
◆ News and Views From St. Paul's ◆

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Upcoming Events

- May 2: V Easter
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's
Public Service of Healing with Anointing and
the Laying-On-Of Hands and Eucharist
10:30, Adult Forum
- May 4: 2 PM, Stewardship Meeting
- May 5: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's,
Bag lunch to follow.
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- May 8: 8 AM—NOON, Spring Clean Up
- May 9: VI Easter
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's
Rogation Sunday with the
Blessing of Plants
5:00 PM, Vesper Service,
Light supper to follow
- May 12: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's,
Bag lunch to follow.
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- May 13: 5:30 PM, Vestry Meeting
- May 16: VII Easter
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's
10 AM, Daughters of the King
10:15 AM, Church School Meeting
3 PM, Organ Recital by Father Randy
- May 19: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's,
Bag lunch to follow.
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- May 23: 9 AM, The Day of Pentecost
Worship at St. Paul's
10:15 AM, Annual Meeting
- May 25: NOON, Daughters of the King
6:00 PM, Finance Committee Meeting
- May 26: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's,
Bag lunch to follow.
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
- May 30: 9 AM, Trinity Sunday
Worship at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 2 A Public Service of Healing with Anointing and the Laying-On-Of-Hands.

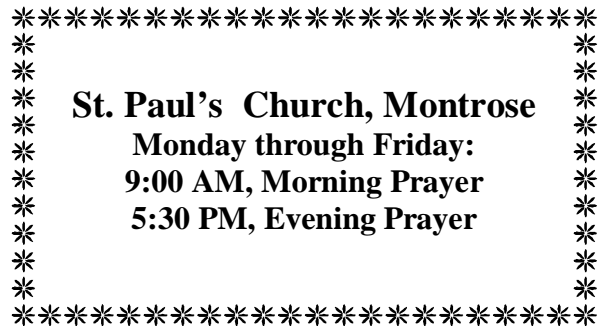
Generally four times each year we will offer Public Services of Healing with anointing and the Laying-On-Of-Hands in the context of the regular Sunday service. You may always request anointing for healing from Father Paul at any time.

The Adult Forum

On Sunday, May 2 the Adult Forum will resume meeting at 10:30 a.m. We will be viewing short video clips (about 5 to 8 minutes) focusing on contemporary issues by Rob Bell. Discussion will follow. The meeting should be for about 30 minutes. All are welcome.

**The Annual Meeting
is scheduled for May 23, 2010
immediately following
the 9 AM service**

**St. Paul's Church, Montrose
Monday through Friday:
9:00 AM, Morning Prayer
5:30 PM, Evening Prayer**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last month when the Christian Education Committee met I was asked if I would speak about our Baptismal Covenant when I had the opportunity. Last week several of us were able to attend Bishop Croneberger's visit to Christ Church in Susquehanna. Bishop Jack spoke about the revision of our Prayer Book in 1979 which recognized the centrality of our Baptismal Covenant in our life of faith and our life as a community. There are several opportunities we have throughout the year to reaffirm and to remind ourselves of our Baptismal Covenant. One of the primary times in the liturgical year is Easter. Hence, what a better time to speak about baptism then within the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

As the service of Baptism begins we start with the affirmation of what we believe concerning the relationship between God and us. As we move into the presentation of the candidate for baptism, especially true in the case of younger children, we make a solemn commitment to God that as parents and godparents we will see that this child is brought up in the Christian faith and life, and, that our prayers and witness will assist this child to grow into the full stature of Christ. In a sense we are saying that we will maintain a Christian home and that we will see that this child has the education and opportunities to learn what it means to be a member of the Christian community. In addition we are making a commitment to model our own life accordingly and to be a witness to the presence of Christ in our life.

The Christian Community, the congregation that is, makes a solemn commitment to do all in their power to support the newly baptized in their new life in Christ. This means the community willingly accepts the responsibility to provide for the Christian education of this newly baptized person. Through the programming of the parish we then model, just as the parents are asked to model, what it means to live a life that reflects the presence of Christ in our midst.

We then (re)commit ourselves to The Baptismal Covenant. Some additional words for a covenant can include the following: contract, vow, commitment or oath. Our Baptismal Covenant begins with the affirmation of what we believe about a Triune God.

We affirm what we believe about God as Mother, Father, Parent, Creator. We then affirm what it is that we believe about God as Son, Word, Redeemer, as experienced in Jesus Christ. Finally we affirm what we believe and have experienced of God as Holy Spirit, as Sanctifier. In many ways this is the easier part of the Baptismal Covenant.

