is a long time to shoulder the not too light monthly drill. We are all sad, but understanding, that Maggie has decided to step down as editor of the *News and Views From St. Paul's*.

Each and every one of us has benefited by Maggie's vision, dedication, and hard work. Along with the news of St. Paul's, she linked us to the Diocese of Bethlehem, the Episcopal Church USA, and wider Anglican Communion. Along with printing cold facts and information, she opened the Newsletter to regular columnists, offering interesting tidbits about parish history, the Liturgical Calendar, and personal profiles of former clergy and parishioners. The Newsletter, under Maggie's hand, has become both a mirror, where we can see ourselves, but also a window on the great mosaic we call "The Church."

With this issue of the Newsletter we begin a new chapter. We can take the next steps built upon the solid foundation that has been so lovingly built.

Thank you, Maggie!

June 2008

My dear Friends,

Nathaniel asked him, "Out of Nazareth? Can anything good come from there?" Philip told him, "Come and see!" (John 1:46) Nazareth was a small town in Galilee.

In Roman times, Judaea was divided into Judea, Samaria, and the Galilee, which comprised the whole northern section of the country. Galilee was a poor, rural area.

The Galilee region was the home of Jesus during at least thirty years of his life. The first three Gospels of the New Testament are mainly an account of Jesus' public ministry in this province, particularly in the villages of Nazareth and Capernaum. Galilee is also cited as the place where Jesus cured a blind man.

In the opening chapter of his Gospel, John poses the rhetorical question: Can one expect anything good to come from a small town, in a poor, rural area? John expects us to respond: "nothing." Once he has us in his net, John then begins to tell us about Jesus of Nazareth – his teaching, his preaching, and his healing. His answer is "Yes, the Son of God!"

In the Gospel of Mark, when Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome "entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Ah, Galilee. In the Easter narrative, Mark's "Galilee" is not about geography. "Galilee" is a metaphor. When the young man in the tomb suggests that Jesus is not in the tomb but had "gone ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him," Mark is inviting his listeners to join him in resurrection. Jesus is inviting all his disciples and Peter to return to "Galilee" for their resurrection experience and their inclusion in his universal ministry.

Yes, it is in Galilee that the disciples met Jesus anew, where they experienced *their* resurrection and conversion, where they received the mission to "feed my lambs." And, it was by the Sea of Tiberius that they heard again, and more fully Jesus' call to "Follow me."

In a recent sermon, Thomas Long, one of our great contemporary preachers, says "Mark was trying to impart a different kind of Easter joy, trying to reveal another dimension of the Easter faith.... As you come to the last verse and contemplate the unfinished ending, fretting that the Jesus story ends in mute fear and wondering where to go from here, suddenly an insight shatters the silence." Long continues: "In other words, reader, the story isn't over: Leave the empty tomb now and go back and read it again. Like the disciples, you did not understand this story the first time. Now that you have been to the cross and to the cemetery, read it again."

When the disciples were with Jesus in Galilee the first time they did not understand the story. Having experienced the cross of Jesus and the experience at the garden tomb, they were called back to Galilee. They met the risen Lord, who touched their wounds of denial, guilt, and fear. They were converted, resurrected, and filled with the message of salvation. They received their commission to go into the world to preach, teach, and baptize.

We have taken the Galilee metaphor --- The Galilee Mission --- as the expression of mission and ministry to our region with our partners in New Milford and Susquehanna. "Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Charles A. Cesaretti

FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

Church School Update

The children will be active in church life this summer. They will conclude the year with a picnic and hike on June 8th. Many children will participate in the music camp at St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers to help with snack and game time each day (June 24-27). Please let Mary Ann Dewitt or Rachel Bartron know if you are interested.

We also need volunteers to provide healthy snacks for the movie "Where the Red Fern Grows" on July 12th. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Finally, please think about volunteering for a Sunday next year. Both the church schoolers and the youth group could use a helping hand. There are still openings for "Special Sundays"; it's a great opportunity to share a talent or interest on a Sunday morning!

Vestry Update

The annual meeting was an opportune time for the vestry to share their hard work and vision for the future of St. Paul's. If you were there, we thank you. If not, you will soon receive the annual meeting packet in the mail. This comprehensive packet sums up many of the parish programs and committees and provides valuable contact names and numbers. As always, the vestry is happy to answer any questions!

St. Paul's Goes Green

You may have noticed and appreciated the new recycling containers around the church. Bulldog disposal is both more cost efficient and allows us the opportunity to recycle.



