

Life Together

St Paul's Episcopal Church
16457 Old Frederick Road,
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

March 2014

Rector's Seedling

An invitation and an opportunity ~ "Come and See" **March 9th**
One service ONLY at 9:00 A.M. Congregational Workshop
following.

COME AND SEE

What I learned at the "Come and See" workshop:

There were many things I heard at the workshop.
The Diocese is committed to growth as part of its Horizons vision.
This growth looks for each congregation to increase its worship attendance by
at least 10%.

Our culture has changed - people have many options for Sunday morning -
and going to church is not on the list. There is a whole generation out there that
have never been to church.

If people think church is a country club - we have the wrong idea. Church is
the only group that exists for people who are NOT MEMBERS.

People use the internet - webpage to be exact, the way they used to use the
phone book.

Our webpage should have :where you are, (a map attached), when your
worship is, and what difference you make - what you are doing in the
community.

We have the opportunity to learn more about sharing the Good News in
today's culture. The "Come and See" program offers that opportunity. As I
write this our next steps have not been determined- I look forward to the
possibilities.

I am sure we are called to be open to the Spirit, in our midst and what God
is "up to" with us. Learning to listen and discern is important as well.
Learning to consider who we are, and what we do in new ways may be helpful
as we grow in Christ and carry his "missional spirit." I hope to help us to see
with new eyes by recording all of the various ministries and service our
congregation does and what individuals do as well.

Stay tuned.

May we all grow in Christ and carry his "missional spirit."

Grace and Peace to you!

Rev. Susan+

Mark Your Calendars

March 4, Shrove
Tuesday Pancake
Supper 5-7p.m.

March 5, Ash
Wednesday Holy
Eucharist & Imposition
of Ashes - Noon & 7
p.m. services

March 9th 9:00 a.m.
Service followed by
Congregational
Workshop "Come &
See"

March 12, 19 & 26,
April 2 & 9
Soup Dinner & Lenten
Study 6:30 p.m.
"Forgiveness"

Confirmation Class
1st & 3rd Sundays of
month

Adult Forum 2nd & 4th
Sundays of month.
"Best Bible Stories"

In Remembrance of Me

“On Maundy Thursday, the church celebrates one of the most lovely and complex liturgies of the year.... The washing of feet and the institution of the first Eucharist – the two central acts of Jesus’ last meal with his friends.” The Rev. Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement

John’s Gospel 13:1-29 says that the day before the Passover Feast, during the last meal He and his disciples had together, Jesus washed their feet. He is modeling servant leadership. Late in the chapter a new command is given. “Love one another”

There are four accounts of the institution of Holy Communion in the Bible. Mark 14 :12-26, Matthew 26: 17-30, Luke 22:7-20 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. All of them say that on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread during or after the Passover Meal, several actions happened.

- + Jesus prepared himself and his disciples for his death
- + He “gave thanks.” The word “Eucharist” is derived from the Greek term used in Mark 14:23
- + He broke bread and poured wine and shared them with his friends
- + He sang a hymn

In Luke’s gospel and Paul’s letter a command is given. “Do this in remembrance of me.” In the four accounts a promise is made “... this cup is the new covenant in my blood.” Jesus’ last meal became the Lord’s Supper.

“Just as the Passover was a constant reminder and proclamation of God’s redemption of Israel from bondage in Egypt, so the keeping of Christ’s command would be a remembering and proclaiming of the deliverance of believers from the bondage of sin. A new covenant – the fuller administration of God’s saving grace founded on and sealed by the blood of Christ.” NIV notes

In Christ all humanity is liberated. In the words of Horace Boyer, “He’s giving out food. He’s giving out blessings too”

Jesus said: “My body; My Blood – Do this in memory of me and love one another.”

Christian Remembrance and Practice!

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St. Paul’s Lenten Study

“**Forgiveness and Love**” Wednesday Evenings in Lent, Beginning March 12th

6:30 Soup and Supper

7: 00 study

7:45 A short closing worship and prayer time

If you are tired of living in a world that:

- + Is saturated by resentment
- + Places a huge value on revenge
- + Confuses revenge and punishment with justice
- + Doesn't know how to find the freedom of forgiveness

Week 1: Living in Unconditional Love:

Not All Gods are Created Equal

Week 2: Discovering the Golden Thread of Life Within Your Life

Week 3: The Three Faces of Compassion:
Tenderness, Fierceness, and Mischievousness –

Week 4: Forgiving Others

Week 5: Forgiving Self

A note from St. Paul's Pastoral Care Group

Prayer of the Sick

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in our loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

To let you know we are here for you. **Call us at anytime**, if you would like a visit or just need someone to talk to. New members welcome. 410-489-4411 St. Paul's Pastoral Care Group Lee, Dana and Carrie.

The Polar Bear Plunge YES!! Jeff Plunged! On Friday, January 24th, law enforcement officers and the Super Plungers jumped in the VERY COLD waters of the Chesapeake Bay. The main event, Saturday's 2014 Polar Bear Plunge was cancelled due to ice in the bay and below zero temperatures. Oh, Mother Nature! The event has been rescheduled for March 8th. Lots of time, people power and money is used just to stage the event. So you can imagine the huge costs of cancellation. In 2013 more than \$2.8 million dollars were raised for our amazing athletes. This year's pledges have been very low and now there is the additional cost of a second set-up. If you wish to contribute, you can either follow the instructions below to do it on-line via credit card (its easy) or you can send me a check. If you prefer to send a check, please make it out to "SOMD" and get it to me or put in the "Donation" container on the Coffee Hour table. Thanks Linda Barnes for the "SOMD" container. Thanks again for your ongoing friendship and support of this life-changing program! Jeff Spaulding

Instructions for donating on line

1. Go to <http://www.plungemd.com> (if you have problems just Google "Maryland Polar Bear Plunge 2014" to get to the site).
2. Click on "Donate", then "Sponsor a Plunger".
3. Enter "Jeff" and "Spaulding" in the appropriate boxes and click "Search".
4. Click on "Jeff Spaulding, Mt. Airy MD" from the list of registered plungers. This will take you to my personal Plunge page.
5. Make your donation via credit card. Many thanks for your support!

Let's get behind Jeff and give him a nice donation from his parish family for the MD Special Olympics.

Winter 2014 Ministry Fair (click this link to register) Diocesan Center in Baltimore

Saturday March 1, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST

The Ministry Fair features a variety of workshops. Topics include vestry service, web sites, confirmation, telling faith stories, church leadership, building beloved community, nurturing faith everyday, inter-generational faith formation, youth ministry and mission trips.

Registration is still open for the Diocesan Ministry Fair to be held March 1 at the Diocesan Center in Baltimore. Lisa Kimball, director of the Center for the Ministry of Teaching and Professor of Christian Formation and Congregational Leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary, will be the keynote speaker. Her topic will be the "Epic Adventure of Being Church," which will discuss the mission of the Church as an epic adventure and why we are losing out to much less inspiring epic tales in our contemporary cultural contexts.

Contact Randi Hicks Rowe, missioner for Christian formation, for information; rhicksrowe@episcopalmaryland.org or 410-467-1399.

March is St. Paul's month to sponsor Mt. Airy Net. Please help us stock their shelves with all kinds of canned goods. Many are in need this year and the shelves are nearly bare.

Congregational Meeting: Our annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, February 2, following the 9:00 a.m. service. Everyone attending enjoyed the covered dish lunch, the fellowship and the various reports regarding our parish life. Many thanks to all who brought a food dish. We do have many terrific cooks.

Vestry News: The three new Vestry members are Phyllis Heffner, Stephen Jones, and Dorothy Kitt. Irene Hillen is filling in for the one year left vacated by Ellen Zior. Congratulations to all of you and we know you will do an outstanding job on the Vestry.

A sincere thank you and much appreciation for their faithful service goes to Celeste Humphreys, Pat Marquis and Al Yeater who went off the Vestry.

