

# St. Paul's Epistle

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## EOW! It's August!

It's the dog days of summer as I write this article. I've appreciated all the people who have come to services during this heat, especially those who are willing to stay in the Parish Hall while the church bakes! It makes you wonder how they did it all those years ago without air conditioning. So THANK YOU to everyone!

The news for August is that we are again going to do a new kind of format for our liturgy. It's called EOW – Enriching Our Worship. EOW came out of the 1997 Convention of the Episcopal Church and sought “not to supplant the Book of Common Prayer, but rather to provide additional resources to assist worshipping communities wishing to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship.”

Parts of EOW you will know because they are like the BCP – the Nicene Creed for example. Parts of it will be fairly new language, like in the Post Communion Prayer, and other parts will be completely new, as in the Eucharistic Prayer. The language and images were put together to display a new sense of God. They were also chosen to depict the women's language of God and spirituality. The entire service will be in the bulletin so you don't have to use the BCP.

Some of you have said that you enjoyed Rite I. I hope you like EOW as a way of celebrating all that God has done for us.

Rev. Mariann+

## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

By Russ Henk

### Every Member Canvass (EVC) update

Generally speaking, if a survey gets a 10% response, it is considered successful. You will be pleased to know that over 30% of you responded to the Every Member Canvass. This type of participation is indicative of the love and concern you all have regarding our church's present and future growth and stability. The data gained from your comments has been and is being reviewed by the EMC committee. We are grateful for your input. In the near future we will provide action to be taken based on your comments. The Vestry thanks you for your interest and support.

### EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Rev. Mariann Babnis

As you know the Every Member Canvass (EMC) has been conducted by the vestry and others. We thank all who participated in the effort. As Russ says in his report the results have been tabulated. What they show is that while many of you love St. Paul's Church, many are also dissatisfied with some aspects of church life. What follows is a list of the dissatisfaction.

The vestry met and began discussing these criteria and is working on them. We will have more information for you at a later date. But we wanted you to have some idea of what the survey said.

## Problems include:

- ✓ Music program
- ✓ Sunday School – Youth Program
- ✓ Bulletin/newsletter/communications
- ✓ Visitation/phone call (follow up on folks who've missed 2 Sundays)
- ✓ Communications with congregation
- ✓ Creation of contact list for various committees
- ✓ Priest would say BCP pages so everyone could hear them
- ✓ Discover how to grow church and attract members
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Strengthen Episcopal awareness – churches come together
- ✓ How to create a stronger sense of community
- ✓ Worship – needs to be more spiritual
- ✓ Which people come to which services – might be able to see what the differences are
- ✓ Focus on the positive things St. Paul's has done not the negative
- ✓ Focus on mission
- ✓ Formation/spirituality



## **SCHOOL IS STARTING!**

**By Bobbie Quillen**

We will begin our annual collection of school supplies in August. This year's contributions will be distributed to students at Georgetown Elementary School.

A list of supplies is on the bulletin board, but here are a few suggestions:

Crayons – 8, 16 or 24 count

#2 pencils

Large glue sticks

Tissues

Ziploc easy slide bags – quart or gallon size

Colored pencils

Large erasers

Block type pencil box (8 x 5 size)

Wide rule notebook paper

Black marble composition books

Hand sanitizer

Backpack (an expensive item for some families)

***Please have your items to the church no later than Sunday, September 4.***

## **DISTANT NEIGHBORS FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL**

**By Karen Swartout**

A Fair Trade Steering committee has been formed consisting of Judy Dean, Emily Peterson, Ron & Jean Dejewski and Karen Swartout to brainstorm about this year's Fair Trade Festival. We will making out a four month calendar for activities leading up to the fair and looking at ideas for new raffles, obtaining advertisers for the catalog we hand out at the fair and publicity for the event. Please share any ideas you may have with any member of the committee. We will begin with your help seeking advertisers in August.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAY INVOLVEMENT IN DURING AND BEFORE SUNDAY SERVICES

By Karen Swartout

### Altar Guild: Karen Baker 856-2083

Altar guild members work in teams of four every three weeks.

