



PARISH NOTES

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MAY 23

Coffee Sale

The Women's Council will hold a Fair Trade Coffee Sale on Sunday, May 23, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Stop by their table in Tucker Hall and stock up on your favorite brew.

Don't Forget Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday!

Sunday, May 23 is Pentecost Sunday — the Birthday of the Church! Don't forget to wear red to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit descending on us as it did on the apostles that day.

Emerging Christianity Discussion Continues

Come to the Dining Room at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, May 23, for the conclusion of our discussion of the Emerging Church led by Kate Gillooly with Rich Israel.

The "Emerging Church" conversation is difficult to categorize because it includes a wide diversity of theological stances, liturgical practices, and demographic and geographic compositions. It is a movement against labels and clear definitions and, instead, steps out into the gray world of inclusion and fusion. There are, however, interesting self-definitions emerging from its key leaders. Come learn about nine practices of these communities, five streams of the Emerging Church, and ten questions that are transforming the faith. We'll discuss what St. Paul's might be able to learn from current prophets and re-formers in the Church today.

WEEK OF MAY 23

Brian McLaren Workshop May 26 at FBC

Noted author, preacher, and activist Brian McLaren will offer a series of presentations at First Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 26. This event is co-sponsored by St. Paul's and the Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies (CEIRS).

Brian will give three presentations during the day. The first two, *Reframing Our Faith for a New Millennium*, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. are meant to be experienced as a pair.

At 7 p.m. Brian's presentation will be *A Tale of Two Gospels*, in which he will talk about the gospel of sin management versus the gospel Jesus proclaimed.

The cost for all three lectures is \$40; the evening lecture only is \$15. Registration is available by filling out the registration form in the CEIRS brochure available in the Old Narthex.

Joseph Beth Booksellers will be on hand to sell Brian's books. He will also do a book signing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, May 25, at Joseph Beth Booksellers in Legacy Village.

UPCOMING

Want To Play in St. Paul's Band on May 30?

The St. Paul's Band plays every fifth Sunday. So that means the band will play on Sunday, May 30, at the 9 a.m. service with a rehearsal at 8:30 that morning. Anyone in the parish who plays a band and/or orchestra instrument is invited to participate. If you would like to play, please call Rick Nelson at (216) 795-3170, ext. 550, to let him know to expect you.

Combined Worship Service at 10 a.m. on June 6

June 6 is Recognition Sunday! We will gather at 10 a.m. for a combined worship service. We will thank Church School teachers and youth ministers, recognize graduating high school seniors and Education for Ministry graduates, hear from high school preachers, and experience the contributions of each of our Church School classes.

An ice cream reception will follow, 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.

Attention, All 12th Graders & Families!

All seniors will be recognized at the combined 10 o'clock service on Sunday, June 6. Please plan to attend the service. Also, please send your college choice or your future plans and current e-mail address to Matt Stouffer at stoufferm@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Language of Pentecost

Somehow I've ended up studying a lot of languages. I've taken at least a semester of six different languages, half of which no one speaks anymore. I love learning a new grammatical structure, and building a vocabulary until previously incomprehensible passages become entertaining stories. I can read street signs in a foreign country or study ancient history through original documents.

I mostly studied Latin in college. I particularly loved the multiplicity of meanings folded into each word, lending depth to poetry that must be lost in translation to English where our vocabulary is much more specific. In some way or another, each language has its own qualities that make it distinct and capable of expressing its own particular way of thinking.

How wonderful, then, must have been that day in Jerusalem when each person was able to hear the apostles speaking in his or her own tongue? God's message no longer had to be filtered through a *lingua franca*, perhaps to be ignored or rejected as foreign nonsense. Through the fire of the Holy Spirit the apostles spread their news beyond a small group of Galileans. On Pentecost, the story of Jesus' fulfillment of the prophets becomes personal and alive to people from all over the world.

The tradition has continued down to our time, as the Bible has been translated into Latin and then English. Now we have translations into the more modern sense of English than the King James Version. While faith, hope, and charity are a poetic trio, "love" now better conveys the meaning of *agape*. As our language changes, the language of the Gospel has also changed to try to ensure that its message always stays comprehensible.

