

St. Paul's



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2012

The Messenger

We begin our full Sunday Morning
schedule on September 16

8:00

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15

Adult Forum: A Personal Rule of Life

9:30

Family Service with Holy Eucharist

10:30

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30-10:15

Rite 13 (Junior High Group)
& J2A (Senior High Group)

10:30-11:15

Church School (pre-K-5th grade)

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News and Notes

A special thank you to Myrna Koonce and the committee for the memorable Parish Retreat. Fifty people gathered at Camp Bishopswood for worship, swimming, arts & crafts, writing, reflecting, walking the labyrinth, and a fantastic talent show. Those who brought their gifts to lead various segments include Chick Carroll, Rick Wile, Pat McCabe, John Cordts, Jane Johnson, Hugh Savage, Bob Judd, and Ann Broomell.

Thank you as well to Susan Tyler who assisted with the 9am service in the Parish Hall last Sunday.

Your copy of the Formation Booklet for fall and winter awaits you in the Parish Hall. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the office. Thank you to all who have volunteered to lead weekly forums, group studies, quiet days and Saturday programs during these months here at St. Paul's. Thank you to Pam Nugent, Ann Broomell and Susan Tyler for planning the programs and creating the booklet.

From the Discernment Committee

Since the beginning of August, the Discernment Committee has received from the diocesan Canon for Transition Ministry, Vicki Wiederkehr, three batches of applications for the position of Rector of St. Paul's. While most of the applicants are serving in the east, we have received applications from dioceses as far away as Oregon and Minnesota, Wisconsin and Arkansas. The south has been represented by applicants from Maryland to Alabama, including Virginia, Georgia, and Florida.

We are deeply engaged in our preliminary screening and ranking process. Several applicants have now been invited to proceed to the next stage of the process, in which they will submit written essay responses to three questions we have set in an effort to get to know them a little better than the formal, generic applications allow.

The job listing will close in mid-September. We will begin reading essays when we have completed the preliminary screening. The backgrounds of the applicants are rich and varied, and we are looking forward to the essay phase, when some will become real candidates.

Leslie Randolph-Brancart



The Family Ministries Commission extends a loving and heartfelt thank you to Pat McCabe for her leadership, energy, enthusiasm, as well as for her many contributions to the parish on behalf of the committee. We wish Pat and Tom the very best as they begin their wonderful new adventure in Tanzania with the Peace Corps.



A Message from our Transition Priest-in-charge:

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I consider the transformation that has taken place here at St. Paul's since the first of June, I am amazed. The sprawling unfinished second floor now holds a lift from the first floor, three classrooms, a large choir room, storage space, two bathrooms and a small kitchen area. Each classroom is decorated for the age group that will occupy it. The largest room will be used for Grades 3-5 and for the Family Service just before it.

The first floor space that held the choir room and the "Dove" classroom now hold Grades Kindergarten through Two and the new Pre-School class with color coordinated chairs and tables for each class. If we move chairs around, we will always know easily what size child they work well for and what room they came from. Each room on both floors is now numbered for easy direction. We invite you to take a walk around the new space.

Then we walk into the church. It is different from August 1, yet the same in many ways. The chancel is one step up from the floor, with our altar rails moved to the sides of the platform extending into the room, and our needlepoint cushions in place before them. The altar is on a platform in the middle of the chancel with the lectern in place for use to read from Holy Scripture and preach the Word of God. The reredos has been lowered, a feat of both careful planning and real strength. A platform holds the Bishop's chair and side chairs, and also leaves room for the electrical box located under that space. Panels from the old organ were used with great skill to create the side of the platform. You'll find the door to the sacristy beautifully crafted to extend down to the new chancel height and see true craftsmanship in the paneling around the side of the chancel, as well. A number of people have come to me to say how welcoming the space now is. I hope that all who walk through our doors will know that we welcome them as we invite them to stay and gather around the altar with us week after week.

We await the installation of the organ that will take place later this month. The case is being finished to match the other woods in the chancel. It will be initially assembled in Portland before being transported to St. Paul's.



This transformation has taken dedicated and careful effort from our contractor Steve Brann and his workmen, including finish carpenters and painters. Any effort of this type requires one representative of the property to always be available. Terry Leitzell has been there, consulting with Steve, our parish staff, Paul Womer, Dave Gardner and Bill Martens, the Building Inspector, electricians--the list goes on. He has been careful to bring together groups of people for decision making.

Bob Judd and a hard working group of parishioners and friends disassembled the entire organ. Kris Agudelo has planned classrooms. Our youth and others put together the furniture for the classrooms. Anne Sturm did the ordering. Choir members moved the music library to the second floor. Aubrey Farmer has been a constant help finishing floors, cleaning renovated spaces, hanging banners in the chancel.