Officers for 2014 are:

Senior Warden: Jeff Spaulding; Junior Warden: Pete McIntosh; Treasurer: Linda Sharp; Registrar: Al Yeater

Vestry Member are: Dana Fritzges, Doris Wilcher, Irene Hillen, Charles Samuel, Barbara Campion, Carrie Brown, Phyllis Heffner, Stephen Jones, and Dorothy Kitt.

Helping migrant workers arriving at Chapel Valley this spring

Chapel Valley will have 70 workers from Mexico that will arrive here the first or second week in March. We are gathering items for the workers. From the 70 coming in total; 8 or 10 individuals are new to the US and will not have anything with them besides a few garments and no money.

St. Paul's will be purchasing needed toiletries for the 10 newcomers to the US, but we are asking you, the congregation to help with much needed bath towels and wash cloths.

Please bring items up to Church and leave them in the designated box in the Parish Hall. Please have all items up to Church by next Sunday, February 28.

Thank you so much for your help.

**St. Paul's Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper**

(All you can eat) will be
Tuesday, March 4, 5:00 – 7:00
p.m.

Menu – pancakes (regular,
chocolate chip, pecan), sausage,
applesauce, orange juice,
dessert, coffee, tea and milk. No
charge- it is a FREE WILL
Offering. Sign-up sheets for
needed food items and help can
be found on the parish hall
table. Take a look at the sheets
and sign where you can help.
Please tell your neighbors,
friends and relatives about our
supper – better yet, bring them
with you when you come to eat
your pancakes on “Fat
Tuesday.”

Ash Wednesday – March 5
Holy Eucharist and Imposition
of Ashes ~ Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Change Clocks: Daylight
saving time begins on Sunday
March 9. Before going to bed
on Saturday night, set your
clocks up one hour, if you want
to be on time for the service you
attend.

On Palm Sunday, April 13,
we will have the distribution of
palm to the congregation and
palm branches in place of
flowers. The price for all the
palm is \$80.00. If you would
like to help defray some of the
cost of the palm, please call the
church office by April 6. One
person or several people can
help to underwrite the cost. This
can be given as a memorial,
thanksgiving or just as a
donation.

**The January Soup-er
Sundays** was a great success.
All the soup goes to the Mt.
Airy Net Food Pantry. You did
a soup-er job filling the box in
the parish hall. **Many thanks** to
all for bringing in your cans of
soup and helping to fill the
shelves at the food pantry.

Confirmation Classes:
Are held the 1st & 3rd Sundays
of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Forum is held the
2nd and 4th Sundays of each
month at 9:00 a.m. Our topic
Is “Best Bible Stories”

**All you can eat –
Sunday Breakfast**

March 9th, Lisbon Fire Hall
8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Adults-\$8.00; Children 6-11
\$4.00; 5 and under free.

March 16th, Mt Airy Fire Hall
7:30 – 11:00 Adults \$8.00

March 23rd, St. Michaels Church
8:30 a.m. - Noon
Adults - \$6.00; children 5-11
\$3.00; under 5 free

Happy Birthday To:
Stephen Jones Mar 8
Doris Wilcher Mar 15
James Cassera Mar 16
Anne Caldwell Mar 16
Dave Lawson Mar 25



Anniversaries

*No anniversaries listed for
March. Please call the office if we
have missed yours.*



Newsletter deadline for April
newsletter is March 23rd.



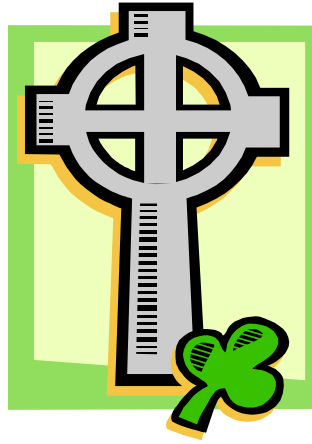
Prayer List

Paul Bourg
Trudi Lawson
Harold Henderson
Dallas Reeve
Michael Toole
Keith Prentice
Phyllis Heffner
Gibson & Doris Sharp
Bill Wineabaunner
Joannie Lee
Kurt VonHurst
Allene VonHurst