As Episcopalians we use the Book of Common Prayer to guide our liturgy. We gain comfort from hearing the same words every Sunday and feel part of a larger tradition of faith and ritual. Yet words that we often say can become mechanical, and we lose their sense. How many of us still think about what we are saying as we recite the Nicene Creed or the Lord's Prayer every Sunday? In what ways can we use the fire of the Holy Spirit inside our own heads to find meaning in language that has become mere words?

For some services at St. Paul's we use new or alternate versions of the Prayers of the People or the Eucharistic Prayer. Speaking and hearing new words rouses us to process the liturgy in a new way. Although we lose some of the tradition and continuity, it can bring new life to our understanding of why we worship the way we do.

Pentecost challenges us to always seek real and present meaning in our language about God. We are reminded that God's interactions with the world are not limited to the ancient past, poetic and only applicable to a foreign culture. Their message has been translated into our own language, and it is able to speak to us where we are.

— Clara Coughlin, Intern for Youth and Family Outreach

St. Paul's Members Attend Annual Meeting of ECW

By Nancy Sherwin

St. Paul's played a major role in the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, when they met in Canton April 30-May 1. Meredith Bowen was the personification of the meeting's theme "Go Where I Send You," as she told the amazing story of her volunteer work in Tanzania. She truly captivated the audience, which included Bishop and Mrs. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop and Mrs. Arthur Williams and Bishop and Mrs. William Persell.

Diocesan ECW President Nancy Sherwin led the ECW in reaching out to younger women, working women and teenagers by not only holding this meeting on a Friday evening and Saturday, but by planning programs that appealed to all ages, including several programs led by teenagers and activities for younger children.

Carolyn Hockey was one of the presenters in the workshop "Missions: National & International." Sarah Paetz, Gwen Donley and Carolyn Hockey led two other workshops, *Drama Dreamers* and *Peer Ministry*. Susan Quill was installed as the new Diocesan Secretary along with three other new Diocesan Board Members.

Eighteen members of St. Paul's attended the meeting — 17 of whom had never been to an ECW Annual Meeting before— Meredith Bowen, Addie Bowen, E. B. Donley, Gwen Donley, Ann Farmer, Betsy Hockey, Carolyn Hockey, The Rev. Lisa Hackney, The Rev. Alan James, Audrey James, Linda McCorkle, Sarah Paetz, Katy Ptacek, Erin Ptacek, Susan Quill, Emma Quill and Ethan Quill.

Get Your Tickets!

Join us! St. Paul's Night Out at Progressive on June 10 -- Indians tickets are available at the Men's Council table in Tucker Hall.

Keep Those Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones, Crutches Coming!

Parishioners from St Paul's donated 141 ink cartridges for Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO). These cartridges are turned in for recycling by CAMO at \$3 each, which means \$423 has been raised for office supplies in Orrville and Honduras. CAMO Executive Director Jody Rives wrote: "This was awesomewhat this means is that CAMO now has \$423 more to use to help those less fortunate in Honduras through programs and services we provide." Thank you so much and keep them coming!

Parishioners also donated eight cell phones, which will also generate funds that can be used for medical care. Medical supplies and equipment donations are reused by impoverished persons in Honduras. Items including disposable diapers, an IV pole, two walkers, five sets of crutches, a sling and miscellaneous medical supplies were given by parishioners at St. Paul's, St. Martin's and St. Thomas, Berea. They were delivered to the CAMO Orrville office by Global Mission Action Group members Connie Hanson and Beau Stouffer, who will continue to take donations this summer. For information call Connie Hanson at (216) 502-1192.

Special Prayers Offered on May 2

On May 2, special prayers were offered for two members of our parish currently serving in the military who have recently been deployed: 2nd Lt. Christopher Boehm, U.S. Army, serving as a unit commander in Iraq and Lt. (J.G.) Michael DeBoer, asst. weapons officer on board the USS *Ohio*, a submarine operating in the Pacific.

