



# SUMMER NOTES

A Parish Notes Supplement from  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

July 2010

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PAUL'S THIS SUMMER

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## The Annual Ice Cream Social!

### (And There's Always Room for Pie!)

Your summer is not complete until you have celebrated at the all-parish Ice Cream Social and Pie Contest hosted by the Women's Council! We hope to see you on Friday, July 23, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the church. No other festival around offers *free* fresh homemade pie tastings with generous dollops of ice cream and slices of watermelon to cleanse the palate! Hot dogs will be available for a nominal price. No matter what your age, bring your family for dinner and dessert and enjoy a good old-fashioned summer outing with fellow parishioners. Listen and dance to live music, watch the kids go on a bike parade or get an out-of-sight face painting or tattoo from Sparkles the Clown. Be there or miss all the fun!

Participants entering our now-famous pie contest may drop off their pies just prior to the event at 5:45 p.m. on the front terrace. (No more waiting around during set-up.) Fabulous prizes are awarded to the top three contestants.

Last year's winners were Susan Marengo, Eva Rajki-Johnson and Susan Quill. While all these talented women were more than worthy winners, this is an equal opportunity contest, so we encourage those with the Y chromosome to throw their hats into the race. Pies will be judged on taste, appearance and originality. May the best pie win!



### "When the World Wearies... There Is Always the Garden!"

Are you weary from too much oil spill?  
Too much vuvuzela? Or, dare we say it, too  
much LeBron?

The antidote to these and other world  
wearies is at hand: the Mid-summer St. Paul's  
Gardens Weed Fest! On Saturday, July 24,  
from 9:30 to noon, the gardens will provide  
the healing balm and refreshment that  
accompanies weed pulling, mulching and  
general tidying. Please join us! This is an All  
Parish Equal Opportunity Event. For more  
information, call Nancy Olton, (216) 932-1638,  
or Nancy Stevenson, (216) 321-4145.

### Deadlines!

Make a note of coming deadlines for fall  
publications at St. Paul's:

**Friday, July 30 at noon:** Deadline for  
items to be included in the *Fall Guide to  
Programs at St. Paul's* and the *Fall Schedule  
of Programs*. Please submit dates, times  
and short descriptions of your programs to  
Kim Fry at [kfry@stpauls-church.org](mailto:kfry@stpauls-church.org).

**Tuesday, August 31, at noon:** Deadline  
for articles for the first *Parish Notes* of the  
year. Submit items to Kim at the e-mail  
address above.

## *A Rewarding Week of Reading & Camp Fun*

The first Reading Camp Cleveland was a success! Fifteen campers from area schools and many volunteers enjoyed an amazing week at Cedar Hills. Every morning the kids rotated through six reading stations staffed by volunteer teachers. When asked to write about his favorite station, one of the campers said he couldn't decide, could he possibly write about two? Naturally the teacher agreed, so she asked which *two* were his favorite? Well then he couldn't pick just two, he needed three. This continued until he wrote a story about all six of his favorite stations!

Afternoons at the camp were spent in typical summer camp activities including tubing, ice cream making and campfires. Throughout the day, the children were surrounded by an amazing group of volunteers. Sixteen volunteers stayed the entire week with the kids and numerous others stopped in to help. The children were surrounded at all times by people who were there just to show them they care. Someone was always available to cheer on a kid who had just learned a new swim stroke or to hear the story they wrote in the writing center.

The true impact of Reading Camp Cleveland is hard to describe in these few words, because it is unique for every volunteer and child. Throughout the week we saw volunteers give of their time and talents whether it was teaching kids new reading strategies or swimming strokes, or listening as a child read a story. We saw children teach volunteers their cheers and dances. All of the volunteers and the campers left at the end of the week with a collection of tales of the fun they had at Reading Camp. Now we will leave you with a few quotes from the beautiful thank you notes the children wrote in the Writing Center on the last day of camp:

"The best thing I liked about camp was making ice cream that was the best. Also what I like was campfires and fishing I didn't fish because my rod. But today was the funnest day ever!!! P.S. I learned about strategies a lot in reading camp. I also learned about phonics. And I learned about comprehension. Look at the cover of the book before you read it. How to make a story with a story web in writing center. We went on a treasure hunt for pens and candy. It was a awesome week."

