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July, 2013



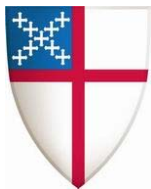
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## FROM THE WARDENS

We are so fortunate to have had the Rev. Deborah Dresser with us since May. She will serve as Interim through the end of October, taking our Sunday services and giving us some extra time each week. She has already met with the Altar Guild, Acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. She is also a whiz at formatting, as you can see from this Newsletter. We welcome her warmly to St. Paul's and know she will continue to make a difference here.

Two of our parishioners have recently moved, Marge Root to Bedford Hills, NY and Frank Munzer to NYC. Their new contact information is in an up-to-date Parish List, available at the back of the church. Marge was on the newsletter staff for years and Frank, in addition to being a Lay Eucharistic Minister, represented St. Paul's on

a visit to Tanzania in the early days of the Carpenter's Kids Program. We wish them all the best and hope they will come back to visit often.

Seafood lovers had quite a feast at Lobsterfest, Saturday June 15, with a lobster and clam dinner (and steak for the non-seafood folks among us). We thank Barb Rawls for chairing this event and helping us crack open some iron-clad lobster claws!

There will be one service only for July and August, at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour will be suspended during July and August and will start up again in September. There are still some openings for flowers during the summer. The two summer Sundays where flowers will NOT be available are August 25 and September 1, when Thornton's, our florist, is on vacation.

*Nancy Lutz and Debby Glynn*

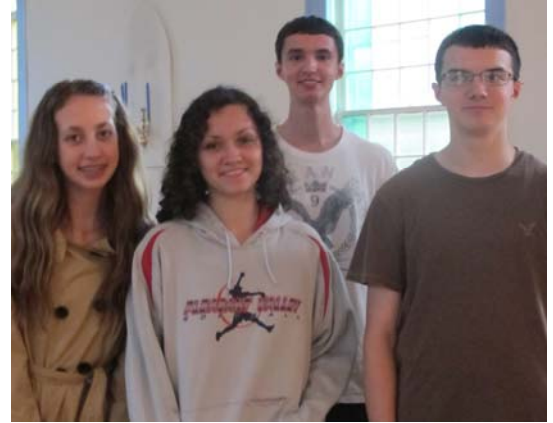
## THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

At our next meeting on July 1st we plan to have all your questionnaires collated and the Parish Profile well on its way to completion. Together this information is to answer the questions, who are we? what is the job? and who do we need? We plan to have this completed and ready for the Vestry's approval at its next meeting in August. In the meantime we all need to have patience. The diocesan procedure is in place to help churches find the best person for their particular parish. This takes time and is the most important decision we will make for our future

For any of you who did not fill out a questionnaire and would like to do so please contact John Borchert, or call the church office and request a copy. Your input is important..

## ACOLYTES

On Tuesday, June 18th the Acolytes met for pizza, conversation, and a bit of training in which everyone got to play Priest, Server, Eucharistic Minister, and Crucifer at the altar. Allie and Tara, Jason and Ryan proved to be on the top of their game. And, we hear that more young people are ready to come aboard this remarkable and valuable ministry on Sunday mornings. During the summer when we have one service at 9:30 am we will gladly bring aboard new acolytes.



Just raise your hand and come aboard and we will provide training. If you want to know more, contact Kay Mackey at [horse ladyk@aol.com](mailto:horse ladyk@aol.com) or speak to one of the above acolytes.

### July and August

### Summer Sundays

9:30 am

While there will be no coffee hour until September, the discussion group continues through July and August, see page 3.

## OUTREACH



**School Kits for Migrant Children** The Rural & Migrant Ministry has held a summer camp for the last 23 years! They provide each camper, at the end of the program, with a kit of school supplies to start off the fall. They need 200 kits. To help them reach their goal we can buy some items from a list in the Parish Hall or give a few dollars to put towards things needed to complete kits by the end of July. Questions? See Debby Glynn

**Food Pantry** Please continue to bring non perishable goods to the 9:30 AM service each Sunday. We invite our school age people to volunteer the first Monday of each month during their summer vacation. Adults are also welcome. Please contact Liz Whitman, 635-1368, if you would like to know more about this ministry and to volunteer.

**United Thank Offering** We collected \$137.00 from 11 families for the UTO (United Thank Offering) ingathering this spring. Remember to use your Blue Box to give thanks for daily blessings. The next ingathering will be this fall.

