

# THE EPISTLE

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*Where Relationships Are Nurtured*

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We invite you to join us for worship, fellowship, and spiritual exploration in a welcoming and nurturing community.

**GENTLEMEN'S CAKE AUCTION**  
**Sunday, May 22, following 10 a.m. Service**  
*Proceeds to Benefit Christian Education*  
*(Wide-Screen Television and Godly Play Manipulatives)*

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS: THE UNBINDING & VISIONING PROCESSES CONTINUE

### *The Unbinding Process*

*I found the following reflection by the Rev. Christopher Hofer (a former member of the clergy of this diocese now serving in New York) very thought provoking. It was published on the Episcopal Church Foundation's Vital Posts website:*



Did you catch Lady Gaga's Red Carpet arrival at this year's Grammy Awards? If not, you're probably one of the few Americans who haven't been talking about her most unique entrance.

All Monday, commentators on television, radio and blogs alike couldn't help but discuss Gaga's egg-ridden dress.

Instead of walking down the Red Carpet like most stars, Lady Gaga arrived safely ensconced in a shimmering egg carried by four scantily clad men. After the appropriate amount of incubation, she hatched from her egg onstage to sing her new single, "Born This Way."

As a fan of Lady Gaga, I marvel at her ability to garner media attention from nearly every media outlet – both new and old. However, something has been puzzling me about her Grammy hatching scheme.

Why is it that individuals from all walks of life, including countless Christians, have no problems talking about the latest Gaga feat? Yet, the average church-going Christian would have many concerns talking about the individual who emerged from an egg-like tomb on Easter Sunday.

If Christians are going to live fully into Jesus' Great Commission, we need to learn new ways to spread the Good News of God in Christ. Or better yet, we need to learn how to talk about our faith and our Church without fear of recrimination or ridicule. As our world becomes increasingly secular, it is vital to become as comfortable inviting someone to church with us as we are inviting someone to go to the movies. But how do we do it?

First and foremost, we simply need to learn to talk about our faith. For instance, on Monday mornings in the

office or at school, when coworkers or classmates are asking what we did during the weekend, the Great Commission-oriented Christian might say, "I went to my church on Sunday and heard the most amazing sermon. I'd love for you to join me sometime." By talking about our parish families and inviting others to join us, we immediately make Christ more accessible to our friends.

Secondly, we need to learn not to be embarrassed about sharing our faith. The old tradition that politics and religion make poor dinner conversation needs to be replaced with discussions about how our faith aids us in our daily living and ethical decisions. For example, at a recent lunch with some friends the topic of global warming came up. During the discussion, I said, "as a person of faith, regardless of the controversies surrounding global warming, I'm doing my part to reduce my global footprint." This one statement opened up the discussion into one about ethics, faith and responsibility. I shared examples of what I do at home and things my church is doing, too.

Finally, we need to learn from Lady Gaga's playbook. She is vigilant in making certain her persona is spread out as far as possible. Without hesitation, she uses all media. As we and the Church seek to broadly cast the net of Christ, no one medium should be left out. Let us share in person about Christ's impact in our lives, let us publicize our churches in the old media outlets of radio, television and newspapers, let us blog about our faith, let us Tweet and Facebook, let us do whatever it takes to get the word out about Christ and his Church.

With due vigilance and an ability to take risks, we can proclaim the message of the only individual "hatched" from an egg-like tomb from death to life. If we are smart about it, people will listen and talk.

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*I believe that what we have done during our Lenten 40 Days of Prayer and Sharing studying Martha Grace Reese's book **Unbinding Your Heart** addresses a lot of what Fr. Hofer writes about. It is an on-going and continuing process, though, not something we can say, "Well, we've done that" and put the book on a shelf never to be thought of again.*

*I hope that all those who took part in the **Unbinding** discussion groups will continue their prayer disciplines and put to good use the faith sharing lessons they have learned.*

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## *The Visioning Process*

The visioning process goes on in May as our Visioning Committee and our Vestry meet with architectural consultant, David Krebs, on May 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Krebs will be reporting to us on the outcome of his six conversations with members of the congregation.

Those six conversations were held over a three week period during March and April as follows:

March 26: Two discussions focused on Outreach Ministries and Fellowship Activities.

April 2: Two discussions focused on Worship and Promotion of the Arts.

April 9: Two discussions focused on Christian Education and Offices, Storage & Grounds.

The discussion groups ranged in size from 15 to over 30 and several members of the congregation took part, for which we on the Visioning Committee are grateful. Additionally, parishioners who could not attend provided Mr. Krebs with written input.

There were several common themes which ran throughout the conversations:

Our need for an attractive entryway from our parking lot with sufficient gathering space, display areas, and coat storage.

Adequate, handicapped-accessible restrooms on all levels of the building.

Sufficient storage for outreach ministries (Free Farmers' Market particularly), for Sunday School, for our worship supplies, etc.

More spaces for meetings for church groups and outside groups.

Sunday School rooms with adequate storage, flexibility, comfort, openness, access to the outside, natural light.

Both indoor and outdoor activity areas for children and youth, as well as a comprehensive plan for the planting and maintenance of our landscape.

Adequate parking with appropriate lighting at night.

Spaces which can be converted into offices as staff grows (as the congregation grows); work areas for staff and volunteers; larger library and conference spaces for pastoral counseling and parish committee meetings.

Larger fellowship and hospitality spaces, and an enlarged and improved kitchen, to allow larger parish and public events including meals.

And, of course, up-grading and up-dating of heating and air-conditioning systems, solving the on-going problem of the leak in "cloak room" hallway, improving the sound system in our worship space, providing additional seating for worship, and many other improvements of the existing building.