"Thank you for the reading camp. I loved the swimming, the farm, the creek walk. I am gonna miss it all! But please send some form of next year camp to Whitney Young. But these activities and things I will remember and miss."

"Thank you for planning this. I hope I can come back next summer. Thank



you for having me here. I had a fun time with you guys. Even if I have only been here for a week. I feel smarter then I did when I got here. Have a good summer without us. I wish it was camp for two weeks."

— Karen and Carl Carter,  
*Reading Camp Cleveland Leaders*

## Altar Guild Transitions

Our deepest gratitude is extended to Joanne Lane, who recently completed her two-year term as President of the Altar Guild. Thank you, Joanne, for all your labors coordinating the countless hours of volunteer dedication by our Altar Guild workers.

Mary Cushing is the new President, ably assisted by 1st Vice-President Elizabeth Moosbrugger, and 2nd Vice-President Lois Merrick. Every worship service at St. Paul's is served with behind-the-scenes devotion by the Altar Guild. *Thank you!*

## Capital Projects Update

At this writing, major upgrades to our Mechanical and Electrical systems are about to begin. Boilers, electrical systems and more will advance from the 1920s and 1950s to the 21st century. Although most of this work will be out of our sight, it is vital to our physical infrastructure, and will ensure our light and heat for decades to come.

The bidding and permit process is nearly complete for the new elevator lift from the Old Narthex to Tucker Hall. We expect this project to take place in August, still hoping for completion by our kick-off Sunday in September.

The multi-layered process for city approval of the new North Entrance and purchase of the Coventry House Annex is underway. Approval from the Architectural Board of Review and Landmarks Commission has been secured; still ahead are the City Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and City Council.

Depending upon the remaining length of this process and the subsequent finalizing of specifications, bids and project permits, the North Entrance project will commence either in late fall, or in the early spring 2011 if a delay is needed to avoid the significantly higher expense of construction in winter months. Relocation of offices to the Coventry House Annex (assuming city approval) would take place in the late spring, to enable the Tucker Hall renovations to begin in the summer months.

## Your Financial Support is Vital!

Every ministry, program, and event at St. Paul's is carried out because, and to the extent that, we offer of our own substance. We make our personal offerings in gratitude for all of God's blessings, and to enable every ministry of worship, music, education, pastoral care and apostleship. Please help us to ensure that all of these vital activities continue!

Our 2009-10 pledge year concluded on June 30. Pledge statements for this period were recently mailed out to all pledging households. If you have not yet completed your 2009-10 pledge of support, we ask you to fulfill the balance at your earliest opportunity.

Since the Vestry has realigned the pledge year to coincide with the calendar and budget years, we will not enter a new pledge year until January 2011. This means that we now operate in a true *period of faith!* We rely on every St. Paul's household to provide generous financial support during this 6-month bridge period.

If you normally contribute weekly or monthly, please continue your support during this period at your prior level (or above if you are able!). If you customarily make one annual donation in the second half of the calendar year, we ask that you do so as usual this year. In September the Stewardship Campaign for 2011 will begin. At that time you will be asked to consider and pledge your support for the year 2011.

The harsh economic environment continues to be reflected in parish finances. In spite of significant cuts over the past two years and careful spending, we are currently significantly behind in projected income. While we are confident that aligning our pledge and fiscal years is the right step at this time, it creates a critical need for support this fall, in order to avoid painful cuts to vital and cherished parish programs and outreach ministries. If you have questions or concerns about the status of your past pledge or contributions during this 6-month bridge period, please do not hesitate to contact Pam O'Halloran, Acting Stewardship Coordinator, at (216) 932-581, ext.208, or [pohalloran@stpauls-church.org](mailto:pohalloran@stpauls-church.org).