We also gave thanks for the safe return of Lt. Elizabeth Homes Seufert home from duty as a navigator on the USS *Rushmore*, an amphibious ship serving in the Middle East.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010 THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.

The Rev. Lisa Hackney, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Holy Baptism & Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Alan Gates, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Richard Israel, *Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Alan Gates, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Lisa Hackney, *Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 5:00 p.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel, *Celebrant & Preacher*

READINGS

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35,37; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

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: *Gathered and Scattered (Acts 2:21)*

Grade 7: *The Birthday of the Church & The Gift of the Spirit*

Grade 8: *The Birthday of the Church & The Gift of the Spirit*

Grades 9-12: *The Spirit Blows Where It Will*

10:45 a.m.—noon Preschool Session

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

Parents/Family Night

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

10:10 a.m.

Adult Forum: *Emerging Christianity — Join Kate Gillooly and Richard Israel for the conclusion of a discussion of a new kind of Christianity.* (Dining Room)

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Flowers on Sunday are given in the Chancel in loving memory of Michael Pender, their son, by Kathy and Jim Pender and their children.

Reading Camp Volunteers Needed!

Interested in helping with Reading Camp Cleveland but don't know how you can help? Here are some things you can do:

Donate your time —

- Volunteer to be a counselor or a support staff member during the week of camp. Applications can be found on the St. Paul's Web site or in the Parish Office.
- Can't stay the whole week but still want to come for a few days and help out? Contact Karen & Carl Carter at readingcampcleveland@gmail.com.

Donate your treasure —

- Youth Stewardship is still collecting books for their book-drive; they have already collected over 700 books! Books can be new or gently-used.
- Reading Camp is also still looking for donations to fund the camp.
- You can even sponsor a child's stay at Cedar Hills the week of camp by writing a check for \$350 made out to St. Paul's Cleveland Heights with 'Reading Camp' in the memo.

Donate your talent —

- If you are a teacher and would like to volunteer, get an application from the Parish Office or online at www.stpauls-church.org.

Learn more by contacting the Carters at readingcampcleveland@gmail.com.



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TIME-VALUED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

ON MY MIND...

Praying Alone and Together

Prayers in our Sunday worship are central, but are not the only avenue for prayer at St. Paul's.

Recently we began including a Prayer Insert in the Sunday leaflet. I encourage you to develop the practice of taking that insert home and using it as a vehicle for your own intercessory prayers. The insert invites you to uphold a different set of groups and ministries at St. Paul's each week. It also encourages you to join your prayers to those of others in the Diocese of Ohio and around the Anglican Communion by participating in the Cycle of Prayer set forth by each of those church bodies. I find power in knowing that others around the diocese and the world are praying for the same group of Christians that I am in a given week.

Our Prayer Insert also lists those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays in the current week. If you do not see your name on that list when it should be, it means we do not have your birthday or anniversary date in our records! Please call Gail Emmet in the Parish Office and let us know your dates!

The parish Prayer List for those ill or in distress is also printed in the Sunday insert. Names may be added to this list at any time by speaking with the clergy, or with Gail Emmet. Last names are included at the request of the named individual or an

immediate family member. We encourage you to keep us updated on changes in the situation of those on this list.

New this month is a Prayer Log in the Chapel of the Cross. The Chapel provides a quiet oasis in which you are encouraged to sit and pray at any time. Concerns which you enter in the Chapel Prayer Log will be offered up at our weekday Morning Prayer services (Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.), as well as the Wednesday 6:00 p.m. eucharist, over the following week. Your presence at any of those services is also warmly welcomed!

Another avenue for prayer is the Intercessory Prayer Chain, a group of some dozen members who pray daily for concerns passed along to them. Confidential requests for intercession by prayer chain members may be directed to the Rev. Richard Israel. Finally, for those who now find electronic communication their method of choice, the parish Web site has a link for submitting both pastoral and prayer requests. With a single click, your request is on its way confidentially to The Rev. Richard Israel for a prayerful response.

In all of these ways and more, may we be a community at prayer.

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. Kim Fry, editor (216) 932-5815 ext. 214 kfry@stpauls-church.org