

# Life Together

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Saying Thank You!

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus met ten lepers. They were healed. Only one turned back to give praise and thanks. (Luke 17: 11-19)*

These past two months have been whirlwind of activity for my family. Just a few weeks ago my family all flew to Texas for our son's wedding. How joyous - Now upon returning home I am learning how to post my pictures in a Facebook photo album. One of our children will have to teach me I think. A few weeks before our daughter graduated from Johns Hopkins University with her Master's degree in Writing. WOW! Thanks be to God.

I have much to be thankful for! One of her masterpieces and all other writers of her class were published in Penn-Union - a journal of the thesis in the M.A. Writing Program and Science Writing Program. It made for good reading on the plane to and from Texas.

Another article in the journal in the non-fiction section was written by Amanda Doran, entitled "The Defender". It is a memoir of sorts of her life as a teacher. Not having permission to quote, I cannot give you her exact words. I can say it is full of all the love for students, effort, sacrifice, determination, and long hours she gave to teach her class. After five years she has won "Teacher of the Year" at her school. Yet she is leaving the class room. She has worked long and hard, struggled with low budgets, no actual class room, and general complains of the public about "teachers today"... In other words no respect.

As I reflect on how thankful to God I am for my children's lives, their life journeys, their accomplishments, love and family, I am also thankful this day for all the teachers I know. The teachers that comforted our son and got him emergency help when he fell on the playground in elementary school, the teachers that encouraged our daughter to love words and write for the school paper.

And let us not forget all the teachers at St. Paul - Barb, Leo, Wendy, Pete, and others who have given so much for our children.

Find a teacher this summer and say Thanks!

Grace and Peace to You

The Rev. Susan S Keller+

## Mark Your Calendars

**July 2, 5 pm** Stephen Ministry

**July 8, 10 am** Pastoral Care Team meeting

**July 16, 5 pm** Stephen Ministry

**July 16, 6:30 pm** Vestry Meeting

**July 19, 10:15 am** Worship Committee



## Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Summer Book Study

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) invites you to engage in a summer book study - *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation* by Jennifer Harvey. Harvey came to the diocese about two years ago to interview several people and has included our story (Diocese of Maryland) in her book. Please note this book is not for whites only. Consider forming a book study group or read on your own. TRC will provide an opportunity for discussion this coming fall. Please let Adam Barner know if you form a study group or read it on your own. This will help TRC plan the fall event.

[abarner@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:abarner@episcopalmaryland.org)

### Episcopal Service Corps Maryland has openings for fall 2015

Do you know someone who has just graduated from college - or perhaps is a few years out- and has a heart for service, an "inquiring and discerning heart," or wants to know more about what that and other parts of the Baptismal promise could mean? Maybe you know a recent

grad who is feeling lost about next steps in life. Maybe you know someone who wants to give back. Maybe you know someone who wants to do more than just have a job. ESC-Maryland still has a few openings for the coming year of service in Baltimore City. For more information Contact the Rev. Jan Hamill [escmaryland@gmail.com](mailto:escmaryland@gmail.com) ; also see <http://episcopalservicecorps.org/programs/esc-maryland/> and meet the current interns blogging at <http://gileadmaryland.blogspot.com/>. ESCMaryland is a ministry of the Diocese of Maryland. It is a yearlong program of living together in community, serving the vulnerable in the city, and reflecting/ praying about the experience.

### The Program and Budget Committee

serves the Diocesan Council by overseeing the creation of the portions of the budget that support programs from outreach to education to discernment. Recent changes in the "P&B" process (as reported in the Diocesan Convention Journal) have reduced the number of meetings each year from 10 or so to five or six, and the length of the meetings from over two hours to an hour and a quarter. P&B members serve as liaisons with the staff members who oversee the six budget categories, offering feedback and suggestions - by phone, email or in person - for the ministries and tasks supported by these categories. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the months of May, June, (August?), September, October and November, at 5:00 PM at the Diocesan Center. Members are also invited to participate in one or more of the regional meetings each fall as the draft budget is presented to the diocese as a whole. We are "recruiting" new members this season, hoping for interested persons, lay or ordained, to offer their services. If you are interested, or if you have questions about the scope of the work, please contact Mark Gatza+ at 443-752-0573 or at [mgatza@emmanuelbelair.org](mailto:mgatza@emmanuelbelair.org)