*Please give sacrificially from your own blessings, to be a blessing for others.*

## UPCOMING

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### Cycling For a Cure: August 14-15

The MS 150 Bike Ride, now marking its 31st anniversary, is the largest organized cycling event in America with 100 rides in 48 states. Last year, over 2,000 riders left Middleburg Heights to cycle to Sandusky and return the next day for a total distance of 150 miles. This is the largest fundraiser for the cure and treatment of Multiple Sclerosis.

Our Deacon and Volunteer Coordinator Kirby Colwell will again ride in this year's MS 150 on August 14-15. If you would like to make a donation in support of his ride, please make your check payable in any amount to MS 150. Donations may be placed in Kirby's mailbox in the Parish Office by Friday, August 13. Thank you so much for your consideration.

**Grace, Gratitude,**

**Generosity: TENS**

**Gathers in Indianapolis**

On July 29-31, stewardship leaders from across the country will meet to explore issues of stewardship ranging from how to run a year-round program of stewardship education and practice, to the impact that stewardship has on our individual spirituality. Sponsored by The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, a group that aims to Train, Encourage, Nurture, and Support (TENS) stewardship and leaders in the church, this conference will welcome the Rev.

Dr. Walter Brueggemann as one of four keynote speakers. Kate Gillooly will speak on "Coming to Terms with the Role of Money in My Spiritual Journey" at Friday evening's meal. Pam O'Halloran, Lael Carter, Vicki Stouffer and others from St. Paul's and the diocese will attend.

**Whose Church**

**Is It Anyway?**

August 27 and 28 brings an opportunity to gather with other adults who work with children, youth or adults in Christian Formation from around Province V of the Episcopal Church. This gathering at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL, and sponsored by the Diocese of Chicago, is called "Whose Church Is It Anyway?" It offers workshops, learning circles, innovative worship and lots of time for networking and idea-sharing. We're sending a group of church school teachers and youth ministers from St. Paul's. Want to join us? Contact Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program at (216) 932-5815, ext.212, or [kgillooly@stpauls-church.org](mailto:kgillooly@stpauls-church.org).

**Welcome Jimmy and Caelyn!**

We are delighted to announce the call of our two new Christian Formation and Youth Ministry interns for the 2010-11 program year! Jimmy Wright lives in Amherst and is studying Religious Education through the Design for Leadership program at Defiance College. He and his wife, Katie, have two children, Luke and Rachel. Katie is the Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Elyria. Jimmy loves running, hiking and biking, and recently rode in the Bishop's Bike Ride.

Caelyn Rosch graduated from Shaker Heights High School in June and will be entering CWRU as a music major this fall. She loves music and reading and practices Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, music, and dance. Caelyn was a member of St. Paul's as a child, and now attends St. Alban's. Both interns will provide assistance for Church School classes, confirmation, and youth ministries. They will begin their time with us on August 15. Watch the September issues of *Parish Notes* for details about their office hours and more.

**Kate Gillooly To Attend  
EDS "Faith Formation 2020"  
Symposium**

Kate Gillooly has been invited to travel to Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) in Cambridge, Mass., August 8-12 to meet with leaders in faith formation from across the Episcopal Church to identify trends, needs, and resources for the future of formation in the church. Coordinated by Fredrica Harris Tompsett and Julie Lytle of EDS, and Sharon Pearson of Church Publishing Group, this gathering of 20 people will offer focus and collaboration on the challenges and opportunities awaiting the church. Please keep this group in your prayers.

**PREPPING FOR KICK-OFF  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12!**

***Fall Start-Up Brings  
Training & Orientation***

**Church School Teacher Training**

Saturday, September 11

9 a.m. to Noon

Church School Teachers and Youth Ministers will gather for a morning of community building, training, orientation and planning. Refreshments and child care will be provided.

Please contact Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program at (216) 932-5815, ext.212, or [kgillooly@stpauls-church.org](mailto:kgillooly@stpauls-church.org) to let us know whether you plan to attend.