Responsibilities: Altar Guild Members prepare the altar and set out the Eucharistic vessels, clear the altar after services and are responsible for delivery of altar flowers or see to it that someone else does. They pick the altar flowers up from the florist on Friday afternoon. They polish the brass candles and brass railing within the church. Altar guild members assist with decoration of the church at Easter and Christmas. They are trained for these duties and others by working with members of an established team.

### Ushers: Deb Daly 856-2894

Ushers work in teams of two approximately once a month depending on number of volunteers available for scheduling.

Responsibilities: Arrive 15 minutes before the service. Greet parishioners as they arrive and hand out bulletins, count the number of parishioners and send the number up to the celebrant with the elements, ask two people to bring the elements up for communion, take up the collection and usher during communion. Ushers get names and addresses of new people, invite them to coffee hour and ask another parishioner to go with them to coffee hour.

### Chalicians/Lay Readers/Intercessors: Bobbie Quillen 856-2053

Chalicians are trained and then licensed by the diocese to assist the celebrant. If you wish to train as a Chalician, please contact Mariann Babnis. Once you are licensed as a Chalician, Bobbie Quillen prepares the monthly schedule.

Lay Readers for the 10:30 service are scheduled to serve one or two times a month. Those who serve at the 8 o'clock service volunteer the morning of the service.

Responsibilities: Read lessons assigned for a particular service. The lessons are mailed to the scheduled reader prior to the service. The Intercessor is given the Prayers of the People

prior to the service and reads them during the service.

### Prayer Partner: Karen Swartout 253-0861

Volunteers sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Responsibilities: The prayer partner prays silently for the priest and congregation before and during the service.

### Prayer Ministers: Debi Goebel 337-8285

Responsibilities: Prayer ministers pray with individual parishioners during communion. Training is provided.



### **A CALL FOR HELP!** By Russ Henk

During the past year, we have experienced some failure of equipment. Pipes, drains and a chiller have caused unexpected expenses. For one example, a water line break caused several thousand gallons of water to leak. Had we had a regular maintenance program in operation, this extreme loss of water could have been avoided. We could have also avoided a very expensive water bill.

We are fortunate to have Gene Q. on the Vestry to oversee property and maintenance issues. If you know Gene, he has taken these responsibilities on by himself. To ask one person to do all that is needed in our buildings and grounds is not practical.

For that reason, I am sending out a call for volunteers to participate in a monthly maintenance program. Some knowledge of household maintenance such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC equipment would be helpful.

A monthly schedule of items to be checked is

being put together. If you are willing to help in this important duty, please call Gene at 856-3556 or Russ at 933-8078.

“An ounce of prevention is worth many dollars these days.”

### TELL THE SAINT PAUL’S STORY

By Jessica Clark

There are many ministries at St. Paul’s that “the world” needs to know about – Meals on Wheels, Distant Neighbors Fair Trade Festival, First Steps/Primeros Pasos Early Childhood Education Center, the Stewardship and Capital Campaign, etc. Also, there are many interesting as well as long-term members of the church whose stories should be part of St. Paul’s history.

If you like to write, you can be the voice of St. Paul’s by telling about St. Paul’s ministries to the diocese, the media (newspapers, TV and radio), in the church newsletter and bulletin, etc.

In fifteen minutes to one-half hour, I can give you the ins and outs of writing press releases and how to get St. Paul’s messages out.

Call me (302) 430-2898 or email me: [jclark165@comcast.net](mailto:jclark165@comcast.net).



### DEL TECH CULINARY CAMP FOR KIDS

By Jayne Sheahan

Delaware Tech culinary camp for children is back! This is one of the most popular summer camps offered! Classes will again be given at St. Paul’s the weeks of August 8-12 and 15-19. Did I tell you how much Chef Bonnie likes our kitchen?