Again, we are thankful for all those who participated in these conversations as we move forward with the visioning process and live into our future. These conversations have been an integral part of that process as we envision our future and plan for our building needs. They are also an on-going process – as you continue to give prayerful thought to your church's future and its future needs, please communicate your ideas to members of the Vestry or the Vision Committee, to the Rector or the Wardens.

In Christ's Holy Name,

*Fr. Eric*

Rector



**OUR CORE PURPOSE**  
**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH EXISTS**  
**TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH**  
**LITURGICAL WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL EDUCATION,**  
**PERSONAL GROWTH, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

## WARDEN'S WANDERINGS: AMPING UP OUR PARISH HOSPITALITY

*This month, I want to share with you some thoughts from the Episcopal Church Foundation's Vestry Papers – Best Practices. This article is by Kathy Copas, Coordinator of Communication and Evangelism for the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis. A former vestry member at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, Indiana, she "joined the church with such zeal" at age twenty-four that she was baptized and confirmed on Sunday and appointed to fill out a vestry term the very next day!*

Think about it. When you visit a parish, how long does it take for you to begin to get a feeling for what the place is really like? Likely, it will be mere moments. So when a guest (note the terminology — “guest” and not “visitor”) comes to your church, one of your first challenges is to help manage first impressions. Here are a few basic ideas to amp up your parish hospitality.

**Ask some acquaintances from other churches to pay a visit and give you some objective feedback.**

What IS the first impression your congregation is conveying to your guests right now? Listen carefully.

**Consider your theology of welcome and hospitality.**

Besides “love one another,” the clearest imperative of the Gospel is to offer hospitality and meet people where they are. At the Eucharistic table, we set out our finest linens and silver to honor the living Christ in our midst. Shouldn't we extend just a bit of that same sense of aesthetics and care to our cluttered narthex or dirty parish hall? What simple low or no-cost changes can you make to reflect your theology of hospitality?

**Evaluate your first contacts.**

Listen to your church answering machine and evaluate how it may become a better tool for capturing the real spirit and personality of your parish. Remember — there is no “rule” that recorded messages must be done by clergy or the church secretary. Who has the best voice in your congregation to extend a warm and friendly voice message greeting? Enlist some acquaintances to make a phone call to the church office, to get a sense of how your church secretary, office volunteers, and clergy are

doing with inquiry calls. Get some objective feedback on your website, too. How easy do you make it for someone to find your church and make a visit?

**Devote a portion of an upcoming vestry meeting to an actual walking or driving tour of the immediate four-block area surrounding your church.**

View your neighborhood and your exterior building and grounds from the perspective of someone who has never seen it all before. How easy is it — REALLY — for guests to find your church? What could you do with some simple directional signage or Sunday morning volunteers to make it easier? Is it abundantly clear where to park, which door to use?

**Appoint someone or some group to a “ministry of first impressions.”**

You can have the most exciting and creative ministry in the world going on inside of your buildings and a vibrant personality as a parish family. Yet if the exterior of your property doesn't reflect all of that, you are delivering a mixed message to potential guests! One

good first goal — particularly if you are in an older church building in an aging neighborhood and are feeling increasingly invisible — is to work to make the exterior of your building look different enough each week that passersby will turn their head and look. Example: If you want to non-verbally communicate that you are a child-friendly church, put children's artwork on a clothesline stretched across the church lawn. Use balloons, kites, banners, and streamers regularly. These are very low-cost ways to highlight your buildings and grounds and can even be used to frame and define space when you have multiple buildings and parking lots.

**Take the McDonald's or Wal-Mart challenge.**

Have each vestry member casually ask one person at a local fast food place, gas station, or Wal-Mart a couple of questions prior to the next vestry meeting: “Do you know where xyz church is?” and “So, do you know happen to know anything about that church?” The answers you get will give you a quick, insightful portrait of who in the community knows where you are located and what/how they know about you.



**Identify and covenant as a congregation to modify habits that are less-than-helpful to welcoming your guests.**

Some of these behaviors may include non-verbally discouraging guests from sitting in “my” pew, speaking to friends while ignoring guests, and complaining about insignificant things within earshot of those visiting. Developing a strategy of covenant and holding each other accountable for our Sunday morning behaviors is important.

**Develop distinct roles/job descriptions for your greeters and ushers.**

One possible model — greeters begin in the parking lot or on the sidewalk, seeing to the immediate comfort and needs of your guests. This may mean offering an umbrella if it is raining, helping them get a wheelchair or stroller out of their car, pointing them to the drinking fountains and restrooms, and introducing them to an usher, who then takes on the role of helping them navigate the worship service, introducing them to clergy

and others, and seeing they get escorted to coffee hour or church school.

**Put together a congregation plan for tracking and assimilating guests into the life of your congregation.**

Good assimilation begins sixty seconds after worship ends and intentionally extends at least six months out. Congregations that do assimilation well have a shared value that this is everyone’s job and ministry — not just the clergy’s.

*Your Vestry has been undertaking some of these activities during our Visioning Process. I encourage you to give them thoughtful consideration!*

*Easter Blessings to Everyone!*

Yours in Christ

*Barbara Baird*

Senior Warden 2011



**MAY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Two families are needed to cover each of two Sundays this month. The hosts’ duties are simple; they are as follows:

- (a) Set up the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour including brewing the coffee, setting out juices for children, etc.;
- (b) Provide juices and treats (cookies, cakes, fresh veggies, cheese plate, snacks ... whatever – the nature of the treats is up to the hosts);
- (c) Clean up afterward.

