

# St. Paul's Herald

## From South Bass Island



Sept/Oct 2011

## Our Community of Faith

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### Working Together -- Sharing the Gospel

Romans 8:28: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

This is from one of our recent lectionary readings. Looking back over the past few weeks we've heard several readings with a similar theme where God figures out how to use us for good. We may not set out thinking we are doing something to spread the kingdom but God uses us in wonderful ways – through a spaghetti meal, a bake sale or by making dresses for children who have no clothing. God uses us for good in surprising ways.

St Paul's has been a busy place this summer and we have plans for the fall. The Episcopal Bishop of Ohio, The Rt. Rev Mark Hollingsworth will visit St Paul's on October 2nd which is the 146th Anniversary of the first service held inside St Paul's.

The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday October 2nd at 4pm which is the Sunday closest to St Francis Day. Church School and Bible Buddies resume bringing children's voices back again. Fall clean-up day coming as we begin preparing for winter.

The vestry did a mid-year finance review. Although there were no surprises, we know we need to encourage those who can give for the day to day expenses to do so.

Please look through this newsletter; it is full of information about how we can continue to work together this year.

### Calendar Highlights for Fall

Items marked with a ✕ are described inside this edition.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>** Weekly Discussion Group at 7:30pm (see article) ✕

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>** – Last 130pm Worship service at Middle Bass for 2011 – Resumes Memorial Day 2012 ✕

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11 – Attend the observance at Perry's Peace Memorial. 2:30pm (see PIB Gazette for details)

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** - Training for liturgical ministries in Norwalk. ✕

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Vestry Meeting after church ✕

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** – Last 8am Eucharist until 2012. Fall Schedule Resumes.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Buddies resume their meetings at 3:15pm Tuesdays. ✕

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Bishop Hollingsworth's visitation to St Paul's 10:30 am ✕ Potluck Follows! ✕

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 4pm Blessing of the Animals on the lawn ✕

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** – Church School resumes

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Welcome Deacon Jane Traeger (see article) ✕

#### Special points of interest:

- Buildings & Grounds
  - Rectory Repairs
  - Fence
- Fall Plans
- Bishop's Visit
- Episcopal Deacons

*Copies of the master church calendar with additional details are available for pick-up in the office.*

## Vestry "Seconds" (abbreviated from the Vestry Minutes)

*All meetings are open to everyone. The complete vestry minutes are posted in the church office.*



A visiting musician shows us the pump organ still works (if you know how to play one).

Suggestions for building maintenance, improvements and repairs are being collected by Clark Davies. Forms available in the Parish Hall

### The vestry met on July 21st, 2011

#### Business Completed

#### The vestry meeting began an order of Worship for Evening.

**Financial Report** was provided for review. Net profit from Strawberry Shortcake sales in the Park was \$902.25. A mid-year budget review will be given in August.

**Labyrinth**—painted one on lawn as we wait for estimates.

**Building and Grounds:** 1) First Energy cut and removed 7 dead ash trees near our power lines. A big savings for us! 2) Fence added between the church and the Hartman House to deter night wanderers on the lawn. 3) Seeking

air cooling estimates for the church per worshipers' requests. 4) attic temps - over 120 degrees in July – seeking solutions.

**Steeple tower:** additional internal bracing has been recommended.

**Worship – (Music):** Gay Pippert Ladd tendered her resignation. Ken Beck and Paula Hubner will provide music through mid Oct. Seeking a new musician for winter.

**Fence for Rectory.** The vestry approved Mo Mary's request to fence a portion of the rectory back yard for increased privacy. She will pay for the fence.

**Mutual Ministry Review** is a review of how vestry and clergy are carrying out ministry in the parish. MMR scheduled for Oct 12, 2011.

**Vacation Bible Camp** is Aug 1-5 at the Town Hall. Their service project will help an orphanage in Panama.

**Haiti:** St Paul's & PIB Senior Center are sewing dresses made from pillowcases and fabric.

#### **Announcements:**

Food Pantry is open Tues to Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miller Boat employees' bake sale to benefit the food pantry. (see article)

Christian concert and hymn sing will be July 24th.

Spaghetti dinner for island employees Aug 9th. Melinda Myers & Nan Burr organizing.

Next mtg is Tues, Aug 16th at 7 pm

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**Financial Report** Financial report was provided for review. Judy presented a mid-year budget review. We are about where we expected to be in July. This is based on a deficit budget for 2011.