If you enjoy children (ages 9-16) and cooking, and can assist with the Chef’s directions this may be for you! Do you like to eat well? You will fit right in!

We are looking for volunteers; this may be the place for you! The week will consist of class time, cooking & eating. *Did I mention eating?!* Everyone will be preparing a great breakfast and delicious lunch. – I don’t know about this year, but last year Thursday was turkey day!

We would love to have you every day, all week, both weeks, but will be delighted to have your help any day you can. The day will run from 8:30AM to after clean-up at about 4:30PM. To know what the real scoop is, check with Ed Wolfe, Jo Dryden, Karen Swartout – am I missing anyone, probably! Ed has already said he will be back.

Please let Jayne know if you are interested or call Del Tech at 856-5618 between 8:30 – 4:30 Mon-Fri. I am usually there Wed – Friday, but Margy and Donna can also answer questions or take your information.

I want to personally thank everyone for permitting the camp to be held at St. Paul’s. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jayne Sheahan

P.S. Check the Fall Corporate & Community Programs book due out in August (Adult Plus+) for **Adult** Mexican Culinary classes, also to be held at St. Paul’s in October and November.

@ DTCC 856-5618 – speak with Margy, Jayne or Donna

@ Home 934-8886

Cell: 228-2032



By Cindy Henk

Okay. Okay. This space is usually given over to a brief report of what goes on at coffee hours or First Sunday lunches or for a request to fill our own pantry with crackers or chips or cookies, etc. But a recent discussion at a coffee hour brought up this question: Is it any function that involves food?

Coffee hours, lunches, receptions following funerals or concerts? Is it newcomer dinners?

Parish Night Out? Spaghetti dinners? Ice cream socials?

Is it all aspects of welcoming people -- such as ushering? Inviting a neighbor to a church function? Offering to help visitors follow the Book of Common Prayer?

What do you think? I'm putting a suggestion box in the vesting area of the church and in the upstairs parish hall to see what you have to say.



By Deby Daly

A few months ago, there was a sign-up sheet about serving meals to those in need at the Georgetown Wesleyan Church. I signed up and received a call in June from Lorraine Cooper, coordinator of the program. She asked if I would volunteer that Sunday. I said yes and she told me to show up around 11:45 and expect to be there until 3.

Little did I know when I walked into the kitchen that morning what a wonderfully rewarding experience I was about to partake in. There were two ladies busily chopping vegetables, stirring a huge pot of pasta and cutting up fruit for that day's lunch. Reverend Van Tine came in, we held hands and said a simple prayer in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, for those preparing and serving the food and those who would eat the food.

We were soon joined by teens looking to help someone out, gentlemen from the Booker Street Church of God and Wesleyan church members -- a wide array of ages, religions and race -- all united in one purpose. At noon, we opened the window. Folks of every race and age started coming in. They would take a tray and sit at one of the tables to eat. If they wanted more, they just came back for another tray. Many of the children came back asking for more Rice Krispie treats. Others just wanted another plate of pasta salad, minus the roll and fruit salad. The dirty dishes went to another window where they were put into racks, rinsed off and run through the auto washer.

On Wednesdays, the Cafe prepares bag lunches that are delivered to two low income apartment

complexes in Georgetown. They also set up a table across the street from the kitchen and offer lunches to anyone who wants them. The one gal told the story of a little boy, about five years old, who came and got one of the bag lunches. He looked up at her and asked "Will you read to me?" She told him she didn't have a book with her. He looked quizzically at her, then walked down the sidewalk. She thought about what he said and the fact it didn't make much sense. Then it dawned on her -- what he had actually said was "Why do you feed me?" She said after that day, she knew she had found her life's calling.

Those of us in the kitchen bonded that day. One young teen boy was thrilled that he learned to "cook" Rice Krispie treats. Another young gal learned that it's a good thing to take initiative without having to ask someone if it is okay. We fed the hungry that day, but I think we got a lot more out of it than they did. Seeing some of those people also makes you realize just how good you've got it and reminds you to count your many blessings.