Now, comes the more difficult part of the Baptismal Covenant. If this is what we believe about a Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - then how do we live our faith out in the midst of the faith community and beyond? We make a solemn commitment to continue in the apostles teaching (ongoing youth and adult education), in fellowship (regularly attending services together), in the breaking of the bread (sharing in communion with the community), and in the prayers (continually praying for one another).

We promise to resist evil, and being human, when we do fall into sin, to repent and return to the Lord. We commit to proclaim by both what we say and how we live the Good News in Christ. We are to seek Christ in all persons (whether or not we like them) loving our neighbor as ourself. Finally we take our last vow which is to strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human person. This covenant has radically transformed our life in the Episcopal Church.

The baptism takes place and we are buried with Christ into his death and born again to continue and to share in the risen life of Jesus Christ Our Savior. As a reminder of this all during the Easter Season the Baptismal Font and Paschal Candle are kept up front in a prominent location.

As the service of Baptism concludes the newly baptized are anointed with oil on their forehead and, "marked as Christ's own FOR EVER!"

I encourage you, my sisters and brothers, to faithfully keep this covenant you have made and to live into Christ's resurrection in your lives!

Father Paul

Vesper Service

The Second Sunday Vesper service will be held on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, Pa. Mrs. Mary Lee Fitzgerald will welcome the guests and Mrs. Timothy Newbrander will be the reader. Greeters will be David, Alisoun, Sander, Maryrose and Peter Bertsch. Special music will be provided by a group of community women under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Ellis. If you would like to be part of the group, please call Mary Ann Dewitt at (570) 278-2791 for more information. Sarah Bertsch is organist for the service. A light meal will be served in the Parish House at the conclusion of the program. All are welcome.

Food Bank Bags

News Flash: We have acquired light tan cloth bags from Rite Aid to add to our collection of Food Bank Bags. These added bags have been placed beneath the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall by the Guild Room for your convenience.

* The first Sunday in May is sneaking up on us. Be prepared. Grab a bag and add some good stuff. Thank you all so much for participating in this wonderful outreach program each month.

Organ Recital to be presented on Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 P.M.

Father Randy will present a recital of organ works on Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 P.M. The program will include *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* by J.S. Bach and the *Sonata No. 1 in f minor* by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.



SAVE THE DATES
SUMMER MUSIC CAMP
 AT
 ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 60 Church Street, Montrose, PA

June 21-25, 2010
 Ages 5-12
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Directed by Nino Bennici

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

\$10 per child, \$20 per family
 Scholarships available
 Bring your friends

Friday Night Finale, 6:30 p.m. at
Lathrop Street School

Thank You , St. Paul's

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

Just a note to thank you for the faithful support you give to the Trehab Food Bank. We appreciate your help, together we can serve the community. Below is a breakdown of the many served since 2005. Thank you, Lynn Senick, Trehab Food Bank

	Households	Individuals	Adults	Children	Elderly
2005-2006	417	807			
2006-2007	416	745	389	236	232
2007-2008	450	930	385	227	267
2008-2009	524	1182	504	361	375

Church School

Following the 9 AM service on May 16th a meeting will be held to discuss what children/parents/congregation members would like to see in and contribute to a church school program, specifically, how can we satisfy our current needs and attract new church school attendees. For more info contact Dawn Washo, dwasho@resourceem.com or 278-8391.

National Day of Prayer

A special observance and time of prayer will be held at the Gazebo on the Green in Montrose on Thursday, May 6, from noon to 12:30 PM. Plan to come for all or part of the time, as millions of Americans gather in their communities to pray for our nation. The National Day of Prayer tradition dates back to February 19, 1795, when President George Washington issued a proclamation setting aside a day of public thanksgiving. An annual day of prayer was established by Congress in 1952 and was specifically designated in 1988 as the first Thursday in May.

"For the beauty of the earth,.. ."



A Little Pot of Flowers



Traditions develop and mature over a period of time, and they come to make up a significant part of the character of an institution. Traditions begin and are perpetuated out of a consciousness of an important facet of the institution's life.

The little potted plants given to the children at Easter constitute an important tradition at St. Paul's. They reflect, among other things, our parish's recognition of the importance of children in the life and mission of the parish.