Al Parker
 Craig Johnson
 Joanne Johnson
 Jeffrey Johnson
 Lora Hollands
 Pam Sherfey
 Debbie Gardner
 Ann Boyles
 Sandra Napier
 Irene Hordubay
 Bill Hordubay
 Cheryl Kibler
 Beth Husted
 Lynn Carr
 Allison Poleger
 Sam Lucas
 John Lucas
 Mary Wales-North
 The Horrigan family
 Teresa
 Ben Kitt
 Carey, Kathleen McIntosh
 Patsy Mavity
 Donna Shurney
 Kaye Rineer

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*Lord, please give healing
 and peace to those listed on
 our prayer list.*

**PASTORAL
 CONCERNS**

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. You may contact the Parish by phone #410-489-4411, Monday through Friday 9-12 noon. Or contact Rev. Susan S. Keller at 301-785-1687, or revssk@yahoo.com



VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is: A community of faith ministering to those in need of justice, reconciliation, hospitality, sanctuary, and growth in their spiritual journey

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is: To carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word and deed and to help all people experience God's presence in their daily lives.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Come and See what the Holy Spirit is doing at St. Paul's



March 2013 ~ Service Calendar

If you are not able to work, please find a replacement

	March 2, Last Sunday Epiphany Green		March 9, 1st Sunday of Lent Purple		March 16, 2nd Sunday of Lent Purple		March 23, 3rd Sunday of Lent Purple		March 30, 4th Sunday of Lent Purple	
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>		<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Greeter/ Usher	Greg & Norma Prentice		Al Yeater, Michele Samuel		Pat & Al Marquis	Dana Fritzges	Kathleen Alexander,	Linda Barnes, Dana Fritzges	Pat & Al Marquis	Joanne Honsberger, Linda Sharp
Oblationers		Suzanne & Paul Bourg	Joanne Honsberger, Dana Fritzges			Linda Sharp, Carrie Brown		Suzanne & Paul Bourg		Dana Fritzges,
Chalicer	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Leo Champion		Jeff Spaulding	Linda Barnes	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Leo Champion	Linda Barnes
Acolyte(s)	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Pete McIntosh		Jeff Spaulding	Linda Barnes	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Leo Champion	Linda Barnes
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Phyllis Heffner	Charles Samuel		Al Yeater	Phyllis Heffner	Irene Hillen	Dorothy Kitt	Jim Harry	Helen Tuel
Psalm	Ron Alexander	Phyllis Heffner	Al Yeater		Al Yeater	Bill Toole	Irene Hillen	Carrie Brown	Jim Harry	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Prentice	Bill Toole	Barb Champion		Irene Hillen	Bill Toole	Carolyn Prentice	Dorothy Kitt	Barb Champion	John Tuel
Altar Guild	Linda Sharp, Etta Lee Spaulding, Pat Marquis		Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes		Linda Sharp, Etta Lee Spaulding, Pat Marquis		Dottie Streaker, Dana Fritzges		Joanne Honsberger, Barbara Champion	
Coffee Hour	Dorothy Kitt, Carrie Brown		Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek		Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice		Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys		Phyllis Heffner, Jeni Cassera	
Counters	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes		Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel		Lynda Sheckels, Etta Lee Spaulding		Irene & Jim Hillen		Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	

March 1

March 2014 ~ Calendar

12-3 Thrift Shop

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	3	4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.	5 Ash Wednesday Noon 7:00 p.m.	6 12-3 Thrift Shop	7 12-3 Thrift Shop	8 12-3 Thrift Shop
9 9:00 a.m. Rite II Congregational Workshop and brunch	10	11	12 6:30 p.m. Soup Dinner & Lenten Study	13 12-3 Thrift Shop	14 12-3 Thrift Shop	15 12-3 Thrift Shop
16 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	17	18	19 6:30 p.m. Soup Dinner & Lenten Study	20 12-3Thrift Shop 6:30 P.M. Vestry Meeting	21 12-3 Thrift Shop	22 12-3 Thrift Shop
23 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	24	25	26 6:30 p.m. Soup Dinner & Lenten Study	27 12-3 Thrift Shop	28 12-3 Thrift Shop	29 12-3 Thrift Shop
30 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	31					