

Life Together

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I so enjoy sharing with you stories of vitality in small church! Here is a story about a church in California ~

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Turlock, CA

In the midst of the reorganizing work being done in the Diocese of San Joaquin, there is a group from St. Francis Episcopal Church in Turlock, California that has chosen to maintain an Episcopal presence in that community. They meet once weekly for Holy Eucharist on Sunday afternoons, and once weekly for book study, discussion, dinner, and Compline on Tuesday evenings.

One of the unique things about this community is that they practice what they refer to as "Church in a Box." They started out meeting in a kitchen. Once they outgrew that space, they moved to the fellowship hall of the local Methodist Church. Part of their weekly ritual is to transform a very utilitarian space into a place of worship, which involves unpacking numerous boxes.

The feeling of being welcomed is felt as soon as one steps into the small space they currently rent from the local Methodist Church. Their joyful worship and commitment to mission projects makes this community an excellent example of a small church that uses their gifts well.

*The place God calls you
is the place where your
deep gladness and the
world's hunger meet. — Frederick Buechner*

Blessings
Rev. Susan Keller+

Mark Your Calendars

May 3, 10:30 Baptism

May 8 & 9, Diocesan
Convention

May 16, Spring Project
Day

May 30, 8-2 Annual Yard
Sale Rain date June 6

Endowment Day ~ A challenge ~ June 28, 2015

E – Day is 63 days away. That’s when our challenge to make a donation of up to \$5000 turns into twice that amount. Yes, one of our parishioners will match every dollar up to \$5000 that we contribute to St. Paul’s Endowment Fund by June, the anniversary month of the fund’s creation. Together, we can make this goal a reality. The Vestry unanimously agreed that each member and officer will make a donation. A one-time payment or a series of payments, as you are able, would be greatly appreciated. No contribution will be too small or too large. Checks or cash, in an envelope marked “Endowment Fund,” may be placed in the alms basin or mailed to the church office. June 29th is the Saint Day of St. Peter and St. Paul. So, we will celebrate our rise to this challenge on Sunday, June 28th.

St. Paul’s . . . Looking Towards the Future



Mount Airy CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday ~June 14

Registration 1pm; Walk 2pm

1307 N Main Street (St. James Episcopal Church)
Mount Airy, MD

We will be participating in the Mount Airy CROP Walk this year. Please join our team!! Registration packets will be available in the Parish Hall, or register online using the link below. If you can't walk with us please donate to support our team. A portion of the proceeds will go locally to Mount Airy Net. Write a check to CWS CROP and drop it in the donation plate any Sunday between now and May 31, or donate online <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/SPMA>

The walk starts at St. James' Church and goes to Calvary Methodist downtown and then people either walk back or the van brings them back. There is also a rocker option for those who aren't up to the walk. The rockers rock and chat on the front porch until the walkers return.

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?

It's the original charitable walking event in the U.S. End Hunger locally and abroad by walking with us. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by CWS and organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Join more than 145,000 hunger fighters making an impact in their CROP Hunger Walks around the U.S. this year!
Celeste Humphreys

RELAY FOR LIFE

We are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the relay this year! The Rockin' Robins will be walking again to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. As a two-time survivor of breast cancer (1982 and 2011). I have witnessed the great strides made in detection, treatment, prevention, and education with the monies donated to ACS. It is truly a wonderful organization working to rid the world of all types of cancer.

The walk will be held on June 13th at Liberty High School from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. We could use your help. You can join our team and collect pledges to walk. You can donate monies to help us raise funds. You may purchase a luminary for \$10 in honor or memory of a loved one, to be lighted at

the luminary ceremony held at dark. (This ceremony is very beautiful and emotional as candles are lit all around the track.)

No donation is too large or too small-it all goes to a good cause- and is tax deductible!

Thank you all for the support you have given me through the years.