## Parish News

### In Conversation With God:

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, you are invited to join St. Paul's Prayer group. The group will meet on **Fridays, 7:00pm – 8:00pm** in the parish hall. To be in conversation with God in prayer, calls us to be still for a moment, to listen, and to reflect with or without words. While our gathering won't take us away from reality or solve problems, it will nourish our spirit, our bodies and those for whom we pray. Join in the conversation.

Stephen Jones and Carrie A. Brown

### Congregational Meeting:

Again let me express my sincere thanks to all of you and the vestry for your care and support of our life together here at St. Paul's. As we move forward, your Vestry will continue its charge of governance and encourage you to communicate any suggestion or concern to Rev. Susan or the Wardens. If you have not received a copy of **Pastoral Care Resources At St. Paul's** or responded to the **Pastoral Care Initiative Survey**, please do so. Copies of each are on the table in the parish hall. Also, both are available on our web-site, [www.stpaulsmtairy.org](http://www.stpaulsmtairy.org). or call the church office, 410-489-4411 if you prefer a copy mailed to you.

Jeff Spaulding, Sr. Warden

### Pastoral Care:

The word pastoral is an adjective. It can refer to various types of landscapes, art, literature, writings, music, or care. Teacher, pastor, shepherd are some of the nouns associated with "pastoral." Pastoral care can be defined as a type of help/service/duty/ or work one provides for another in a particular caring or personal manner. The document, **Pastoral Care Resources At St. Paul's**, specifically defines what pastoral care and services are here at St. Paul's. There are copies of that fact sheet on the table in the parish hall. Your Pastoral Care Teams are here for you! Please contact Rev.

Susan, Lee Hajek or the church office if you or someone you know needs our attention. All details are on the resource sheet...so keep it handy.

### Stephen Ministry:

*Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."*



An Ebenezer is a "stone of help," or a reminder of God's Real, Holy Presence and Divine Aid. Spiritually and theologically speaking, an Ebenezer can be nearly any thing that reminds us of God's presence and help: the Bible, the Sacramental Elements, a cross, beads, a picture, a fellow believer, a hymn. Those things that serve as reminders of God's love, God's Real Presence, and God's assistance are "Ebenezers." (1 Samuel 7: 12-14, from *Blanket Theology*)

Our Stephen Ministers are our own "Ebenezers" here at St. Paul's and in the community. They live and practice the real spirit of presence through the power of the Divine. Their caregiving enables their care receivers to discern God's leading hand as they journey the path of loss, grief or other traumatic event. An Ebenezer . . . a Stephen Minister . . . a rock of care. Please refer to the **Pastoral Care Resources At St. Paul's** guide for details and contact information for pastoral concerns or to access a Stephen Minister.

The Pastoral Care Teams

**A Friendly Reminder:** Please recycle all bulletins and other paper in the **blue trash can** located in the kitchen area, across from the bathroom, under the sign that says, "For Recycling Only." Thank you.

**Absalom Jones:** All are invited to join in the celebration of the unveiling of the wax stature of the Rev. Absalom Jones on **Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, at 7:00pm.** Absalom Jones was the first priest of

African descent in the Episcopal Church and the founder of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, PA. Please join in this very special occasion. You will be glad you did. This Memorial Eucharist is one of the events that will occur during the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual National Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Conference, July 26 – 29<sup>th</sup> at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD. The Maryland Chapter is the host Chapter for this year's conference. All are welcome to attend any or all of the conference. Conference details can be found at [www.ube.org](http://www.ube.org)

**Gift Cards:** Make your summer living easy – BUY GIFT CARDS. Vacation? Staycation? The garden? Firing up the grill? Swim suit? Hat? Sun tan lotion? We've got it all for YOU. Well, sort of. Help yourself and St. Paul's too. Buy gift cards for your every purchase. Ten dollars. One hundred dollars. Things you buy all of the time like food and gas. Now that it is summer, you may need more plants for your garden, a pair of new sandals, a few books for those lazy, hazy days. Using gift cards actually helps one to plan ahead and shop more efficiently. A bonus is that good feeling of knowing you have added to St. Paul's coffers while enjoying the sun at the beach, in the mountains, or in your own back yard. Aha! summertime. Easy living.

