

St. Paul's Epistle

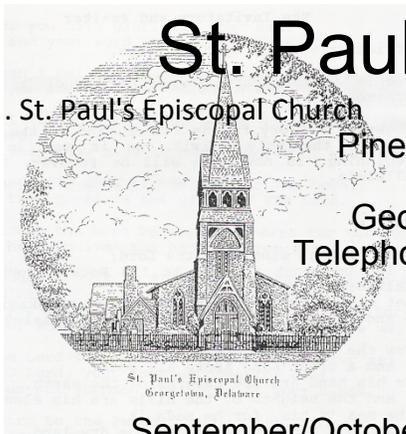
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From the Rector

Following a somewhat mild weather summer, we set our sights on fall which has its own beauty. The pace of activities around the parish house has already begun to increase. With adult education/formation in the form of weekly bible study and the resumption of Supper and Study, along with the return to Sunday morning choir rehearsals, we are well into our Church/Academic year schedule.

Over the summer we welcomed over a dozen visitors and from among them three have become regular participants in our weekly Sunday services. Again and again I hear from visitors how grateful they are to have been so warmly received and welcomed into the St. Paul's Church family. Once people find St. Paul's they experience the warm and loving embrace from our members.

I've been asked at many gatherings of clergy and people from various parishes around the diocese, how your parish treats visitors or new members. My answer is always the same ... "it depends on the ages of the parish member and the newcomer. The age difference dictates whether the person will be treated as a daughter/son, a brother/sister or a parent or grandparent – but in every case the person is treated as a welcomed member of the family."

We are a family church. That is our Charism – our special Gift from God. We offer an intimacy, a closeness that can be shared by all members of our church. It is not only our size that contributes to this closeness, but our willingness to share and care deeply for the people that God sends to enter our space. We are a nimble community that can achieve many things simply and we feel free to call upon our brothers and sisters (fellow members) and know that we will have back-up support.

For this let All Thanks Be to God!

In Christ,

-Joe Rushton



Food Bank of Delaware Summer Food Program

St. Paul's participation in the Delaware Food Bank's summer lunch program began rather slowly this summer, but gained momentum, and ended with the participation of 21 neighborhood children.

Thanks to all who participated and made this summer program a big success, including Janice Antonio and Aniya, Karen Baker, Clay Cutlip, Russ and Cindy Henk, Bob Muhlbauer (who took the lead early on), Emily Peterson, Bill and Bobbie Quillen, Becky Reed, Sue Reed, Joe Rushton, Jayne Sheahan, Libby Stevenson, Karen Swartout, Mary Ann Torkelson, Judy Vennell, and Nancy Whelen. If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize; I went by the names on the sign-up sheet.



We as a church still need to complete paying down our Diocesan line of credit, which amounts to \$500 a quarter. The vestry counts on your Capital Fund pledges to meet this obligation. Please don't forget to pay your Capital Fund pledge. Of course, even if you didn't pledge, one can contribute to the Capitol Fund at any time!



Food Bank

Please remember to bring in breakfast and lunch items for the children attending Primeros Pasos as well as non-perishable food items for the Georgetown Food Pantry. There is still an emphasis on meat products and all items can be placed in the basket by the baptismal font. Your food donations may be brought in at any time and they will be distributed throughout the month. Thank you for caring.

And thank you to Bill and Bobbie Quillen who graciously give their time and energy by collecting the donated food and distributing it, as well.



Meals on Wheels

One of our ministries at St. Paul's is Meals on Wheels. St. Paul's has been faithful in providing a very basic need to the elderly and homebound population in Sussex County.

We can always use another person to deliver meals on Wednesdays as an alternate one week a month.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please call Judy Dean. If you're not sure, you may ride along with someone who is delivering to see if this is something you'd like to do.



Jayne Sheahan is updating her list of volunteer drivers. This ministry reaches out to our parishioners in need of transportation to church activities and for doctor or other medical appointments.

If you are interested in helping out, and would be interested in giving someone a ride to church, or have specific days during the week you are free to drive to appointments, please call Jayne at 934-8886, or e-mail her at jayneshe@mchsi.com.



From the Kitchen – Emily Peterson

Rather than say individual "thank you's" I would like to thank all of you who help with setting up, cleaning up, and donations of food throughout the seasons for our second service coffee hours and special occasions. Your participation helps to make our coffee hours a time for good conversation and fellowship each Sunday.



We still have a supply of Dr. Maynard Mires' book, "Stories for a Sunday Afternoon." Please call or come by the office if you want to purchase it. Maynard has generously donated proceeds to benefit St. Paul's.