We are deeply grateful to all who funded this transformation of our parish hall and chancel space, to all who planned and worked before and during the construction. We will celebrate with Bishop Steve Lane on Wednesday, November 9th beginning around 5:30 p.m. Please put it on your calendar. First of all, I look forward to our active schedule of worship and formation in the weeks to come.

Faithfully,

Ann+

The Rev. Dr. Ann J. Broomell
Transition Priest in Charge

Adult Formation

September 16—A Personal Rule of Life: An Overview. What is a Rule of Life?

One thing it is not is a list of rules or a legal document. A better description might be one suggested by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) in Cambridge, Massachusetts: “a way of regulating and regularizing our lives so that we can stay on the path we have set out for ourselves.” It offers support for us to live our lives intentionally closer to God. It helps us establish a rhythm of life as we are being molded and shaped by the Spirit. Far from being something fixed and rigid, it is adaptable to our current circumstances, needs, and desires. Religious communities adopt a Rule of Life, but so do individuals. Join The Rev. Chick Carroll to learn more about this tool that may help give structure and direction to our lives. For those interested, there will be an opportunity to join a small group, the focus of which will be for each member to write his or her own Rule of Life.

Tuesdays

September 25, October 2, 9, 16;

4:00-5:00 p.m.

A Personal Rule of Life

If you were intrigued by the Rev. Chick Carroll’s forum on this topic given on Sunday, September 16 and want to know more, or even if you missed the forum but are interested in pursuing this topic, this may be the small group for you. Discussion, sharing, and an opportunity to write a Rule of Life for yourself will all be offered. Reading will be suggested.

October 7 (Columbus Day weekend)— Looking at Columbus Day and the Doctrine of Discovery

On May 7, 2012, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori joined other religious leaders in repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery at a session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In her address she said, “We stand in solidarity with indigenous peoples globally to acknowledge and address the legacy of colonial occupation and policies of domination Our Christian heritage has taught us that a healed community of peace is only possible in the presence of justice for all peoples. We seek to build such a beloved community that can be a sacred household for all creation, a society of right relationships.” Join us for this forum, facilitated by John Dieffenbacher-Krall, as we consider a new way to look at Columbus Day

Ministries Fair

Sunday

September 23

Visit the Parish Hall to see all the ministries that are part of St Paul’s community, and discover where God might be calling you to put your talents to use.

Christian Formation News

Fall has rolled around again and we are fortunate at St. Paul's to have a wonderful new space in which to kick off our church school year!

Thanks to your generous donations to the capital campaign, this year we are able to offer our children, teens, and their parents a number of exciting new features in our Christian Formation program. Here are a few of the highlights:

A brand-new class aimed at 3 and 4 year-olds. For the past few years, our church school has been so cramped that we literally did not have the space to house a class for preschoolers. Now the class will meet in Room 2 (the old Dove Room) off the main downstairs hallway, where playdough and fingerpaints will supplement rhymes and simple storytelling of the week's lectionary readings.

Dedicated classroom space for our Junior and Senior High school students. As you may remember, both groups had been meeting in less-than-adequate spaces for the past 5-6 years. Rite 13 used to be housed in the office area, which led to problems of disrupted classes and lack of confidentiality. J2A met in the dark and cramped converted stairwell, where there was literally no room for new members. Now, each age group will meet in a sunny, pleasantly-decorated classroom upstairs, with enough space to do all the activities (art, drama, etc.) that are appropriate to their developmental stage. And, of course, plenty of room to welcome newcomers to the group!

A classroom large enough to house the children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Whereas last year we had to use the parish hall in order to have space to do art or play games, this year the class will meet in the old choir room on the first floor, which is spacious enough for circle games, messy art projects, and all the other activities on which this age group thrives. We've intentionally located the two youngest age groups (pre-K and K-2) on the first floor to keep them close to family attending worship, and to best take advantage of the large bathrooms and kitchen area downstairs.

A large "Gathering Room" upstairs (Room 7) that will be used to hold our new family-friendly worship service, as well as the 3rd-5th grade church school class. The family service is an exciting new addition to our worship times—a Eucharist designed for children ages 0-5th grade and their parents, featuring simple songs, fingerplays, and child-appropriate readings. The new worship retains the essential structure of a traditional liturgy while also being short and engaging enough for even the youngest children to attend.

As I hope even this brief run-down suggests, the new space is an incredible blessing to our whole parish, not just the families. Increased space for families and children allows us to throw our doors open wide to the community in ways we have simply not been able to in the past, due to space limitations.