Pete McIntosh, Scrip Coordinator

**A BIG THANK YOU!** to all who helped make our Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale a success. St. Paul's is so blessed to have many willing, helpful and wonderful people in our parish family. We had delicious food, plenty of homemade goodies at the bake table, happy customers and our lot was full of vendors selling their wares.

To all who worked at St. Paul's outside and inside tables, directed traffic, baked goodies, cooked burgers/hot dogs and helped in other ways, your halos are shining so well.



Everything you did was greatly appreciated. The weather was good – a little warm and not high humidity. The yard sale cleared \$1,850.

**Bazaar Notes:** Our Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please put this date on your calendar. Whatever your craft/talent is, put it to work. Needed items: homemade gifts/fancy items, Christmas tree ornaments, decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also needed are baked goods/sweets, items for the collectibles table, silent auction items, items for gift baskets, food prepared for Gourmet-to-Go (recipes are given out) and food for the snack bar. Monetary donations are helpful to buy supplies for bread making, cheese ball making and for the snack bar. For the raffles, a third item is needed, preferably a handmade afghan or quilt. Does anyone have yarn for an afghan or an idea for the 3<sup>rd</sup> raffle?



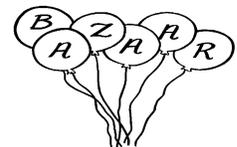
**SUMMER CANNING** – as you do your canning, please put aside a few jars of your homemade jams, jellies, pickles, etc. for the baked/sweet table. Homemade items are always very popular.

**COLLECTABLES TABLE** – Items needed: china, glass, pottery, milk and carnival glass, pewter, figurines, Avon bottles, plates and much more. There is no limit to this table. So start cleaning out those basements, closets and cubby holes to get rid of those particular items that you don't use or want. Leave your item(s) on the table in the parish hall and mark it for the bazaar collectibles table.

Any questions, see or call Linda Barnes 443-604-3402, Dana Fritzsche 410-795-8425 or Linda Sharp – 410-655-1979.

It doesn't take a few people for the Bazaar to be successful – it takes everyone helping and participating.

The Bazaar Committee



## RELAY FOR LIFE

### WE ROCKED AT RELAY!

The Rockin' Robins did some awesome rockin' at Relay for Life last month. Although we had rain and lightening delays all night, we were able to do our walking. Our team had 11 registered members, but due to a wonderful response from our friends, their kids, and our grandchildren, we had a total of 22 walkers!! This sure made Pat and my job easier-less walking for us!

I want to thank all of you who supported our



efforts. With your help, our team raised over \$2500, and counting. If you would still like to make a donation, we're still open for business! Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society- no amount is too small or large. The Freedom Relay raised over \$65,000 so far. There were five other relays held in different parts of the county. I don't have the total for all of Carroll County, but hope to know by August. Again, thank you everyone for all of the support and love to help this wonderful organization.

Robin McCourt, Rockin' Robins Team Captain

### **Congratulations to:**

Paul Keller Jr, and Auna Eam, who were married June 7<sup>th</sup> in Texas. Let's see some pictures of the happy couple.