**Sunday, September 12,**

**Kick-Off Sunday**

Our program year starts up again! The 9 a.m. service moves back inside and the liturgy schedule will return to

7:45 Holy Eucharist

8-9 a.m. Parish Breakfast

9:00 Holy Eucharist

10:00 Christian Formation for all ages

11:00 Holy Eucharist/Morning Prayer

5:00 Holy Eucharist

Also, on Sunday, September 12, we will commission all Church School Teachers and Youth Ministers at the 9:00 service, and hold Church School registration and first day of classes. There will be a Parent Orientation meeting at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room. Youth Groups will meet that evening from 6 to 8 p.m. It will be a great day – plan to join us!

For more information, contact Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program at (216) 932-5815, ext.212 or [kgillooly@stpauls-church.org](mailto:kgillooly@stpauls-church.org).

## Visiting Other Churches?

Traveling parishioners often visit other churches during the summer. If you see materials you like, such as welcome brochures, name tags, or program descriptions, please bring them back to St. Paul's. Membership Committee takes ideas from the "best practices" of other congregations to improve our own materials. Please bring any "goodies" you collect to the Parish Office, or give them to Barbara Pelowski, Director of New Member Ministries.

South Wing Gallery Fall Show:

## LANDSCAPE ESCAPE August 9 - October 17

Nancy Martt  
*watercolors/acrylics*

Elinor Polster  
*ceramics*

William Gould  
*contemporary/mixed media*

Jeff Yost  
*oils*

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### Meet the Artists/ Opening Reception

This show will be open to the public beginning August 9. The official opening reception will be held on Friday, August 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come and meet the artists and enjoy refreshments in the South Wing. All are welcome!

## Sustainability at St. Paul's: "It's Not Just for the West Coast Any More"

By Jan Wolf, Junior Warden

With those words, we began our involvement with E4S (Entrepreneurs for Sustainability). Over the next 9-10 months, a dedicated group of St. Paul's parishioners will expand the parish involvement in being "green." As we learn more about ways in which we can be kinder to our planet, we hope to engage each of you in that process.



The initial group of "greenies" (still needing a catchy title) includes, shown above left to right, Jon Hren, Jim Ptacek, Kirsten Radivoyevitch, Jan Wolf, plus Mark Finkenbine (*right*) and Tony Zalatoris (not shown). If there are others of you who would like to be involved, please let me know: [jrwolf@nls.net](mailto:jrwolf@nls.net), or (216) 707-9381.

Our first endeavor was a dumpster dive to ascertain how much and what we are wasting that could be recycled. St. Paul's saved all its trash for a week, then we sorted and categorized it. We learned a lot about our waste (and that one shouldn't take on this project in the summer!). Further analysis will be shared soon.



Stay tuned for updates and suggestions. And don't hesitate to call or write with questions, suggestions or offers of involvement! (Photos: Kirby Colwell)

## *St. Paul's Family Visits Our South Africa Partners*

*A report from parishioner Sally Morley on her family's recent visit to our Anglican partners.*

Many old friends from the False Bay Diocese send their warm greetings to all at St. Paul's.

We Morleys had a perfectly wonderful June afternoon with them in Ocean View and at Masiphumelele. John and I arrived with our son, Andrew and his family (his wife, Becky, and three sons, Tom, Ty and Cam from St. John's in Boulder). We were welcomed at St. Clare's by the Rector, Father Richard Martin, and Reverend Pamela Parenzee, diocesan AIDS missionary. The entire group of young people planning a 2011 pilgrimage to St. Paul's, with their leaders and several parents, greeted us so warmly that you would have imagined that we had known them for years. It is such a blessing to have this wonderful relationship that Mary and Rich Nodar and St. Paul's have developed for all of us.