It's important to note that this openness to the community is a theological, not just a practical, consideration. Of course, reaching out to children and families is important to ensure the future of our faith. And having clean, sunny, well-furnished spaces is an enticing "draw" for these future parishioners. But even more importantly, welcoming families is a gesture undertaken in imitation of Christ, who admonished the disciples for trying to make the children into "second-class parishioners." Instead, Jesus folded them warmly into his own embrace. It is vitally important that we, as a parish, continue to act as the arms of Jesus, welcoming children and parents into our very heart. With the opening of our new space, a tangible reminder of the love our parish has for its children and teens, I believe we have taken an important step towards embodying this love of Christ for the youngest in our midst.

Blessings,

Kristin Agudelo
Youth Christian Formation
Director



Trusting God in Transition: A Report from the Parish Retreat

Parishioners began gathering at Camp Bishopswood, on the shores of Lake Megunticook in Hope, on September 7, a sunny Friday afternoon. Once bedding was stowed in rooms and cabins, and the chapel set up for the first of several Taizé services, the bell rang for dinner, and we were on our way to a truly refreshing weekend, with deeply satisfying services, stimulating discussions and, of course, great food!

After contemplative evening prayer, with musicians Hannah Judd and Angela Plato accompanying us on cello and trumpet, John Cordts led us through a campfire in which all were encouraged to share something---a song, a story, even a joke---followed by singing and S'mores.

The next morning, breakfast was followed by Taizé morning prayer, and then more parishioners arrived; ultimately, we were 50 in all, ranging in age from 3 to 83 (or thereabouts). Pat McCabe led the young and young-at-heart in cooperative games, while Rick Wile encouraged people to dig down into their life experiences to discover their feelings and thoughts on transitions. Ann Broomell taught a group about contemplative prayer, and Chick Carroll used a passage from Exodus to explore transitions in a Taizé Bible study.

After lunch and a noonday prayer Taizé service, the waterfront was open, and families and older people alike enjoyed kayaking and swimming from time to time. Away from the water, many more possibilities awaited, ranging from walking a labyrinth in the Great Hall of the lodge to making Anglican prayer beads, from looking at life's larger transitions with the help of a book on this subject to making art with natural objects out-

side on a picnic table, and from participating in yoga to going on a scavenger hunt.

Dinner was followed by another Taizé service. In addition to Bob Judd's excellent direction and piano playing, we had cello and guitar riffs, and antiphonal trumpet playing, a truly lovely way to end the day.

But the night was just beginning! Parishioners had signed up for a talents show, and indeed, much talent was on display---singing, playing of various instruments (cello, ukulele, piano, banjo, guitar), a barber-shop sextet, and the reading of writings generated in Rick's workshop. Rick served as MC, and when Sarah

Judd sang "Leavin on a Jet Plane," with many joining in during the chorus, he thanked her "on behalf of Baby Boomers everywhere."

The next morning a smaller group gathered for communion, and then brunch, before departing back to our varied lives. People from different generations commented on how wonderful it was to get to know each other in a new way, and to have experience of a wider circle within the parish. If you were not able to join us this year, perhaps you will the next time!

The planning group consisted of Ann Broomell, Susan Tyler (who ably gathered registrations and fielded questions), Rick Wile, Hugh Savage, Jane Johnson, Pat McCabe, Bob Judd, John Cordts, and Myrna Koonce. We feel our goals of spiritual renewal and parish reconnection were well-met. Thanks to all who came and helped make this weekend rich and rewarding.

Myrna Koonce



Thanks to all our Teen and Adult Volunteers!

A group of J2A teens and their adult helpers put together all the furniture for the new upstairs area (as well as some for the re-vamped downstairs classrooms). Over the course of a morning, these hearty folk assembled 40 stacking chairs, two bookcases, and one coffee table, as well as lugged out two sofas from storage. Later, Claude Brancart installed bulletin boards and cork strips with the help of our sexton Aubrey Farmer.

Extra help organizing and decorating the classrooms was given by Jim Hornor, Nancy Johnson, and Betsey Bailey. Betsey also created a new banner for the family worship room. Thank you one and all who participated—we couldn't have gotten the new classrooms together without your help!



Iona

The J2A Pilgrims' application for a week with The Iona Community has been accepted. The Iona Community works for peace and social justice, rebuilding community and the renewal of worship. We will be at their MacLeod Centre on the island of Iona for their Open Week, June 22 to June 28. According to Wikipedia, "Iona is a small island in the Inner Hebrides off the western coast of Scotland. It was a centre of Irish monasticism for four centuries and is today renowned for its tranquility and natural beauty." The Open Week at MacLeod is described as "a week of exploration of faith, experiencing God, each other and Iona in this varied programme, with space for learning about community, having fun, reflecting and worshipping together, as we build community."

Welcome to all our Christian Formation Teachers!