When Eleanor McKeage was a very small girl and The Reverend Wallace Goodfellow was Rector, he carried out a tradition at St. Paul's:

On Children's Day, celebrated each year in the Spring, the Rector made available small pots of geraniums, and each child in the congregation was encouraged to come forward to take a pot, and to take it home after Church.

Ellie, being a shy little child, had failed to come forward for her plant and the Rector noticed. After the service Mr. Goodfellow took her up front and made sure that she went home with a geranium.

Some years later, early in the service of the Rev. Chester Harris, Ellie's husband, John McKeage, acquired a greenhouse. He began starting plants in the greenhouse in the spring and. Ellie suggested that he start a few more marigolds for the children to take home, following the Easter service, and the tradition was renewed.

Eventually John and the greenhouse grew apart, and Sue DeShong – later, Sue Smith - took over the 'Children's Flower Ministry', and on her passing, Sue's daughters, Amy and Molly adopted the tradition; this Easter, the children's plants came from a nursery near Philadelphia.

Easter; plants and flowers; children, and God's message in Christ, all reflect God's enduring promise of renewal and everlasting life. St. Paul's 'Little Pots of Flowers' are an outward and visible sign of our faith in, and participation in, that promise. *Submitted by Edward A. Stark*

Considering A Columbarium At St. Paul's

For several years there has been talk of constructing a Columbarium at St. Paul's, and Vestry was asked to investigate this option. Perhaps the first question is, "What is a Columbarium?" The dictionary describes it as "a vault with niches to contain the ashes of cremated bodies." The number of Christians who are being cremated rather than buried or placed in a mausoleum is ever increasing. In recent years more and more churches have installed Columbariums as a meaningful way to honor and respect the remains of those who have passed on. What better place than in the church. It is there where we are baptized and where we give our life to Christ. What better witness than to have our remains placed in this same sacred place?

With the increase in cremations, the question of what one does with the cremated remains is often asked. A Columbarium offers a dignified answer that is consistent with Christian tradition. From earliest times, Christians have buried their dead in churches. Typically this honor was reserved for kings, heroes or other notables. By utilizing a Columbarium, it is now possible for us to properly honor our deceased by placing their remains in our church. Cremation and inurnment of the ashes is used extensively at Washington Cathedral in Washington DC. There are 17 Episcopal churches in Eastern PA that have contracted with Armento Liturgical Arts, as well as churches of many other denominations. Trinity Presbyterian in Dallas has completed their Columbarium for 60 niches. St. Luke's in Scranton, being a larger church, was able to dedicate a space inside the church solely to a Columbarium, and has a very beautiful installation with 60 niches. In Towanda, both Trinity Evangelical Lutheran and Christ Episcopal have Columbariums. St. Paul's Lutheran in Dallas just contracted with Armento for a 36 niche Columbarium in their garden and expresses great satisfaction with Armento.

Location or design for a Columbarium at St. Paul's has not been determined as yet. Surprisingly, a Columbarium can require very little space. A 30"x30"x10" structure will house 16 niches. It is feasible that space within the church could be considered, or the Memorial Garden or other areas outside the building could be used. Unique and beautiful designs are available for both indoor and outdoor Columbariums. It is also important to note that Columbariums can be designed to allow for future expansion if desired.

Many have asked about the cost associated with such an undertaking. First it should be noted that this would be a self-supporting project. No funds from the church would be used to either build or maintain the Columbarium. Should we move forward, construction would commence only after enough niches have been purchased to provide adequate funds. A reserve account would be established to cover future maintenance. For example, the 36 niche Columbarium being constructed at St. Paul's in Dallas allowed parishioners to purchase a niche at the pre-construction cost of \$1,000 (\$250 down and the balance in 6 months). Through the sale of 20 pre-construction niches, enough money was raised to cover construction costs. Proceeds from the sale of the remaining niches would be placed in a reserve account to cover maintenance. This is just one example of creative financing to cover costs.

Often these discussions are uncomfortable, yet we all recognize that such planning is important to our peace of mind and our loved ones. In the very near future, Vestry will hold a parish meeting to discuss the future of a Columbarium at St. Paul's. A brief video will be shown providing insight into the appearance, location and benefits of Columbariums to a parish. Following the video additional information will be presented. Discussion will follow and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. If adequate interest exists, we can move forward and work with Armento on specific options for St. Paul's. Keep watch for further information on this meeting. In the meantime, you may visit www.Armento-Columbarium.com for additional insight.

