

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

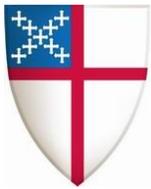
## The EPISTLE

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## FROM THE WARDENS

Summer at St. Paul's has been quite busy this year. Work has continued on the Rectory, drapes and an air conditioner have been installed in the two offices in the Parish Hall, and the Carpenter's Kids pledges have been collected and forwarded to the Diocese. School supplies were collected for the Rural and Migrant Ministry, with 10 full kits delivered, along with many extra items and a check for over \$70. Many thanks to Charlotte Jones, Terri Ghee and Ellen Towers for sorting and delivering all the supplies, along with thanks to the many parishioners who brought in the items or donated money. We held a very successful Lobsterfest, headed by Barbara Rawls, in June. In addition our new and improved newsletter continues to be published monthly, with the expertise of Mother Dresser, Greg Haviland and Kay Mackey. Also, our Friday Evening Prayer service continues with growing participation.

Are you tired yet? Look at what is ahead. As summer begins to wind down, we look forward to a very busy fall. Starting September 1, we will return to two Sunday services, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The following Sunday, after the 10 a.m. service, the Search Committee would like to present the findings from the survey we filled out last spring. I know we are all really interested to see how it came out. Then comes Pleasant Valley Days, with our Chicken BBQ September 14 and the Sausage and Pepper Booth at Cady Field September 14 and 15. The following Sunday, September 22, marks the beginning of Church School. (See article elsewhere in this issue. Now are you tired? October brings Bishop Chilton's visit on the 6th, the kickoff of our Stewardship Campaign on the 13th, the Pork Dinner on October 19th and CROP walk and Mother Dresser's last Sunday October 20th.

## Indaba

Woven into this calendar is Bishop Dietsche's initiative for having teams from each Parish meet several times in the next 8 months to discuss issues important to all. He calls this process **Indaba**, after a Zulu word meaning 'gathering for purposeful discussion'. We would like for a team from St. Paul's to participate, especially as some of the issues to be tackled involve smaller churches without large budgets. We need our voice to be heard. The Indaba process will begin September 28 with a meeting at St. John the Divine for all participants and end on May 3, 2014. In between are three 2-day weekend workshops for smaller groups: October 19-20, January 11-12 and April 5-6.

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This is a huge but important commitment, not only for St. Paul's but also for the future of churches like us. If you might be willing to make this large commitment as part of our 4-person team, or have questions, speak to one of your wardens. We will need to register our group before mid-September.

.God Bless

*Debby Glynn*

**OUTREACH**



**Food Pantry** Please continue to bring non perishable goods to the Sunday services. Are you able to volunteer on the first Wednesday of the month from 7-8 PM? The more people involved the less frequently you would need to be present. For more information about this ministry or to volunteer contact Liz Whitman, 845-464-3903.

*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*

**FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, AND WORSHIP**

**Adult Christian Education** continues Tuesdays 12:30-2PM. Join us in exploring the Bible. You are welcome to suggest topics.

**Evening Prayer** continues at 6PM Friday evenings at the Church. The prayer time is very informal and very meaningful. Please come.

**Forward Day by Day and the Sunday reading-discussion** continues on Sundays following the 10AM service, (11:30-Noon)

**Welcome Back Children**

We would like to welcome back the children on Sunday, September 15 at the 10:AM Service. Mother Dresser will have a special children's sermon and presentation. Following the service during coffee hour we will have a meet and greet where the children and their families can gather together to get caught up with each other. This is also a perfect time for the parents to learn about our new and refreshing approach for Sunday School planned for this school year. And, we are calling it - "**Sunday Stories.**"



Sunday, September 22 we will begin promptly at 9:45 AM in the parish hall to kick off our year! We are excited about the upcoming year and are looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

*Amanda & Lesley*

## WELCOME BACK TEENS!

This school year we are making some changes. We will no longer be meeting outside of the church grounds. Classes will be held on the first Sunday of each month starting in November. We will meet after the 10 am service in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

On Sunday, September 15, there will be a "Meet and Greet" during coffee hour after the "Welcome back Children" 10 am service. This will give us a chance to see what everyone was up to this past summer, get re-acquainted and set some goals for this coming school year. So bring some pictures, stories or even a new joke you may have heard. I look forward to spending time with you all this year.

### 2013-2014 Proposed High School Schedule

*October 20	March 2
November 3	April 6
December 1	May 4
January 5	June 1
February 2	



This date was chosen due to Bishop's visit on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Columbus Day weekend the 13<sup>th</sup>. We can review this on 9/15 and make any necessary changes.

