

THE SUN



APRIL 2017

From the Rector

Several big snows knocked out activities in February and March, and now, with April, we see signs that Spring is definitely coming. In New England we are used to weather-disruptions, and because of them I think we really yearn for the longer days, the smell of the earth opening up, the songs of the birds and the warmth of the sun. This year Easter, April 16, is late enough so that we can hope not to have to bundle up, and the imagery of new life, new hope is all around us in nature.

Thanks be to God for God's gracious generosity!

At St. Paul's there are also signs of new and continuing life. The Veterans' Lunches go from week to week welcoming vets and thanking them for their service with a hearty meal and conversation. Several of our young people have accepted the offer to become acolytes, and that program, thanks to Gina Nelson, is coming together once again. Several of us attended the diocese's Parish Leadership Day at AIC in March and got the message, Jesus is the Rock upon which the church and our faith are founded and the Bible is the way we get to know Jesus better. Your vestry has been working very hard on the transition to a Priest-in-Charge and will have more to share with you. There is lots of hope and new life to go with the

continuing life at St. Paul's and in this we may rejoice. God is definitely with us, so as we approach Holy Week and Easter, let us travel with Jesus into the renewal that God has prepared for those who love him.

~Rev. Barbara

Thanks



- ❖ To Ed Farrell for coordinating the Social Hour hosts and to everyone who is stepping up to provide refreshments following the 10 a.m. service. We are grateful to you!
- ❖ To the men who provided the Parish Breakfast on March 12: Felix Rivera, Carl LeGrand, Dexter Gess, Ed Farrell, Tim Champagne, Mike D'Alessandro (who provided the pancake mix), Tom Geneczko and Steve Romeo. A wonderful time!
- ❖ To Puffer Printing, Ray & Marilyn Nadeau, Deb Plath, Tammy Shafer and Cindy Valentine for all they did to facilitate our Worship Booklets for Lent. A valuable exercise. What comments do you have about it?



Celebration Sunday, April 2

On Sunday, April 2, we will have a special

Service and Coffee Hour Reception to congratulate Kaylee Mercer & Emma Erickson who have completed the First Communion Class.

We hope you will join us on this very special occasion.

~Church School Staff & Children

Lent Continues

Our Lenten studies and practices continue in early April, with a gathering on Wednesday, April 5, to watch and discuss the movie, *The African Queen*. At 6 p.m. we have a light supper, then at 6:30 p.m. show the movie and talk about it, all in St. Paul's auditorium and library. You will be welcome.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday processions at 8 & 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 9. Blessed palms and the reading of the Passion according to Matthew.



Maundy Thursday, service at 7 p.m. in the church, Thursday, April 13. Gina Nelson will be our preacher.

Good Friday, service at 7 p.m. in the church, Friday, April 14. The liturgy of Good Friday with the reading of the Passion according to John. At

noon there will be an interchurch service at the Congregational Church on Appleton & Maple Streets, to which we are invited. A lasagna lunch follows the noonday service.

Easter Vigil at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow, MA at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday services at 8 & 10 a.m., Sunday, April 16, followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children and a visit from the Easter Bunny, rain or shine. Don't forget to bring your bells to ring when we say "Alleluia!"

Group Pictures



On **Sunday, April 30** following both services we will be gathering for a couple of group pictures – one of everyone present, and one of everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign several years ago. It began in 2010 and ended in 2013 and we'd like a photo to demonstrate how many of you took part in that effort to sustain St. Paul's buildings in their time of need. Please plan to be with us and to let your smile shine!

River Pilgrimage in May, June and July

"Come to the River of Life: Connecticut River Pilgrimage, May 31 to July 9, 2017". Anyone can participate, on the river, beside the water, at home or at church. This paddle down the CT river that will be done by members of the 7 dioceses of the Episcopal Church and the New England Synod of the ELCA, along with Kairos Earth, is open to

people of all faiths, beliefs and paths. The material states: come on a spiritual journey of renewal, restoration, and reconciliation, shaped by the Christian tradition along the CT river, from its source at the Canadian border to the Sea. Paddle with the group all the way or for a shorter section. Join in the educational events along the way. Pray for the paddlers and those working to make this happen. Pray for the River and all this earth means for us. Give thanks for our Bishop who will be traveling with this group through Massachusetts.

The pilgrimage will be in our area June 25 to July 2. For more information, and to sign up to be part of the pilgrimage, please see [kairosearth.org/river ~ river@kairosearth.org](http://kairosearth.org/river~river@kairosearth.org). More information is on the bulletin board in the church.