We are in need of some partners for the volunteers on two of the up-coming Sundays. The following parishioners have volunteered to host on Sunday mornings this month:

**May 1:**

**Children’s Sunday Parents Committee**

**May 8:**

Dennis & Bobbie Foy, and Becky McClure

**May 15:**

Paul & Susan Bunner, and Anita Coleman

**May 22:**

**Annual Cake Auction**

**May 29:**

Eric & Evie Funston, and Judy Delahoyde

If you can be a part of a team for a Sunday, please sign up on the sheet in the Church Hallway.

## MAY EUCHARISTIC VISITATION

### *Eucharist Visitation Teams*

Pastoral Eucharistic Visitation offered to our sick or shut-in members by our team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (whether at home, in the hospital, or in a skilled nursing facility) is a vital ministry of the congregation. It allows parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness or other reasons to share in our common life and our fellowship at God's table. Our shut-in members residing in area nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities receive regularly scheduled visits.

Our Lay Eucharist Visitors work as teams:

- Team I* Kim Kelly, Betty Bres, and Linda Darling
- Team II* Hildegard Bender, Jeff Berno, and Susan Muffet
- Team III* Evelyn Funston, Sandra Herbst, and Mary Anthony

### *Scheduled Visitations*

Scheduled to make Communion Visits this month are the following:

- May 1* Team II visiting Eileen Harrington
- May 8* Team III visiting Nancy Lawrence
- May 15* Team I visiting Eileen Harrington
- May 22* Team II visiting Nancy Lawrence
- May 29* Team III visiting Eileen Harrington

### *Additional Visits*

Kim Kelly is our coordinator for our lay pastoral visiting ministry. If you know of someone who cannot attend church because of a chronic or acute illness, or for other reasons, please contact us at the church by phone (330-725-4131) or email (coffice@stpauls-medina.org). We would also be delighted to share with you the joys of this ministry; if you are interested in learning more about Lay Eucharistic Visitation, please contact Kim Kelly by leaving a message for her with the Church Office.

## ALTAR GUILD ASSIGNMENTS

### *Sacristy Teams*

Our four teams of Sacristans serve for one week in rotation beginning each Saturday; they handle all the services (including weddings and funerals) during the next week. Teams serving this month will be the following (listed according to the Sunday for which they are responsible):

- May 1*  
*Team A:* Diane Scheel, Mary Jane Brewer, Linda Darling, and Sandra Herbst
- May 8*  
*Team B:* Mary Anthony, Rosanna Powell, Judy Delahoyde, and Liz Fellhoelter
- May 15*  
*Team C:* Sue Potterton, Ginny Selmants, Rose Hose, and Kathy Catanese

### *May 22*

*Team D:* Kim Kelly, Bonnie Freas, Nancy Marquard and Barbara Michelson

### *May 29*

*Team A:* Diane Scheel, Mary Jane Brewer, Linda Darling, and Sandra Herbst

### *Thanks, Sacristans!*

The ministry of the Altar Guild Sacristans is a very necessary one, but often one that goes unnoticed. Please be sure to thank these dedicated members for their service to St. Paul's Parish. The Altar Guild is always open to all who wish to join this important ministry. Our teams serve once every four weeks, and we would love to have you join us. Please contact me, any member of the Guild, or Fr. Eric.

Many Blessings,

*Kim Kelly*

Altar Guild Director

## **WORSHIP: HEAVEN IS FOR REAL**

### ***Holy Week Is Passed ... Easter Continues***

Happy Easter Season and welcome to our newest Baptized members into Christ's household. Holy Week is now behind us and my husband, as he has done each year, again asked me if he needed to get the cot up from the basement for me to take to church. I'm sure that each year I am at the church (or doing church business) more than I am at home that week, but it is worth every minute, spending a week immersed that special time in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. How did you participate in Holy Week and how does Holy Week impact your lives???

Remember that Easter is a Season not simply a day. Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection continues until the Feast of Pentecost on June 12! An important part of that on-going seasonal celebration is the Baptismal Liturgy to be celebrated on May 2, the Second Sunday of Easter.

### ***Heaven Is for Real***

I just finished reading a very memorable book entitled **Heaven Is for Real** by Todd Burpo. At the time of writing the book, the author was the pastor of the Crossroads Wesleyan Church in the small town of Imperial, Nebraska. It is the story of Todd's four-year old son, Colton, detailing his trip to heaven and back after having an survived emergency appendectomy. Colton told bits and pieces of his journey over four years to his parents, who decided to put pen to page and share

their son's experience. His descriptions of heaven had me laughing, crying, and hopeful that I will be rejoined with family and friends who have gone before me.

Mr. Burpo wrote:

It's good to be strong and able to bless others, yes. But we learned the value of being vulnerable enough to let others be strong for us, to let others bless us. That, it turned out, was a blessing to them as well.

I am planning on purchasing several copies of this book to share with others and the church library. This book showed me that even children can and will share their faith stories if we just take the time encourage them and to listen to them.

### ***Alternative Worship Times***

Remember that we offer worship opportunities at times other than Sunday morning. At 5:30 p.m. each Sunday, we offer a Celtic liturgy, and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. the Holy Eucharist is offered using either the Prayer Book liturgy or a Celtic form; this service is followed by the Wednesday Evening Bible Study and the Youth Group's meetings. (Child care can be made available for parents who are attending the study groups.)

Many blessings,

*Kim Kelly*

Worship Committee Member

# **Gentlemen!**

## ***Start your ovens!***

### **Men's Cake Auction**

### **May 22, 2011**

### **After the 10 AM Service**





## USHERS SERVING IN MAY

I want to thank all the ushers for helping members and newcomers feel comfortable, welcomed and directed. Greeting people in a warm way makes them feel good about their presence in church. Thanks for being a great welcomer to the House of God. Your heartwarming smile and help allows everyone to have a more enjoyable experience.

