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The Rev. Janet C. Watrous Interim Rector at St. Paul's

The Rev. Janet C. Watrous, most recently rector of The Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Apex, NC, will become the Interim Rector at St. Paul's beginning May 1. Janet is a longtime neighbor in Susquehanna County, having spent many years with her family on "the farm" outside Hallstead.

"We are delighted that the Rev. Janet Watrous will be our Interim Rector at St. Paul's," reported Rachel Warriner Bartron, Senior Warden of the Parish. "Janet is no stranger to our congregation. Her parents were very active members of St. Paul's while they lived in the area. She will serve on a part-time basis until our new rector is in residence."

Janet was among the earliest women ordained to the priesthood of our church. She has served in a variety of ministries, including heading congregations, interim ministry, diocesan staff, as well as school and campus ministry. She was even licensed to serve in the (Church of England) Diocese of Gibraltar, and served Anglican communities in Slovenia and Croatia in 2003.

Janet is married to Dr. Robert Kochersberger, a professor at NC State University in Raleigh. Their daughter Anne recently relocated to Raleigh from Chicago. Her doctoral work will not begin until fall 2010, although the undergraduate courses she took at Northwestern are part of her prep for that. Tragically, their son Charlie died almost two years ago after a long struggle with addiction and depression.

"It is a joy for me to serve at St. Paul's during this interim," said Watrous. "I look forward to reconnecting with many friends, and assisting St. Paul's to move to welcome its new rector."

A Familiar Face in a New Role

Dear St. Paul's Family,



I was going to title this “An Old Face in a New Role”, but reconsidered! I hope I am a familiar face to many of you, as many of you are to me. I am so pleased to see many new faces as well. We will all begin a new season of knowing each other's faces (and hearts and minds) this summer.

In the more than thirty years since my ordination, I haven't had an extended time in the pew until last year. As you may know, our 28-year-old son, Charlie, took his own life on July 5, 2007. The agony of that loss was soon followed by my mother's unexpected death on March 20, 2008. Over the next few months, it became clear to me that God was calling me to a time apart, a time alone, for healing, discernment, and renewal. I resigned as rector of my parish on June 15. By the grace of God, I had my own “retreat house” at our family farm. Surrounded by decades of happy memories and the beauty of Susquehanna County, a doorway to peace began to open. Worship at St. Paul's over the next five months brought healing and hope.

Only Providence has created a convergence where I can resume priestly ministry on a temporary, part time basis in a congregation I have known for decades. My attendance last year gave me a first hand experience of the transformation and renewal God is bringing you. I'm sure many of Charles' sermons spoke to individuals as well as to the congregation as a whole. The life of the congregation and my own life were moving along parallel lines, with both the uncertainties and the incredible joy of new life. Every step forward has made me more deeply and humbly aware of God's amazing, abundant mercy and grace. That's what I'm hearing from you too!

As we move together toward the completion of an “interim time” in church and personal life, I am sure there are many more moments of rejoicing ahead of us. Together, we can encourage each other to trust the future God is opening for us, and through us, to the community around us. What a gracious God has given us this time together!

Your sister in new life,

Pastor Janet

???Frequently Asked Questions??? when a new minister arrives!

What do we call her?

Janet is perfectly comfortable being called Janet by adults, and Pastor Janet by children, young people, and others who simply prefer more formality.

Where does she live?

Janet's home is in Raleigh, NC, but her “home of the heart” is the Watrous family farm outside Hallstead. She, her younger brothers and sisters, and her own children all love their time there.

Janet's parents bought the late 19th century farmhouse in late 1954, and Joe and Kay spent their retirement years living most of the year there, returning to their Binghamton home only when it got too cold!

When will Pastor Janet be at the church office?

Pastor Janet will follow Fr. Charles' schedule and be in the church office on Wednesdays. She will be available for pastoral emergencies at any time.

How do I get in touch with her?

You may call the church office and leave a message.

You may call her at the farm: 879-2058

You may send her an email: revjanw@earthlink.net

You may write to her at the church or at: 651 Steam Hollow Rd. Hallstead, PA 18822

Will we meet her family?

Yes, you will! Janet's husband, Bob Kochersberger, is a professor at North Carolina State University. Bob teaches journalism and directs the graduate level interdisciplinary studies program. He and Janet will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary on May 14.

