

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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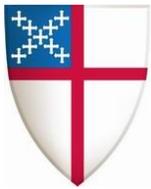
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A Message from your Wardens



From Summer to Fall, and a Transition from having a Supply Priest to an Interim Priest at St. Paul's Church

Seeing life's changes as being like changing seasons helps me get over my sadness at ending phases of my life. After all, we can't say hello without saying goodbye! Every beginning starts with an ending. It's not easy to end anything; that's why they talk about "unfinished business". We're sad to graduate, to leave one job or

home for another, and a bit down when our kids leave home – at the same time we're excited and hopeful about these same life events.

So it's with a bit of bittersweet yet joyful anticipation that we welcome our new interim priest, Father Robert Flanagan, as our spiritual leader at the end of September. We're so appreciative of the warm, supportive relationships we've developed with Fr. Michael Shafer.

We give thanks for his time spent teaching us, guiding us and inspiring us.

Please join us at a farewell reception on Sunday, September 21, after the 10am service, to say thank you to Fr. Mike, and Johanna, too! It's hard to believe he's been with us a year, as we take this journey to discern a new permanent rector. They'll always be a part of the history of St. Paul's Pleasant Valley. Having him lead us in worship has changed us, and made indelible marks on our parish family. He's now a part of our community. We may even get to welcome Fr. Mike back from time to time as a supply priest. He and Johanna have shared a lot of their time and wisdom with us. We certainly are the better for them having spent this year with us.

Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes. Some are welcomed; others are sad, or worse. It's not what happens, but how we think about it, which affects our spirits and actions. We've talked about being in transition; it's not always the same as change. Change happens, conditions develop; transition is how our spirits and emotions react to make sense of a new situation. Events don't make transitions; we must alter our direction to integrate those changes.

So let's travel together, as the seasons change and we start a new Sunday school year, to the next phase. Just like our Holy Eucharist service, much will be familiar, and some things will be new. Each season is a chance to re-examine our values and lifestyle. Maybe you'd like to become a Eucharistic Minister, lead our youth fellowship, or be an usher this fall. Just let us know!

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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*

Transitions are unpredictable, and may help us to grow. May it help us focus on what's most important today. Think about a time when change was beneficial. We look forward to the fall and winter at St. Paul's, as we use new insights gained and test new skills, for the greater good of our parish family and Pleasant Valley Community!

Nancy Lutz, Warden

Plans for September at St. Paul's

We are looking forward to the return to our regular scheduled worship services, coffee hour, Sunday discussion group and Sunday School.

On September 7th the 8 am Rite I and 10 am Rite II worship services will begin again. Following the 10 am service we will welcome everyone at Coffee Hour. We hope to restart our 11:30–Noon discussion group again.



On September 21 at 9:45 am Sunday School will begin. That is the day we will have a special coffee hour to thank Father Mike Shafer and his wife Johanna.

As we prepare for a new season it is only fitting that we give our sincere thanks to our Sunday school teachers Amanda Evans and Lesley Sprauer for doing such a great job teaching the younger children. Their time and talents were really appreciated, most evident in the Christmas Pageant and the creation of the Alleluia banner. The decoration of the children's table top Christmas tree with Bible stories was unique and enjoyed by all. We also thank Nancy Adams for leading the high school kids and the YPF in such activities as the successful Sparrows Nest fundraiser, and visiting New York City, along with help they gave during many of our fundraisers.

We hope the children and young adults come to feel they have a place in St. Paul's community, and that it's an important place. We're the ones who can instill the desire to use our gifts for the good of others, as well as themselves. Help them find the joy in helping others. Sometimes we need an answer to our prayers; other times we're the answer to someone else's prayer. It may take awhile, but eventually they'll see how helping others can also help themselves, and find it fulfilling!

We teach with words but also with our actions. They hear what we tell them, they ALSO see what we do. Make sure to lead by example. Learn from them too. Be open to seeing things through their eyes. Let their questions guide you to new things. We can hear a lot by listening. Let's listen to our children.

By Nancy Lutz

School Kits for Rural and Migrant Ministry

For the second year, St. Paul's has collected supplies to put together back to school kits that RMM distributes to its summer campers. Through your generosity with items and dollars we were able to make up 15 kits— 5 more than last year! The kits were prepared by **Terri Ghee, Marilyn Kirchner, Charlotte Jones and Debby Glynn. Charlotte and Rosemary Jones** delivered the kits, along with a check for over \$70 dollars and a few extra items we had collected. The next day **Dick Shaw** arrived with a big box of additional supplies donated by the Seniors at the Town Hall. **Liz Whitman** took them to RMM the following day. Many thanks to all who participated in this project. It was a huge success.

CPR Classes & Defibrillator training.

We extend our appreciation to **Terri Ghee** who came to the vestry for permission to obtain a defibrillator. She also spurred an interest in having many from our parish take the basic CPR course and learn to use the defibrillator. There will be additional classes scheduled for the fall. Speak to Terri if you would like to take the course and she will provide sign up sheets in the parish hall. (See page 4, "A Tribute to the Wetzel family" for more information on how we obtained the defibrillator)

Congratulations to Linda Groce, LPN

Our Sexton, who recently graduated with honors from the BOCES nursing program , successfully completed her State Board examinations and will officially become a Licensed Practical Nurse. We know she will be an honor to the profession and we wish her a fulfilling career.

