



Life Together

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

April 2014

Rector's Seedling

Live in Love not Fear

I wish to share with you the material I am praying with for mediation as I prepare for Easter this year.

Tremendous stuff:

“Wonderfully God created us because God wanted us, not because God needed us. God is absolutely necessary, being the source of all there is. We and everything else that exist are radically contingent. We need never have been. We are like the baby in the womb, utterly and radically dependent on its mother.

We were created by love, for love and so that we should love. {Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you} is what God said to Jeremiah. These are words that apply to each of us. We were planned for from all eternity. None of us is a mere divine afterthought. None of us is an accident. Before the foundation of the world God chose us to be his children in Jesus Christ. We were loved, that is why we were created. God created you because God loved you. You do not need to do anything to earn or deserve God's Love. You do not need to impress God so that God will love you. God already loves you and God will love you forever and ever. There is nothing you can do that will make God love you less. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more. God's love for you is infinite, perfect and eternal.”

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu, from the introduction in “An African Prayer Book”, Doubleday, 1995. (italics as published).

Tremendous stuff!

Grace and Peace to You!
Rev. Susan +

Mark Your Calendars

April 2 & 9

Soup Dinner & Lenten Study 6:00 p.m.

“Forgiveness and Love”

April 17th 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist and foot washing

April 18th Noon “The Way of the Cross

7:00 p.m. “Cantata” Holy Eucharist from reserved sacrament

April 19th 6:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil with lighting of Easter Fire

April 20th Easter Day

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Reception following

2014 Committee Members “Come and See”

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the “Come and See” presentation, March 9th with a special “Thank You” to the presenters. Finally and perhaps most importantly, I am grateful to all of those who expressed their commitment to serve on the Planning Committee. Members listed below.

Carrie Brown	Stephen Jones	Polly Moore	Jeff Spaulding
Leo Champion	Dorothy Kitt	Thom Probus	John Tuel
Lee Hajek	Nancy McIntosh	Linda Sharp	Dick Wilcher
Celeste Humphreys	Pete McIntosh	Etta Lee Spaulding	Doris Wilcher

St. Paul’s Lenten Study

“**Forgiveness and Love**” ~ Wednesday Evenings in Lent,

6:00 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 4: April 2, 2014 Forgiving Others

Week 5: April 9, 2014 Forgiving Self

All welcome to attend any of the lessons – attendance at all not necessary

Holy Week Services

April 13 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms – Coffee Hour following.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms – Coffee Hour following

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing, and stripping of the altar. Altar of Repose will be in the fellowship hall following the service.

April 18 - Good Friday

12:00 Noon - The Way of the Cross with reserved sacrament

7:00 p.m. – “Cantata” ** “Song of Shadows” The story of the Crucifixion of Jesus in song and narration. Holy Eucharist from reserved sacrament

April 19 - Saturday – Easter Vigil

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with lighting of the Easter Fire.

Bring Keys, chimes and bells to ring with the Easter Alleluias.

April 20 – Easter Day – Sunday of the Resurrection

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Coffee hour following service

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Lite luncheon reception following the service
Bring Keys, chimes and bells to ring with the Easter Alleluias.

**** Song of the Shadows**

Song of Shadows is a Cantata by Joseph M. Martin. By spoken word and music it tells the Passion Story. Journey from Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion. Come and experience the Christ sacrificed for all humanity.

Shield of the Episcopal Church



This shield was adopted in 1940 as the symbol for the Episcopal Church USA. The shield brings together some of the Episcopal Church USA's history, offering a brief history lesson through its design.

The Episcopal Church was founded in 1789 as a separate group from its parent Church of England, from which the churches in the colonies found themselves divided by the American Revolution. The red white and blue colors are the colors of the American flag. Many of the founders of this nation, including George Washington, were Episcopalians.

The white field with a red cross is St. George's Cross, the patron saint of the Church of England. This remembers the Episcopal Churches roots in the Church of England.