Their daughter, Anne (28) recently returned to Raleigh after four years of living in Chicago. Janet hopes Anne will be here for Memorial Day weekend.

Tilly the cat is living with Janet at the farm and will not be attending St. Paul's. She simply does not have the spiritual discipline to get up on Sunday morning.

Senior Warden Update

The Annual Meeting is quickly approaching and the vestry is preparing the agenda, compiling updates, and planning for the year ahead. Much organizational work has taken place in the past three months (and three years) helping us to remain focused and on track amidst transitions. The vestry and parish are delighted to welcome the Reverend Janet Watrous beginning with the May 3th Service. Pastor Janet will be with us through the summer as the search committee continues their hard work. As mentioned in past newsletter articles, Pastor Janet brings a wealth of experience to St. Paul's as well as a deep affection for St. Paul's and the congregation.

Through diligent work and careful planning, we are well equipped to move through the coming months. We are very fortunate to have Brenda in the office, well versed in the rhythms of parish life, anticipating the upcoming events. The personnel committee has met with the employees of the church and completed evaluations. Through the Stewardship questionnaire, we have a terrific list of volunteers to help with everything from property repairs to baking for events.

Much of the leadership for the Spirit of Summer has shifted, allowing for many parishioners and community friends to take part of a wonderful series of events. The chairs of each event are listed below so you have a contact person if you are interested in helping out in some way. Remember, it only takes a moment to ask "How can I help?" but it makes a lasting impact!

Music Camp--Mary Ann Dewitt

Reading camp--Mike Shingler

Fourth of July Float--The Markers

Fourth of July Garden events--Mike Shingler and Maggie Sock

Go Blue Weekend--Sandy Schwab

On May 17th, we will say goodbye to two very faithful and dedicated members of Vestry. Both Maggie Sock and Jane Chandler are ending their second term and will enjoy a well deserved rest from the trials and tribulations of vestry. We are grateful to both women, for they have brought much to our journey together. We thank them for their six years of service and know that they will continue their great stewardship in other ways at St. Paul's.

There is still much to be realized at St. Paul's. As a vestry, we know that we are not here to solve the next problem. We are here to provide continuity and vision. Are you interested in serving on the vestry? If you are, please let a vestry member know.

As always, come and grow...

Rachel

Moving Forward

St. Paul's is once again in the mist of change. Father Charles is finally retiring. His last Sunday at St. Paul's was on April 26th. We have been blessed and have learned so much from him these past 3 years, things we already knew, but needed to be reminded of. We are a welcoming church! He reminded us in the last newsletter that we must look forward. We must take what we know about ourselves and what we have learned from him to progress forward. We must continue to be a welcoming church. We must continue the summer music programs for children, the crafters fair, the support of the 4th of July and Blueberry Festival, and our participation and commitment to our community.

We need to continue to support "Under One Roof," a meeting and sharing of ideas of Episcopal churches in Susquehanna, Bradford, and Wyoming counties.

Each of us, yes that is you, must support St. Paul's by volunteering (no matter what age you are) to the mission of our church. We have many committees at St. Paul's that you can belong to. With your help, we will continue to grow.

We need every one of you to support Reverend Janet Watrous as she guides us through this transition from Father Charles to our new minister. As we have learned from the ministers in our past, we will learn from Rev. Janet. She will be with us. She will guide us, and she will support the many steps we have achieved as a welcoming church.

We wish Father Charles the best. As he said: "Never take your eyes off the future, my dear friends. The present should be seeded by your future vision, not your past history." Even if it was not done before, we know we can try something new for it is our future.

Welcome Reverend Janet Watrous!

Maggie McGee Sock

Bishop Paul to visit St. Paul's June 21

The Rt. Rev. Paul V. Marshall, the Bishop of Bethlehem, will make his Episcopal visit to St. Paul's, Montrose, and will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 21.

Bishop Paul, as spiritual leader of the 68 congregations, which include some 18,000 baptized members in 14 counties of eastern and northeastern Pennsylvania, will preside at the worship service and administer the sacrament of confirmation.

Prior to his election and consecration as Bishop of Bethlehem in 1995, Bishop Paul had been a professor at Yale University Divinity School and director of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. He has written extensively both for scholars and clergy and for the general reader. His scholarly works have been described as "readable" and his popular works as "learned." Many residents of northeastern Pennsylvania know Bishop Paul through a monthly column he writes for the secular press. Newspapers that circulate to some 400,000 homes carry the column.