**Saturday, May 6
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars!!! It's that time of year again! Start saving your items to bring to the church during the week preceding the sale. We will be looking for good used clothing and footwear for everyone, small, clean electric appliances in good working condition, household items, bedding, towels and small decorations. We will also have a book and jewelry table and, of course, a table for the children with good used toys, puzzles, books and stuffed animals in very good condition. **No electronics, exercise equipment or furniture, please.**

Help will be needed for set-up on Thursday, May 4 after 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. We also need volunteers on Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the Church and the Auditorium.

If you have any questions, you may call the parish office at 532-5060 or Trudy Monson at 536-5921.

Vestry notes and financials

At the March meeting the vestry spoke again with the Rev. Canon Rich Simpson about the transition St. Paul's is going to experience once Rev. Barbara retires on July 1. The vestry agreed to contract with Bruce Rockwell to perform an audit of St. Paul's books in May.

Month of February 2017

Income from pledges, investments, building use, etc.	\$18,404
Expenses for personnel, utilities, snow removal, etc.	- <u>\$18,329</u>
Revenues less expenses	\$ 75

R. A. L. I. (Retired and Loving It)

The next RALI meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 19**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. We will be having a presentation by Christy Nathanson, a health coach and massage therapist. Christy will be speaking with us about mindful meditation, nutrition, and massage therapy. She has a lot of information to share and I think that we will all learn something from her. Please join us and bring a lunch and plan to stay afterwards.

~Diane Lessard

Little bits . . . * * *

- * Veteran's Lunches, for vets and their companions, every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the auditorium.
- * Morning Prayer with the saints, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the parish library off the auditorium.
- * Prepare PB&J sandwiches for Kate's Kitchen, 9:30 a.m.
- * Vestry meets Tuesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. in the choir room.

- * Kate's Kitchen Casseroles are due at St. Paul's on Thursday, April 20 by 9 a.m.
- * Trustees of St. Paul's meet on Monday, April 24 at 2 p.m. with reps from Berkshire Bank.
- * Spirit of St. Paul's meets on Tuesday, April 25 at Joan Daly's home.



News about people

Friends are back with us – it was great to welcome again the **L'Heureux family**, the **Campos family**, **Alyssa Dominguez Reardon** who has completed her time with the Air Force and plans to go back to school in WMA, the **Epstein-Mares family**, and the **Harper family**. God bless you all!

On Girl Scout Sunday, March 12, how many Girls joined **Kaylee Mercer** and the rector in saying a Girl Scout prayer? A LOT – once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout.

Theodore Day died on March 21 surrounded by his family. Ted is Nancy Romeo's step-father and the father of Debbie Lajoie and Cyndi Twohig. May Ted rest in peace and rise in glory to be with those he loves who have gone before.

George Washington died at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Friday, March 24. His service at St. Paul's on March 28 was a celebration of his long, loving and generous life. May he rest in peace and may his wife, Tricia, know God's comfort at this sad time.

We've received word that **Eleanor Hyde** has died at the age of 88 in Davenport, Iowa. Eleanor was a Church School teacher for 23 years at St. Paul's and she had left Western MA some years ago to live near her daughter in the Midwest. There will be a memorial service for Eleanor at St. Paul's in June. May Eleanor know the joys of heaven and may her family share God's consolation.

Coming Up...

The Rev. José Reyes will be our preacher and celebrant at the 8 & 10 a.m. services on **Sunday, May 7**. José was with us for a year before he went to seminary, and now works as an assistant at All Saints' Church, Worcester.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 Joey Bandeian
- 2 John Bandeian
- 3 Carl LeGrand
- 4 Jason Lee-Thomas King
- 6 Julia Durchanek, Jalex Aponte
- 7 Felix Rivera, Jr.
- 8 John Cabibbo, Torrence MacTavish
- 9 Steve Romeo, Elijah Koppi, Gabriel Mares
- 17 Fred Sabbs, Jr.
- 19 Christian Lee Martinez
- 20 *Glen & Judy Williams, 1963*
Edwin and Gloria Campos
- 21 *Tammy Shafer & Cindy Valentine*
- 22 Tim Nelson
- 23 Doris Montgomery, *Randy & Debbie Sexton*
- 26 Tammy Shafer
- 27 Tyler Leclerc, Beth D'Alessandro
- 30 Brady Li Santana



Vacation Bible School 2017

July 24 – July 28
(Monday - Friday)
9:00 - 11:30 AM

On July 24-28, we will take an adventure with Bible heroes and discover our strength in God. Our program will included Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and snacks, and is intended for children in grades Pre-K through 6. We hope you and your friends will join us!!

