



PARISH NOTES

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MAY 16

Capital Projects Preview: May 16 & 17!

Plan to attend a presentation on Sunday, May 16, at 10:10 a.m., or Monday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Both presentations will be held in the Dining Room.

Come and learn about capital projects slated to begin in 2010!



See page 4 for more information!

Acolyte Recognition

At the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, May 16, we will recognize the service of our outgoing high school seniors in the Acolyte Program. At the same time, we will dedicate new acolyte vestments made possible by a generous gift from the ACT II Shop, and by family members of Peter Bowerfind, in honor of his decades of faithful service with St. Paul's Acolyte Guild. All acolyte families are particularly encouraged to attend the 11 o'clock service on this day as we give thanks for the faithful liturgical leadership offered by our young people at St. Paul's!

"Stepping Up: Kindergarten Liturgy Readiness" Continues!

On Sunday, May 16, the first grade Church School class will host the current Kindergartners for a sneak preview of church school in the South Wing. Games, stories and snacks included! All Kindergartners, first graders and their parents are welcome to attend from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Evensong with Organ Prelude

On Sunday, May 16, the Senior Choir will offer Choral Evensong for the Sunday after the Ascension. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are by the popular modern English composer, John Rutter, who in these settings pays tribute to the style of Charles Villiers Stanford, the predominant figure in English church music in the late nineteenth century and the teacher of both Holst and Vaughan Williams. The anthem is the chorus "Lift Up Your Heads," from Handel's *Messiah*.

Come early! Karel Paukert will offer an organ prelude beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Parish Architectural Tour

William Vodrey will lead a tour of St. Paul's at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 16. Do you know how the Bell Tower makes money for the parish? Why a Nazi soldier is shown on a stained-glass window? Where a rector's self-portrait hangs? This is your chance to find out. Both newcomers and longtime parishioners are welcome. Meet William in Tucker Hall for the tour.

Please note: This tour is scheduled just ahead of the Organ Prelude by Karel Paukert at 4:30 p.m. and the Choral Evensong sung by St. Paul's Senior Choir at 5 p.m. Come for the tour and stay for the music and worship!

WEEK OF MAY 16

Third Wednesday Luncheon

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 19, as we welcome Sandy Philipson to the Third Wednesday Luncheon.

Ms. Philipson is a reading specialist and educational consultant. She has advanced degrees in education, reading, and literacy. She is active in a variety of educational organizations and has traveled to hundreds of schools with her literacy programs and her dogs, Max, Annie, Tak, and Trini. She is the author of a number of Max and Annie children's books and the executive co-producer of "Miracle Dogs," a family movie based on her books and starring her dogs, Max and Annie.

Come for lunch at noon in the Dining Room followed by the presentation by Ms. Philipson. Books will be available for purchase. And Tak, a 4-year-old Springer Spaniel and subject of the latest book, will also attend! Call the Parish Office at (216) 932-5815 to reserve a spot. Bring a friend!

Getting to Know You

In a large congregation, getting to know one another can be a challenge. That's why Membership Committee volunteers interview some of our newer household several times a year and post brief bios with photos. Take advantage of the current display in the Old Narthex (near Tucker Hall) and test your identification skills. People come to St. Paul's from different faith backgrounds and cultures, with varying skills and interests, and always in search of a new church home. Please get to know these newer members when you see them!

A New Kind of Christian...More Like Jesus

I have a friend who described the process of raising children by using the image of a toy box. In childhood, parents fill the box with values that we wish to pass on to our children. In adolescence the job of the child is to turn the box upside down and then, looking at the things strewn about, decide which values and beliefs he or she wants to put back in the box. Not too surprisingly, many of the items put back in the box reflect those parental teachings, but now they are there by choice after intentional reflection.

I wonder if this process isn't also a good way to think about our life of faith and the beliefs in God by which we live. One of the reasons we value Christian Formation so much in this parish is that the life of faith is dynamic and calls us to delve ever more deeply into the mystery of God's love for us. If you are like me, you may have come to the realization that you can no longer embrace some of the theology of your childhood.

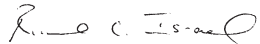
In the process of reassessing our beliefs we need good guides who can help us reframe our beliefs and companion us on our walk of faith. One of those faith guides for me is Brian McLaren, to whom I was introduced when the Men's Spirituality Group read his book *A Generous Orthodoxy*. In this book, McLaren, an English major, not a theologian, described his personal journey through multiple faith traditions from Catholicism to Evangelicalism. Valuable insights he gleaned from each took his faith walk to a new place. More important than his insights though, is the generosity of spirit McLaren displays as he invites people of faith to move beyond exclusive claims to God's love and judgment of others.