There are nine miniature crosses on the field of blue symbolizing the nine diocese including Maryland that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to ratify the initial constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The crosslets are formed after the St. Andrews Cross. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. This remembers the Scottish Episcopal churches part in our history as it was their bishops who ordained Samuel Seabury as the first Bishop to be consecrated on American soil in 1784.

The Episcopal Church today remains a part of the Anglican communion, the name for all those churches around the world which trace their origin to the church of England. Of course, St. Paul's, Poplar Springs is part of this worldwide denomination with more than 72 million members.

THUNDERING HOOVES 5K Hosted By GENTLE GIANTS DRAFT HORSE RESCUE

April 19th 2014 ~ Start time 10 AM

Come join us in the rolling hills of Western Howard County for the 2nd annual 5K fun trail run.

Then after the race, enjoy meeting the horses you are helping to save.

Sign up @ www.thunderinghooves5k.com

A note from St. Paul's Pastoral Care Group

Prayer of the Sick ~ A Prayer of Thomas Merton

God, we have no idea where we are going. We do not see the road ahead of us. We cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do we really know ourselves, and the fact that we think we are following your will does not mean that we are actually doing so. But we believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And we hope we have that desire in all that we are doing. We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire. And we know that if we do this you will lead us by the right road, through we may know nothing about it. Therefore, we will trust you always though we may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. We will not fear, for you are ever with us, and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

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 , Carrie and Al.

Thank you so much for your help. What an **OUTSTANDING JOB** St. Paul's did bringing in donations of towels, coats, and toiletries for the 70 migrant workers from Mexico at Chapel Valley. What a blessing.



Take a 'First Look' at Bishop Suffragan Nominees

Meet the nominees for Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Maryland at the First Look events.

The First Look events will be held at four locations around the diocese April 2-5:

Wednesday, April 2	Emmanuel Church , Cumberland	7-9 pm
Thursday, April 3	St. John's Parish , Ellicott City	7-9 pm
Friday, April 4	St. Margaret's Church , Annapolis	7-9 pm
Saturday, April 5	Trinity Church , Towson	9-11 am



Contact person for more information: [The Rev. Peter Mayer](#)

For videos and photographs, and detailed biographies, resumes and letters of introduction please visit bishopsearchmd.org for all the nominees.

The election will take place at [Diocesan Convention](#) May 2-3, Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City.

Information about each candidate is on the Parish hall table.



EASTER FLOWERS ~ The church will be decorated with lovely spring flowers for Easter, April 20. There will be vibrant red and orange tulips, sunny yellow daffodils, pink and lavender hyacinths and especially the majestic Easter lilies with their trumpet-like blooms heralding in the Easter Season – the “Queen of Feast”. All names remembered will appear in the Easter bulletin. Place your donation and this form in the collection plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, April 13, 2014.

In memory of: _____

In thanksgiving by: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____ Amount _____

_____ I wish my donation to be used for altar linens.



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.

Attention: Altar Guild – Please be at church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12 to prepare for Holy Week and on Saturday, April 19, to prepare for Easter.

The Polar Bear Plunge that Jeff Spaulding always participates in for the Special Olympics of Maryland was very successful. Jeff raised \$1,200.00 on his own and the polar bear can that was on our coffee hour table collected \$55.00. Many thanks to all who gave towards this worthy project. Next November the polar bear can will appear until the January plunge, so parishioners can drop in their loose change or any bills. Let's see if we can top the \$55.00. I bet we can!

Easter Goodie Bags – St. Paul's Easter Bunny would like to give any children attending the Easter Day service, an Easter goodie bag. The bunny will need their name, age and service they will be attending. Please see or call Linda Barnes, 443-604-3402 by Sunday, April 13, with the needed

information, so she can pass it on to the Easter Bunny.

Easter Day – April 20th – After the 10:30 a.m. Easter Day service, there will be a lite luncheon reception. On Sunday, April 6th, there will be a sign-up sheet on the parish hall table for needed food items. Please look at the list to see how you can help. Any questions see or call Linda Barnes – 443-604-3402.