Robin McCourt and the Rockin' Robins

St. Paul's 2015 Spring Projects Day ~ May 16

Proposed Projects

- complete parking lot striping
- scrape and paint exterior exposed wood at door trim and thresholds
- Install posts and 2 vinyl fence/screen sections adjacent to sheds to screen trash cans.
- 5 – 10 minutes for 4 men: slight repositioning of lower section of handicap ramp.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Pete McIntosh

St. Paul's Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, May 30th, 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. (Rain Date June 6)

Spaces are available for \$15 each. Call the office for a registration form and to reserve a space.

The following help is needed;

* items for St. Paul's table - any questions see Maija Kropp or Linda Sharp

* baked goods for the bake table. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. Any questions see Dana Fritzges or Joanne Honsberger.

Baked items should be at the church by 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 30. Please mark your baked good donations with contents such as nuts, chocolate chips, raisins etc.

* loose change or any monetary donations to help purchase needed food and supplies.

A change can is on the Coffee Hour table. Any questions see Linda Barnes.

Pastoral Care Ministries

Perhaps as we walked with Jesus through Lent, we grew in our understanding of how to care for one another by Jesus' examples. During this Eastertide, why not practice some of His examples? Such as, an intentional decision to pray for or to send a note to someone living alone; or to visit a nursing home, a senior citizen center, or a prison; or to volunteer at a school, a library or a shelter; you can even invite someone to worship/visit with you. The list cannot be exhausted! We can be caregivers in many ways.

Some, like St. Paul's Lay Eucharist Visitors, have decided to be the extension of the Church to the sick and shut-in. Others, like our newly instituted Stephen Ministers have answered a call that involves a special skill set and a deliberate willingness to care for another. Some use their creative talent to fashion shawls, lap robes or pocket prayer squares that will be used as a visible symbol of presence and comfort. Others will just pray for all sorts of conditions our humanity calls forth. All of us, whether we realize it or not, will engage in some aspect of sacrificial love during our daily routines. Jesus modeled these opportunities for us and in fact commanded us to do them in His Name. Dame Julian of Norwich who had fifteen visions of the Passion wrote that Jesus' life, purpose and promise was Love. The Lord gave Dame Julian these words: "I can make all things well; I will make all things well; I shall make all things well; and thou canst see for thyself that all manner of things shall be well."

Need Pastoral Care? For a visit contact Rev. Susan or the parish office at 410-489-4411.

Amazing Grace: *“Our hope is set on the living God, who is the savior of all people, especially those who believe.”*
----1 Timothy 4:10

Our 2015 Lenten Study asked us to be a part of the crowd at the foot of the cross and to experience all of the sights and sounds that would have surrounded us. How do I internalize the message of Jesus’ seven statements from the cross? Who am I in the crowd? How do these words inform my life and behavior today? Adam Hamilton offers this insight. Jesus’ statements were prayers that can help us be confident that God is ever present in our lives and that we can have absolute trust in God to love and to forgive us before we ask for those mercies. As we ponder what the last Words from the Cross mean for us individually, let’s also remember that these were not Jesus’ final Words. Through our Lord’s suffering, He demonstrated how to forgive, how to show love and compassion, and how to embrace God’s grace. Our lives can reflect His eternal love and faithfulness. His life and death can give us courage to drink the Cup and bare the Cross. Amazing Grace.

I am grateful to all who participated in this worship. You helped me walk closer to God. C. A. B.

Thank You! Thank You! A big thank you to all who contributed to the Lenten Programs, and our festive worship on Easter Day:

- + Rev. Susan, for the insightful Lenten Study Program Final Words From The Cross
- + Suzanne Bourg, for coordinating the dinners for the Wednesday Lenten Study
- + All, who made the delicious soups, breads or desserts for the Lenten Study
- + The Altar Guild, for preparing the palms for Palm Sunday; all of the preparation during Holy Week; and the beautification of St. Paul’s for Easter Day.
- + Brian Kneeland, our organist, and the choir for the lovely music during Holy Week and Easter Day
- + All, who donated monies for the palms for Palm Sunday and the flowers for Easter Day that enhanced the Worship services.