### **Sunday Breakfast** **All you can eat**



**July 12, Lisbon Fire Hall**

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

**July 19, Mt Airy Fire Hall**

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

**July 26 St. Michaels Church**

8:30 a.m. – 12:00  
Adults \$8; Children 6-12 \$4;  
5 & under free

### **Happy Birthday To:**

Landon Reeve	July 03
Susan Kelley	July 05
Lillian Van Osterom	July 05
Etta Lee Spaulding	July 09
Trudi Lawson	July 12
Mi-Ling Jones	July 14
Alan Yeater	July 21



### **Happy Anniversary To:**

Stephen & Mi-Ling Jones	July 2
Rev Susan & Paul Keller	July 3
Suzanne & Paul Bourg	July 16
Ron & Linda Sharp	July 26



### **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  
 Eric Battlefeld  
 The Fenton Family  
 Stanley Napier  
 Amanda Meissner  
 Scott Gallagher  
 Nancy  
 John Belous  
 Bill Aaron  
 Albert Hutchison  
 Richard Heffner  
 Heather Cook  
 Luke Bourg  
 Jean Meissner  
 Katherine Gilbeertz  
 Ryan Merton  
 Betty & John Fritzges  
 Le Anne Stallings

*I am he who will sustain  
 you. I have made you  
 and I will carry you;  
 I will sustain you and I  
 will rescue you*  
*Book of Isaiah*



**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**

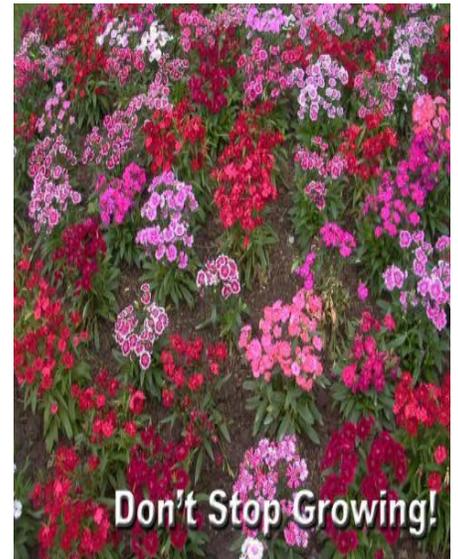
Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. You may contact the Parish by phone at 410-489-4411, Monday through Friday, 9-12 noon. Or contact The Rev. Susan S. Keller at 301-785-1687, or [revssk@yahoo.com](mailto:revssk@yahoo.com)

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**Newsletter** deadline for the August newsletter is July 20, 2015.



# July 2015 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open 5 pm Stephen Ministry	3 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>St. Thomas</i>	4 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>Independence Day</i>
5 9:00 a.m. Rite II <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	6	7	8 <i>10 am Pastoral Care Meeting</i>	9 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	10 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	11 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>Benedict of Nursia</i>
12 9:00 a.m. Rite II <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	13	14	15	16 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open 5pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting	17 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>William White</i>	18 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open
19 9:00 a.m. Rite II <i>Hospitality Hour following</i> 10:15 am Worship Committee Meeting	20 <i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman</i>	21	22 <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	23 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	24 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>Thomas a Kempis</i>	25 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>St. James</i>
26 9:00 a.m. Rite I <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	27 <i>William Reed Huntington</i>	28	29 <i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany</i>	30 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>William Wilberforce</i>	31 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open <i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>	

## July 2015 ~ SERVICE CALENDAR

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT**

	July 5, 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 12, 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 19, 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 26, 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Green
	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>9:00 A. M.</b>	<b>9:00 A. M.</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Greeter/usher</b>	Greg & Norma Prentice	Dana Fritzges, Linda Sharp	Michele Samuel, Al Yeater	Pat & Al Marquis
<b>Chalicer</b>	Ron Alexander	Jeff Spaulding	Leo Champion	Pete McIntosh
<b>Acolyte</b>	Carrie Brown	Pete McIntosh	Leo Champion	Linda Barnes
<b>Lector</b>	Kathleen Alexander	Dorothy Kitt	Charles Samuel	Helen Tuel
<b>Psalm</b>	Denise Groboski	Phyllis Heffner	Barb Champion	John Tuel
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Carolyn Prentice	Bill Toole	Barb Champion	John Tuel
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joanne Honsberger, Barb Champion	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp, Pat Marquis	Dottie Streaker, Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Dorothy Kitt, Carrie Brown	Barb Champion, Doris Wilcher	Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek	Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice
<b>Counter</b>	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	Nancy & Pete McIntosh	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes	Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel