



June 2011

From the Rector

Summer is coming, and with it the new life that always arrives at this time of year. We will be shifting out of our “school year” mode of Church School and choir on Sunday, June 12, and on the following Sunday will move into a more relaxed, informal time of worship and program for the summer months.

We will continue with our 8 & 10:00 services this summer. Though many people appreciated the one service per Sunday we held during the last two summers, we found that there were some folks who never attended at that 9:00 hour, and we missed seeing them. There will be music at the 10:00 service with occasional solo performances for the anthem. We will try having a social time out on the lawn or at the back of the church between services, simple lemonade and cookies at 9:00 a.m. in an effort to bring the two worshipping groups together. You are invited to stay late or come early and visit with folks from St. Paul’s you might not otherwise see.

Because summer is especially warm in Holyoke, our lay readers won’t all be wearing vestments. Some will be seated in the congregation and will come up to read, an expression of the ways in which the congregation participates in the liturgy. We will also be doing something a little different with the prayers of the people, asking you to add names and situations to the prayers each Sunday

that you would like to have included in our worship. You may see the furniture rearranged a bit in an effort to bring the altar table closer to where the people are, as Jesus was when he celebrated with his disciples.

A bit of shifting, and yet at the center is the One around whom all this revolves, Jesus the Christ, who calls us to follow him and to love our neighbor. We look forward to seeing you this summer as we celebrate the ways Jesus brings us together in his Name.

-Rev. Barbara

Thanks

To all those who have donated time, money, and effort toward so many good causes---

- ❖ The Good Friday Offering for the churches in Jerusalem and the Middle East - \$121.00
- ❖ The May 1 Dominican Republic Mission Trip dinner - \$800
- ❖ Children’s Mite Boxes for the Red Cross - \$52.75
- ❖ Church Periodical Club - \$41.00
- ❖ To all who participated in the recent Rummage Sale. A ton of work and a ton of merchandise resulted in about \$900 profit. The teenagers sold about \$75 worth of refreshments. Many thanks to all involved! (As an aside, after the Rummage Sale, loads of things went to the Salvation Army, work clothes went to the women being released from the Chicopee Correctional Facility, vases went to A New Leaf, the flower shop whose workers are disabled, and metal went to the Shriner’s metal drive. All in all, a great “recycling” effort with help from many hands!)
- ❖ To the women who knit the prayer shawls which we blessed on May 22. We will do this again later in the year, so if you are working on a shawl, you have plenty of time now to get it done.

- ❖ To Tim Champagne and Don MacTavish who coordinated the delightful Men's Breakfast on May 22. It was great to have Doc Ratchford with us among the gentlemen gathered here.
- ❖ To Frank and Jessica Dzwonkoski who brought some of Dorothy Stewart's furniture to St. Paul's. You will see her table and chairs in action at social time this summer. Many thanks to Dorothy for her donation and generosity.
- ❖ To Monica Czauz and her mother, Cindy, and to Ed Farrell, the choir and the congregation for their rousing version of "All things bright and beautiful" and the lovely cake and coffee hour on Sunday, May 22. The Rector appreciated that kind, silly and sweet recognition of her #60 birthday.



June 12 Pentecost Sunday

With Easter being so late, Pentecost, the great festival of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Easter, is also on the late side. This year we will celebrate in style with the church decorated in red (the color of the Holy Spirit's fire and energy – won't you wear red, too?). Also, this is the last day of Church School and Choir, baptism for several children, and the Parish Picnic sponsored by the Church School following the 10:00 service. The Spirit Committee will also host a "Sundae-Making" table.

Best Wishes to Mrs. Morse . . .



Mrs. Beth Morse, director of St. Paul's Nursery School and teacher for the past 27 years, is retiring this month. During her time with us, Mrs. Morse has led the staff in nurturing hundreds of children, in whom she has instilled a love of learning, self-confidence and joy. If you would like to express your thanks and best wishes to Beth, please send a card to the church or drop it off on Sunday and we will see that it gets to her. Blessings to Mrs. Morse in her retirement and welcome to Kathy Eggleston, the new SPNS director.



Fall Festival "Wish List"

Items needed for St. Paul's Fall Family Festival which will be held on November 12, 2011---

- * "Fluff" marshmallow jars, clean and with lids
- * Plain canvas totes
- * Wire-edge ribbon, 3"- 4", any color
- * Mop-weight yarn full skein, or clean mop head
- * Canning Jars
- * Burlap material, any color
- * Money donations are always welcomed for lemon curd, strawberry jam and other supplies.

If you want to help with the strawberry jam, please talk with Tammy or send an email to her at gtls2001@charter.net. Thank you! *Nancy Romeo*

CLASS OF 2011



Graduates

Congratulations to the graduates we know about. Are there others? Please let us know.

Jeffrey Leclerc from Holyoke High School (Jeff's parents are Pete and Kelly and his grandmother is Barbara Harris)

Paul Novinsky from Holyoke Catholic High School, going to Western New England College (Paul is Betsey and John's son)

Joe D'Alessandro from South Hadley HS, going to North Carolina State in Raleigh, NC. (Joe's parents are Mike and Mary)

Amanda Lajoie from Holyoke High School, going to Springfield Technical College to study civil engineering (Amanda's mom is Debbie and her aunt is Nancy Romeo)

Joshua Cordero from Holyoke High School

Chantelle Denette from Westfield State University (her parents are Barbara and Gregory)



Capital Campaign

This past month just about everyone on our mailing list received a brochure, letter and pledge card associated with our Campaign for St. Paul's Future. This effort, to address our ongoing structural needs at St. Paul's, has garnered pledges of \$52,000 so far, with a promise by a very generous person of an additional \$65,000 to match new pledges. Whatever is pledged will be matched,

dollar for dollar, by this offer and we are certainly grateful for it! We are really grateful to those who have pledged, and to those who are sending in pledge cards, the ones that come each day now.

Along with the \$19,249.95 we have received from people who have made a one-time commitment, and from Memorial Funds dedicated to the Campaign, we have commitments for a total of \$71,249.95. As of the middle of May we have actually received \$25,160.95. This will go toward paying ourselves back for the expenses of repairs to the church tower and the replacement of flat, rubber roofs last autumn. Those two projects cost about \$80,000.

Interesting Company

About two months ago Ed and I had our wills redrawn. Our son is older now (and so are we) so we wanted to update some things. We decided to include St. Paul's in our will, and indicated this to John White, the officer for Legacy Stewardship in this diocese.

It was for that reason that we were invited to attend a Legacy Society dinner and concert on May 22 at the Cathedral in Springfield, by way of thanks. What qualifies us for membership in the Legacy Society? That we have made an estate plan that includes any Episcopal entity – the parish, the diocese, an Episcopal seminary, Episcopal Relief and Development, etc. regardless of the amount of the gift. We, like over 90% of Legacy Society members, have left something to our parish, as a statement of our hopes for St. Paul's future. It costs us nothing now and we hope will be a benefit to St. Paul's one day.

When we think about it and look around St. Paul's, so much of what we have and what we are able to do is because people remembered us in their estate plans. Ed and I seem to be the first Legacy Society members from St. Paul's, but surely we are not the only ones who have included St. Paul's in our will. Are you eligible to be a Legacy Society member? Would you like more information about how to become one? Please be in touch with me, or with Barbara Roy who has an interest in this ministry. Together we can do something now to provide for an enduring future for St. Paul's and its ministries in Jesus' name.

–Rev. Barbara Thrall, rector



Vestry Notes

At the May 17 meeting the Vestry-

- Agreed to meet with members of the Nursery School staff for conversation and planning.
- Agreed to ask for a suggested \$100 donation from active members of St. Paul's who use the auditorium on weekends for events.
- Arrived at the name "Community Roots Neighborhood Services" for the proposed non-profit corporation St. Paul's is creating for mission work.
- Will look over the proposed policy on storage of personnel information, for decision at the June meeting.
- Heard from Gary Sroka about his work in Cleveland for Episcopal Relief and Development.
- Are concerned about our Faith Line in the budget, the \$11,870 deficit we are running.
- Learned of ministry opportunities at the Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee:
 - Clothing for women who are about to be released.
 - Baby clothes and supplies for children born during their mother's incarceration.
 - Backpacks and school supplies for children of inmates.
 - Toys and gifts at Christmas for these children.
 - Help at children's visiting time, two Saturday mornings a month.

Episcopal Relief and Development Update



In early May, Gary Sroka attended the 2011 Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Network Meeting in Cleveland, OH. A key focus of the conference was the ongoing NETS FOR LIFE campaign that our Episcopal Church initiated and is committed to through December 2012. Our efforts are showing a significant reduction of suffering and death caused by malaria in many African nations. Other key initiatives discussed were HIV-AIDS education, micro-loans to assist economic development in impoverished areas and innovative Christian Formation materials such as an intriguing unit on SEEDS, SOIL and WATER.

Updates were given on tornado and flood-stricken areas in the US and ongoing relief efforts in Haiti and many other locations. There was also time committed to worship at the beautiful Trinity Cathedral in downtown Cleveland and opportunities for 'fellowship' and to learn more about conditions and the work being done in Episcopal dioceses throughout the country.

To learn more about the good works of Episcopal Relief and Development and/or to make a donation, contact ERD at: www.er-d.org

Think Winter!



There is a nice pile of sand in the back parking lot. Bring your pails to church and fill them for your sidewalk and driveways next winter. In the meantime, have a good summer!

Dexter Gess



Vacation Bible School Meeting

On Sunday, June 5, after the 10:00 Service, we will have a Vacation Bible School planning meeting in Room 1. All VBS teachers and volunteers are encouraged to attend. Student booklets, crafts and teacher resources will be available at the meeting. If you have offered to help, and are not able to attend this meeting, please call or e-mail Joan at 533-4118 or jdale@verizon.net. Thank you.