**Labyrinth**—waiting to have contractors selected.

**Bricks for Haiti** - \$770 sent to rebuild the cathedral in Haiti.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Vestry approved a new dishwasher and garbage disposal for the Hartman House. (Rectory)

**Property survey:** the land has been surveyed to support fence installation. Extending the fence will allow us to put out picnic tables and chairs for church activities and not worry about inappropriate use by weekend visitors. The vestry is reviewing a draft of a "License for Use" to be offered to our neighbor.

**Episcopal Church sign:** permission received to put a sign at Lime Kiln dock

#### **Announcements:**

Miller Boat Line Bake Sale provided \$637.00 for the Food Pantry.

Christian concert & hymn sing CD proceeds (\$203.00) given to support the VBS service project in Panama.

Spaghetti Dinner was a success! We served over 350 dinners for island employees. (see article)

Annual Diocesan Convention Nov 11-12. Delegates will be elected next meeting.

**Worship (Music)** a job description is available for applicants. Interviews to begin mid-September.

Prayer Chain is active again

**Next vestry meeting is SUNDAY Sept. 18, right after church.**

*"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise...."*

Thanks to all our parishioners who volunteer to assist in our worship services as readers, intercessors, acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. Their names are in the bulletin each week.

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise...

We had many people helping around the church recently. **Thanks to:**

- Bible Camp Assistants especially Gail McCracken and Mary Ann Meyers.
- Jack Zimmerman for installing the fence by the church door
- Sarah Toole for maintaining the beautiful flowers in front of the church
- The vestry that does more than we ever see!
- ALL Spaghetti Dinner helpers
- Photo Directory Greeter, Gail McCracken
- Judy Ruggerio and Dana Blumensaadt for the detailed mid-year budget review.
- Jeanne Burgess for making sure the weekly bulletins are always ready on Sunday.
- Thank You to Coffee Hour Hosts. This is an expression of hospitality and care.

## Focus On Our Young Christians

- ❖ **Activity Bags:** From May through October 9th we have "Activity Bags" available for young children to use during worship. They have child friendly handouts related to the scripture readings and other items of interest.
- ❖ **Church School:** Church School resumes **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Children will meet downstairs from the beginning of the service until we pass the Peace. Following the Peace we will have a Children's homily before we continue with Eucharist.
- ❖ **Communion Preparation:** In the Episcopal tradition, anyone of any age who is baptized (in any Christian tradition) is welcome to receive communion. See Mo. Mary for materials to help you prepare your children to receive Holy Eucharist.

## Epis-Co-Speak

**Question: What is the difference between The Episcopal Church (TEC), The Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), the Methodist Episcopal Church, The United Methodist Church (UM) and the African Methodist Episcopal church (AME)?**

John Wesley, worshipped among the Anglican Community in England. After returning from being a missionary to the colonies, he heard part of Martin Luther's teachings at a Moravian service. He preached to coal miners who had been feeling neglected by the Church of England. This began the Methodist revival, which many society outcasts were drawn to. Wesley formed the Society of Methodists before his death in 1791. Later, the society broke away from the Church of England becoming its own denomination.

Robert Strawbridge and Philip Embury were the two men that began Methodism in the United States. Francis Asbury became seen as the real founder of Methodism in America. The 19th and 20th centuries saw many splits in the **Methodist Episcopal Church**, mostly over the issue of slavery. At one time there were more than 25 splits.

One of these was made up of slaves who had worshiped

## Bible Buddies – Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Bible Buddies** will resume **Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm**. Parents should attend the first gathering with their children or register in advance.

## Vacation Bible Camp

The Bible Camp theme was the Jungle. The participants of all ages learned songs about God's jungle animals; hear bible stories including one read by Gail McCracken on Tuesday and one read by Mother Mary on Friday.

The children collected funds to send to an orphanage in Panama named Hogar de Niña's near a jungle. Our "Christmas in July" Christian Concert. Singer and performer Rich Follett contributed to the PIB Vacation Bible Camp's outreach project nearly doubling the children's gift. Thursday's picnic was lots of fun and the parents got to see pictures of the activities and hear the children sing. On Friday we went to sing the bible camp songs at the homes of several PIB residents. (*see pictures on page 9*)

in the Methodist Church. Richard Allen was a former slave who became licensed to preach in 1777 and gained his freedom. After repeated discrimination from others, Allen went on to form the **African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)**

Many Methodist Divisions were brought back together in 1939 and formed the Methodist Church. In 1968, Methodists combined with the Evangelical United Brethren creating the **United Methodists. (UM)** The United Methodists are the largest group of Methodists

The three main leaders of the Methodism movement were John Wesley, his brother Charles Wesley, and George Whitefield. All three men were ordained ministers of the Church of England, but were barred from preaching in the pulpit due to their tendency to have evangelistic methods. Whitefield broke from the other two over differing views to form the **Calvinistic Methodists**.