### *Serving This Month*

Scheduled to serve as ushers this month are:

<i>May 1</i>	Sunday School Children <i>assisted by Sean Hennigan &amp; Ray Sizemore</i>
<i>May 8</i>	Patti Papesh & Don Powell
<i>May 15</i>	Jack and Rose Hose

*May 22* Mark Hansen and Ray Sizemore

*May 99* Paul & Susan Bunner

### *Become an Usher or Greeter*

Ushering is a vital part of our church; ushers represent the church in a very visible way, and help set the tone in preparation for the worship service, as well as assist with the smooth operation throughout the service. If you would like to be an usher, please let me know.

Thanks and blessings,

*Sean Hennigan*

Usher Coordinator

## BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER

### *Domestic Violence – More Myths & Facts*

One of the largest barriers a community faces in its effort to eliminate domestic violence is the need to address and overcome the deep-seated myths our society holds about victims of domestic violence, their life circumstances, and their level of responsibility for the abuse. Below is a statement to better clarify the realities.

**Statement:** Men who abuse are violent because they cannot control their anger and frustration.

**Response: FALSE:** Domestic violence is deliberate conduct, and batterers are not out of control. Their aggression is carefully targeted to certain people at certain times and places. They usually do not attack their bosses or people on the streets, no matter how angry they may be. Abusers follow their own internal rules about abusive behaviors. They often choose to abuse their partners in private and make certain that they do not leave visible evidence of the abuse. Batterers also chose their tactics carefully – some destroy property, some rely on threats of abuse, and some threaten children. Studies also indicate that some batterers become more controlled and calm as their

aggressiveness increases. (*Adapted from Advocates to End Domestic Violence.*)

**Please help the Medina Battered Women's Shelter by donating again this month *Window and Bathroom Cleaners*. (Toilet Paper or Bleach, any size, can always be used!)**

The Battered Women's Shelter **CANNOT ACCEPT** the following items:

1. Stuffed animals without new tags
2. Sample/Trial hotel size items
3. Any open items
4. Expired over the counter medications or food items
5. Clothing without new tags

Donations may be placed in the **red box** on the table in the cloakroom area. All donations are gratefully appreciated by the Shelter.

In Christ's Name,

*Susan Bunner*

Shelter Liaison

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### ***May Day at Church***

It seems hard to believe that there are only six more weeks of the school year left. This year has certainly flown by. We start the month off with a bang. Sunday, May 1, is our monthly Children's Service. There will be several baptisms and two of our children, Marin and Ellie Radabaugh, will make their First Communion. There will be cake and goodies to celebrate, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to all of you who donated Easter candy and trinkets for our Easter Egg Hunt. You all shine in the true St. Paul's Parish fashion. *Our parishioners are the best!*

This will also be the day we officially kick-off registration for this year's Vacation Bible School, "***Marketplace 29 A.D. – A Bibletimes Experience.***" This will be the time to sign up to volunteer your time and for parents to register their children. The Parent Committee and I hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to this year's VBS.

### ***May Sunday School Lessons***

The Focus Lessons in ***Godly Play*** this month will focus on *Jesus and the Twelve*, *Good Shepherd* and *World Communion*, and *Synagogue and the Upper Room*. In Grades 3 through 12 the ***Seasons of the Spirit*** curriculum will focus on Luke 24:13-35 (*Breaking Bread*), Acts 2:42-47 (*Powerful Witness*), and Acts 7:55-60 (*Enduring Witness*). There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, May 29, because of the Memorial

Day Holiday Weekend (the nursery, of course, will be open).

### ***Vacation Bible School – June 13-17***

As I mentioned above our official Vacation Bible School Kick-off will be May 1, although registrations will have been available from April 17 onward. Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 13 to 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are bringing back ***Marketplace 29 A.D. "A Bibletimes Experience."*** This has been a very popular program with the children in the years past and I am sure they will enjoy visiting the marketplace again and traveling in Jesus' footsteps. Please save the date now for that week and tell your neighbors and friends about it. Encourage them to bring their children. We will conclude the week with a short program and celebration at our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 19.

### ***Summer Planning***

The Parent Committee and I met late last month to do some planning for some fun summer activities for children, youth and their families. Keep your eye out for up-coming information on these events.

In Christ's Service,

*Mary Anthony*

Director of Religious Education



## MONTHLY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

***May 1, 2011***

***10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service***

## FREE FARMERS' MARKET NEWS



### *Free Farmers' Market Wants Your Cans!!!*

Donated cans are crushed and recycled for cash. Don Powell also takes the tabs off which are donated to the Akron Children's Hospital to help patients on dialysis. Please leave your cans next to the downstairs coat closet.

#### *FFM March Distribution*

*149 Families:*

*79 Seniors, 220 Adults & 93 Children*

*3,696 lbs of food purchased at a cost of \$340.82  
(9 Cents per Pound Average)*

#### *Spring is finally here!*

Tulips are coming up, trees are getting greener and your lawn more than likely has been cut a few times. As I write this my neighbor is mowing on April 13 and soon every male on our block will be out doing yard work. You're probably also wondering if those Japanese Beetles will come back and eat everything. Well, what I

can guarantee is that our client families still need our help!

Year to date we've purchased 9,356 pounds of food. This is exceptional, but still far from our final goal. We're on a mission to turn over all items in the pantry every two months. FFM is about distribution, not storage. Come out and help!

If you like to converse with people, you are needed. If you can pick up a can of soup, you are needed. If you can bring a smile to a child's face, you are needed. We have needs in all areas of expertise!

Regardless of whether it pertains to FFM or not, we all have something to offer...

My question to you is, have you given all that *you* have to offer?