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. [Prayer Book, page 860] "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop." [Prayer Book, page 412]

Those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are urged to contact Mother Watrous or the Parish Office at 278-2954.

Starting to Feel the Spirit of Summer

Its time to pack away the winter clothes and start thinking about sun and summer, which means it's not long until the Spirit of Summer returns to St. Paul's. What's planned for this year? St. Paul's will sponsor the 2nd Annual Summer Music Camp. The Camp was a smashing success last year, and we look forward to welcoming back Sarah Birchard and Jamie Dean-Brackett as the co-directors.

The 4th of July parade will once again include a St. Paul's float (designed by the creative team of Carol and Richard Marker), and will again include our Music Camp singers, and rumor has it that Uncle Sam will be back. You will probably notice a wonderful aroma in the air as you watch the parade – that's Pecos Bill, who will be serving up specialties from his grill in St. Paul's garden throughout the day.

Children will have a second fun filled camp this year, with the initiation of our first Reading Camp in late July under the direction of Mike Shingler.

St. Paul's will once again join in the Blueberry Festival festivities, as we bring back the Christmas in August Arts and Crafts Festival at St. Paul's. Pecos Bill will return to our garden with his grill once again for this two day event.

Are you starting to feel the Spirit of Summer? Keep watch for more details. *Sandy Schwab*



Our Search For A New Rector

By the time you read this our heads will be filled with wonderful memories of the April 26th celebration of Father Charles time at St. Paul's. We will all be going through the emotions of this time of change, and will have warmly welcomed Rev. Janet Watrous, who will spend the summer working with us to move us from the sense of loss created by Father Charles' departure to welcoming with open arms our new rector. Your Search Committee is busier than ever and currently has 5 potential candidates for interviews. Rev. Watrous will be working with the Search Committee to prepare us for the interview and selection process. Keep us in your prayers. *Sandy Schwab*

Community Yard Sale

Time is running short if we wish to turn the annual May Montrose yard sale into an ECW/Men's group fund raising event for St. Paul's. We can rent space with tables to those wishing to sell their treasures AND sell refreshments. However we need to get rolling soon. I have names of volunteers to help out, but we need someone to head up the team and get it rolling. It doesn't have to be a real time consuming task. Also, if you are interested in table space to sell some of those treasures that have been collecting dust in your home, let me know, and I'll pass the info on to the team. Let's get rolling with some of those great ideas that were presented at our ECW/Men's group meeting. *Sandy Schwab*

Cooking Up A Cook Book

In order to create a St. Paul's Cookbook to go on sale at the Christmas in August Arts and Crafts Festival we need two things – RECIPES AND HELPERS! What do the helpers need to do – meet with me a couple of times to discuss how we want to do the cook book and then help collect recipes from all of you! Based on the great food I've eaten at St. Paul's, I know there are a lot of great recipes circulating throughout this parish. I'll do the typing. Proceeds from the cookbook can go toward the ramp and building fund. So what are you waiting for? Let's start cooking up our cook book! *Sandy Schwab*



From the Work Bench of the Junior Warden:

A quick reminder of 3 important dates coming up in May:

- 1) May 6, Property Committee meeting at St. Pauls
- 2) May 9, Spring clean up date between 9am and noon - This year besides cleaning up our yard there will be a list of jobs posted on the screen in the Parrish House that we would like to have done. Just take the slip of paper with the job on it and go and do the task. If you have any questions see me or any member of the property committee.
- 3) May 17 Annual Parish Meeting - In this year's Property Committee report there will be an explanation of the decision to purchase a rectory. We will discuss the facts and figures, and if you have any questions we will try to answer them. *John Finlon*

Construction has begun on Accessibility Ramp



Construction has begun on the accessibility ramp in the Garth. It is anticipated that it will take several weeks to complete the project, which will bring pedestrians gradually up an incline into the Cloister from the Church Street sidewalk. During the construction the door in the Cloister will be unavailable.

The ramp has been two years in the planning. An architect's drawing is on the bulletin board in the Guild Room. When completed, the ramp will enable easy access into both the Church and the Parish House.

Grateful thanks to all who have helped bring the ramp to reality.