Personal Pondering

I attended a Daughter's of the King Retreat in April where we received Archdeacon Stringfellow as our Chaplain. He spoke to us about being "Centered in Christ" throughout the weekend. Those talks reminded me about my first D.O.K. weekend retreat years ago. We broke up in small groups and had sharing time. Each of us then related a little of our own Faith Story. The following is how I incorporated one of those stories as my own.

In order to be "Centered in Christ" I have to feel close to Christ and to get there I love to use the following: I love to picture a house in my heart. In that house there are many rooms. I wander in and out of the house and the many rooms all the time. One room that I pass frequently has the door closed. I wonder sometimes what is inside but I am always on my way to another chore, duty, work or play. One day my pace is a little slower and my heart and mind calmer than usual. I wonder what's behind the door and slow my steps. I reach for the doorknob and turn the handle expecting it to be locked. It opens easily. What will I find inside? Opposite the door my eyes focus on a fireplace flanked by two comfortable armchairs. The firelight flickering in the dimness of the room warms my heart. I realize someone, a man, is sitting in one of the chairs. He beacons me to join him. As I turn and sit I realize I am face to face with God. Wow! I am so calm and relaxed sitting and chatting with him for a long while about the things going on in my life. What are my needs and concerns? Finally I asked "When did you come into this room?"

God sighs and replies with tears glistening in his eyes "I am always here in this room waiting for you to visit with me. You have just always been too busy to come in.

"I stop by often each day now to visit with him. This room is the center of my life. Where I am girded with "Peace that passes all understanding". I have found my center in Christ here in my heart.

I invite you to find your special place to meet with God and to go there often. A place where you are "Centered in Christ". *Prayers and blessings to you all.*
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It's Not About You, It's About Us!

St. Paul's is hopeful that a new yearbook will soon be available as the result of efforts now nearly complete to have our members photographed. As important as this effort is to our church, there is one major problem. Many of our members have expressed a lack of interest in having their photos taken. "At my age, what do I need with a portrait?" This question has been raised by many of us.

This question, unfortunately, is not the right question. The question should be, "What need does the church have of a portrait of me?"

The yearbook will be a joint project with St. Mark's in New Milford and Christ's Church in Susquehanna. It is vital to the life of our three churches that photos be present so that members can be identified by new as well as old members. There are members who cannot attend church regularly who may not be known by other attendees.

I have belonged to St Paul's for nine years and I only know a small number of people by name. But I do know a lot of members by face. I would be greatly helped if I could look at a photograph so that I could know who my wife is talking about. I know there are plenty of others who would realize the same benefit if they could see a picture of the person(s) being named in a conversation.

It will be very awkward and embarrassing to St. Paul's if, when the yearbook appears, there are a couple of dozen photographs and a long list of members names under the heading *Not Photographed*. Please don't be one of the names in such a list. The church **needs** a portrait of you!

Submitted by Ron Chandler

Psalms and Kajo Keji plus the UN/US State Dept.

What does the UN/US State Department have to do with psalms. It doesn't. It has to do with the Sudan. When you google "Southern Sudan United Nations" or "Southern Sudan U S State Department" you get a boatload of data. Now what? Read.

There is a report that explains where some UN money went to the Sudan in 2009, seventy one million dollars plus to be precise. There are 26 separate states in the Sudan where UN money can go. Remember Darfur? They received 20% of the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) budget. How did the Southern Sudan (10 states) do? ... 35% ... \$49 million dollars! (There is an old two-part saying that comes to mind. "Money talks and ..." I forget the second part.) Now if the UN, a secular arm for many nations, is pouring that kind of money into Southern Sudan, can WE expect to have a cakewalk in Kajo Keji? Flash forward a few months.

(A hypothetical situation)

Let's suppose you are in the U.S. State Department, maybe USAID. (USAID gave \$687 million to Sudan in FY 2009, per their report.) You have been dealing with "Sudan" for a long time. Darfur keeps showing up. People write about THAT. What is this county in the south called "Kajo Keji"? Why am I getting letters from Eastern Pennsylvania saying that they are praying for me and Kajo Keji? What is my threshold of pain before I tell my boss? Ten letters? A hundred letters? A thousand letters? And they seem to know about the CPA (Comprehensive Peace Agreement) of 2005. They even know that Scott Gration is special envoy and Hillary Rodham Clinton is Secretary of State. They're informed. What am I to do? (Squeaky wheel and all that.) And worse of all, they are looking ... and squeaking! Who ELSE have they written? And what do they mean by PRAYING for me? Haven't they heard of separation of church and State? (Pun intended, you are expected to groan.)