May 7, 2011, is the U.S. Postal Service's Stamp Out Hunger drive! Please donate!.

#### *May Food Donations*

This month please continue help by donating

*Tuna  
Canned Vegetables  
Paper Bags  
Cash*

Please put your donations (other than cash!) in the Shopping Cart in the main Church Hallway (outside the Parish Hall). The table in the cloakroom is now dedicated solely to the Battered Women's Shelter donations.

Many blessings,

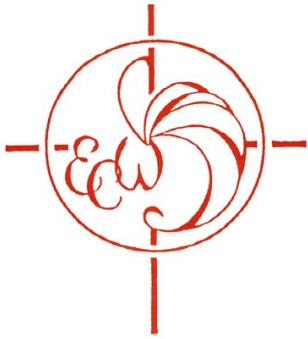
*Nick Magee*

Free Farmers' Market

## 2¢ -a-Meal Sunday

May 29, 2010

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



Tai Chi classes started in April with ten people registered for the daytime (12:00 noon) session and nine registered for the evening (6:00 p.m.) session on Mondays. The classes are held in the Dining Room and will continue for eight weeks. All the

participants are enthusiastic and are talking about further classes. Our instructor, Sandi Harris, is a delight.

On April 13, the Episcopal Church Women sponsored a trip to Trinity Cathedral's Brown Bag Wednesday Concert. We met in St. Paul's Parish's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to Cleveland. A good time was had by all.

Our May meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, with Holy Eucharist at 11:30 a.m. followed by a potluck salad lunch. We will have a wrap-up business meeting to set the date of the St. Nicholas Tea, disburse outreach funds, and handle any business remaining before the Summer break. Come join us!

Blessings to you all!

*Barbara Baird*

ECW President 2010-2011

## MUSICALLY SPEAKING

### *April Music*

In April I had the opportunity to hear a live performance of the *Choir of St. John's College*, Cambridge, England. They are one of the finest collegiate choirs in the world, known and loved by millions from their recordings, broadcasts, and concert tours. They participate in services which follow the Cathedral tradition of the Church of England, and the Choir has fulfilled this role in the life of the College since the 1670s. They were on tour in the United States and performed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron. What a joy to hear their angelic sound fill the hushed sanctuary.

Speaking of angelic sounds; what a joy to hear our congregation, choir, St. Paul's Brass and organ fill our sanctuary on Easter morning. Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed!

### *May Concerts*

St. Paul's Parish of Medina will be hosting two great concerts this month. On Tuesday, May 17, our final 12:00 noon Brown Bag Concert of the season will present *Concert Doux*. This duet specializes in music from the Baroque and Renaissance periods performing on instruments of the time. Andrea Vallejo Wead will be playing a transverse flute and Adam Wead will be playing a theorbo (bass lute).

The *Oberlin Choristers Irish Tour Choir* will be performing on Friday evening, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. They will be touring Ireland in June-July. The concert

will be a fund raiser to help defray the expenses of the tour. A recommended donation for tickets of \$10 each will be received at the door. The Oberlin Choristers is a community-based choral program for children kindergarten through twelfth grades. Based in Oberlin, Ohio, the Choristers draw most of their singers from northern Ohio, particularly Lorain County. Their lilting sounds have filled our sanctuary in the past and we look forward to hearing them again.

### *Children's Choirs*

We are looking forward to May 1, when our Sunday School Choir and Youth Choir will be presenting music at our 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist. A heartfelt Thank you! is expressed to Melinda Rucinski and Barbara Fieger for their leadership in directing these choirs.

### *Summer Worship*

Do you enjoy singing, play an instrument? We are looking for those in our congregation who would be willing to share their talent on a Sunday morning during the months of July and August. Please see me or give me a call at the church.

Musically,

*Bertie Stamper*

Music Director

## MAY MILESTONES, PRAYERS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Please look over these lists:*

We have been praying for the health and comfort of many people, at the requests of parishioners, for many weeks. Are prayers still needed? Have they recovered? Have they entered larger life in God's Presence? Should we be offering thanks or petitioning God for their repose? Please let us know so that our prayers are not needlessly, or inappropriately, offered. *The names previously on the list were removed from this month because we were not asked to keep them on for another month.*

We offer thanks for marriages, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, and all sorts of events in our parishioners' lives? Have we missed any?

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### Prayers Requested

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Our National Church	Michael Eagleson	C.D. Mohola
Our Armed Forces	Frank Ehrman	Bill O'Connell
Our President & National Leaders	Lynda Ericson	Mary Papesch
Bob Anthony	Debbie Feeks	Martha & Harvey Petersen
Barbara Baird	Gabrielle Giffords	Sandy Pitts
Al Barge	Sandra Herbst	Don Powell
Early Bender	Fr. Steve Huffstetter	Eileen Riffer
Jeff Bernow	Linda Irvin	Emma Ryan
Barbara Blair	Paula Kampf	Jane Scheel
Patti Buckelew	Bob Keller	Bill Shiel
John Buchanan, Jr.	Sandy Laubert	Tim Stamper
Fr. Tony Clavier	Nancy Lawrence	Charlie & Kathy Stehno
Bruce & Jan Davis	Alan Lincoln	Bill Sternecker, Dec.
Susan Doraty	Betty Lincoln	Joe Styfurak
Darleen Duke	Jill Lincoln	Michelle Sullivan
Nate Dynkiewicz	Jim Manning	Howard Sunnell
Ashley Eagleson	Pat Mersol	Don Udics
Gwendolyn Eagleson		Harold Wadsworth