LAWN CARE

St. Pauls Church will be accepting bids on lawn care for the year of 2009.

Scope of the work will include the following:

Mow all grass

Trim along all trees, along edge of sidewalks and curbs and wherever the lawnmower did not get.



Clean all grass clippings from sidewalks and walk ways.

If at all possible have the work done the later part of the week. Bids should be submitted to St. Pauls Church by May 10.

Red Cross to Present Disaster Preparedness

May 30, 9:30 am—11:30 am

Bruce Rossman will be the presenter. He is a United Way of Pennsylvania VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) and will be representing the American Red Cross- Susquehanna County Chapter. This will be held in the Parish House of St. Paul's Church, 60 Church St., Montrose, PA.

- (1) **General preparedness information** including the "3 Actions" of readiness for disasters: "Get a Kit", "Make a Plan", "Be Informed";
- 2) **Evacuation planning** with an emphasis on developing a family communications plan and
- (3) **Preparedness for people with disabilities** including the important roles of family, caregivers and co-workers in helping people with disabilities prepare for disasters.

The above **information** will be conveyed using a DVD entitled "Be Red Cross Ready for Disaster-Disaster Preparedness Education" (approx. 30 min) . A discussion & Q&A period will follow the DVD presentation. There will also be relevant hand-outs about preparedness and readiness for effective responses to hazard events including an activity book titled "Ready Kids Activity Book".

Bountiful Blessings Provides 700 In Susquehanna County An Easter Dinner

On Wednesday in Holy Week, Christ Church in Forest City; St. Paul's in Montrose; and, St. Mark's in New Milford provided 700 Easter Dinners to individuals and families in Susquehanna County at the 4th Annual Easter Dinner called Bounteous Blessings. "We distributed over 300 dinners at St. Mark's," reported Joan Flint of the New Milford parish. "Volunteers from all the churches in New Milford gathered on Monday and Tuesday to prepare the full dinners. One of our volunteers from the Methodist Church was 101 years old. She insisted on working all day on Tuesday."

"The key to the project is the enthusiasm and commitment of our volunteers," opined Nancy Finlon of St. Paul's, Montrose. "Students at all the schools in the County collect the veggies, potatoes/macaroni & cheese, and canned fruit. Churches from across the County collect cake mixes and icings. Montrose Churches provide the traditional Easter candies. The whole County participates in this wonderful project."



Volunteers are recruited from the churches in Susquehanna County. The Key Club of the Montrose Area High School helps all three days of the project sorting the canned goods, packing the bags, and carrying the dinners out to the cars of the guests. "The involvement of our young people is an important and vital ingredient," asserts Jack DeMark of Christ Church, Forest City. "Not only do they have the energy and enthusiasm, but it is important for them to experience the basic human needs in their community."

Last year 600 needy individuals and families were presented with an Easter Dinner at St. Paul's, Montrose. This year the list grew to 700. "This led the planning and coordinating committee to invite the churches in New Milford and Forest City to join in a partnership to distribute the dinners," said Rachel Warriner Bartron of St. Paul's. "This achieved a number of goals: first, it expanded our capacity and outreach; second, it enlarged our partnership; and, third, it cut down on the distance many of the patrons had to drive to receive their dinner." Those who are unable to pick-up their dinners on Wednesday are able to receive them at the County Food Banks on Thursday.

Each dinner included a ham, vegetables, potatoes/macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, bread, and holiday sweets. Monies contributed by 200 individuals, organizations and social agencies in the County purchased the hams and the bread. "We set a goal of \$7,000," reports Bartron, "but we collected \$8,035. This is an amazing comment about our caring community in this difficult economic time. In fact, one donation came from a prisoner at the local penitentiary."

Towards the end of the distribution on Wednesday, one of the teenage members of the Key Club returned from escorting one of the senior citizens to her car. He flopped down on one of the chairs and loudly reported to his companions: "She was really grateful. When I put her dinner packet in the back of her car, she turned to me and said, "Thank you for making my Easter dinner possible. Have a blessed Easter."

Children's Update:

The children have been busy with a variety of activities lately. They have been practicing several songs for Easter and the celebration of Father Charles's retirement. In church, they were integral parts of many recent services, gracefully greeting, assisting with the offering, and reading the prayers of the people. The children's Sabbath has become an incredibly important piece in the curriculum.