We now can offer you the chance to receive the newsletter electronically. Brenda Allen can send this document as a PDF rather than through the US Post Office.

Please email the parish office at stpaulsmontrose@epix.net if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

As always, the newsletter, along with the updated calendar, is available on our webpage www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org

ST. PAUL'S HOSTS DIOCESAN JR. HIGH MISSION

St. Paul's will be host for the first mission trip for 6-8th grade youth of the Diocese of Bethlehem. Twenty-five young people will use St. Paul's as their home from June 17-20. The theme of the three-day event will be Creation and the Environment.

The youth will spend a day at Salt Springs Park, where they will have a seminar on the environment, and then join in clearing the paths in the park.

The culmination of the event will be a white-water rafting excursion on the Delaware River from Barryville, NY. We are pleased to be host for this group. And...You can help!

We need one day's snacks and baked goods for the youth. St. Mark's, New Milford, and Christ Church, Susquehanna each will be taking a day to feed the youth. To volunteer, call the Parish Office at 278-2954.

Celtic Heritage in Food is Spirit of Summer Treat June 6 at Historic St. Paul's

The Celtic heritage of Scotch/Irish settlers in early Susquehanna County will be celebrated at a dinner sponsored by The Daughters of the King at Historic St. Paul's' in Montrose, PA on June 6th, at 6:00 PM. The traditions of the early families are preserved in the songs and the delicious recipes for meals served in community celebrations. Everyone is invited to join in this Spirit of Summer event by bringing a dish to pass. Something as simple as a "green" salad or a secret family treat is more than welcome.

The Daughters of the King is a group of women from St. Paul's who gather regularly for study and service activities under the patronage of Saint Brigid of Kildare, the Irish Saint who had a generous heart and could never refuse the poor who came to her father's door. As one member says: " We pray for people who ask for our prayers and those who we feel have a need for them. We make prayer shawls for people in need of comfort due to physical illness or personal crisis."

The Celtic Dinner is an annual event for the Daughters, who invite everyone to come and participate in an enjoyable social evening. A free will offering will be donated to a women's charitable group selected by the members.

For more information please call Brenda Allen at 570.278.2954 or check our website at <http://www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

Daughters of the King Elect New Officers

The Daughters of the King recently held election of officers with the following being elected: President – Jane Chandler, Vice-President – Mary Jane Syle, Secretary – Sandy Schwab, Treasurer – Margaret Burgh. We extend our sincerest gratitude to our outgoing President – Vicki Calby and Secretary – Rita Leigh.

The first weekend in June will be a busy time for the Daughters. The Celtic Dinner will be held at the church on June 6th at 6:00 p.m. This popular event is open to the public. Guests should bring a dish to pass and be ready for an evening of good food and great fun. On Sunday, June 8th following the 9:00 a.m. service, we will host a house warming shower for Brenda Allen, our Parish Administrator. Brenda has moved into her new home and the Daughters invite you all to join us in showing Brenda our deep appreciation for all she does for us. For information, please contact Margaret Burgh or Mary Jane Syle.

June meetings will occur on the Thursday the 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Guild Room and Sunday the 29th following coffee hour at the church. The Daughters of the King is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of prayer and service. Anyone interested in becoming a Daughter or learning more about the Order may feel free to attend a meeting.

Cookies Needed

The Spirit of Summer is attracting up to 50 children to participate in the Summer Music Camp at St. Paul's, which will take daily from June 24th through 27th. Refreshments will be needed for the young musicians and we are desirous of 100 cookies for each day of the camp. If you are able to contribute cookies for this event, please contact Sandy Schwab (967-2962 or sanjrussel@epix.net) to let her know how many you can bring and which day would be best for you. I am sure our young musicians will greatly appreciate the treats.

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.

Congratulations Courtney Lynn Maxey

The daughter of John and Merle Maxey, and granddaughter of Charlotte and Al Ellis, graduated from Mercer University, Macon, Georgia on May 10th. She graduated Summa Cum Laude. She has been accepted at NYU where she will start the long process of becoming an M.D. She was captain of Mercer's Division 1 soccer team during her last two years of college. Her Degree is in Biomedical engineering with minors in chemistry and biology.

Congratulations Katie Syle

Katie Syle will be graduating from Montrose Area High School on Saturday, June 14th. She is planning to attend Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, New York.