Calling for Volunteers

Youth Program

After two years of devoted service, **Nancy Adams** has asked to step down as the point person for our Youth Program. She has done a wonderful job, and we offer her our heartfelt thanks. Are there any parents out there who would be willing to take on this job? If you have questions about what is entailed, ask Nancy. We want to keep our older children involved.



Hospitality Teams– Coffee Hour

Do you enjoy coffee hour? If so you may want to join one of the hospitality teams. We strive to have four members on each team so that each person only has to serve only two or three times a year. We are in need of at least 2 volunteers. Because Gordon McCanlis is homebound at the present his wife Janet will be unable to do her turn at coffee hour for the time being. We also have a second opening. A list of team members is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please check it out and speak to a member to see what the job entails. With the cost of snacks increasing we may want to simplify the menu or perhaps the church can assist with the cost.



We always welcome new people to become Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Lectors, Em's and Altar Guild members. If you prefer we would love to have you join as volunteers at our Thrift Shop and at the Pleasant Valley Food Bank at the Methodist Church.

The Food Bank is expanding services and more volunteers will be very welcome. See Liz or Marilyn for more information. The Thrift Shop continues to recruit volunteers. See Ginny Johnson.

We thank those who already participate in many of these ministries.



**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.**

Interim Priest to begin at St. Paul's September 28th.

The Wardens and Vestry have called **Father Robert Flanagan** to become our Interim priest, coming at the end of September. "Father Bob" will be here half time which is 20 hours weekly. The vestry felt that with another several months work for the Search Committee, an interim would be an appropriate step in preparing us for our next rector. Father Bob is currently finishing up serving as Interim at St. Stephen's in Armonk. We wish him a warm welcome.

Pleasant Valley Weekend- Sept. 12-14, 2014-plus St. Paul's 54th Annual Chicken Barbeque and our Sausage & Pepper Trailer

The charcoal is stacking up and the corn and chicken are ordered! **Saturday, September 13th** is the date for the **54th Annual St. Paul's Chicken Barbeque** to be held at our parish hall at 806 Traver Road, corner of **Traver Road and Rte.44**. In the meantime while you are enjoying the festivities at the town recreation park be sure to stop in and feast on our specialty **Sausage and Pepper rolls at St. Paul's Trailer**. While you are there please buy a chance on a **Mountain Bike** with drawing to take place 6:30 Sunday evening at the trailer.

Enjoy the community days celebration then head to the church parish hall for supper on **Saturday the 13th from 4:30pm to 7pm**. Menu includes our famous barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, plus home-made desserts and beverages. Cost- Adults \$13, Seniors and take out \$12, Children 6-12 only \$8 and those under 6 and over 90 will be fed for free.

Take out meals and seating are available with no reservations necessary; simply pay at the door. The Thrift Shop will be open. Parking is available across the street at Traver Road Elementary School. We will try to accommodate limited handicapped parking in the church parking lot.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**SEPTEMBER**

4. Mark & Janet (Arms) Goldberg
5. Tess Manning
Kelly Blafield
6. Mandy Olson Harp
Barbara & Bryant Rawls
7. Darren House
Ingrid Kern
Kayleigh Case
8. Christopher Borchert
9. Kevin Page
Ricky Harris (son of Rick)
10. Barbara & Gerry Haight
12. Kimberly Marker
13. Joseph DeMarco
16. Sina Macak
17. Sean McCanlis
18. Darren Shepley
Daniel Shepley
John & Rita Carver
19. Debby Glynn
21. Heather DiNardo
23. Greg Haviland
Olivia Towers
24. Joseph & Michele Cavaliere
26. Megan House
27. Dawn Gates
29. Jesse Goldberg

FALL SCHEDULE FOR ST. PAUL'S 2014

- Sept. 8 Vestry Meeting –7pm
Committee meetings 6:30– If any Parishioner wants a concern brought to the attention of the vestry , speak to a warden or vestry member.
- Sept. 12-14 Sausage & Pepper Trailer at the Pleasant Valley Rec. Park-see posters
- Sept. 13 Annual Chicken BBQ at the Parish Hall 4:30-7. See posters for more info.
- Sept. 14 Drawing for Mountain Bike at St Paul's trailer at the Recreation Park at 6:30 pm
- Sept. 21 Church School begins at 9:45 in parish hall
- Oct. 12 The Stewardship kickoff
- Oct. 13 7pm– Vestry Meeting
6:30– Committee meetings
- Oct. 19 Crop Walk– more info to follow
- Oct. 26 UTO fall in ingathering
- Nov. 1 Pork Dinner
- Nov 10 Vestry Meeting
- Nov. 15 Craft Fair
- Nov. (date to be determined) Fall Clean Up
- Dec. 8 Vestry Meeting
- Dec. 21 Christmas Pageant & Greening of the Church with soup & sandwich lunch to follow

WORDS OF WISDOM

*“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven”
From the Book of Ecclesiastes*