Attention: In your box of St. Paul's offering envelopes, there is an envelope for Sunday, April 20th and an Easter envelope. They are two different envelopes. The envelope for April 20th is used for your regular Sunday Offering and the envelope that says "Easter" is to hold your offering for Easter Day.

Confirmation Classes: Are held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation will be May 18th at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore.

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

April 13th, Lisbon Fire Hall
8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Adults-\$8.00; Children 6-11 \$4.00; 5 and under free.

April 20th, Mt Airy Fire Hall
7:30 – 11:00 Adults \$8.00

April 27th, St. Michaels Church

8:30 a.m. - Noon
Adults - \$6.00; children 5-11 \$3.00; under 5 free

Happy Birthday To:

- Christina Keller April 05
- Kathleen Alexander April 07
- Phyllis Heffner April 12



Anniversaries

- Greg & Celeste Humphreys April 20
- Jeff & Holly Spaulding April 22
- Al & Pat Marquis April 28



Newsletter deadline for May newsletter is April 20.



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
Belinda Blizzard,
Nancy Leonard
Janice Esler
Matt Willingham
Amanda Meissner
Luke Bourg

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

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.

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
Address: www.stpaulsmtairy.org

Email stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net



Easter Blessing

to you!

April 2014 ~ Service Calendar

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

	April 6, 5 th Sunday of Lent Purple		April 13, Palm Sunday Red		April 20, Easter White		April 27, 2 nd Sunday of Easter White	
	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
Greeter/ Usher	Greg and Norma Prentice	Dana Fritzges, Linda Sharp	Michelle Samuel, Al Yeater	Joanne Honsberger, Linda Sharp	Pat & Al Marquis	Dana Fritzges,	Kathleen Alexander,	Linda Sharp, Carrie Brown
Oblationers		Linda Barnes,		Carrie Brown		Suzanne and Paul Bourg		Dana Fritzges, Joanne Honsberger
Chalicer	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Jeff Spaulding	Carrie Brown	Leo Campion	Linda Barnes
Acolyte(s)	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Jeff Spaulding	Carrie Brown	Leo Campion	Linda Barnes
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Dorothy Kitt	Charles Samuel	Phyllis Heffner	Jim Harry	Helen Tuel	Irene Hillen	Pete McIntosh
Psalm	Ron Alexander	Dorothy Kitt	Barb Campion	Bill Toole	Jim Harry	John Tuel	Irene Hillen	Pete McIntosh
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Prentice	Carrie Brown	Barb Campion	Bill Toole	Carolyn Prentice	John Tuel	Barb Campion	Nancy McIntosh
Altar Guild	Linda Barnes, Suzanne Bourg		Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp, Pat Marquis		Dottie Streaker, Dana Fritzges		Joanne Honsberger, Barbara Campion	
Coffee Hour	Linda Barnes, Pat Marquis, Wendy Gahm		Ginny Chandler, Helen Tuel		Suzanne Bourg, Michele Samuel		Dana Fritzges, Irene Hillen	
Counter	Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel		Lynda Sheckels, Etta Lee Spaulding		Irene & Jim Hillen		Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	

April 2014 ~ Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 p.m. Soup Dinner & Lenten Study	3 12-3 Thrift Shop	4 12-3 Thrift Shop	5 12-3 Thrift Shop
5th Sunday of Lent 6 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	7	8	9 6:30 p.m. Soup Dinner & Lenten Study	10 12-3 Thrift Shop 6:30 Vestry Meeting	11 12-3 Thrift Shop	12 12-3 Thrift Shop
Palm Sunday 13 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	14	15	16	17 12-3 Thrift Shop 7 pm Maundy Thursday –Foot washing & stripping Altar –visitation of Altar of Repose	18 Thrift Shop CLOSED Noon Way of the Cross 7 pm Cantata	19 12-3 Thrift Shop 6 pm Easter Vigil With lighting of Easter Fire
EASTER 20 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	21	22	23	24 12-3 Thrift Shop	25 12-3 Thrift Shop	26 12-3 Thrift Shop
27 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	28	29	30			