Congratulations Scott and Eileen Dalton Snyder

Scott and Eileen were married on May 3, 2008 at St. Paul's. Many of you have met Eileen when she has helped with the ham dinners, clean-up-day, and at coffee hour. She sits with Jerry and Maggie Sock in church and hopes to become involved. Welcome and best wishes!

Welcome Charlie Warwick

St. Paul's is pleased to welcome Charlie Warwick as our Summer Intern. Briefly Charlie is a former law enforcement officer and a graduate of both the Pa. State Police Academy and the Baltimore City Police Academy. He is a licensed Coast Guard Captain 100 Ton Master. He is currently employed with the Pa. Dept. of Transportation. He graduated from Hazleton Sr. High School in 1977 and in 1982 Graduated from Kings College with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in criminal justice and two minors in psychology and sociology. Charlie has been married 22 years to his wife Patty a graduate from Westminster Choir College in Princeton with a degree in Church Music. Charlie and Patty have a daughter Katy who is currently a sophomore at Wyoming Valley West High School. Charlie is actively involved in the Masons, Elks and Lions, and serves as a volunteer fireman within his community. Charlie is currently in the ordination process within the Diocese of Bethlehem.

Welcoming Bread for Visitors to St. Paul's

In the very near future our Greeters will have Welcoming folders for St. Paul's visitors. The folders will provide the visitor with a welcoming message and information about St. Paul's. We at St. Paul's should each extend our own personal welcome whenever we see a new face with one of these folders. A warm hello, a friendly smile, an offer to escort a visitor to coffee hour after the service, can all help a stranger feel the warmth of our parish family. As further welcome to our visitors, they will receive a loaf of St. Paul's Welcoming Bread at the coffee hour, while sharing in fellowship with the many members of our parish.

A supply of Welcoming Bread will be maintained in the freezer. Included in the bread package will be a welcoming message, along with the recipe. If you would like to help bake Welcoming Bread, the recipe is below. The recipe is simple, the bread is delicious and it freezes well. Bread should be placed in appropriate freezer bags and placed in the freezer at St. Paul's. A supply of the welcome/recipe cards will be available at the church for inclusion with the bread. The card may either be placed in a small clear plastic bag which is inserted in the larger bag with the bread, or it can be taped to the outside of the bread bag.

We look forward to "sharing the bread" with our visitors at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Welcoming Bread

2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
3 large or 4 small bananas, mashed
1 cup ground nuts (may be omitted)

Measure and sift together flour, soda and salt.
Cream margarine, add sugar; cream together.
Add eggs and vanilla. Stir until thoroughly mixed.
Add mashed bananas. Stir.
Fold in dry ingredients and nuts.
Place in well-greased 9x5x3" loaf pan or 8" square pan.
Bake 55-60 minutes in 325 - 350° oven.

St. Paul's Church School Scholars Present:

Where the Red Fern Grows

Date: July 12, 2008

The doors of the Montrose Theatre will open at 11 am. To get a free ticket call 278-2954. Healthy refreshments will be available before the show.

Where the Red Fern Grows is set in the Ozark Mountains during the Great Depression. It tells the story of a boy, his family and his two coon hounds. A simple message of faith, longing, love and understanding appeals across generations.

Congratulations Jennie Elizabeth Johnson

Jennie Elizabeth Johnson, the daughter of Jay and Lisa Bowen Johnson and granddaughter of Jennie Bowen, graduated with honors from the College of General Studies at the University of Pennsylvania on May 19, 2008. Jennie will attend the School of Medicine at Temple University this fall.

Congratulations

Timothy Hunting Adkins

On June 12, 2008, Timothy Hunting Adkins, the son of Paul and Mary Bowen Adkins and grandson of Jennie Bowen will celebrate his High School graduation from Delaware Valley Friends School in Paoli, PA. He will continue his studies for a Business Degree this fall at Penn State University Berks, in Reading, PA.

A Wing and a Prayer

Our Adult library has a new book, A Wing and a Prayer by Katherine Jefferts Schori ... or Bishop Schori, our Presiding Bishop. Who knew that she was Bishop of Nevada and got to her diocesan visits via private plane? I looked really hard, but found no reference to Episcopal activity in area 51. The book has put a person behind the title of "Presiding Bishop" for me on Sunday services.