Thanks be to God for all works done in His name and for His glory. Linda Barnes

Mother’s Day: There is not an appointed liturgy for Mother’s Day in the Episcopal Lectionary. By custom, priests generally acknowledge mothers – birth, by adoption, aunties, dads – on Mother’s Day. Here at St. Paul’s we have Mother Linda Barnes. Linda is always “taking care of our needs.” She is our pastoral minister who remembers us on all of our special occasions with a card or note of well wishes.

On Sunday, May 10th, all women will receive a special treat.



Attention Graduates:

Please let the church office know of anyone graduating from high school, college, tech school, military, etc. We would like their information, so it can be published in our newsletter.



Newsletter deadline for June 2015 newsletter is May 20, 2015.



**All you can eat –
Sunday Breakfast**

May 10 Lisbon Fire Hall

7:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Adults-\$7.00; Children 6-11 \$4.00; 5 and under free.

May 17, Mt Airy Fire Hall

8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Adults \$8.00

May, St. Michaels Church

No Breakfast in May

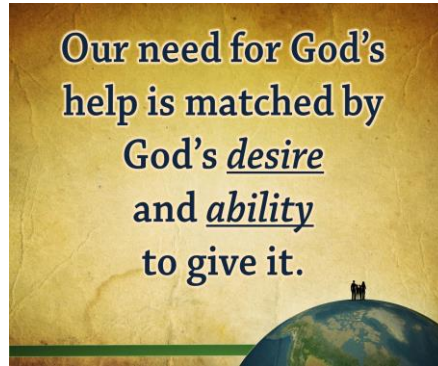
Happy Birthday To:

- Tom Probus May 01
- Nancy McIntosh May 12
- Helen Tuel May 16
- Gerlinde Yeater May 17
- Jim Hillen May 19
- Jim Harry May 22
- Jillian Cassera May 30



Happy Anniversary To:

- Greg & Norma Prentice May 08
- Ron & Kathleen Alexander May 19
- Denise & Francis Groboski May 26
- Trudi & Dave Lawson May 27



Prayer List

- Paul Bourg
- Trudi Lawson
- Dave Lawson
- Dallas Reeve
- Michael Toole
- Keith Prentice
- Phyllis Heffner
- Doris Sharp
- Bill Winebrunner
- 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
- Cheryl Kibler
- Beth Husted
- Lynn Carr
- Allison Poleger
- Sam Lucas
- John Lucas

- Mary Wales-North
- The Horrigan Family
- Teresa
- Carey, Kathleen McIntosh
- Patsy Mavity
- Donna Shurney
- Kaye Rineer
- Belinda Blizzard
- Janice Esler
- Matt Willingham
- Luke Bourg
- Susie Gibson
- Mildred Stinebaugh
- Eric McIntosh
- Andrew Oberle
- Joey
- Herb Grabau
- Mary Jo Grabau
- John Tuel
- Dalphine Koval
- Maija Kropp
- Eric Batlefeld
- The Fenton Family
- Stanley Napier
- Amanda Meissner
- Scott Gallagher
- Nancy
- John Belous
- Jerry Savage
- Bill Aaron
- Caroline Hutchison
- Albert Hutchison
- Richard Heffner



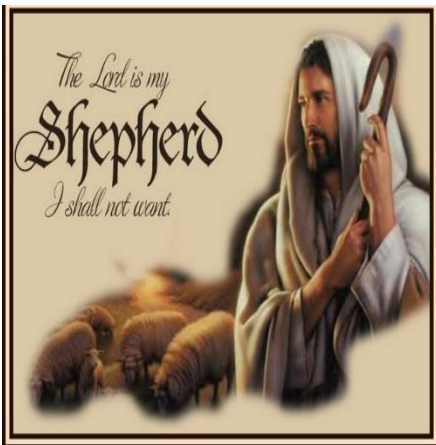
Dear Lord, You are all powerful. Help me rely on Your strength during difficult times.