The purchase price is \$18.

**Book Club
Janet Jones**



St. Paul's Book Club

Our book club is open to anyone and everyone and we meet at St. Paul's the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the church library. We always have a lively discussion of the book we read that month and also go to lunch together somewhere in Georgetown.

The books we will read and discuss in 2014 are the following:

- September - "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty
- October - "Noon at Tiffany's" by Echo Heron
- November - "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd
- December - Christmas luncheon (location to be determined)

Please remember that the film "The Book Thief" will be shown at the February 17th meeting. Everyone will bring a sandwich and a drink. We thought this would be a different and fun kind of thing to do, as well as to spark great conversation.

We would love to have new members, and if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with either Emily Peterson (302) 933-7329 or Janet Jones (302) 629-5354



The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the "whole church." It distributes monies from the United Thank offerings to support ministry and mission throughout the Episcopal Church and involves provinces in developing countries of the Anglical Communion.

In 2013 the UTO ingathering was \$1,525,407.00. All but five dioceses of the Episcopal Church contributed, along with a contribution from the Diocese of Uruguay. Eighty six applications for grants for the year 2013 were received by the UTO. A list of the grants that received money can be found at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.

St. Paul's will contribute \$59.12 to the Diocese of Delaware's 2014 ingathering. This money is from nickels, dimes, and pennies contributed by those in our parish that saved in the UTO boxes. We will be distributing boxes for the 2015 ingathering in the new year.

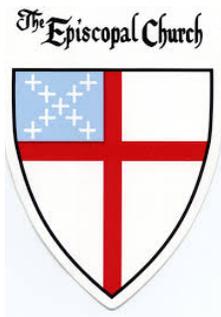


October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th – Discretionary Sundays

Loose plate offering and checks will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help people in need.

YELL Meetings, Saturday, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, and December 20th.

Your copy of the Delaware Communion is not being mailed to your home. From now on, you can pick up a copy at St. Paul's. They will be placed on the bench in the entry way at the side door, and on the table with the Sunday bulletins. You also get a copy on line at www.dioceseofdelaware.net.



The annual meeting of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is on Saturday, November 22nd at Parish Life Day. In order to attend the meeting you must register for Parish Life Day and remember to sign up for ECW as your afternoon choice.

The service project this year is the Stockley Center in Georgetown. They are collecting toiletries, sock, gloves, caps, and gently used women's purses.

Registration information is available at www.dioceseofdelaware.net.



Our thanks to Karen Baker and Bobbie Quillen for the annual "Back to School" make your own subs luncheon. We made delicious subs and ate lots of great desserts and we thank them for their generosity, as well as those who made those delicious desserts.

Again, to all who participated in the Delaware Food Bank's Summer Food Program. You made this program a huge success.



September Birthdays

9/15 Bert Atallian
9/26 Donna Littleton
9/30 Roxanne Ramirez

October Birthdays

10/11 Janice Antonio
10/21 John Trenberth
10/19 Robert Driscoll
10/20 Ruthe Wainwright
10/25 Jacob Barrett
10/26 Meredith England
10/28 Rachael Robinson



September Anniversaries

9/16 Chris and Karen Bennett
9/26 Lit and Jo Dryden

October Anniversaries

10/15 Cathy and Dan Driscoll
10/22 Dan and Ruth Myers

Birthdays/Anniversaries – If you don't see your name(s) listed in the birthday or anniversary list, please let Maureen know so you can be added to the list



Can Tabs?

Please continue to save and bring in your can tabs as they are still needed.

Thank you.



Organizations using the Facilities

Primeros Pasos

First Wednesday Noon – 3 P.M.

A.A. Meetings

Every Monday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Group
each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m

A.A. Inner Group. 1st Thursday 5:30 -7:30 P.M.

Saturday Women's Group -11 AM

NA Meeting

Thursday 6 - 8 P.M.

Girl Scouts

Friday Troops 1272 & 1012 - 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

I-Adapt

Third Tuesday 3:00 P.M.

The Way Home

Second Wednesday 8:30 AM - Noon

Foster Parents Support Group

Fourth Wednesday - 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden – Chris Bennett

Junior Warden - Gene Quaciari

Fred Dean, Treasurer

Jayne Sheahan, Scribe

Ruth Myers – 2015

Nancy Whelen – 2016

Maureen Leary – 2016

Chris Bennett - 2016

Judy Dean – 2017

Mary Ann Torkelson - 2017

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Sunday

✠Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

✠Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

✠Holy Eucharist, 7:30 a.m.

✠Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m..

