

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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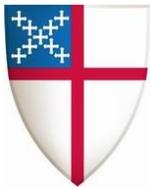
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FROM YOUR WARDENS

A Happy New Year and welcome to 2014! But first, a recap for the end of 2013. The Rev. Richard Witt was with us to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, which included our pageant. It was wonderful. Thanks to **Amanda Evans, Lesley Sprauer** and all the children (and parents) who made our pageant so successful. It was the first time for these younger children, and they did a terrific job.

Our Christmas Eve service, with The Rev. Deborah Dresser as our celebrant, was really lovely. We started with our organist, Alice Cann, playing carols for us all to sing. Mother Dresser then blessed our new oil-filled candles in the wall sconces, which were given in memory of **John (Jock) Melville** by his family. This took place almost exactly a year after Jock's death. The whole service was lovely, but particularly so at the end, when we sang Silent Night in the darkened church, with the new candles flickering.

Our parishioners generously donated canned goods to Claudio's Cans, with **Olivia Evans** once more organizing this. We also collected a large number of new toys for the Rural and Migrant Ministry's Christmas Shop. And our last fundraiser of the year, the food trailer set up at Fabulous Firs Christmas tree lot, was run by **Nancy Adams**. Many thanks to her and all who helped either by making food or selling it at the trailer.

As we move into 2014, we eagerly await news from our Search Committee. We are now at the point of accepting names (applications) for the position of Rector. The committee, under **John Borchert**'s leadership, has been working hard, and we owe them all a huge debt of gratitude.

Just two more things--the Flower Chart for 2014 is now in the vestibule of the church. Do sign up if you want to donate flowers for a particular Sunday. The cost is \$32 again this year to memorialize someone this way. See page 2 for a message regarding our Annual Meeting. ***A Blessed and Happy 2014 to all.***



Sunday Services

*Holy
Eucharist*

8AM-Rite I

*10AM-Rite II
With music*

*9:45AM- Sunday
School/ Infant and
child care*

*Coffee hour
Follows the
10AM service*

Annual Meeting/Election of the New Vestry *Please plan to Attend*

On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014, following the 10 a.m. service, we'll hold our Annual Meeting and election of the new vestry. We will enjoy a pot luck meal together after the 10 o'clock service and then hold the meeting. We need to elect one warden and three vestry members. Those persons eligible for a second term are Debby Glynn, Warden and Liz Whitman, Vestry. There will be a Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting. We hope to see you all there. Sign up to bring a dish to share.

If you would like to run for office, or if you wish to name someone as a candidate, speak to Nancy Lutz, the chair of the Nominating Committee. (If a committee member approaches you to ask if you are interested in serving, that doesn't mean you are elected, the committee needs to deliberate and decide.)

Vestry and Warden candidates must be baptized Christians at least 18 years old, regular attendees at the Holy Eucharist and a pledging member of the congregation for at least one year since the last Annual Meeting. A candidate for Warden must be a confirmed or received Episcopalian.

Upcoming Events-January, February 2014

January 11-12- 2nd Indaba meeting- Grace Church, Hastings on Hudson

January 13- Vestry Meeting- 6:30 Committee meetings, 7PM Vestry Meeting

January 25th (snow date) Feb.8th- Safe Church Workshop Here at St.Paul's Parish Hall, 9:30-12:30. Call (845)635-2854 or e-mail stpaulspv@verizon.net. Cost \$20. per person.

January 7,14,21,28- English as a Second Language- St.Paul's Parish Hall 6:30-9 PM. To register please call Evelyn Garzetta at 917-705-7600.

February 9- Annual Meeting (see above) following the 10 AM service.

A rectory open house is in the planning stages. Watch for additional information.

Indaba, simply stated, is a coming together for a meaningful discussion of a serious issue. Groups from three diverse parishes are joined in a team that will meet on three weekends to carry on a conversation about the future of the Episcopal Church from our perspective. After a ton of planning and a rush to action, the first Indaba weekend happened on October 19-20. Each team met to spend all of Saturday and about half of Sunday experiencing the world as seen through the eyes of the host congregation. The goal is to see and listen to the problems and solutions faced by the hosting parish in their everyday lives as practicing Episcopalians. You leave the judgements at home. You come, listen, learn and bring away the ideas you like. It is hoped that you will build relationships with other parishioners that may well last long after the process has ended.

Saint Paul's and the group from Christ Church, Hastings-on-Hudson arrived at our host parish, Church of the Holy Apostles, Manhattan about 10:00am. Before a church and community tour, we discussed a broad range of activities and church uses with the group from Holy Apostles and an additional vestry member.

I expected this to be a large, old, beautifully appointed church with a diverse, city congregation. I did not expect a full pipe organ and a grand piano to one side of the altar, pita bread for communion and several priests and deacons participating in the 11:00am sung service. What a treat!