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 at 410-489-4411, Monday through Friday, 9-12 noon.

Or contact Rev. Susan S. Keller at 301-785-1687, or revssk@yahoo.com

Parish Email:

stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net

Parish Web Address:

www.stpaulsmtairy.org

*Slow down
Happiness
is trying to
catch you!*

Church Comic Corner

A Sunday School teacher asked her third grade to share in just one sentence - "What Easter means to them?" Some of the answers were sweet and some poignant, but one child said - egg salad sandwiches for the week.



Congratulations to our

Stephen Ministers

Lee Hajek
Irene Hillen
Celeste Humphreys
Alan Yeater

They have completed the extensive training program and were commissioned on April 26 at the 9:00 A.M. service. A reception followed.

Stephen Ministry at St. Paul's

A caring, nurturing, lay ministry, providing growth and healing through the power of God.

***NO WHINING
NO COMPLAINING
ABSOLUTELY NO
FROWNING***

***ONLY HUGS SMILES
AND WARM FUZZY
FEELINGS ARE
ALLOWED***

THANK YOU

May 2015 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open <i>St. Philip & St. James</i>	2 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open <i>Athanasius of Alexandria</i>
3 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Rite II with baptism <i>Coffee hour following</i>	4 <i>Monnica</i>	5	6	7 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open	8 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open Diocesan Convention <i>Julie of Norwich</i>	9 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open Diocesan Convention <i>Gregory of Nazianzua</i>
10 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	11	12	13	14 11:30-3 Thrift Shop 6:30 P.M. Vestry Meeting <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>St. Matthias</i>	15 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open	16 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open Spring Project Day
17 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i> 24 Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i> 31 Trinity Sunday 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Rite II <i>Coffee hour following</i>	18 25 Memorial Day Office Closed <i>The Venerable Bede</i>	19 <i>Dunstan of Canterbury</i> 26 Office Closed <i>Augustine of Canterbury</i>	20 <i>Alcuin of Tours</i> 27	21 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open 28 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open	22 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open 29 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open	23 11:30-3 Thrift Shop Open 30 8:00-3 Thrift Shop Open 8-2 Yard Sale

May 2015 ~ Service Calendar

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

	May 3, 5th Sunday of Easter White		May 10, 6th Sunday of Easter White		May 17, 7th Sunday of Easter White		May 24, Pentecost Red		May 31, Trinity Sunday White	
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u> Baptism	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 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	Dana Fritzges,	Al Yeater, Michele Samuel	Linda Barnes, Linda Sharp	Pat & Al Marquis	Dana Fritzges	Kathleen Alexander	Linda Barnes, Dana Fritzges	Pat & Al Marquis	Linda Sharp
Chalicerist	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
Acolyte(s)	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Phyllis Heffner	Charles Samuel	Helen Tuel	Al Yeater	Phyllis Heffner	Irene Hillen	Dorothy Kitt	Jim Harry	Helen Tuel
Psalm	Ron Alexander	Phyllis Heffner	Charles Samuel	John Tuel	Al Yeater	Bill Toole	Irene Hillen	Denise Groboski	Jim Harry	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Prentice	Bill Toole	Charles Samuel	Nancy McIntosh	Irene Hillen	Bill Toole	Carolyn Prentice	Carrie Brown	Irene Hillen	John Tuel
Altar Guild	Dana Fritzges, Dottie Streaker, Kathy Audia		Joanne Honsberger, Barb Campion		Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes		Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp, Pat Marquis		Dana Fritzges, Dottie Streaker, Kathy Audia	
Coffee Hour	Dorothy Kitt, Carrie Brown		Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek		Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice		Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys		Phyllis Heffner, Jeni Cassera	
Counters	Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel		Lynda Sheckels, Etta Lee Spaulding		Irene & Jim Hillen		Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges		Nancy & Pete McIntosh	