On another path, the Anglican Church in the Colonies became the Episcopal Church after the Revolutionary war. (1879) and the **Reformed Episcopal church (REC)** split from TEC in 1871 over doctrines related to baptism, vestments and the concept of the open pulpit.

**ST FRANCIS DAY & ANIMAL BLESSING –**  
**OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 4PM**

**BISHOP'S VISITATION – October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10:30am**

## From the Parish Register - 2011

Recorded July 1st to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

- Births - none
- Baptisms – none
- Marriages - none
- Transfers in - none
- Transfers out - none
- Members Deceased – none

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. Especially the Koehler family at the death of Jeff's mother, Mrs Marilyn Rudolph Linton; and the Lampela family at the death of Chief Lampela's father.

*"May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace"*

## St Paul's – Worship Schedule

We do not change as often as the ferry schedule but we are adjusting some times as we approach fall.

### Sunday Worship at St Paul's PIB

8:00 am Episcopal Eucharist (through Sept 25)

10:30 am Episcopal Eucharist (all year)

10:30 am Church School starts Oct 16th

## Eucharistic Minister

### Licenses Received

*Eucharistic Ministers are licensed by the Bishop for a period of up to three years.*

*The following people have received Eucharistic Minister Licenses in the past month:*

*Joe and Valerie Chorynak, Clark and Mella Davies and Doraine Toms.*

*Maryanne Manderbach is licensed for for St Paul's services held on Middle Bass.*

**Tuesdays** - St Paul's PIB

8:15 am Morning Prayer (Note time change starting September 6<sup>th</sup>.)

9:00 am Church Tour and History talk Sept 6 & 13th  
(last scheduled Tuesday Tour until May is Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Tours always available by appointment all year)

**Wednesdays** - St Paul's PIB 10:30 am Episcopal Eucharist through September. A mid-week Eucharist will resume in the spring.

## Middle Bass Worship Services

**1:30 pm Eucharist at the MB Town Hall in the summer months.**

Middle Bass residents have been involved at St Paul's since the church first opened its doors. Two of our priests flew airplanes over to lead worship. Rev. Speel and Rev. Forbes went by boat in the early 1900s. The transportation is on the Sonny-S today as we revive the tradition of holding a liturgical service for Protestants on Middle Bass. The last service for 2011 was on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Town Hall. We are making plans to resume Middle Bass worship on Memorial Day 2012. The offerings from these services are placed in St Paul's general fund to show we are one community working together to offer worship services for everyone on the Bass Islands.

## ST PAUL'S OFFICE HOURS

Normal office hours are listed here but may change some weeks due to home visits or clergy meetings on the mainland. – Other times are available by appointment, so please call.

No office hours on Tuesday, the day after Labor Day and after President's Day

- ✘ Monday: Office is Closed    ✘ Tuesdays: 9:30 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm    ✘  
 Wednesdays: 8:30 am – 10:30 am and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm    ✘  
 Thursdays and Fridays: 8:30 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm    ✘  
 ✘ Saturday office is open by appointment    ✘

Please call or e-mail the parish office if you go to the hospital. Messages will be checked regularly. For emergencies you may use Mo. Mary's personal cell number – otherwise, please use the church number.

## St. Paul's Outreach

We continue to receive requests for financial assistance from a variety of local, national and international organizations. St Paul's intention is to offer 20% of the income (what the Diocese defines as NOI) to various forms of outreach. One portion of this outreach goes to the Diocese to support the work through the Diocese. The second portion is distributed by our Outreach Advisory Group.

Once again the Miller Boat Line Employees at the Catawba gift shop sponsored a bake sale on the "Christmas in July" Weekend. Their gift of time and energy is a tribute to Mary Ann Market. The proceeds were designated for food assistance programs including St Paul's Food Closet.

