

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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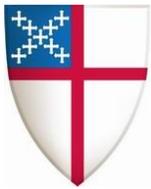
EPISTLE

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A Message from your Wardens

Welcome to spring! As I write, the daffodils are blooming by the Parish Hall and the fixtures are being installed in the church basement bathroom. The theme here is yellow—the flowers and the new bathroom walls. We thank those who planted the flowers last fall; and we also thank those who have been working on the bathroom: **Gary Wilcha, Bill Kirchner, Fred Glynn and Harris Plumbing.**

The **Indaba** group visited us April 5 and 6 for two days of touring and talking. Those of us that had a chance to meet them found the experience refreshing and revitalizing. We were truly blessed to be part of such a unique experience. Comments from the group indicated that they were impressed with all we have been able to do on our own, one writer saying “Your new rector will inherit the blessings of all your devotions and hard work. It is the very purpose of life itself!”

Holy Week was quite extraordinary, starting with Maundy Thursday, the stripping of the altar and a Night Watch, with various people in the church the whole night through, from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Those of us lucky enough to attend the Good Friday service with the singing of the **St. John Passion** got a real treat. **John Borchert, Liz Whitman and Father Michael Shafer** dazzled us with their rendering of the Passion. The Ecumenical Stations of the Cross that evening brought over 80 people to St. Paul's for our part of the service! **Marilyn Kirchner** represented St. Paul's at the Sunrise Service Easter morning at the Mill Park. This was followed by two services at our church, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The 10 o'clock was accompanied by an egg hunt and the finding and restoring of the Alleluias. The banner is now on the wall, hung by **Steven Sprauer, Paige Evans & Derek Tompkins.**

By the time you read this we will have held the **baptism** of **Logan Ryan Harp** and attended a lovely reception in the Parish Hall following this event. We will also have had a clean-up day to get our grounds spruced up for the coming months.

What is coming up? The last **Indaba** get-together will take place in the Peekskill area on May 3rd. We thank our team, **Fred Glynn, Charlotte Jones, Bill Kirchner and Liz Whitman** for their participation in this year-long exciting endeavor. They have put a lot of time, effort and thoughtfulness into the process, and we thank them for representing us



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*

*Evening Prayer
6 PM Fridays*

so well .

On Sunday **May 4**, after the 10 a.m. service, the **Youth Group** will hold a brunch and silent auction to raise money for The Sparrow's Nest. The Sparrow's Nest is a local charity that provides and delivers meals; to families of mothers who have cancer in the Hudson Valley area.

We also have our annual **Mother's Day Tag/Plant/Bake Sale May 9 and 10**. We will need all hands on deck to make this event a success. Please speak to Debby Glynn about how you can help. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. Buy her flowers, some baked goods or something from our tag sale!

At last but not least, two new programs are starting up using our Parish Hall. The **ESL** program has gotten off the ground with 6 students who will be meeting on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. Our thanks to **Denis Freeman**, the teacher, and **Evelyn Garzetta**, the program coordinator for their perseverance in getting this going. Also Cornell Cooperative Extension will be holding a workshop, entitled **Eat Smart New York**, Tuesdays 10:45-11:45 , starting in May. It targets a population receiving food stamps, Medicaid etc. and will run for 6 weeks.

A blessed and healthy spring to all.

Debby Glynn, Warden



SPECIAL REQUESTS:

CHAIR CARE IN THE CHURCH

We have three chairs at the front of the church used by the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers. They are probably over 100 years old. All have caned seats, i.e.seats woven from strips of cane, and all were in need of repair. One has just come back from having the seat rewoven and a second one has been sent out. **PLEASE** treat these chairs with respect. They can hold in the neighborhood of 200 pounds each but not contact with knees or feet. If a chair is needed to stand on, as for fixing the hymn board, use one of the wooden chairs nearby. With loving care, these chairs might last us for another 100 years!

CAN ANYONE HELP?

As we hope to have a new rector before too long, we will be unable to use the rectory garage for storage for the May Tag Sale. The garage has been helpful for Ellen Kutner as it is dry, near her house, has easy access and is reasonably secure. Does anyone have such a space or know of such a space that she could use to collect things for next year? Tell Ellen or Debby Glynn if you think you can help.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a long standing tradition in the Episcopal Church as is placing "thankful coins" in the Blue Box. Take a few minutes each day to give thanks for blessings received and drop a coin in the Blue Box. You can share the blessings of your life with these offerings by helping people in need. ALL money collected is given away in grants and gives hope to people not only locally but all over the world.