Want to see a miracle happen for a 44 cent stamp? (Even cheaper if you email it.) I'm just saying ... You are only one, but you are one. YOU have to find the address or link to write to someone in the State Department. And I didn't tell you. This is between us and God.

Back to the psalms ... Try reading psalm 22. Now, picture a scene from Kajo Keji. Bare feet. Ragged clothes. Home blown up. Parents killed. No food. (Not a stretch situation.) Read psalm 22 again. NOW read psalm 23. Not the same is it?

If you're REALLY motivated, google "lost boys girls sudan" and see what you get. Try the search in amazon.com. Pray the psalms.

...
I am feeling the psalms.
(I'm working on loving the psalms.)
I pray daily for Kajo Keji.

Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA)
BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(study, prayer, service)
"Bringing men and boys to Christ."

Your Vestry At Work **Summary Of The April 8th Vestry Meeting**

Discussed bill for rector's move and agreed the Treasurer should contact the company regarding damages prior to paying the bill.

Designated May 8th as spring clean-up day from 8:00 until 12:00, in conjunction with the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, followed by lunch at the Presbyterian Church.

Scheduled June as the time for refinishing the parish house floor, which will require that the area be vacant for about one week. Polyurethane is being donated for this job. Carpeting for the church area from the steps to the altar is also being donated.

Agreed to have electrical service for the church changed to one meter, thereby eliminating the second meter, which currently provides service exclusively to the upstairs of the parish house.

Agreed to seek estimates for completion of exterior trim painting.

Received an update on the Restoration Committee's visit to St. Luke's, Scranton. The committee will now assess the insight gained from their various visitations and how it may relate to St. Paul's. Focus will then be placed on a determination of colors.

Reviewed information about columbariums and agreed that a presentation be made to the parish, and insight into the level of interest be gained

Received approval of the Lay Employee Pension Fund and implemented necessary procedures to commence payments.

Scheduled a meeting of the Stewardship Committee for April 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Received an update on the Diocesan Congregational Renewal and Development Committee, the focus of which is to inspire renewal within parishes, with specific focus on the difference between the needs of small rural churches and larger urban churches.

Agreed to renew the WNEP advertising campaign for the Episcopal Church in Northeast PA at a cost of \$500 to St. Paul's.

Discussed potential dates for the mutual ministry review, as well as the annual meeting and election of 3 new members to Vestry. It was agreed that once the mutual ministry review is scheduled, the annual meeting can then be scheduled for a subsequent Sunday.

Complete minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Guild Room.

Submitted by Sandy Schwab, Clerk to Vestry

Sunday, May 9, "Rogation" Sunday. The Blessing of the Grounds and Plants

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

I. For fruitful seasons

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II. For commerce and industry

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our , who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

III. For stewardship of creation

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word Rogation comes from the Latin verb "rogare," which means "to ask." In the western church the Rogation days were certain prescribed days of prayer and fasting in the early summer, associated with intercession especially for the harvest.

In England the 'Minor Rogations' were kept on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the Feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter. The outdoor Rogation processions were suppressed in England in 1547, but under Elizabeth I the Royal Injunctions of 1559 ordered the perambulation of the parish at Rogationtide. In a society that was largely agrarian based, praying for crops and livestock was an important event; the loss of either could mean the difference between life and death for a village.

The Great Litany of 1544, while it could be prayed at other times prior to processions, was only prescribed to be used on the minor Rogation days. The occurrence must have taken great importance in the then largely agrarian society. The Second Book of Homilies contains two homilies for Rogationtide. In the Book of Common Prayer of 1662 the three minor Rogation Days were ordered to be observed as "days of Fasting and Abstinence" within the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

We will look at Rogationtide in conjunction with our charge, given by God in creation, to be good stewards of God's creation by blessing our grounds and the plants to be planted there.

The Feast of the Ascension Celebrated on Wednesday, May 12 at 12:10 P.M.

Ascension is a principal feast day of the Christian year, occurring forty days after Easter when the church observes the Ascension of Jesus.

Saturday, May 22 The Vigil of Pentecost.

The Vigil of Pentecost, which resembles the Great Vigil of Easter in its format, will be observed at St. Mark's in New Milford at 5 P.M. A special dinner will follow and you are asked to bring a covered dish reflecting your particular ethnicity to celebrate the diversity of all God's people. Please join us!