St Paul's was also involved in an outreach project to help rebuild the cathedral in Haiti. We were challenged to send one brick from each person who worships here and St Paul's met that challenge thanks to the coordination and leadership of Doraine Toms. The cathedral not only is a place of worship but a community center which provides medical assistance, a soup kitchen, classrooms for children and assistance to elderly residents. Mella Davies of St Paul's organized a group of women here to sew dresses for the children who lost everything in the hurricane.



## Spaghetti!

### Island Employee Appreciation Dinner

St. Paul, Mother of Sorrow and St. John's at the Bay all worked together in serving/delivering somewhere between 325 – 350 spaghetti & meatball dinners to many deserving summer workers throughout the island. Sr. Lucille from Mother of Sorrow took what little was left over to a homeless shelter in Sandusky the next day. Nan Burr & Melinda Myers orchestrated the event and had all of the necessary food items donated by vendors that sell to our island food providers and Gail McCracken, who made her annual trip to Sam's Club for the other supplies. Marc Burr, Joe Schull & Jack Zimmerman cooked outside while several others assembled and delivered all over the island. Lots of fun and "psychic income" was had by all. We are looking forward to serving more meals again next year, shooting for 400+, for what we believe will be the fifth annual appreciation dinner.

Melinda took the pre-orders. Juliene Market took calls for the deliveries throughout the evening while Gregory Wenner dashed out to give the orders to the assembly team which included his parents, Molly Dormer and several others who swiftly packaged the meals and sent them out to the various employees on golf carts driven by Dave Frederick, Jeanne Burgess and Pastor Jim. Many others were in the kitchen serving and cleaning up including Marylou Ramsbottom, and Loraine Zimmerman. See some of the photos on the picture page. There will be more on our web site.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Ask your friends and visitors.. "Do you know about St Paul's?" We have St Paul's information cards in many places on the island. You can pick up some in church or in the parish office to post in your business, and to share with your friends.

## St. Paul's Vestry and Officers

Mary Ann Meyers - Senior Warden '12  
 Judy Ruggiero - Junior Warden '14  
 Jeanne Burgess '14  
 Jack Zimmerman '12  
 Clark Davies '13  
 Melinda Myers '13  
 Doraine Toms '13

Dana Blumensaadt, Treasurer  
 Mella Davies, Clerk/Registrar

### **Mission Statement:**

*To welcome all people  
 and encouraging  
 Christian growth,  
 to proclaim the Gospel  
 by word and deed.*

## Our Lift

We love the lift – it enables a number of people to attend worship and coffee hour.

This piece of equipment does need TLC and likes to be treated gently! We need to have patience since it moves slower than an elevator.

The technician says – **"Please do not rattle or jiggle the doors. Refrain from leaning on the door panel at the upper level."**

The Rt. Rev Mark Hollingsworth Jr, Bishop, Diocese of Ohio  
 The Rev Mary L. Staley, Priest-in-Charge

## Coffee Hour – Submitted by Marylou Ramsbottom

We enjoy our coffee hours at St. Paul's! This is an opportunity to talk to friends and extend hospitality to newcomers. Since we are a small group there is not much to prepare but it also means we ask participations to take turns on a regular basis. It is easy to participate.

We have a list on the side table in the undercroft for people to sign up to do coffee hour each Sunday. Recently we've tried to simplify the task to encourage more people to take a turn.

We ask that each host arrive a little prior to church service to start the coffee (usually two pots of regular and one of decaf), set out juice for the children (in the fridge). Remove the treats from the freezer and let thaw and set out on platters on table. Also set out paper plates and plastic tableware, if needed. After coffee hour just clean off tables, wash, dry and put away coffee cups, carafes and any utensils used.

There is a donation cup used to offset expenses if the supplies used. Our coordinators check and make sure we do not run short.

Of course you may choose to bring something from home like fruit or your own baked goods. Please think about taking a turn this fall.

## Labyrinth - Update

The labyrinth design has been painted on the lawn this summer as we prepare to install a more permanent design. The hope is the surface will be suitable for walking but also provide a place for us to hold outdoor events. The initial work required to level the ground for the brick labyrinth should begin this fall.

You can find labyrinth information at the front door of the church. Many people find walking the labyrinth is a peaceful way to pray. The labyrinth is also called "The Jerusalem mile" – a reminder of the route Jesus walked through Jerusalem on Good Friday.