I look forward to working with everyone on another very special VBS program!

Joan

News about People



*Congratulations to Marisa Messer, Laurie and John's daughter and Gary and Donna Sroka's niece, who was married at the end of May. Blessings to Marisa and her new husband, Craig O'Brien.

*Blessings to Nicole and Chantelle Denette who will be traveling with the Diocesan Mission Team to the Dominican Republic & Haiti, June 25 to July 4. May their travels be safe and their experiences be all that they hope for. God bless them!

*Ed Farrell and Gary Sroka did a wonderful job contributing to the moving and informative theater piece, "Voices of a Working Peoples' History" at the Holyoke Heritage State Park on May 1.

*Congratulations to Maisha Moore and her husband on the arrival of baby Ella. Ella visited St. Paul's with her parents and grandparents, Denise and Robert Moore, on Mother's Day.

*Who-hoo! Jeff and Tyler Leclerc and the Holyoke High School Band took two first prizes and a third prize at a recent competition in Virginia. Good for them!

*Patrick Harris has hurt his hand but it is mending quickly and getting well, thanks to your prayers.

*Happy Congratulations to Ken and Arline Wilson, Robin Martins' parents, who celebrated a renewal of their wedding vows at St. Paul's on May 15. 53 years, bravo!

From St. Paul's Nursery School

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul's Church,

As the Nursery School year winds down, so does my position as Director. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your warm and welcoming greetings when we have been together, for your continued support of our fundraisers, and for your interest in the Nursery School's success.

When I began twenty-seven years ago, my plan was to stay three years and then to go back to public school French teaching. It didn't take long for me to realize that I had found my niche at St. Paul's. The Nursery School families and staff have made it a wonderful place to work where each day the children arrive full of energy, enthusiasm, and curiosity and inspire the staff and me to respond in like manner.

I am so happy that when August 1 comes, Kathy Eggleston will become the new Director. She is a very caring, intelligent woman with a deep love for children as you will observe when you get to know her.

*Thank you so much,
Beth Morse*

June Birthdays and Anniversaries



JUNE 12TH
(following the 10 a.m. service)

St. Paul's annual parish picnic sponsored by the Church School with games, crafts and great food, including a "Sundae-Making" table hosted by the Spirit Committee. Please sign up to bring a salad or munchies to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Rain or shine!

1. Symin Charpentier
4. Druscilla Greaney Caldwell
6. Kelsey Goulding
8. Jill Brooks, Jim Shaw,
Justine Sabbs
9. *Andrea & Dwayne Norman*
12. Fred Sabbs
13. Joan Steiger, Jan Rosseau
14. *Ginny & Pete Benoit*
15. Joe Niquette
17. Mike Karkut
18. Claire LeBlanc
19. Anna Robinson, Debbie Sexton
20. The Rev. Mary Sabbs ordination (1998)
21. Barbara LeGrand, Michael Jackson
22. Cara Morris, Ashley Jackson
25. Catherine Renzulli
26. Adrian Fuller
28. Ina Stockton, Scot Goulding
29. *Rev. Barbara Thrall & Ed Farrell*
30. Chantelle Denette



Cerdo Asada? Si!

That's right, folks, the second St. Paul's Fiesta and Pig Roast is just around the corner – on Sunday, June 26th to be exact! Ponies, Music, Games, a Petting Zoo, Burgers, Dogs, Roast Pork and all the trimmings! We have received two grants to help with expenses but we will need desserts and as many volunteers as we can get so mark your calendars now.

From the Prayer Group



Treasure every moment,
Little things most dear,
Lend a hope to others
In your words of cheer.
Sow golden acts of kindness,
Filling all life's needs,
Miracles will blossom
From your planted seeds.

-Garnett Ann Schultz



June 19th



Vacation Bible School 2011

July 18 – July 22
(Monday - Friday)
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

On July 18th – 22nd we will gather together at the beach and have an adventure. Our program will include Bible stories, crafts, games, music and snacks. It is intended for children in grades Pre-K through 6. We hope you and your friends will join us!!

To register, please return this form to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton Street, Holyoke by **June 30**. To help us defray costs, we are asking you to include a **\$6.00 registration fee**. (**Families of three or more pay \$15.00**).

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Vacation Bible School Registration Form (Registration Deadline: June 30)

PUPIL'S NAME _____
 BIRTH DATE _____
 PARENTS' NAMES _____
 ADDRESS _____ City _____
 HOME TELEPHONE _____
 EMERGENCY CONTACT _____
 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
 LAST SCHOOL GRADE ATTENDED _____
 PARENTS' CHURCH _____
 BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALSO ATTENDING VBS (NAMES AND AGES)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO STAFF—
 (i.e. allergies, learning disabilities, physical challenges, medications)

What size T-shirt does your child wear? (Youth Sizes) S M L XL

Parent's Signature _____ Phone# _____

_____ I would like to be a teacher at Vacation Bible School.
 _____ I would like to be an assistant at Vacation Bible School.