Serendipitously, or perhaps through the movement of the Spirit, my friend Martin Rolfs-Massaglia, pastor of First Baptist Church, called me last spring to tell me of a wonderful conference he had just attended with Brian McLaren. He was so impressed by McLaren he asked if he had ever spoken in Cleveland, to which McLaren replied, "No, but I would love to come." With the sponsorship of St. Paul's, the Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies, First Baptist and others, Brian McLaren will offer a series of presentations and dialogue on Wednesday, May 26, at First Baptist Church. I encourage you to attend.

Rolfs-Massaglia described McLaren in these words, "Brian McLaren is giving voice to the thoughts of people who have become disenchanted with the church and American Christianity; for those who want to see Christianity move back to a focus on Jesus and his teachings; for those who like Jesus but not the church; for those who want the church to move the focus off of 'soul winning' and on to living transformed lives through following Jesus. Brian McLaren writes and speaks about 'a new kind of Christian'....a more inclusive, less judgmental Christian focused on the gospel Jesus proclaimed and less on church dogma."

If you have been feeling uncomfortable about the beliefs you hold or find yourself looking for a fresh perspective on faith, I hope you will join me on May 26 to meet Brian McLaren. Together we will wrestle with important questions such as: "What kind of God do we believe in? What is Christian hope today? How does the Bible function and speak to us in the 21st century?" Perhaps that meeting will help us all become Christians who are more like Jesus.

Peace,



The Rev. Richard Israel, Associate Rector

Something for Every Occasion at The ACT II Shop

The ACT II Shop is brimming with spring clothes, prom dresses and gift items that are ideal for Mother's Day, teacher gifts, graduation and Father's Day. There are gift sets of soap and lotions, purrfectly cute cats for cat lovers, cookware for the gastronome, and golf gifts for Dad. There are also vintage linens, quilts as well as glass and silver for a wedding celebration.

Please note that the ACT II Shop will hold an "Estate Sale" concurrently with the St. Paul's Pre-School Sale: June 18 and 19. Don't miss the bargains!

Global Mission Sunday Well-Attended in Church School

Thirty-nine children in grades 1-6 and nine parents enjoyed Global Mission Action Group's program "God Loves the Whole World" on May 2!

A photo of the children is posted on the St. Paul's Web site, www.stpauls-church.org, and will be sent to St Paul's mission partners in Honduras, Tanzania, South Africa, El Salvador and Russia.

The program included general comments on mission, brief descriptions and pictures from each country by the Nodars, Farmers, Nelsons, and Connie Hanson. A lively singing, guitar, and participatory African drum session was led by Eleanor Robinson.

Children contributed 39 bars of soap for Baby Bundles for Honduras, one child's book in Spanish for the Episcopal Schools in El Salvador, and \$13.32 cents for the school building project in El Salvador! Each child was given a colorful laminated bookmark with "God loves the whole world" in English, Spanish, Xhosa (South Africa), Kiswahali (Tanzania), and Russian designed by Heather Nelson and made by Barry Nelson.

Mark Your Calendars! June 6 Is Recognition Sunday!

We will gather at 10 a.m. for a combined worship service, taking time to thank Church School teachers and youth ministers, recognize graduating high school seniors and Education for Ministry graduates, hear from high school preachers, experience the contributions of each of our Church School classes, and together praise God for this amazing program year and the ongoing opportunities to know and serve Christ.

A reception immediately follows, during which time we will have a chance to say “thank you” to our three Young Adult Interns Eric Barbato, Clara Coughlin, and Allison Paetz, who are each finishing time on our staff. Plan to join us for a festive celebration and opportunity to sing God’s praises together.

Questions? Want to help? Please contact Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program, (216) 932-5815, ext.212, or kgillooly@stpauls-church.org.

Root for the Home Team

The annual St. Paul’s night out at Progressive Field is set for June 10, when the Indians take on the Boston Red Sox. Stop by the Parish Office between services to speak to a Men’s Council member about purchasing tickets. \$30 seats are available for only \$18. Get your tickets now and join the fun!

McLaren Workshop & Lectures

Registration for the *Emerging Christianity* workshop and lecture by Brian McLaren co-sponsored by St. Paul’s and the Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies (CEIRS) on Wednesday, May 26, at First Baptist Church, Cleveland Heights, is available online through the CEIRS Web site, www.ceirs.org. Registration forms can also be found in the CEIRS spring brochure available in the Old Narthex. McLaren will also hold a book signing on Tuesday evening, May 25, at Joseph Beth Booksellers in Legacy Village.