## Opportunities to Care – for Ourselves and Others

St Paul's church building still has areas needing care and repair. This is a never ending process with a building of this age. Thank you Clark Davies for fixing the light fixture in the entry way and two more in the office. He also changed a number of difficult to reach light bulbs this month.

As a community of faith we minister to the community and the world. To do this work from this place, we need to be good stewards of our property.

Here are some examples of some of the things in search of hands, feet and voices. Everything done by volunteers makes us look better and in many cases, it saves us money. Please consider giving of your time this fall.

- Assist with the food closet - contact Gay Pippert
- Plant flowers at the church – Contact Mary Ann Meyers
- Water church plantings weekly – Contact Mary Ann Meyers
- Assist with office tasks such as filing, record keeping – see Mo. Mary
- Small maintenance tasks (we can always use a few more people on these things.) -- See Clark Davies
- Do you see a project that needs attention and want to take care of it? Contact the appropriate coordinator (to make sure it is not already being addressed.)
- Serve on one of St Paul's Advisory Groups – offer your expertise and abilities!
- Volunteer to serve as an usher, acolyte, lector, or intercessor (see Mo Mary for orientation.)
- Cantors, Quartets, soloists, or other musical offerings to enrich our worship.

## Bishop Mark Hollingsworth's Visitation - Oct 2nd

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first worship service held inside St. Paul's Church. It is an appropriate day for our Bishop to come for a visit. The Bishop of each Diocese (or an Assisting Bishop) will visit each parish every 12-18 months.

Following the service there will be a **POT-LUCK** so we can welcome the bishop.

The bishop's visits may include Confirmation and Baptisms although we do not anticipate any this year. The Bishop will also receive any persons who wish to transfer from another denomination to the Episcopal Church. Like Confirmation, there is a form of preparation to be received.

Additionally, Episcopalians who have been confirmed may choose to reaffirm their previous confirmation. Those who participate in the rite of Reaffirmation find it very meaningful.

Please contact Mo. Mary immediately if you would like to know more about Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation when the bishop visits. If you or your child have not been baptized and you would like to be baptized when the bishop visits please let Mo. Mary know before September 10<sup>th</sup>.

St Paul's next official visitation by a bishop will be April 14<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## St Paul's History

### 145 years and climbing!

**St. Paul's Church History Presentation** – every Tuesday, June through September, at 9:00am there is a history tour/presentation in the church. This follows our normal 8am Morning Prayer Service. Groups may also make appointments for tours at other times.

St. Paul's congregation has held services continuously since **1864** – beginning a year before the church was built. This 30-45 minute presentation will share some of the unique history of the parish.

Once the labyrinth is completed, visitors will be invited to walk our labyrinth at the conclusion of the presentation.

**Spring 2014** -- St Paul's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of reconnection with the Episcopal church

**Fall 2014** – 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formal establishment of an Episcopal Congregation on PIB

**October 2015** – St Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the building completion!

## Diocesan & Episcopal Church News

St. Paul's is part of the **North Central Mission Area Mission Council** (NCMAC) which meets four times each year. The next 2011 meeting will take place on **Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** where representatives to NCMAC and delegates to council will review resolutions to be presented at the Diocese of Ohio's General Convention. These meetings are open to everyone.

**Diocesan Council** meeting: Nov 12-13<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Cleveland. Delegates will be elected at our vestry meeting.

## The Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal begins its final "push" to reach its yearly goal - for 2011 it is \$300,000.00. What is the Bishop's Annual Appeal? It supports Episcopal Community Services (ECS) through contributions from communicants and parishes of the Diocese of Ohio. This annual fundraising effort gives ECS its ability to help parishes and other non-parochial programs fund essential ministries and social services to the communities they serve. By giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help support grants in three major areas: 1) Health and Homelessness, 2) Youth, Education, and General Services and 3) Hunger.

Funds sent to the Bishop's Annual Appeal also help fund high school and college student internships, underwrite formational positions for recently ordained clergy and support youth and adult mission trips. This year there were three adult mission trips – to Belize, Tanzania, and the Dominican Republic. Bishop's Annual Appeal funds were also used to send twenty-four young people from the diocese to Minneapolis for the 2011 Episcopal Youth Event.

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Please contact Mo. Mary if someone in your family or from our parish is hospitalized. This includes when you are away from PIB. We want to pray for all in our extended family wherever you may be. Mo. Mary will visit those who are hospitalized in the Toledo-Sandusky-Cleveland area whenever possible.