Submitted by Al Leigh

Spirit of Summer
Schedule of Events

For more information on any of the following events, please call 278-2954 or visit
www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org

Date/Time	Event	
May 25, 2008 9 am	Tenor Paul Spencer Adkins	
June 6, 2008 6 pm	Daughters of the King host annual CELTIC DINNER	
June 22, 2008 9 am	Johanna Reed – French Horn	
June 24-27 9-11:30 am	Music Camp at St. Paul's Concert on Friday, 6/27, 6 pm	
June 29, 2008 9 am	Mountaineer Brass Band	
July 4, 2008	Float in parade Refreshments in Memorial Garden	
Saturday 5 pm July and August and September 6, 2008	Services at St. Matthew's Church in Stevensville	Visit the oldest church within the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
July 12, 2008 11 am	Church School Scholars host "Where the Red Fern Grows"	www.montrosetheatre.com Free with ticket
July 13, 2008 9 am	Guest Preacher Rev. Morgan Silbaugh	
August 1-2, 2008	St. Paul's goes BLUE for the Blueberry Festival, Christmas in August Arts & Crafts Festival Tours of Historic St. Paul's	Fundraising events to benefit the Library
August 3, 2008	Ice Cream Social in Memorial Garden	
August 10, 2008 9 am	Organist Susan Lewis joins our Sunday Worship	
August 17 9 am	Guest Preacher The Reverend Janet Watrous	
August 24, 2008 9 am	Susan Klein - Puppeteer	



Historic St. Paul's Presents
Spirit of Summer

MUSIC CAMP AT HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S
JUNE 24 – 27

Children from the ages of 4 to 12 are welcome to a Children's Music Camp at Historic St. Paul's, June 24-27, 9-11:30 AM. Places are available for the first 50 children registered. The registration fee is \$5 per child, and \$10 for a family, scholarships are available. The camp is under the co-direction of Sarah Birchard and Jamie Dean-Brackett. There will be singing, dancing, games, and snacks each day. The children will present a "concert" for their parents and friends on Friday at 6 PM.

Sarah Birchard has a life-long passion for music, beginning as a child when she participated in both church and school music groups. She spent several years taking piano and French Horn lessons. She was graduated from the Montrose Area School District, participating in both All State Band and Orchestra Festivals.

Sarah attended Carnegie Mellon University, obtaining her degree in French Horn Performance and Music Education. Earning her Master's degree from Binghamton University in Educational Studies, she was an elementary music educator for several years until the birth of her daughter. She returned to the Choconut Valley elementary School for 2007-08. During her leave from public school teaching, she attained certification to teach Kindermusik, a music education program designed specifically for children. She offered classes for 5-year olds in Wyoming County.

Active in her home church, she offers private horn lessons in the Montrose area, and accompanies a local elementary school choir for concerts and competition.

Jamie Dean-Brackett received her B.S. in Music Education from Duquesne University and her Master's Degree in French Horn Performance from Carnegie Mellon University. She has performed in orchestras with many artists including Ray Charles, Shirley Jones and John Tesh. She is also an accomplished accompanist.

Ms Dean-Brackett has been teaching K-12 vocal and instrumental for fifteen years, and has achieved "Superior Ratings" in District Choral Festivals. Her husband is an accomplished musician as well, and will be accompanying the children's groups with his mandolin, banjo, and guitar.

"We are truly blessed to have such leadership for our Music Camp," opined Mary Ann DeWitt, coordinator of the Camp. "It is wonderful to draw upon the musical talent of Montrose and the area, and share it with our children. This underlines the purpose of the Camp – to highlight our local talent and provide outstanding, professional models for our children. It is a joy to have Sarah and Jamie take the leadership at the Children's Music Camp."

The Children's Music Camp is a part of Historic St. Paul's Spirit of Summer, a summer-long program of music, children's activities, and participation in community events. To register for the Children's Music Camp, call 278-2954. For information about other events, consult the parish's website: www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org.

Basil the Great

Basil the Great is commemorated in both the Eastern Orthodox (January 1st) and Western Churches (June 14th) for his influence during a critical period in the development of the Christian Church. In about 357 Basil founded a monastic order in his home town of Caesarea in Cappadocia. His *Longer Rules and Shorter Rules* set the standard for life in monasteries, where Christian love and service were emphasized, learned, and practiced.

Basil was consecrated Bishop of Caesarea and Metropolitan (Archbishop) of Cappadocia, in 370 at a time when the Church was trying to decide whether to proclaim the deity of Christ as it was expressed in the Nicene Creed, or to follow the teachings of the theologian, Arius. Arius taught that Jesus was not "One with the Father". Basil believed, with the Council of Nicea, that Jesus was "God from God".