Nancy Adams

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN ON PARTICIPATING

### September 8th– Parish Profile Presentation

John Borchert and the Search Committee will do a Parish Profile Presentation. They will review the outcome of the Survey that you participated in earlier this year. We will also have a special coffee hour.

### 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, soft pretzels, soda and water.

Please contact Barb Rawls @barbara.rawls2@verizon.net or call me @ 635-8517 to let me know if you can help and what day and time. Barb will try to schedule 3 hour shifts depending on the number of volunteers.

**September 14th- 52nd Annual Chicken Barbeque-** Kay Mackey & Nancy Lutz co-chair the event. See our website for sign up list. We still need folks to set up the tables & to clean up.

**September 22– Church School begins 9:45 AM**

**September 28– First Indaba Meeting at St. John the Divine.**

**October 1– Bishop Visitation-**Bishop Chilton Knudson visits to administer Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation. A very special coffee hour following the service.

**October 13– Annual Stewardship Campaign-** We will be using the Living Stewardship Program which we have used for the past few years. As we go forward in our search for a new rector your support in time, talent and treasure is so important. Thank you for all you are doing now. You will hear more in our next newsletter..

## HOLY LAND VISITED

Rev. Dr. Deborah Dresser

The Holy Land—complex, mysterious, contentious, daunting, beautiful—different ways to describe the land of the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Each religion, deriving from the patriarch Abraham, claims its holy shrines, its holy book, and its sacred history. Mutual respect and harmony between these people have marked centuries but there have also been periods of extreme violence.

As Christians we are drawn to the homeland of Jesus. This is where he taught and healed, it is from the shores of the Galilee that he called his disciples; it is from the Mount of Olives that he wept over Jerusalem before entering the city for the Passover and his death. It is here that our faith began.

As Christians we are drawn to walk this soil of faith not just as tourists but as pilgrims looking to deepen our roots in Christ. The Holy Land, then, is not a theme park of historic sites but a living experience of Christ present in the people of this land. It is here that we meet the “living stones” who are the indigenous Christians—Palestinians—whose families date back to the time of our Lord.

Today they worship in churches very much like our own, go to schools that give them academic and moral tools to advance their future; they count on good medical services to keep them healthy—just like we do. The major difference between us and our Palestinian brothers and sisters is that we do not struggle under the political and social constraints that they face every day.



The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is a significant force for good in this complicated land supporting excellent schools and state of the art hospitals that provide stability for families and prospects for a peaceful future. The Episcopal Church is also a bridge builder between competing political forces seeking reconciliation and peace.

These are people you will want to meet and get to know. You can begin doing that by logging onto [www.j-diocese.org](http://www.j-diocese.org) and see what this vibrant diocese is doing in the Holy Land. Further, you might log onto the website for the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, [www.afedj.org](http://www.afedj.org). AFEDJ is the foundation in the USA that promotes and supports the mission of the Diocese of Jerusalem. What better way to express the friendship of Christ.



*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.*

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### September Birthdays

5	Tess Manning Kelly Blafield
6	Mandy Olson Harp
7	Darren House Ingrid Kern Kayleigh Case
8	Christopher Borchert
9	Kevin Page Ricky Harris
12	Kimberly Marker
13	Joseph DeMarco
16	Sina Macak
17	Sean McCanlis
18	Darren Shepley Daniel Shepley
19	Debby Glynn
21	Heather DiNardo
23	Greg Haviland
26	Megan House
27	Dawn Gates
29	Jesse Goldberg

### September Anniversaries

4	Marc & Janet (Arms) Goldberg
6	Barbara & Bryant Rawls
10	Barbara & Gerry Haight
18	John & Rita Carver
24	Joseph & Michele Cavaliere

## IN APPRECIATION



### To St.Paul's Family

Thank you to everyone who donated to the children's college fund through Team Bill. Your generosity and love humbles us each day.

*Love, Nancy, Heather and CJ*

### CarpenterKids

St.Paul's has supported 67 Carpenter's Kids in the village of Chamwino (Dodoma) in Tanzania for the past 8 years. This has been our final year and a check for \$4690.00 was sent to the Diocese at the end of July. Our support enabled these children to have a chance at life through education. The people of St. Paul's have made a Difference! Thank you for supporting this mission.

*Marilyn Kirchner*

### St.Paul's Gardeners

A huge note of thanks to the garden group for weeding both the garden beside the Church and the Columbarium area. These were two of the hottest days I can remember! Along with our regular members we had two ringers, Fred Glynn and Ken Towers.

*Debby Glunn*