You can leave a message at the church number. For urgent situations you may also use Mo. Mary's cell #.

## Renewal of Wedding Vows

The phone message said Scott wanted to renew his wedding vows. He'd married Julie in a church in another city nine years ago and wanted to do something special for their anniversary but they would be at PIB for the volleyball tournament. Would St. Paul's help him? Yes. Several phone calls later we agreed they would bring a few friends and renew their vows. It was small, informal but deeply moving as they re-committed themselves to each other. Wouldn't it be great if more couples felt this way!

## Bake Sale Supports Put-in-Bay Food Pantry

Miller Boat Line employees and crew on the Catawba and Put-in-Bay Miller Ferry Docks hosted the 2nd annual Mary Ann Market Memorial Bake Sale, on Saturday, July 23, in the Waterline Gift Shop, Catawba Dock, Miller Boat Line.

The proceeds from their bake sale support food programs on the mainland the food pantry here at Put-in-Bay.

Thanks to Peg Bauman and Anne Look Miller Boat Line Catawba Dock Gift Shop and the entire staff there, people who need assistance will have a place to turn this winter.

## St Paul's Food Pantry

St. Paul's Episcopal Church food pantry is well used and has been appreciated.

The food pantry depends on support from various groups and individuals to keep the shelves stocked.

St Paul's provides the space to keep food supplies and members of St Paul's do most of the shopping, organizing and maintenance of the food pantry throughout the year.

This year, St Paul's Outreach Advisory Group decided to continue stocking the pantry through the summer months with "critter proof" items. We are pleased with the way it turned out. It is clear there is much more use of the Food Pantry in the winter months than in the summer but those who needed it found supplies this summer.

Suggested items for those who wish to donate canned goods include: Chicken noodle & beef vegetable soups; side dishes; canned-green beans, peas, potatoes, pears, peaches, applesauce; and sealed lunch items which can not be chewed open.

Please check the expiration dates on food items before donating them. Although food may be good after those dates, the people who come to the food closet do not normally take them.

NOTE: We are not collecting clothing items at this time. Please take your clothing to one of the other agencies in the area and save us the trip!

## Ash Trees at St Paul's

On Saturday April 30th a dedicated crew of volunteers took down the large Ash tree behind the rectory. We wondered how we would possibly be able to remove the other 8 dying trees on our property after seeing how much effort it took our volunteers to take down one. We recognized what the financial impact of paying to remove the trees would be.

God answered our prayers. The power company cut down seven tall Ash trees that were dead or dying. Although they did not remove the trunks, they removed the branches. A donor had the 8<sup>th</sup> one cut down for us. Several people helped us remove the remaining trunks including Mary Ann McCann, J. R. Domer, Joe Kostura and Dave Frederick. Dave and Linda Frederick also arranged to have the branches from the 8<sup>th</sup> tree removed as well as cleaning up all the remaining scraps left at the end of the project.

We hope to plant some new trees in the fall so we can create a shady area for our children and our children's children.

### From Our Mail Box

- ❖ Each month we receive newsletters from nearby churches, the diocese and other Episcopal organizations. Come by the office to read them.
- ❖ St Paul's Fremont is having a Pulled Pork dinner/Fund Raiser for the medical Mission to Tanzania on July 13th

### The Narthex "Bulletin Board" in a Binder

- We receive so many notices and fliers in the mail they would cover a wall! Due to our limited space, items of interest will be placed in the notebook in the narthex. There is new information about the Bishops Annual Appeal and fall youth events sponsored by the Diocese.

**Sound System:** Our sound system is going in for repair. After 16 months of service it needs some TLC. The problem may be due to the extended heat in the church this summer. In the mean time – please read boldly and clearly.

St Paul's Newsletter Picture Page (#9) will be posted to the web page as a separate file. See even more photos on our web site [ <http://stpaulpib.com> ] and on Facebook

## Welcome to The Rev. Jane Traeger, Deacon

Deacon Jane will spend October 23<sup>rd</sup> with us. She was ordained November 12, 2010, the night before the 2010 Annual Convention in Toledo. Our parish representatives to council were present for her ordination but we did not realize we would have the opportunity to invite her to visit Put-in-Bay. She worked for many years at a suburban Cleveland paper and now works for Ohio's corrections agency. Normally she serves three churches in Northern Ohio. Oberlin, Tiffin and Christ Church Oberlin, and St Andrew's in Elyria She serves each of several weeks before rotating to the next. Now she is also visiting other Episcopal churches in our area.