This Fall, we welcome a raft of new teachers to our programs for children and teens. The work of educating, playing with, and blessing our young people is undertaken at the explicit direction of Jesus, who placed children first in

importance—even before the community adults and his own close disciples! Please give these parishioners your warm thanks for their loving service, and keep them in your prayers this coming year.

Nursery (Ages 0-3) Kimmy Edwards	Pre-K (Lambs Class) Roberta Beal Hipkins Christin Nadeau Beth Ann Nickerson Virginia Vincent Abigail Manny
K-2nd Grade (Lions Class) Andree Appel Angela Plato Anne Sturm Kate Egan Susan Marten	Grades 3-5 (Eagles Class) Sarah Arnold Nancy Johnson Steve Thomas Roving Art & Goodwill Ambassador Betsey Bailey
Grades 6-8 (Rite 13) Jim Hornor Carol Lord	Grades 9-12 (J2A) Anne and Tim Banks Myrna Koontz Macauley Lord Hugh Savage

Birthdays & Anniversaries

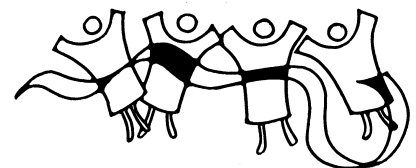
Happy Birthday

09/03 Steven Schuman
 09/04 Leslie Brancart
 09/04 Cedric Hipkins
 09/05 Lynn Ouellette
 09/05 Stanley Baker
 09/07 Lisa Dempsey
 09/09 Richard Brautigam
 09/10 Sue Baker
 09/11 Susan Blair
 09/11 Robert Walkling
 09/12 Al Niese
 09/14 Donald Cheetham

09/16 Anne Sturm
 09/17 Nicholas Henshaw
 09/18 Patty Melander
 09/18 Bronda Niese
 09/18 Nancy Whitehouse
 09/22 Jennifer Hayden
 09/25 Charlotte Loveless
 09/26 Bonnie Studdiford
 09/27 Sally Mull
 09/28 Mary Butler
 09/28 Jonah Levy
 09/29 Michael Walker

Happy Anniversary

09/03 John & Susan Tyler
 09/09 John & Nan McCurrach
 09/13 Oliver & Eleanor Brown
 09/13 Peter & Louise Colburn
 09/13 Donald & Bonny Labonte
 09/29 Nicholas & Edyth Smith



What's What (and Where) This Fall—A Cheat Sheet for Families

What	Who	When	Where
New Family Worship & Eucharist	Kids 0-5 th grade, plus parents; or anyone who wants a kid-friendly service	9:30-10:15am	In the Gathering Room upstairs (also used for grades 3-5 church school)
Family Snack Time	Kids and parents	10:15-10:30	In the Parish Hall
Nursery	1-3 years	Nursery care available from 9:15-12	Nursery
Lambs	Preschoolers ages 3-4	10:30-11:15	Downstairs, Room 2
Lions	K -2 nd grade	10:30-11:15	Downstairs, Room 1
Eagles	3 rd -5 th grade	10:30-11:15	Upstairs, Room 7 (Gathering Room)
Rite 13	6 th -8 th graders	9:30-10:15	Upstairs, Room 6
J2A	9 th -12 th grade	9:30-10:15	Upstairs, Room 8

Room Numbers: All room numbers are well-marked, but here's a primer just in case:
 Room 1 = former downstairs choir room; Room 2= former downstairs "Dove Room";
 Rooms 6, 7, & 8 are all upstairs.

The Messenger is published monthly. With a combined July/August issue. It is emailed to the parish. Paper copies are available at the church for those who prefer them. It is also mailed to those who do not have email.

Please send submission for the October is by the 20th of September. Articles may be emailed to stpauls@stpaulsmaine.org or placed in Susan Tyler's box in the office.

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Wake up your taste buds!

The first "Debut Tasting", created and cooked by the renowned Gourmet Freezer committee, is coming up soon! This exciting new event will happen on the same day as the Ministry Fair, September 23rd at noon. For a nominal \$5.00 ticket you will be invited to taste many brand new offerings being considered for this year's Gourmet Freezer table at the Fair. Your votes will decide the winners and you will enjoy an assortment of delicious entries, making a unique lunch. Tickets will be available after the services and at the door.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 see Sundays Healing Prayer offered at 8 & 10:30 Church School Picnic	3-7:00 AA 9 F. A. in Recovery Noon AlAnon	47:00 AA 10:00 Holy Stitches 12:30 Bible Study	6-7:00 AA 7:30 Men's Group 11:30 Yoga 5 Supper 6:00 Self Study Presen- tation 7:00 Adult Choir	7-7:00 AA 11:00 Prayer Group Noon Holy Eucharist 2:00 Women's Group 6:30 Discernment Ct. 7:00 O. A.	8 7:00 AA 9:00 Music Together	9 9- La Tr 7:3 8:0
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