We were whisked off to the AIDS foster home, St. Paul's House of Hope, where our grandsons played with the four children in the yard while we met with Warren Abrahams, the children's foster father. We missed meeting his wife, Sally, who was away looking after their son who had been in an accident. Warren continued preparing the children's lunch, even as he graciously showed us the small and inviting home and explained the plan for a new bedroom wing which will soon be started.

Our next stop was the library/neighborhood center in the township Masiphumelele. The library and upstairs computer room were busy with after-school visitors: volunteers from Great Britain and Australia with the organization Impact Africa were leading games in the courtyard and others were working on crafts projects with children in the large after-school activity room. How lucky Masiphumelele is to have this beautiful library, a gift from the Johnson family in Connecticut. We drove through Masiphumelele and saw the Catholic Church where St. Matthew's meets on Sunday mornings and the homes and shops of the township.

A marvelous group of parishioners, including all of the 2011 pilgrims to St. Paul's were waiting in the St. Clare's parish hall to greet us with a beautiful English tea and festive reception. We recognized everyone from Rich and Mary's slides. We delivered a CD copy of the Nodar's presentation to Father Richard and two of Karel Paukert's CD's, all most gratefully accepted. Vestry members were proud to show us the beautiful semi-circular



*John Morley visits with the children of St. Paul's House of Hope, a foster home for abandoned and HIV orphaned children in Ocean View, South Africa.*

sanctuary and new gorgeous wood ceiling they are installing on a "save-first-then-build" basis. The next project will be the House of Hope bedroom wing. As we left the parish hall, we watched a pickup soccer game in the driveway. Our grandsons played with their new South African friends. It was just a wonderful "ordinary" game that they all would have played no matter where they lived, fitting for this exciting "World Cup" season in South Africa.

We all, young, older and oldest, enjoyed the unrestrained love and enthusiasm expressed and shared by this wonderful community which is so deeply attached to St. Paul's through the commitment, understanding and love shared so openly. Our visit to St. Clare's was the highlight of our time in Cape Town. We look forward to the young people's arrival in Cleveland next June.

**Armed Services Outreach Plans More Care Packages**

Armed Services Outreach Group (ASOG) will be sending Fall Care Packages to those on our Prayer List serving in the Armed Services. Our servicemen and women have a continuing need for good reading material such as the following magazines: *Sports Illustrated, People Magazine, Field and Stream, Car and Driver, Vanity Fair, Real Simple, Atlantic Monthly, Smithsonian, National Geographic* and any good quality periodicals which you may have. Please save recent summer issues for the September collection. (Do not bring them to the church at this time.)

A list of specific recommended items that parishioners might like to contribute to the Care Packages will appear in the September 12 issue of *Parish Notes*.

**Global Mission Action Group Collects Medical Items and Ink Cartridges for CAMO**

Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO) has an ongoing need for crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and home health supplies that can be reused to help impoverished patients served by CAMO in Honduras. In addition to medical items, your empty ink cartridges, toner cartridges, and old cell phones generate funds that defray CAMO's office supply costs in Orrville, Ohio, and in Honduras. Connie Hanson and Beau Stouffer take these donations to Orrville periodically. Parishioners who have items to donate should contact Connie Hanson at (216) 502-1192.

**Computer Volunteers Needed at 2100 Lakeside**

Volunteers are needed to help men at 2100 Lakeside (Men's Homeless Shelter) with basic computer questions and assistance. The computer lab is a primary vehicle to help residents of 2100 do job searches and write resumes. If you can give an hour or two a week—or even twice a month—your support will be of great help to the residents. To learn more or to set up a time to visit the shelter, please call Lydia Bailey, Director of Volunteers, at (216) 649-7723 or e-mail her at [lbailey@lutheranmetro.org](mailto:lbailey@lutheranmetro.org).