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.

The Rev. Alan Gates, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Lisa Hackney, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Alan Gates, *Preacher*
Healing Prayers follow the Eucharist

Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Alan Gates, *Preacher*
Healing Prayers follow the Eucharist

Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.

The Rev. Alan Gates, *Officiant*

Holy Communion follows in St. Martin’s Chapel

READINGS

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

FELLOWSHIP

8:00—9:00 a.m. Parish Breakfast

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

9:00—10:45 a.m. Preschool Session

10:00—10:45 a.m. Grades 1-6: *Breaking Chains (Acts 16:16-34)*

Grade 7: *Review/Overview/Integration*

Grade 8: *Judson Visit*

Grades 9-12: *I Believe...*

10:45 a.m.—noon Preschool Session

6:00—8:00 p.m. Junior & Senior High Youth Groups:

Service Project Night

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

10:10 a.m. All-Parish Meeting (Dining Room)

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Flowers on Sunday are given in loving memory of Peter Cooley by Pamela Cooley O’Halloran and Charles Cooley.

BRIEFS

Notes About Parish Notes

Please make a note that Tuesday, May 25, at noon is the deadline for the final *Parish Notes* of the program year. This issue will be dated June 6 and will be a double issue. Send articles to kfry@stpauls-church.org.

The *Parish Notes Your Way* campaign has received a positive response from parishioners. Last week, we pared down the *Parish Notes* paper mailing list by 32% -- saving postage, paper and labor costs. Please let us know if you are not receiving *Parish Notes* in the form that you prefer. We will gladly make changes to the database to get you back on paper or send *Parish Notes* to you electronically. After all, it’s “Parish Notes...Your Way!”

St. Paul’s is committed both to effective communications and to fiscal and environmental responsibility. We want you to receive parish news in the format of your choice, and we want to spend your pledge dollars wisely and reduce paper usage where feasible.

Contact Kim Fry, Communications Coordinator, with any concerns you have at (216) 932-5815, ext. 214, or at the e-mail address listed above.



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TIME-VALUED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

ON MY MIND...

Capital Projects Coming Up!

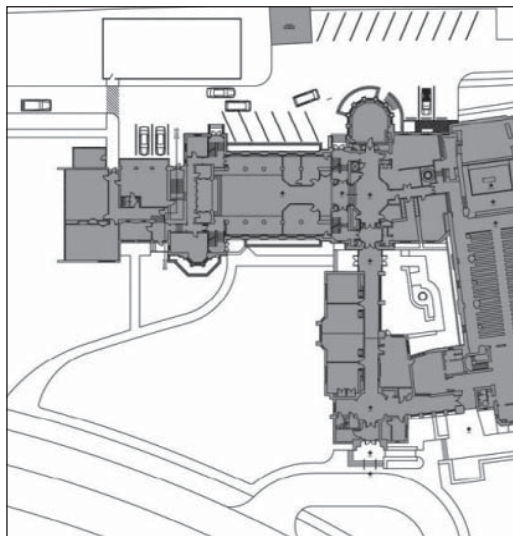
In 2007 we met, asked & imagined, and articulated a Long Range Plan for St. Paul's. In 2008 we considered what capital improvements would move us towards various aspects of that Plan. In 2009 we raised funds to make such improvements. And now, in 2010, we are ready to begin the first of those capital projects!

Plan now to attend a Capital Projects Preview presentation on Sunday, May 16, at 10:10 a.m., or Monday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Both presentations will be held in the Dining Room. 2010 projects to be described include:

- Major Mechanical & Electrical Upgrades
- Our new North Entrance, with a welcoming lobby and full handicapped access
- Handicapped Access to Tucker Hall
- Proposals for relocation of offices currently in Tucker Hall

The Facilities Goal Team has worked tirelessly for two years to establish and prioritize these projects, to review architectural renderings and cost estimates, and to make recommendations to the Vestry. We now want to share these plans and proposals with you. Vestry representatives and our project architect will be present to respond to your questions and hear your thoughts.

In the relatively limited forum time frame,



the Sunday morning presentation will provide a briefer overview of the projects. Monday night's presentation will allow for more detail and discussion. Please choose to come to either or both of these gatherings. I am excited to share our plans with you!

Faithfully and fondly,

WHO WE ARE

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Our Mission

St. Paul's is a living, evolving community of Christian people who worship together according to the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We seek to know God and God's will for us; to care for each other; and to support each other in the exercise of our ministries among our neighbors and in the wider world.

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Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday at noon**, 12 days before the Sunday publication date.

Items may be edited for space and/or clarity.

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