Mr. Ron Chandler led a terrific lesson about drawing self portraits. The children were amazing—polite, engaged and really accomplished. The special Sundays have been such a treat this year and really enhanced our program.

May will be a very busy month for the church schoolers. Following is the schedule for the month:

5/3/09 Worship for Life Lesson "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

5/9/09 Clean up day at the church

5/10/09 Mother's Day--no church school

5/17/09 Annual Meeting of the Parish

Worship for Life lesson for the children (I need a volunteer to lead this lesson)

5/24/09 Memorial Day

5/31/09 Children's Sabbath

New pictures are on the website that show many of these activities. Plans are underway for the fall—please let Rachel or Dawn know if you are interested in working with the children.



A Beautiful Morning

St. Paul's choir has outdone itself, once again!

At the beginning of the 2009 Easter service, the choir sang, *a capella*, a hymn, *Oh Morn of Beauty*, set to the music of Jan Sibelius' 'Finlandia', one of the most beautiful and expressive pieces of music ever written. It is difficult to imagine that the hymn has ever been more beautifully sung.

The hymn expresses the wonder and the joy of Easter morning, as the two Mary's approached Jesus' tomb, and found that he had risen.

Finlandia was composed at the end of the nineteenth century, reflecting the hopes, the dreams and the struggles of the people of Finland as they worked to maintain cultural and political autonomy, and independence. The music is particularly touching because people all over the world recognize in it, an expression of their own experience.

Eventually, the beauty and the emotional content of the music inspired the composition of a number of hymns, including the one sung so perfectly by St. Paul's choir.

I was reminded of a comment I was compelled to make to Dorothy Harris, St. Paul's Choir Director, many years ago – when Joe Welden and I were much younger - : “Mrs. Harris, I can never tell how many members are in the choir simply by listening; the choir is always superb, regardless of how many are present!” The comment retains its validity, more than forty years later! *Submitted by Ed Stark*

Easter at St. Paul's

Baptisms

Two children, Kyli Marie Shingler and Emma Leigh Graham were baptized at St. Paul's Easter Vigil service. For the next three years they and their parents will receive periodic mailings, designed to help them to understand the changes in their lives, accompanying baptism.

Since 1991 Peggy Stark has sent out materials to sixty-four adults, children and parents following baptisms, mostly at St. Paul's and a few at St. Matthew's. These materials are produced by Augsburg-Fortress Press. They include baptism and birthday cards, suggestions for parents as they foster growth in Christian awareness, and stories and visual aids for the children as they progress from one stage of learning to the next.

Originally the Augsburg program was called "Growing in God's Love", but recently a new program was introduced, called "SPLASH", intended as a reminder of the cleansing and renewing water of the baptismal sacrament. The new materials are similar to those sent out over the past eighteen years, but now include a disc containing music appropriate to each stage of development.

So, - for each month of the next three years Kyli, Emma and their parents will receive mailings reflecting the love, concern and support of this parish as they begin these three crucial years in their development as Christians.

Submitted by Ed Stark

A Saint For May

Genesis tells us that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." And, of course, everything in the heavens and the earth. But, the Bible also tells us that creation is an on-going process. We continually pray, "...thy kingdom come...", looking forward to the time when life on earth will be like life in heaven.

The Old Testament recounts the evolution of a peoples' understanding of their God and His world, and of their relationship with God. The Hebrew people, unlike many of their contemporaries understood that there is only one God; they understood also, that God loved them, but that He expected them to try to live in harmony with the people, and the world, around them. God sent prophets to help them to learn how to live and eventually, He sent His son, the Christ, to inspire and to instruct them. Christ's earthly ministry and that of his early followers constitutes a 'New Testament' between God and His people, superseding the covenant He had made with Abraham.

Christians have spent the last twenty centuries learning to keep their part of this new covenant. Christianity's first three centuries were crucial in defining the basic principles of that covenant, enunciated by God, through Christ.

There was much discussion among Christians, during those early years, concerning the nature of Christ: Was he simply a very special human prophet, or was he, in fact, co-equal with God?

The followers of Arius, a theologian of Alexandria believed that Christ was human, created by God, but not an integral part of God, that is, not a part of the Trinity. **Athanasius**, also of Alexandria, held the view that Christ was, in fact, co-existent with God. He is commemorated in the Church calendar on May 2nd, for his teaching that Christ is the 'Son of God', existing with God, from the very beginning.