**Carpenter's Kids** This is the final year of our 8 year commitment to support 67 children in Chamwino, Tanzania. Because of your gifts, each child was able to receive a new uniform, a pair of shoes, some much-needed school supplies, and soap for the year. Each child was fed breakfast everyday they attended school.

Many of our children have gone on to more expensive secondary education or vocational training. Our current cost is \$70 per child and almost half of the money for this year has already been received. We need to have all donations in by July 15th. If you have supported one or more children in the past and cannot do so this year, please let Marilyn Kirchner, 635-3431, know ASAP so another donor can be found, if necessary.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN ON PARTICIPATING SEPTEMBER 13TH-15TH — PLEASANT VALLEY WEEKEND

Friday, September 13th                      St. Paul's trailer will be set up in the PV Recreation Park  
Saturday & Sunday, 14th and 15th      On these days we make & sell our famous Sausage & Pepper sandwiches  
Sunday, 15th                                      Clean up!!!

**THE ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE**, also on September 14th. Kay Mackey & Nancy Lutz co-chair the event. We will be asking folks to volunteer for both events. More information in the August newsletter.

## FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, AND WORSHIP

**Adult Christian Education** continues through the Summer, Tuesdays 12:30-2PM.

Join us in exploring the Bible.

**Evening Prayer** continues at 6PM Friday evenings at the Church. The prayer time is very informal. It is a good place to be if you have missed Sunday morning.

All are welcome.

**Forward Day by Day and the Sunday reading-discussion** continues on Sundays following the 9:30 service.

**Summer Worship**, beginning July 14, at 9:30 am, will use *Enriching our Worship*, an approved supplemental rite of the Episcopal Church. As the form is not in the Book of Common Prayer, a booklet with the complete service will be available in the church every Sunday. Please leave the booklets in the vestibule following the service. Hymns, announcements and lessons will be included in the booklet on a separate leaflet.



## ALTAR GUILD



Left to right back row: Esther Ottaway, Betty Lorentzen, Kay Mackey, Sue Haviland, Karen Garrison, Janet McCanlis, & Sandy House. Front row: Marilyn Kirchner, Mary Ann Page, & Toni Howell. Absent: Terri Ghee, Debby Glynn & Kay Daerhom..

St. Paul's Altar Guild met on June 18th for lively conversation and fellowship. The women told stories about how and when they became part of this vital ministry. Some began their tenure three Rector's ago, while others have only served for a few years. But each is important to the whole.

Under the able and faithful leadership of Esther Ottaway, the Altar Guild takes care of setting up and cleaning up the altar every Sunday. It makes sure that the silver shines and the linens are cleaned and ironed. The candles need constant attention as do the supply of bread and wine. There is a lot that goes into this ministry that is so important to the way we, as Episcopalians, worship.

We wonder if there might be some women (and men) in the congregation who might like to join the Altar Guild. All you need is willing hands and a desire to do this work. Training and mentoring will be provided. Speak to Esther Ottaway or any of the women you see around the altar.

# CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, RE-AFFIRMATION

## What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a pastoral rite in the Episcopal Church, which means it is a rite that notes some fuller initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ. A person is a full member of the Church through Baptism. Confirmation, as defined in The Book of Common Prayer is "a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism." At Confirmation, an individual receives the laying on of hands by the bishop, thereby affirming their own faith and visibly connecting to the broader Body of Christ.



## What is the difference between Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception?

**Confirmation** is "a mature and public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism" (BCP).

**Reaffirmation** means that you choose to re-state your commitment to Christ in The Episcopal Church, honoring your growth in faith throughout your spiritual journey. For many people, their path has wandered in and out of various denominations. Reaffirmation honors their journey and their previous public commitment as an adult while also making this definitive sacramental gesture.

**Reception** is common for people who have been active throughout their lives in other denominations. Often, individuals who made a public profession of faith in a faith tradition such as the Baptist Church will choose to be Received into The Episcopal Church.

## Getting Ready for the Bishop, October 6, 2013

Inquirers' session are open to anyone wishing to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed on October 6th when the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudson comes to St. Paul's. To guide our study, we will be using a booklet called "A People Called Episcopalians," by John Westerhoff, @ \$5.75.

Wednesday, July 24th @ 6 pm                      Sunday, July 28th @ 10:30 am  
Sunday, August 11th @ 10:30 am                  Wednesday August 14th @ 6pm.  
Sundays, September 15, 22—following the 10 am service

If you are interested in Confirmation, Reaffirmation or Reception speak to Mother Dresser or one of the Wardens, Debby Glynn or Nancy Lutz.