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### Milestones

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**Ask God's Blessings on those celebrating birthdays this month:** Paul Bunner (5/1), Diane Scheel (5/2), Alanna Demers (5/4), Ellie Radabaugh (5/7), Bryce Beech (5/8), Peter Skirpstas (5/10), Peter King (5/12), Don Moore (5/14), Mary Anthony (5/15), Rochelle Barbieri (5/15), David Muffet (5/15), Patrick Coyle (5/17), Roger Buhovecky (5/21), Earl Bender (5/23), Cotton Meade (5/24), Susan Potterton (5/25), Sarah Steiner (5/25), Angie Huston (5/26), Steve Rucinski (5/26), Sue Hartman (5/27), Douglas McClure (5/27)

**Pray for these couples preparing for Holy Matrimony:** Shelley & Craig and Mairi & Jon

**Celebrate these wedding anniversaries:** Gary & Linda Garman (5/14), Jack & Rose Hose (5/15), David & Susan Muffet (5/18), Howard & Shirley Brown (5/19), Paul & Mary Raitano (5/25), Ross & Marial Bulmer (5/28), Chuck & Kathy Catanese (5/28)

**Those expecting new births:** Kim & Sean Hennigan, Jennifer & Steve Leider, Nick & Siân Magee, Victoria & Colt Robben, Stefanie & Michael Tolar

**We try to keep our prayer list up-to-date**, but that isn't possible unless we hear from you. If these prayer needs are no longer current, please let the Church Office know at 330-725-4131 or email us at [coffice@stpauls-medina.org](mailto:coffice@stpauls-medina.org)

## EPISCOPAL YOUTH CLUB (EYC)

### *Diocesan Youth Event*

Our youth and I return early Sunday morning, May 1, from the Youth Diocesan Spring Event at Christ Church, Kent, to participate in the Children's Service and the festivities of the day including Baptisms, First Communion, and the annual parish Easter Egg Hunt. We may be a little tired and you may wonder what that strange aroma in the air is. We will have worked the week-end at an Animal Sanctuary with rescued farm animals as a service project.

### *May Meetings & Activities*

During this month the Episcopal Youth Club will continue meeting at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and then attend the 6:30 p.m. Eucharist. Following Eucharist we will meet for our activities from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will have Movie and Popcorn Night on Wednesday, May 4; go to Amazon for Lazer Tag on Wednesday, May 11; hike at a park in Seville on May 18 (weather permitting); and have Game Night on Wednesday, May 25. Funds will be drawn from the Youth Treasury to pay for Lazer Tag, while the teens may bring their own cash for the arcade games.

### *Service Projects*

We will once again participate in this year's **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk**. The youth will be collecting donations for this cause and then will walk on Saturday, May 21. We encourage any parishioners to join us on the walk that Saturday. Many of us have family or friends who have been affected by this disease. We will meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. to drive to Brown's Stadium where the Walk will take off from.

The Youth are also doing a service project by selling bricks to rebuild the Episcopal Cathedral in Haiti. Donations of \$10.00 per brick can be made at our **Rebuild Our Church in Haiti** table on Sunday

mornings. This is a project of the entire Diocese of Ohio being strongly encouraged by our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth.

### **2011 Summer Mission Trip**

As a mission trip fundraiser, the EYC will be selling the *Sunday Plain Dealer* at church on Sundays; parent Heather Coyle is overseeing this activity. As I write this month's newsletter article I have not yet had my April meeting with the youth group parents to discuss other fundraisers for this year's mission trip and the trip itself (a return to Franklin, Pennsylvania, with several other

Diocese of Ohio parishes). Details will follow. The youth hope to have another car wash or two.

Any teen or adult planning on participating in the mission trip must let me know so no later than **May 31**. This is the deadline to register for this trip. I have been meeting with the leaders from the other participating churches to do the planning for the week. We will need to know how many people are attending so we can plan for food, activities and how many groups we will have going out to the different sites to work at. We are looking for someone who would be

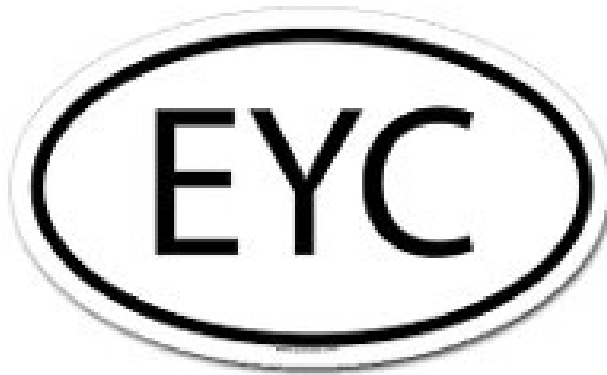
willing to go on this Mission Trip as the cook for the week. This person would be responsible for planning, shopping, and preparing the meals. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please let me know

We hope to have a lock-in in May or June with the other church youth participating in the Mission Trip. It will all depend on what other activities are happening here at St. Paul's Parish to find a slot on our calendar. This way the youth could get to know one another before the trip.

In Christ's Service,

*Mary Anthony*

EYC Advisor



## PARISH HISTORY: JOHN BUCHANAN, JR., REMEMBERS

*This month, as I recover from shoulder surgery with thanks to everyone who has helped me and prayed for me, I have a letter from John Buchanan, Jr., sharing his memories of St. Paul's Parish. Gwendolyn Eagles, Parish Historian*

The fond memories that I have of St. Paul's begin in the early 1950's. Although I have vague memories of Rev. Hardy I can't remember any details other than him being a very kind and gentle man.