The controversy concerning the real nature of Christ became so intense that the Emperor Constantine called a Church Council in Nicaea in the year 325 to resolve the issue. The result of this convention of 317 bishops was the Nicene Creed, which Athanasius helped to write. It is believed that Athanasius was responsible for the statement, "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father."

The Church used, discussed and modified the Nicene Creed for more than a hundred years, and finally, in 451, it was officially adopted at the Council of Chalcedon. We have been using it ever since, to summarize our basic beliefs as Christians as we continue to participate in God's creation. *Submitted by Ed Stark*

A Pillar of the Church

I'm confused. Go to Revelation 3:12. It talks about being a "pillar in the temple of my God." Now go to Revelation 21:22 where it says, "I saw no temple in the city, for the temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb." Hmm. Is this a con job?.

Originally, the title of this article was going to be "A New Heaven, A New Earth." In Revelation 21:1 it talks about, "... and the sea was no more." My immediate thought was that there would be a lot of mud flats. But I guess that if He could dry up the seas He could dry up the mud flats, as well ... and take out the garbage that had accumulated at the bottom over the centuries.

Medical update. Tests, lots of tests. Left a message with the doctor. Why can't we shrink the pituitary gland with medication while we are making the full diagnosis? The local doctor doesn't control medication prescriptions, the Binghamton doctors do. Guess I'll have to read more psalms.

If you thought I forgot about Revelation, you really don't know me. The thought that Revelation might succumb to study was a pipe dream. One of my reference sources is pointing me to Daniel, Ezekiel, and Isaiah, among others. I've settled in for the long haul.

Came across a book by Deitrich Bonnhoffer about studying the psalms. I read the psalms, one per week, and am up to psalm 34. That should round out my studying the psalms with my other books from Thomas Merton, C. S. Lewis, and C. H. Spurgeon, that I've read ... and am re-reading. *(BTW, I've misplaced my copy of Deitrich Bonhoeffer's book on the psalms. If you've seen it, let me know.)*

The psalms are an important part of the bible that I have to admit to myself that I am reading like a cook-book ... or a libretto, for all you music lovers. In Luke 24:44 it states that, "...Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the psalms." Guess if they wrote about Him, I ought to read it ... and "get" it. Deitrich Bonnhoffer in his book on psalms notes,"Yet more important than all this(other reasons for reading the psalms) is the reason that Jesus died on the cross with the words of the Psalter on His lips." This is written during Holy Week of 2009. Appropriate.

Met someone who LOVES the psalms. Will see if I can pick up any of his enthusiasm. We may have to proceed slowly, he's over 50 miles away, ... a Rabbi. The psalms WE'RE written by Jews, after all ... and God.

Goodbye, Fr. Charles. Great memories. God speed. Gave up your Superman cape, I see. Good for you.

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

Reminder

Remember to keep the Parish office updated should your address, telephone, or email change. Also remember you can receive the Newsletter electronically, just send an email request to the Parish Office: stpaulsmontrose@epix.net or call 570-278-2954.

May, 2009 Lay Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild

3: Alice Wood
10: Bernie Zalewski
17: Mary Zalewski
24: Margie Baker
31: Else Brunner

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

3: Judy Ochse
10: Charlotte Ellis
17: Betty Smith
24: Helen Viteritto
31: Kathy Warriner

Counters

3: Richard Marker and Warren Morgan
10: Sandy Schwab and Bernie Zalewski
17: Nancy Finlon and Dick Schwab
24: Karen Wolfson and Sandy Schwab
31: Jane Chandler and Ed Stark

Eucharistic Minister

3: Bernie Zalewski and Bob Arnold
10: Margie Baker and Jennie Bowen
17: Jane Chandler and Alma Shingler
24: Brenda Syle and Mary Jane Syle
31: Esther Welden and Bernie Zalewski

Greeter

3: Bob Arnold
10: Rachel Bartron
17: Jennie Bowen
24: Else Brunner
31: Margaret Burgh

Lector

3: Mary Zalewski
10: Margie Baker
17: Scott Finlon
24: Richard Marker
31: Fraser Moffat

Usher

3: Hap Syle and Tom Syle
10: Bob Arnold
17: John Finlon
24: Al Leigh
31: Richard Marker

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