Nor did I expect Holy Apostles to be faced with budget concerns and membership growth issues similar to St. Paul's. There were about sixty people at the 11:00am service. We talk about growing our numbers to balance our budget. They speak about judicious use of space and management of their famous soup kitchen to keep their doors open.

The Rev. Glenn Chalmers is the part time rector. He spends the rest of his time as the Executive Director of the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen. This is a very busy man.

St. Paul's feeds about a hundred people in our parish hall and call that a fund raiser. Consider doing that twelve times a day, five days a week, throughout the year. Yes, Holy Apostles feeds twelve hundred people a day, five days a week, all year long.

That is a mission!

We learned that Holy Apostles, like many city churches, is not a neighborhood church. Members come and go because of a variety of circumstances. Neighborhood is only one small piece of the mix. Gender, color, economic status, life style and a variety of personal philosophies are all evident in this mix. Holy Apostles is easily the most diverse church I have attended. Yet, anyone I talked to felt welcome, wanted to be there and be a part of the group and made me feel welcome.

This is another mission.

I believe I have learned my first lesson in Indaba. I came to the table thinking: "Great minds think alike." I was looking for the ways we were similar. I left the table believing: "Great minds think." Their thoughts do not have to be similar. Diversity of ideas is what will provide an exciting future for Episcopalians. I doubt that you could find a better example of diversity in the New York Diocese than Holy Apostles.

Fred Glynn

On January 11th & 12th Fred Glynn, Bill Kirchner, Charlotte Jones and Liz Whitman will travel to Grace Church at Hastings on the Hudson for the next Indaba Meeting. Our thoughts and prayers will travel with them.



**St. Paul's Episcopal
Church is a Christian
family of caring
people who strive to
support and nurture
each other and
their community
through faith and the
grace of God.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our stewardship campaign for 2014 has truly been amazing! We have 49 pledges with a total of \$84,882. All our pledges for 2014 either stayed the same as last year or increased. Over half of them were increases! This has been a very humbling experience for me and I thank all of you for your generous support of St. Paul's.

Statements for your 2013 donations will be sent out later in January. Let me know if you have any questions. userk3939@aol.com or (845)635-3431.

Marilyn Kirchner

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

- 4 Isabella Fager
- 7 Rita Carver
- 8 Gregory Baluzy
- 9 Donald McCarthy
- 11 Jessica Shaw, Trampus Evans
- 12 Keith Beyer
- 13 Robert Cameron Strain
- 16 Will Kern, Michael Macak, Bryant Rawls
- 17 Jeff Kutner
- 18 Tara Tumbarello
- 22 Ken Beyer, Teddy Shaw
- 23 Bill & Barbara Albrecht- Anniversary
- 24 Anna DeMarco
- 26 Scott Case
- 28 Daniel Olson
- 29 Geraldine Knechtel

FUNDRAISING RESULTS 2013

Irish Dinner/auction	\$1906
Mother's Day Sale	3293
Lobsterfest	1225
Chicken Barbeque	1586
PV Days	1898
Pork Dinner	938
Craft Fair	565
Pampered Chef	367
Fabulous Firs	651

St. Paul's extends appreciation to all who support our fundraising activities. We invite all who are interested in becoming involved with the 2014 activities to let your Wardens or Vestry know. We also appreciate any suggestions for future activities.

LENDING LIBRARY

Jerry Ottaway has moved his Cadfael Chronicles to the Sepe Room. If you borrow a book, sign it out and take it home. Try to return it within two weeks because others may be waiting to read it.

FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, AND WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL- Sundays at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall

FORWARD DAY BY DAY & SUNDAY Reading and Discussion continues following the 10AM service. (11:30-Noon) in the Sepe Room

HIGH SCHOOL MEETING- January 5th- Parish Hall

BIBLE STUDY- Tuesdays 12:30-2. Meets in the Sepe Room of the Parish Hall.

All are invited to explore the Bible. New topics are welcome.

EVENING PRAYER- continues Friday evenings 6-7PM in the Church. Stop in on your way home for fellowship and prayer. We open the Prayer box and pray special requests. You are welcome even if you come late and need to leave early. This is a very informal gathering.

OUTREACH

Food Pantry- your gifts of non perishable foods and paper good that are collected at the 10AM Sunday service are delivered to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry by our volunteers. Our church volunteers the 1st Monday of each month. Please contact Liz Whitman at 635-1368 to volunteer.

Food Fight for Vets- we continue to collect non perishables for our Vets at Castle Point Veterans Hospital.

Support Shriners hospitals for children- We continue to collect ring tops in a container in the parish hall by the door.

Please Continue to support our Thrift Shop.- We invite you to volunteer. Contact Ginny Johnson at 635-2702.

MEMORIES

We remember the follow members who died this past year

BILL ADAMS, ANDY HARTZELL, FLORENCE WILLIAMSON AND MICHAEL WETZEL.

May they rest in peace, and in your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