Part of her ministry is to share the ministry of deacons with the congregations in our area. Although several denominations use the term deacon to describe a form of servant ministry, the deacons of each denomination are prepared and ordained for their ministries in different ways. Some denominations elect deacons for a specific period of time but in the Episcopal Church they are ordained for a lifetime of service to the church as assigned by their bishop.

The word deacon comes from the Greek *diakonos*, which means "servant" or "minister." Deacons have been an important part of Christian tradition since the time of the apostles. Initially traveled among the laity to spread the Gospel, assisting the apostles and later priests as well as other representatives of the Church. In many cases, early deacons took over the duties of distributing alms to the poor (outreach ministry), traveling to homes and offering words of comfort (pastoral care), and other ministries of preparation and proclamation. The deacon was assigned tasks which allowed priests, bishops, and other officials to focus on the Church's liturgy and priestly functions.

A deacon does not preside at public worship. In some dioceses they officiate at a "deacon's mass" when priests are not available but that is not the norm in Ohio. The deacon carries out functions which were assigned to the chief steward or a household servant in Old Testament times. The steward prepared provisions (the deacon sets the table) and served as the cupbearer, the steward stood at the right hand of the head of the household so they could do the bidding of the householder and pass instructions and announcements to others. When a parish has a deacon present, it is the deacon's responsibility to proclaim the Gospel hold responsibility for the cup and to dismisses the congregation. A deacon assigned to a parish may be the scheduler of Eucharistic Ministers. Just as a chief steward is responsible for coordinating the work of other servants, deacons (according to Episcopal Canon) have the responsibility of coordinating the ministry of Licensed Eucharistic Visitors.

Deacons assist Bishops or priests in the regular liturgies of the Church. On rare occasions deacons are permitted to do some of the things normally done by a Bishop or a priest. The permission is granted with a rubric which reads something like this one governing Palm Sunday: *"In the absence of a bishop or priest, the preceding service may be led by a deacon...."* (BCP, page 272). These rubrics allow deacons to lead services when, due to a genuine emergency, it is not possible to obtain a priest. Deacons do not lead worship on a regular basis because their ministry has a very different focus.

A deacon may be licensed by the Bishop to preach sermons but they do not preach regularly. Deacons will focus their homilies upon the essential character of their ministry: servanthood to the Church, to those in need, particularly to the sick, the poor, and the neglected, and presentation of the needs and hopes of the world to the church.

The deacon assists in administering Holy Communion. The normal minister of the consecrated bread is a bishop or a priest while the deacon carries the cup. If there are no deacons, licensed lay persons administer the chalice. The deacon will assist with the ablutions according to the custom of the parish. The dismissal is always offered by the deacon.

It was, and to some extent still is, the deacon's role to give directions during the liturgy. Vestiges of this directional ministry include the dismissals and the biddings to kneel and to rise. It is easy to spot a deacon during worship – they are the people who wear their stole over one shoulder as a symbol of their ministry. The stole, in the color proper to the feast, season, or occasion, is worn over the left shoulder, drawn across the chest, and fastened at the right.

### Rebuilding Our Church in Haiti -- submitted by Doraine Toms – Parish ROCH Coordinator

Remember our brick campaign last spring to help rebuild our Episcopal church in Haiti that was lost in the hurricane? Even though we are small in numbers, the generosity of St. Paul's was typical of our other Ohio parishes. Other churches throughout the United States are continuing their campaign, but the biggest question from other Dioceses involved in the campaign right now is, "What are they doing in Ohio?"

If you go to the ROCH website and scan down the list you will see the list of churches involved under the Diocese of Ohio exceeds any other of the 85 participating dioceses right now. The greatest part has been the broad participation from people across the diocese. Your gifts have inspired dioceses across the country in their efforts to help the people of Haiti.