If anyone is interested in helping out, please call Lorraine Cooper at 856-2414. They love their volunteers and are always looking for someone to prepare or serve food.

### **Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) By Hannah and Rebekah Goebel**

We all got on the bus a little nervous, but by the time we were on campus the next day, we were too excited. We were assigned dorms on the beautiful campus of Bethel University, who was our host--a saintly host to take on that many kids! It was amazing to see so many young Episcopalians, from so many different places. From Wyoming to Guam, D.C. to California, Pennsylvania to Hawaii--we were a giant, energetic crowd.

We got the chance to hear some speakers and participate in a lot workshops. We learned everything from making your own percussion instruments, to how to lead small groups, to yoga, to open forums, to making paper flowers for people in hospitals and nursing homes, and many more.

We got to sing and dance to the great music of Sloan River Project--an upbeat band that focused

on faith, singing in English and Spanish alternatively, most of the songs hymns, the words of which we already knew. The staff of EYE was amazing. Each and every one of them was ready to lead a revolution that was eagerly grabbed by the hands of the youth--a revolution of how we all saw ourselves as Episcopalians and how we were going to inherit the church!

## 2011 SAFE CHURCH TRAINING



In the Fall 2011, the Diocese of Delaware will offer Safe Church Training in Sussex County. The people in St. Paul's who need to attend Safe Church Training, are listed below. The material presented is inappropriate for participants under the age of 15. All participants must be in attendance for the entire training session to become certified by the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware.

The Safe Church Training for Sussex County is at All Saints Church in Rehoboth, on October 3 and 4, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. You must attend both sessions to acquire certification. Recertification is required every 5 years. If you are interested in attending this training please see Reverend Mariann. If you are unsure whether or not you are certified from the last time you attended this training, please see Deby.

### Training is mandatory for:

1. All clergy
2. Full or part-time church staff
3. Volunteers who provide individual pastoral care
4. Eucharistic visitors
5. Youth and child supervisors

### Training is recommended for:

1. Sunday School teachers
2. Lay leaders in supervisory or leadership roles

## NEWS FROM ST. PAUL'S KIDS

By Debi Goebel

The kids have been very busy this past month! Kat, Erika, Tiffany, Rachael and Sarah all attended Camp Arrowhead this month and had a great time! Hannah and Rebekah made the two day trip up to Minnesota for the Episcopal Youth Event. This is a teen event held every three years, and from all reports is a *totally awesome!*

### Upcoming events: Vacation Bible School:

August 8-11 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. The program is for grades K-5. Please see Chris Bennett for permission slips. There will be a concurrent bible study for adults. Volunteers (12 and up) are welcome. An information meeting for volunteers will be held at the church on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00.

### Buckets!

As part of the Vacation Bible School outreach the kids are collecting household cleaning items which will be put in buckets and delivered to people who need to clean up their homes after natural disasters such as floods and fires. They are asking for specific items, so please see Chris Bennett if you would like to donate.

### Shore Birds:

Stay tuned for more information on St. Paul's yearly Shore Birds outing. Kids and adults are welcome!

### Camping Trip:

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Cape Henlopen State Park. Get ready for hiking, s'mores, and maybe even a ghost story around the camp fire!

See Chris Bennett for more information and permission slips. We need to reserve space, so make sure you let him know soon if your child or grandchild would like to attend. Chaperones are welcome.

### YELL!

### Young Episcopal Learners and Leaders

### NEW! Saturday Sunday School

The Children's Christian Formation Committee is thinking outside the box! In order to make Sunday

School more accessible, we are trying something new!

Beginning in September, Sunday School will be held one Saturday evening a month, giving the kids a whole months worth of bible discovery in one fun filled night! The kids came up with the name YELL! Young Episcopal Learners and Leaders! More information and ways you can help will be available soon!

### **Surely God Is In This Place**

**By Debi Goebel**

Jacob leaves his home and travels to a foreign land to find a wife. Alone in the desert at night, he makes a pillow of a stone and drifts off to sleep. Now the desert is not very hospitable, even in the cool of the night. Yet in this strange and dangerous place God sends Jacob a dream, and in this dream He promises Jacob the land on which he lay, many children and great prosperity. Then God tells Jacob:

“Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go; and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised.”

When Jacob awakes from his dream he exclaims:

“Surely the Lord was in this place - and I did not know it!”

I cannot read this story without reflecting on my own life. How many times have I found myself in a strange, cold and inhospitable place? It may not have been a geographical location, but a place of inconsolable grief, all consuming anger, or overwhelming loneliness. When we are in a disagreeable place like this it may be difficult to feel God's presence. Because we may not like ourselves very much at these times, we may even imagine that God does not like us very much either. But God loves us still, and promises never to abandon us when we find ourselves in dangerous places. He is present for us in our jealousy, our fear, our self-centeredness and despair. We may not sense Him near as we rest our weary heads on a pillow of stone, but He is beside us always. He promises never to leave us until we are whole again, until we have found our way back to Him. And then we will awake from our dream and exclaim, “Surely the Lord was in this place - and I did not know it!” For the presence of God makes every place sacred, even angry hearts and lonely souls.

I know that the Lord is with me and will keep me wherever I go; and will lead me back to Him; for He will not leave me until He has made me whole once more. For surely the Lord is in this place, though I am too troubled now to believe it.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

The Reverend George E. Stokes, Jr. passed away on June 27, 2011 in Raleigh, North Carolina at the age of 89. After serving in the Army, he received a Bachelor's Degree from The University of the South and a Masters of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary. He served for 35 years as an Episcopal priest, including as Rector of St. Paul's. After retiring, he continued to serve as rector emeritus in the Diocese of Delaware until 2004. He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy, brothers Paul and William and survived by three children and their spouses, Margaret & David Robbinson, David & Myranda Stokes and Michael & Sabrina Stokes, as well as five grandchildren. Those wishing to make a contribution my consider donating to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund, The American Cancer Society, The American Heart Association or the American Council of the Blind.

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**10 – Carol Atallian & Frank Kruger**

**16 – Mary Ann Torkelson**

**31 – Norma Talley**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**11 – Bev & Buster Richardson**

**18 – Norma & Andy Talley**

**22 – Cindy & Russ Henk**

#### **EVENTS**

##### **Monday**

Friends in Faith – 1 p.m. in the library

Monday Night Live, 7 p.m.

##### **Wednesday**

✠ Holy Eucharist, 7:30 a.m.

##### **Thursday**

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m. in the library

##### **Saturday**

Men's Group - 8 a.m. in the upstairs hall

##### **Sunday**

Book of Acts – 9:30 in library

Meals on Wheels – Weeks of August 1 and 29

**NO VESTRY MEETING THIS MONTH**

Book Club – Tuesday, August 16 at 12 – library

**Newsletter articles due to office – Thursday,**

**August 18 by 9 a.m.**

## **St. Paul's Vestry Team**

Russ Henk, Sr. Warden - 2013  
Chris Bennett, Junior Warden - 2012  
Fred Dean, Treasurer  
Jayne Sheahan - 2012  
Debi Goebel - 2012  
Dawn Bramble – 2013  
Janet Jones – 2013  
Gene Quaciari – 2014  
Joy Sikora – 2014  
Karen Swartout – 2014

## **Organizations using the Facilities**

### **A.A. Meetings**

A.A. Inner Group. 1st Thurs. 5:30-7:30 PM

Sat. Women's Group -11 AM

### **NA Meeting**

Thurs. 7 - 8 PM

### **Girl Scouts**

Fri. Troops 1272 & 1012 - 6:30 – 8:30 PM

### **Foster Parents Support Group**

Last Wed - 6:00 – 8:30 PM

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