The chief proponent of the Arian belief was the Emperor Valens'. When Valens died in 379, shortly before the death of Basil, opposition to the Nicene Creed came to an end.

Submitted by Ed Stark

Revelation ... beyond 2008

The study of the Book of Revelation has gotten extremely complicated. Like every real engineering problem, the road to the solution begins by understanding the essential elements of the problem. Revelation has three parts: chapters 1-5, chapters 6-16 and chapters 17-22. (This came from Frederick W Schmidt in his book "Revelation" from the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study Series.) Let's consider the first part.

In "Alice in Wonderland" Alice tried to describe the race-with-no-end to the walrus. She was getting confused and frustrated. Finally, the walrus interrupted with the classic suggestion, "Begin at the beginning, go until the end and then stop." I now have several commentaries on Revelation and I observe a beginning ... chapter 1, duh.

(I have a feeling that my study of revelation will go way beyond the year 2008. However, there are already some practical results, like, I take things far less seriously.)

Revelation's three parts are the following: Chapters 1-5 are the beginning. (Trust me on this. Chapters 6-16 are not for the faint of heart. Chapters 17-22 aren't a walk in the park either. But I'll get there, just not right now.)

I find three basic reasons for spending some time with the first five chapters: 1) You have to start somewhere. Virtually all comments on revelation converge on these five chapters. Why complicated things? 2) There are seven letters to seven churches in Asia minor. Which church does St. Paul's remind me of? 3) Some revelation commentators compare the churches to individual people. Which church am I like?

Asking and answering these questions are critical at this time for St. Paul's congregation in Montrose. We have re-established the search committee for a new rector. We probably have some time before Fr. Charles is raptured by either God or the Bishop. It would be a prudent thing to do a biblical analysis of who we are (a la revelation's seven churches). Vestry has been doing some of this, but St. Paul's congregation is larger than 9. Each of us could search our own soul to great spiritual advantage. The first three chapters of the Book of Revelation aren't all that messy ... some practical insights.

Churches normally have leaders...a rector, in our case. Each Sunday we pray collectively for our leaders ... bishops, rectors, etc. Praying for our rector could extend beyond Sunday. How about daily? As we pray for the rector that we HAVE, we'll get in the habit and find it's not a stretch to pray for the rector that we are GOING TO HAVE. We could even pray for the new rector AFTER he/she is installed. Wow, what a concept! The beauty of these prayers is that whether we are in Montrose full time or part time, God can always be reached by knee-mail.

Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA) for St. Paul's June 2008 newsletter

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

Play that again, please!

Our choir works hard to master hymns that may not be familiar to the congregation, helping us through the words and thoughts of these weekly mini-lessons. As Father Charles mentioned during the Annual Meeting, it is important to make full use of this ancient teaching device if we are to grow in love and understanding.

I was especially struck by the Hymn #302 that we sang that morning, for I had the impression that here was a basic teaching handed down by tradition from the earliest days. You can imagine how surprised I was to see in the notes at the bottom of the page that the words were a Greek verse from the year 111CE. As often happens to me in these cases, I had to do a fair amount of detective work to find out where these lines originated.

The translator, F. Bland Tucker, gave us an English version in 1895, just a few years after the discovery of a document we now call *The Didache*, a short *tractate* (tract) on Christian life that survived oblivion in an ancient library in Constantinople. According to a leading modern scholar "*The Didache* represents the preserved oral tradition whereby mid-first-century house churches detailed the step-by-step transformation by which gentile converts were to be prepared for full active participation in their assemblies". (Aaron Milavec, 2003)

What we have in the verses of this hymn is an early version of the Eucharistic Prayer that we repeat each time we celebrate the Christian sacrifice. Listen again to the words as they are recorded in this "book of common prayer" of the Second Century:

10.2 We give thanks to you holy Father
for your holy Name which you have made to dwell in
our hearts
and for the knowledge, faith and immortality which you
have revealed to us
through Jesus your servant.
To you be glory for ever.

10.3 You Lord almighty
have created everything for the sake of your Name;
you have given human beings food and drink
to partake with enjoyment so that they might give
thanks;
but to us you have given the grace of spiritual food and
drink and of eternal life
through Jesus your servant.

10.4 Above all we give you thanks because you are
mighty.
To you be glory for ever.

10.5 Remember Lord your Church,
to preserve it from all evil and to make it perfect in your
love.

And, sanctified, gather it from the four winds
into your kingdom which you have prepared for it.
Because yours is the power and the glory for ever.