To register, please return this form to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton Street, Holyoke by **June 30**. To help us defray costs, we are asking you to include a **\$6.00 registration fee**. **(Families of three or more pay \$15.00).**

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Vacation Bible School Registration Form (Registration Deadline: June 30)

PUPIL'S NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ Zip Code _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE ATTENDED _____

PARENTS' CHURCH _____

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALSO ATTENDING VBS (NAMES AND AGES)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO STAFF
(i.e. allergies, learning disabilities, physical challenges, medications)

What size T-shirt does your child wear? (Youth Sizes) S M L XL

Parent's Signature _____ Phone# _____

_____ I would like to be a teacher at Vacation Bible School.

_____ I would like to be an assistant at Vacation Bible School.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

It's time to consider planning for another Vacation Bible School program.

In order to have a program this summer, we will need teachers, volunteers, a snack coordinator, and classroom assistants.

If you can help us this summer, please fill out the following form and return it to the church office, or to Joan Daly by April 25. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful program that is enjoyed by many. Please consider helping us. Our program lasts one week (Mon. – Fri.) and usually runs from 9-11:30 A.M. Teaching materials and crafts are supplied.

If you have any questions, please call Joan @ 533-4118, or e-mail her at jdal2@verizon.net.

Thank you!

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_____ I can volunteer as a teacher.

_____ I can volunteer as a classroom (or outdoor activity) assistant.

_____ I can volunteer to help with snack and special activities.

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**This year's VBS will be held
during the week of July 24 – 28.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

T-shirt size _____

Kate's Kitchen



SPAGHETTI PIE*

*Due at the church by Thursday, April 20 at 9 a.m.
for transport to Kate's Kitchen*

- 1 lb. spaghetti – cooked and drained
- 5 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 5 well-beaten eggs
- 2 cups cottage cheese or ricotta cheese
- 1 lb. ground beef – cooked and drained
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 1 28oz. can chopped tomatoes
- 2 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Stir butter into the hot spaghetti. Stir in the Parmesan cheese and eggs. Lay spaghetti mixture on the bottom of a buttered pan and spread cottage (or ricotta) cheese on top of the spaghetti.

Cook ground beef, onion, and green peppers till done. Stir in undrained tomatoes, oregano and garlic powder; heat through. Turn meat mixture onto spaghetti and cheese layer. Bake uncovered in 350 oven for 20 minutes.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top. (Kate's Kitchen will complete baking.) When wrapping casserole for transport, use a wax paper barrier to prevent the tomato from coming into contact with the foil.

**There are 13 x 9 inch disposable pans available in the parish kitchen. This recipe is only a suggestion. If you have a special casserole of your own you would like to prepare, please feel free to do so. Thanks to all who participate in this community service ministry.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Eucharist services at 8 & 10 a.m. Church School at 10 a.m.						1
2 First Communion Celebration 10a	3 AA 6:30p	4 Morning Prayer 9a/library ----- PB&J 9:30a ----- CAB 4:30p	5 Lenten Series – 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium	6 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium AA 6p	7 GS 6-7:30p	8 Rental
9 Palm Sunday Services @ 8 & 10a	10 AA 6:30p	11 Morning Prayer 9a/library ----- PB&J 9:30a -----	12	13 Maundy Thursday Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium ----- Service @ 7p ----- AA 6p	14 Good Friday Service @ 7p	15 Rental
16 Easter Services @ 8 & 10a Easter Egg Hunt follows 10a service	17 AA 6:30p	18 Morning Prayer 9a/library ----- PB&J 9:30a ----- Vestry 6p/choir rm	19 R.A.L.I. 10:30a/auditorium	20 Kate's Kitchen 9a ----- Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium ----- Blood Pressure Clinic 12-1:30p library AA 6p	21	22 Earth Day Rental
23	24 Trustees 2p/library AA 6:30p	25 Morning Prayer 9a/library ----- PB&J 9:30a ----- Spirit Grp 5:30p	26	27 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium ----- AA 6p	28 Arbor Day	29
30 Group pictures following both services	Notes: REMINDER --- COMING SATURDAY, MAY 6, ST. PAUL'S RUMMAGE SALE IN THE AUDITORIUM FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.					