Here is an update on rebuilding Holy Trinity Cathedral in Haiti from Moosbrugger the Diocesan Coordinator: *There is a Chief Operating Officer on board and we're hoping to have a project manager soon. The old cathedral site has been nearly cleared. In terms of the project, tentative plans place the new cathedral on the current site of the temporary classrooms for Holy Trinity School. The old cathedral site will become a memorial, similar to Coventry Cathedral. The new project manager's first priority will work with architects to get proposals. And then things will really get exciting!*

**The view ...****...from Mo. Mary's  
"Merry Mobile"**

This copy of St. Paul's newsletter will arrive about the time we are remembering the time we will remember tenth anniversary of the tragedy of the 9-11 2001 attacks on four sites in this country. We will not be able to escape the news stories unless we totally separate ourselves from all forms of media. We might want to take that route but God never stops listening to us, even in the most difficult times. On 9-11 people headed for their churches, vigils were held that night and prayer services continued in every city. In times like these we want, and need, to gather as a community. Now, 10 years later, we continue to pray for those who were affected.

In the weeks after 9-11 people told me stories of others who lost loved ones. I also heard a number of stories from people who normally were in the places that were attacked but for some reason they were not there and were spared.

I was assigned to the Pentagon that year but happened to be in Colorado for a short trip. My neighbors did not know where I was and assumed I'd died when I did not return home. They had no way of knowing I was locked inside Cheyenne Mountain 1000s of miles away and could not contact them as I watched the events on the monitors in the command post along with the rest of the nation.

A few weeks later a friend invited me to come talk to his youth group and some adults about 9-11. The youth had been close enough to feel the ground shake when the plane hit the Pentagon. It was important for them to gather together to share their experiences and to pray. These kids were fortunate to have a community of faith where they could find support and care. The adults understood the importance of gathering together in difficult circumstances.

Perhaps we all need to remember to gather together and share with each other and to share our experiences of God in the difficult times of our lives as well as the times of joy and renewal.

The church is a place where we can come to find strength and renewal when we are walking a difficult path. Whether it is a national disaster or a personal one God will meet us where we are. This is the Good News. We are forgiven and set free of the bondage of sin and death through Christ. As a community we are called to share that message with all who we encounter and especially our children.

When we recognize the God who forgives us we also come to know the God who loves us without measure. God will embrace us as we are sins and all! Not only does God love us, God wants us to love one another in the same way.

We do forgive those who repent but this does not mean we should not look out for one another. We need to know when to get out of the street so we won't be hit by a car. We need to know when to come indoors when it rains or snows. We need to help one another to avoid those things which lead us into temptation.

This fall we will be adding fence to the church property which seems un hospitable at first glance. We are doing this so we can help others avoid the temptation of abusing our spaces and so we can use our property again. Without fence it does not seem wise to place picnic tables or chairs in the back lawn unless we are prepared to pick up the trash from the weekend visitors. Even without the tables and chairs we collect a lot of trash each weekend. Clark Davies picks up a variety of things each weekend before the rest of us know how much accumulates each night. The new fence does not mean we don't care for our visitors – it means we don't care for their behavior. With a fence we will be able to use our lawn again. We will welcome others who will use and respect the space in a way that spreads the Good News.

Let us pray for all who are facing difficult times of any size and offer a space of God's calm and renewal of spirit for all who seek it.

In Christ's Love,

*Mary +*

## **The Hartman House – St Paul's Rectory**

Built in 1959, portions of the house have withstood the passage of time very well while others are showing their age. In August of 2011 we replaced the dishwasher which was not really washing the dishes any more and the garbage disposal which the parish inventory indicated was installed in 1990. The manufacturer of the dishwasher had issued a notice many years ago saying some models had started fires. It is the intention of the vestry to repair and upgrade things as needed so we are not faced with a significant renovation project in the future. Thank you Clark Davies for orchestrating this project!

The Hartman House was built in 1959 because the previous house from 1865 had outlived its useful life. In a letter to the Bishop, located in the Diocese of Ohio archives, the parish described how they had repaired the holes in the original rectory with tin can lids to keep the rats out! Thankfully we do not have those problems today!

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### Advisory Groups

We've formed several "advisory groups" to help coordinate the myriad activities at St. Paul's. Our parish is just big enough that the vestry cannot do everything.

Advisory groups support these areas:

- Worship & Liturgy ✕ Children & Youth Ministries ✕ Buildings & Grounds ✕ Finance & Budget ✕ Stewardship

### Musician Wanted

St Paul's is looking for a musician to support congregational singing every other week. Our summer organists will depart in a few weeks.

We have a position description to give to everyone who is interested and we plan to begin interviewing potential candidates in September. Please pass the word!

### St. Paul's Office Hours

See page 4  
Church History Tours – call for an appointment.  
Office closed Tuesday following Labor Day



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