10.6 Let grace come and let this world pass away.
Hosanna to the house of David.
If anyone is holy let him come,
If anyone is not let him repent.
Maranatha.
Amen.

Now let's try that hymn once again, and see what treasures we can find buried in the notes and staffs of our musical heritage. According to Milavec, the *Didache* is more like a mnemonic path: not merely to be repeated but illustrated, inquired of, questioned, listened to, and challenged by each candidate in such a way that not only the words but also the deep meanings of the way to life were being suitably assimilated and applied at every step. Thus a new way of life, the way of life imposed on the new Christian, is the core of the *Didache*, a document that in this way becomes an important witness to the countercultural force of early Christianity.

Submitted by David Plank

HYMN STORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Hymn 405)

The words to this hymn were written by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), the wife of William Alexander, the Anglican Bishop of Ireland.

Mrs. Alexander was a prolific author, and a number of her books and writings were published during her lifetime.

She was inspired to write this hymn when trying, with difficulty, to teach a group of children the meaning of the Apostles' Creed. When traditional teaching methods failed, she decided to write a series of hymns based on various phrases of the creed. She based this hymn on the phrase, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." It was those last words, "maker of heaven and earth," that particularly inspired her. The hymn celebrates "Each little flow'r that opens" and "Each little bird that sings." It speaks of "glowing colors" and "tiny wings." But, most of all, it affirms that "The Lord God made them all."

Mrs. Alexander wrote other hymns to illustrate other phrases of the Apostles Creed. They include "Once in Royal David's City" — "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" — and "He Is Coming! He Is Coming!" She thought of these as children's hymns, and published them in a collection of hymns entitled *Hymns for Little Children* in 1848. It was a fabulously successful hymnal that went through nearly seventy editions during her lifetime and one hundred editions altogether.

Mrs. Alexander was quite generous with her time and money. She donated the profits from *Hymns for Little Children* to a school for the deaf. She was active in a ministry to unwed mothers, and was also instrumental in establishing a nursing service in her area.

While this hymn maintained its popularity through the years, it received a big boost when the English veterinarian, James Herriot, at the suggestion of his young daughter, named his first book, *All Creatures Great and Small*, after a phrase from the first verse of this hymn.

He subsequently wrote three additional books that he named after the other three lines of the first verse of this hymn — *All Things Bright and Beautiful* — *All Things Wise and Wonderful* — and *The Lord God Made Them All*. His books became quite popular, and inspired a movie as well as a long-running television series.

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What Do You Need?

Early in the Rev. Henry Pease's service as Rector of St. Paul's, four Montrose Churches started the "Ministry of Christian Service". The mission of the Ministry was to demonstrate God's grace by helping people who had fallen, temporarily, through the cracks in the various government services. For some time St. Paul's and Holy Name of Mary took the initiative in the operation of the Ministry.

One day the doorbell at the Rectory rang. When Mr. Pease opened the door, a man standing on the porch asked a profound theological question:

"Are you the Minister who helps people?"

Fr. Pease did not answer with a "Yes" or a "No", but with another, equally profound question:

"What do you need?"

This question characterized the entire life of the Rev. Henry J. Pease: He lived to serve, and to serve in the spirit of his God, and ours.

Submitted by Ed Stark

June 2008 Lay Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild

1: Mary Zalewski
8: Margie Baker
15: Alice Wood
22: Barb Buffington
29: Carol Marker

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

1: Charlotte Ellis
8: Carol Marker
15: Judy Ochse
22: Mitzi Perry-Miller
29: Sandy Schwab

Counters

1: Edward Stark and Ed Ochse
8: Sandra Schwab and Bernie Zalewski
15: Ron Chandler and Karen Wolfson
22: Jane Chandler and Dick Schwab
29: Richard Marker and Warren Morgan

Eucharistic Minister

1: Alma Shingler and Brenda Syle
8: Esther Welden and Mary Jane Syle
15: Bob Arnold and Bernie Zalewski
22: Margie Baker and Jennie Bowen
29: Jane Chandler and Alma Shingler

Greeter

1: Jane Chandler
8: Rita Leigh
15: Ellie McKeage
22: Fraser Moffat
29: Mitzi Perry-Miller

Lector

1: Fraser Moffat
8: Scott Finlon
15: Richard Marker
22: Jerry Sock
29: Mary Jane Syle

Usher

1: Maggie Sock
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15: Bernie Zalewski
22: Ed Ochse
29: John Finlon

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