*Prayer of the Bishop following  
the Confirmation,  
Reaffirmation and Reception of  
Candidates.*

Almighty and everliving God,  
let your gracious hand ever  
be over these your servants;  
let your Holy Spirit ever be  
with them; and so lead them  
in the knowledge and obedi-  
ence of Word, that they may  
serve you in this life, and  
dwell with you in the life to  
come; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen

*Book of Common Prayer, page 310*

## STEWARDSHIP / PLEDGES

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Summer is here and many of you will take time for much needed vacations. St. Paul's depends on your continued support to pay for the costs of running the Parish and offering church services even during the summer.

Semi-annual reports for those who are pledging will go out during July. If you are not able to make an annual pledge of support but would like to use envelopes, please contact Marilyn Kirchner, treasurer. This helps you keep track of your gifts especially if you are giving cash, You will receive an end-of-the-year statement showing what you have given.

Our annual Stewardship Drive will happen this fall but if you are a recent member of St. Paul's and would like to pledge or if you need to adjust your pledge for 2013, please contact Marilyn (635-3431).

## PASTORAL NOTES

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### In Requiem

It is with profound sadness that we pray for Albert Scott "Bill" Adams and Lucille Pattison who died recently and for their families.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sunday, July 21st at 3 PM with a dinner reception and celebration of his life to follow at the parish hall at which time the family will receive guests.

A memorial service for Mrs. Pattison will be held at the end of the summer or in September. Our deepest sympathy and prayers for Lesley, Karl, Alexandra and Steven.

### New Beginnings

Jay and Mandy Olson Harp are the proud parents of Logan Ryan Harp born May 18, 2013, weighing in at 7lb.15oz. and 20" in length. Grannie Candy and Poppy Danny Olson are doing well too!

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## THE COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium is a ministry of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley, New York. It is established in our cemetery to foster a sense of closeness to the St. Paul's community even after death. Parish members, family and friends have been buried here since the 1840. This is a sacred place where those who grieve may come to find comfort and support through prayer and peaceful reflection.

It is hoped the Columbarium will provide an economical and ecological alternative to interment in our traditional cemetery plots. The Columbarium Committee understands the difficulty faced by grieving family members and therefore has tried to simplify this process. To that end we encourage people to plan in advance but realize that this is not always possible.

Our goal is to provide parishioners and friends with a contemporary solution to interment that continues in the historical tradition of Saint Paul's 170 year old cemetery.

Those wishing information about use of the Columbarium may



Speak to any member of the Columbarium Committee: Charlotte Jones, Kay Mackey, Bill Kirchner, Marilyn Kirchner, Debby Glynn, & Fred Glynn.

You may also leave a message on the Saint Paul's phone at 845 635 2854.

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## IN APPRECIATION

**Lobster Fest 2013** It has been a few years since we did Lobster Fest and even though we got a late start it was a successful event. We served 70 meals of which 15 were takeout. Many thanks to Rick Harris for preparing the grills, cooking the lobsters and an emergency fix on the Ladies toilet. Thanks to the Prep people that made everything go smoothly: Debby, Betty and Linda. Also thanks to all the people that helped serve the food: Kim, Nancy Adams, Allison, Nancy Tomkins, Nancy Tumbarello, Marilyn, Debby, & Maryann. To Donato, Jason and Ryan for selling the drinks, many thanks. To all those who came and went because of prior commitments: Karl, Alli, and Leslie, Bill, and Bryant. And to our cleanup crew: Kim, Jackie, and Olivia, along with almost everybody else. It would not have been a success without you!!



*Barb*



*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.*

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### July Birthdays

1. Blake Wilcox
3. John Colgan
6. Thomas Case
9. Matthew Wagner, Kimberly Garrison
10. Alexander Nowik
11. Matthew House, Jacqueline Macak
12. Rachel Nowik
13. Donald Strain, Maureen Winzig
16. Donato Caferra
18. George Engelhardt
19. Barbara Haight
21. Sandra House
22. Paul Gross
24. Kathleen Nowik
25. Andrew Glynn
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30. George Weidler, Carl Lawson  
Mary Ellen Borchert

### Anniversaries

Mike & Maureen Winzig

Ken & Julie Beyer

Elizabeth & Carl Stone

Wally & Barbara Bedder

Trampus & Amanda Evans

Babs Wilcox & Ellen Youssef