Sunday, May 23
The Feast of Pentecost:
“Whitsunday”

Occurring 50 days after Easter, the great festival of Pentecost is one of the three greatest Principal feasts of the year. It originated from a Jewish festival (this is why there were so many Jews in Jerusalem at the time of the first Pentecost), celebrating the end of the seven weeks of harvest. We celebrate it as the “birthday of the church,” when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in tongues of fire.

Sunday, May 30
The First Sunday after Pentecost:
Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is one of only two feast days in the Christian calendar which do not celebrate a historical event, but rather commemorate a “doctrine.” The other day follows four days after it, and is called the Feast of Corpus Christi (“the body of Christ”), commemorating the sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. The observance of the Feast of Trinity originated late in the Middle Ages, and the Sundays after Pentecost were originally numbered as the Sundays after Trinity, rather than after Pentecost as we do now. The theological understanding is one not found directly in the Bible, but rather developed as the result of theological discourse about the nature of God, especially during the Middle Ages.

Why Do You Go to Church?

I don’t know why anyone else goes to church, but I have a few reasons why I go to church.

I will be honest. I don’t go to church just to worship God. I can find God in lots of places, and I can worship Her anywhere. However, I do worship God when I go to church. And sometimes I find the Holy Spirit deep and wide in the service.

However, the main reason I go to church is because it is there that I find people that matter to me second only to my own family. It is in church that I find people who are trying to love one another and God. It is in church that I see what Jesus meant when he said he would be with us always.

Church is a place where I can feel safe with my feelings of inadequacy and adequacy. It is a place where I can discuss things that are important to me. It is a place where the culture of the ages resides. It is a home away from home.

I go to church because I like it there.

Submitted by Jane Chandler



The Minister of the Congregation

is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses. BCP page 445.

You are especially reminded during the season of Easter of the need to make wills, and to remember the church in the disposition of your last things, remembering that it was from God that everything that we have came.

Monthly Summary for March 2010 - St. Paul's

INCOME	YTD	Totals
Pledges Realized	\$17,963.50	
Plate Offering	\$4,320.63	
Easter/Christmas/Special	\$3,368.50	
Flowers	\$1,161.50	
Outreach	\$1,300.00	
Memorial Fund	\$0.00	
Capital Fund/FOHSP	\$1,000.00	
Other	\$300.00	
Total Offerings		\$29,414.13
Interest & Investment Earnings *	\$32,413.90	
Total Income YTD		\$61,828.03
EXPENDITURES		
Worship	\$1,122.53	
Music *	\$2,298.00	
Flowers	\$541.60	
Education	\$229.36	
Outreach	\$9,818.61	
Administration	\$4,619.45	
Maintenance	\$1,284.82	
Contracted Services	\$2,990.00	
Utilities	\$6,034.62	
Capital Expenses	\$0.00	
Payroll	\$27,124.75	
Rectory	\$3,159.13	
Debt Service *	\$4,513.47	
Total Expenses YTD		\$63,736.34

NOTES:

Music expenses include the cost of moving and refurbishing the piano in the sanctuary.

Debt Service: rectory mortgage payments & loan payments for accessibility entrance.

Prepared and submitted 4/26/2010 by Richard Schwab

May, 2010 Lay Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild

2: Else Brunner
9: Barb Buffington
16: Carol Marker
23: Ellie McKeage
30: Charlotte Ellis

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

2: Carol Marker
9: Sherri Warriner
16: Sandy Schwab
23: Lucas Bartron
30: Carol Lasher

Counters

2: Jerry Sock and Ed Stark
9: Bernie Zalewski and Maggie Sock
16: Sandy Schwab and Carol Marker
23: Jane Chandler and Richard Schwab
30: Joan Hamilton and Warren Morgan

Eucharistic Minister

2: Esther Welden and Jerry Sock
9: Mary Jane Syle and Brenda Syle
16: Bernie Zalewski and Jane Chandler
23: Margaret Baker and Jennie Bowen
30: Alma Shingler

Greeters

2: Ellie McKeage
9: Alma Shingler
16: Maggie Sock
23: Mary Jane Syle
30: Karen Wolfson

Lector

2: Brenda Syle
9: Mary Jane Syle
16: Bernie Zalewski
23: Mary Zalewski
30: Carol Marker

Usher

2: John Finlon
9: Al Leigh and Lucas Bartron
16: Richard Schwab and Max Bartron
23: Mike Shingler and Reilly Shingler
30: Al Leigh