**Volunteers Needed**

The Heights Interfaith Council is seeking additional volunteers to help with its Summer Lunch Program held at Heights Lee Road Library in cooperation with the Cleveland Foodbank. Many have already stepped forward to support the program, but more are urgently needed. Duties include supporting children as they access the library (some for the first time), serving and supervising lunches, and helping with literacy programs. 100 children are expected, and volunteers are asked to sign up for two hour shifts, one to five days per week. Interested people may call Cathy Hakala-Ausperk at (216) 932-3600 to learn more or to volunteer. Nutrition is well-associated with developing achievement and strong character. Please consider this great hands-on ministry opportunity.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network Thanks Volunteers**

Once again, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a consortium of local churches and temples seeking to assist families in transition, thanks the volunteers who made it all possible! For the twelfth year, St. Paul's provided lodging and fellowship to four families, a total of 14 guests, during the week of June 20. This hands-on ministry was a great experience for the volunteers and for the families as well.

The following volunteers gave generously of their time and effort: Philip Anderson, Jenny & Pat Azouri, Lloyd Bell, Pam Chaney, Dennis Coughlin, Ann Dornback, Mark Finkenbine, David Fulton, John Gates, Richard Gildenmeister, April Green, Barbara Hoekstra & Jim Stumpf, Jonathan Hren, Mary Krogness, Joanne & Bob Lane, Gretchen Larson, Ray LeZak, Anna, Joe & Cole Magill, Linda McCorkle, Lois Merrick, John Moosbrugger, Dale Naylor, Mary & Richard Nodar, Daisy Osborne, Karel Paukert, Ernie Petrey, Anne Pillot, Bill Powel, Katy Ptacek, Ginger & Lamar Ratcliffe, David Robertson, Laurel Rowen, Biagio Sancetta, Nancy Sherwin, Chris Smythe, William, Susan, John, Ethan & Thomas Vodrey, Judy Watson, Jan Wolf, Liz Young, members of Women's Council and The Village. *Thank you all!*

**Look How St. Paul's Pumpkin Patch Grows!**





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### ON MY MIND...

#### *Footsteps of Renewal*

As I spend the early and mid-summer months catching up on too-long-delayed pastoral visits, program planning, and shepherding of capital projects, I do so with a certain spring in my step, mindful that I begin my annual vacation the second week of August and will enjoy sabbatical time in September and October.

Last year, when I took one of my allocated three months of sabbatical, I was feeling thoroughly spent and found I simply needed to rest. As I reported last fall, I used the month to read, cook, and enjoy a clergy retreat in North Carolina. Now, for the balance of my sabbatical time, I am excited to focus on some extended study and travel.

In early September, I will read and write in preparation for an Advent preaching series and an Epiphany teaching series at the parish. In late September I will depart on a study trip to western Turkey, "In the Footsteps of St. Paul." I will be with a pilgrimage group led by a British Jesuit scholar. We begin in Istanbul, seeing sights associated with ancient Christian history in Constantinople. Then we travel to several locations associated with St. Paul's missionary journeys, including notably Ephesus, Smyrna, and Miletus. Ephesus was particularly crucial in Paul's work, and in subsequent development of the early church, and I am excited to see it.

Following the pilgrimage in Turkey, I will have a short time on my own in Rome, including some independent reading at the library of the Anglican Centre in Rome where I studied during my last sabbatical in 2001. In mid-October Tricia will join me for a study tour of art and architecture in Tuscany. The tour is organized by the alumni association of our alma mater, Middlebury College, and will be led by a Middlebury art professor. An itinerary of cathedrals, monasteries, and art museums (not to mention a cooking school!) promises some delightful learning and renewal. What a privilege it is to be granted such a time by the parish. Thank you!

The Rev. Lisa Hackney will again serve skillfully as Priest-in-Charge, handling administrative and liturgical responsibilities, in the able company of the Rev. Rich Israel and Kate Gillooly, continuing their own responsibilities overseeing pastoral care and program. The Wardens and Vestry will exercise their responsibilities especially in matters temporal and financial.

I am so grateful for this time away, for the entire, extraordinary St. Paul's staff, and for the peace of mind knowing that I leave the parish in such capable hands!

Faithfully and fondly,

*Alan* +

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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.

#### Parish Notes

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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