My more fluid memories begin with Rev. Bob Reddish and his family, Toni, Michael, Anne, Bobby, and Tim who lived next door in the rectory which, as I recall, was white with black shutters and had a huge front porch that we used to play on. Dad would often walk up to the house and go in the back door, pour himself a cup of coffee (or something stronger) and have a chat with Bob and/or Toni. During this era the men of the parish dug dirt out by hand from under the church to build Sunday School rooms. Kids were running around and getting in the way and I remember Rev. Reddish saying, "Damn it kids, go outside and play" and then apologizing the next Sunday during his sermon for "swearing". Coffee hour was in the lower hall and was full of people.

The choir had 25 plus members and was so good that they produced an album. Ruth Steindorf and Nancy Greisinger (Roberts) were the soloists and were joined by many longtime members like my Dad, Bill Ellis, Nancy Lawrence, Ruth Haines and Seward Davis. The choir director was Frank Hobart. Father Roland Clark followed Bob Reddish, I believe, and church was much more formal. During this time the stone addition (Canterbury House) was added to the church.

Seward David was also the director of the acolytes which was made up of boys from the seventh through the twelfth grade. One started as an "observer" who followed the flag bearers in the procession. The procession was led by the crucifer followed by two candle bearers, the choir, two flag bearers, two observers, the priest, the laymen, and two more observers. Quite a show! We would have acolyte

practice every Tuesday evening for 1-2 hours and would progress from observer to flag bearer, then to candle bearer (who would assist with communion preparation and clean up) and then on to the ultimate position of crucifer. The Crucifer was usually a senior in high school and was presented with a beautiful crucifix by the Priest which was worn during the service and at practice. I recall becoming a crucifer as a junior in high school which I was very proud of. We would wear full robes and cassocks and white gloves. The service was very "High Church" and went on for a lengthy period of time. Acolytes sometimes didn't make it through the service without fainting on a hot summer Sunday morning. Also during this time Bishop Burrows would come annually for confirmation and have potluck dinner beforehand with the congregation in the hall.

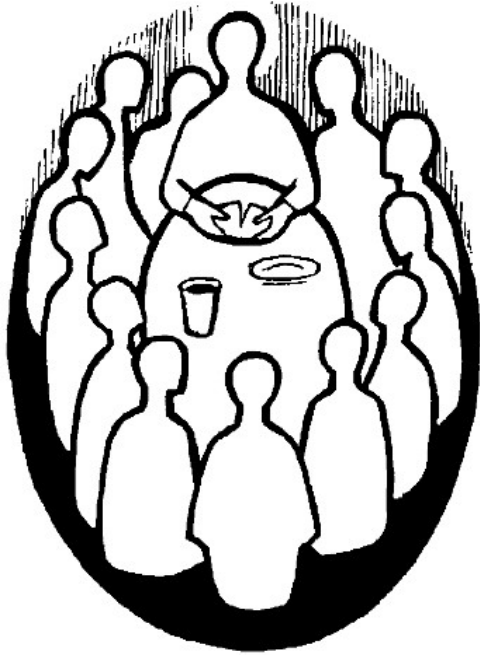
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers were a great event with Harry Van Horsten leading the group of men in the kitchen including Hank Caldwell, Phil Baird, Don Powell, Frank Miller, Bill Ellis, Seward, Dad, Harold Haines and John Wyman just to name a few. It was a very "festive" atmosphere in the kitchen with much laughter and we young men (18 or so) felt quite privileged when asked to join the group.

Rev. Tom Ashton came along and with his friend, Rev. Bill Ellis (who was interim Priest) brought a more contemporary approach to the ministry of St. Paul's which I would have expected to be a bit of a hard sell to our, generally, conservative congregation. Their charisma and wonderful personalities motivated the congregation to be more open-minded which was also, perhaps, a sign of the times. Unfortunately, Tom and Betsey's untimely deaths in a car accident shortened what, I am sure, would have been a long tenure as rector.

As you can see St. Paul's occupied a large part of my life as a young person and had a major influence in my upbringing which has continued throughout my life. I am extremely thankful for this blessing.

John Buchanan, Jr.

## EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS IN MAY



### *Serving This Month*

Scheduled to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Acolytes this month are the following. (Note to assistants: This may differ from the chart you were sent; please go by this newsletter.)

#### **MAY 1 – CHILDREN’S SERVICE**

- 8:00 a.m. Ted Freas (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson), Barbara Baird (2<sup>nd</sup> & LEM), Hildegard Bender (PoP & LEM)
- 10:00 a.m. *Sunday School Children as Lectors*, Linda Garman, Mary Anthony, and Carol Goslee as LEMs
- Acolytes:* Carly Papesh (C), Seth Lisi, Hannah Rucinski, and Nick Coyle

#### **MAY 8**

- 8:00 a.m. Sue Potterton (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson), Jeff Berno (2<sup>nd</sup> & LEM), Kathy Stehno (PoP & LEM)
- 10:00 a.m. Kim Kelly (LEM & PoP), Shirley Brown (LEM & Ps), Don Moore (LEM), Judy Delahoyde (1<sup>st</sup>), Gary Garman (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Acolytes:* Dylan Ruesch (C), Jessica Syme, Julia Syme, and Juliana Powell

#### **MAY 15**

- 8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Brewer (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson), Tim Scheel (2<sup>nd</sup> & LEM), Barbara Baird (PoP & LEM)
- 10:00 a.m. Shelley Triebisch (LEM & PoP), Don Powell (LEM & Ps), Evelyn Funston (LEM), Bobbie Foy (1<sup>st</sup>), Linda Darling (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Acolytes:* Jeff Demers (C), Hannah Rucinski, Dylan Powell, and Juliana Powell