Our parish Spring Ingathering will be held on Sunday, May 18th at both services. UTO envelopes (and Blue Boxes) are available in the church narthax. Please convert the coins saved to paper currency or a check made out to: St. Paul's Church with UTO on the memo line.

If you wish, donations may be sent to the church (PO Box 1449) or to Marilyn Kirchner, 6 Talbot Drive,

Safe Church Workshop Certificates were handed out to the following participants on Sunday April 20th by Lesley Sprauer. Nancy Morris, Nancy Tompkins, Nancy Adams, Marilyn Kirchner and Debby Glynn. Thanks very much to Lesley Sprauer and Amanda Evans for their hard work in organizing this important workshop.

Two new service people to remember at prayers of the people

Melissa Reed— whose parents donated the Mountain Bike



Mitchell Devine— family friend of Nancy and Fritz Lutz



**BAPTISM of Logan Ryan Harp
April 27, 2014
Celebrant— The Rev. Deborah Dresser**





**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.**

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

1. Margaret Ackert
Bill Albrecht
Karen Page
6. Bob Ghee
Sarah Borchert
7. Harold House
8. Brianna Harris
10. Nicholas Battistoni
Kevin Blatz
11. Matthew Baluzu
Nancy Adams
13. William Mackey
Pam Strain
14. Michael Harris
Ragen Smith
16. Caitlin DeNardo
Dick Shaw
18. Britt Kern
Terri Lynn Ferris
19. Charlotte Jones
Patrick Gallo
20. Joseph & Heather Di Nardo (Anniversary)
21. Ellen Kutner
Brady Battistoni
23. Dorothy Norton
Scott McCanlis
Shirley Teal
24. Marsha Jean Knechtel
Bradley & Candice Haight (Anniversary)

*happy
birthday !!*



*Happy
Anniversary*

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MEMORIAL DAY May 26, 2014

Memorial Day is a day to honor all Americans who have died while serving in the military service. May they rest in peace.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



PARISH EVENTS

The **Mountain Bike Raffle** will continue. Drawing of the winning ticket will take place September 14, 2014 at St. Paul's Trailer at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Park at 6 p.m.

May 4th– Sunday– following the 10 a.m. service a **Brunch and Silent Auction** will be offered, in the Parish Hall by the St. Paul's youth group to benefit "**Sparrows Nest**". (for further information click on the April Epistle pg.4) **Menu** will include eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fruit, turkey, ham and other surprises as well as coffee, tea and juice. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. They can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. Contact Nancy Adams 635-1448) or NADAM@hvc.rr.com with questions. We hope you will support our youth in this very beneficial endeavor. The **Silent Auction** will take place at the same time, there are numerous gift certificates and other donations.



Annual Mother's Day Weekend– Plant, Bake and Yard/Tag Sale
May 9th– Friday–11a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Yard/Tag sale inside Parish Hall
4p.m. to 8p.m.– Plant Sale– Annuals and Hanging Baskets only.



May 10th– Saturday– 9a.m.– 2p.m.– Plant Sale– All Annuals and Nursery Stock
 Bake Sale & Yard/Tag Sale



May 18th– Spring UTO Ingathering.

IMPORTANT NOTICE– We are no longer able to receive items from your home that you need to dispose of in the dumpster we use following the **Mother's Day Sale**.

CPR Training– Please contact Terri Ghee @845-635-2717 if you are interested in taking this course which will be presented at our Parish Hall. We need from 4-12 persons to sign up. A date will be announced ASAP. WE have purchased a defibrillator and will be given instructions on how to use it during the CPR Training.

Upcoming events for June- Save the date-

June 14th– Lobster Fest 2014– 5-7p.m. Contact Barb Rawls at barbara.rawls2@verizon.net
 Further information will be available on the website. Click on Parish Events.
 See posters on bulletin board in Parish Hall. Volunteers needed.

June 22nd– Church School Recognition Sunday

June 29th– Social Media Sunday-more information to follow.

WORDS OF WISDOM

**GOD COULD NOT BE EVERYWHERE
 THEREFORE HE CREATED MOTHERS!**