#### **MAY 22 (Fr. Mac McCoy, Visiting Clergy)**

- 8:00 a.m. Susan Muffet (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson), Chuck Catanese (2<sup>nd</sup> & LEM), Kathy Stehno (PoP & LEM)
- 10:00 a.m. Linda Garman (LEM & PoP), Carol Goslee (LEM & Ps), Shelley Triebisch (LEM), Gary Maurer (1<sup>st</sup>), Dennis Foy (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Acolytes:* Jessica Syme (C), Julia Syme, Nick Coyle, and Seth Lisi

#### **MAY 29**

- 8:00 a.m. Susan Potterton (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson), Hildegard Bender (2<sup>nd</sup> & LEM), Jeff Nerno (PoP & LEM)
- 10:00 a.m. Kim Kelly (LEM & PoP), Linda Garman (LEM & Ps), Evelyn Funston (LEM), Don Powell (1<sup>st</sup>), Vickie Sizemore (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Acolytes:* Dylan Ruesch (C), Hannah Rucinski, Dylan Powell, and Juliana Powell

### **Liturgical Ministries**

Call the Church Office **and** Linda Garman to volunteer or to report changes in scheduling. The ministry of **Lector** (reader of lessons and leader of prayers) is open to any member of the worshipping community. The ministry of **Eucharistic Ministry** (distributor of Bread or Wine at Communion) requires that one be a confirmed communicant and undergo a diocesan course of training. If you would like to be part of the team, either as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please speak with Fr. Funston or with Linda Garman.

## MAY BROWN BAG CONCERT

The last *Brown Bag Concert* performance is coming up this The May concert will feature the Baroque transverse flute and the theorbo duo Concert Doux.

*Concerts Doux* is a chamber ensemble specializing in music from the Baroque and Renaissance periods performed on the instruments of the time. The ensemble was formed in 2008 by Andrea Vallejo Wead and Adam Wead, both students of the Early Music Institute at Indiana University. Andrea is a performer of Renaissance, Baroque, and Modern Flutes, and Adam is a specialist on plucked instruments such as the lute and theorbo. Along with celebrated performances of their concert, Music from the Court of Louis XIV at the Boston and Bloomington Early Music Festivals, the ensemble has enjoyed performing throughout Ohio, Indiana, South Carolina, and Massachusetts.

Andrea Vallejo Wead has devoted her life to music and its importance in the field of early education. A native of Cleveland, OH, she holds a Bachelor's Degree from Kent State University where she majored in Music Education as well as Flute Performance, and a Master's Degree in Early Music from Indiana University. As a soloist, Andrea has performed in master classes on the Baroque flute for notable musicians such as Barthold Kuijken, Wilbert Hazelzet, Christopher Krueger and

Janet See and has pursued private studies with Kathie Lynn Stewart and Michael McCraw. As a Modern flutist she has also studied with Katherine DeJongh and Diane Fiocca. She is currently continuing her education at Baldwin-Wallace College where she will earn her Certification in Music Therapy.

Adam Wead studied lute in Florence, Italy, and holds degrees from Peabody Conservatory and Indiana University. His teachers include Gian Luca Lastricoli, Mark Cudek and Nigel North. His solo appearances include the National Shrine to Music Museum in Vermilion, South Dakota, as well as the Bloomington and Boston Early Music Festivals. He has performed and lectured at the University of Edmonton, and with the CapRock Early Music Association in Lubbock, Texas. His performances have been broadcast nationally on NPR's syndicated show *Harmonia* and he has recorded for the Koch record label. Since 1999, he has performed for thousands of elementary and high school students throughout Kentucky under the sponsorship of New Performing Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing arts education to rural counties in Kentucky. He appears regularly with the ensemble *Ostraka*, in Atlanta, Georgia.

## ALTAR GUILD ASSIGNMENTS

### *Sacristy Teams*

Our four teams of Sacristans serve for one week in rotation beginning each Saturday; they handle all the services (including weddings and funerals) during the next week. Teams serving this month will be the following (listed according to the Sunday for which they are responsible):

#### *May 1*

*Team A:* Diane Scheel, Mary Jane Brewer, Linda Darling, and Sandra Herbst

#### *May 8*

*Team B:* Mary Anthony, Rosanna Powell, Judy Delahoyde, and Liz Fellhoelter

#### *May 15*

*Team C:* Sue Potterton, Ginny Selmants, Rose Hose, and Kathy Catanese

#### *May 22*

*Team D:* Kim Kelly, Bonnie Freas, Nancy Marquard and Barbara Michelson

#### *May 29*

*Team A:* Diane Scheel, Mary Jane Brewer, Linda Darling, and Sandra Herbst

### *Thanks, Sacristans!*

The ministry of the Altar Guild Sacristans is a very necessary one, but often one that goes unnoticed. Please be sure to thank these dedicated members for their service to St. Paul's Parish. The Altar Guild is always open to all who wish to join this important ministry. Our teams serve once every four weeks, and we would love to have you join us. Please contact me, any member of the Guild, or Fr. Eric.

Many Blessings,

*Kim Kelly*

Altar Guild Director

## **ANNUAL CAKE AUCTION: TIPS FOR COMPETITORS**

The Annual Gentlemen's Cake Auction (this is the fourth!) has been set for May 22 following the 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist. We went to *About.Com* and copied these tips for the amateur cake bakers who may be trying their hand this year:

### ***Temperature & Cookware***

- If your oven temperature is questionable, invest in an oven thermometer. Some ovens can be off by as much as 75°.
- Before mixing the batter, prepare the pans, turn the oven on, and make sure the rack is in the center.
- Shiny pans reflect the heat, and are your best choice for cake baking.
- Reduce the oven temperature by 25° when using glass pans.
- Substitute 8-inch square pans for round if you want, or use 2 to 3 8 X 4-inch loaf pans. The baking time will be less, so begin checking about 15 minutes before the time suggested.
- Have all ingredients at room temperature for best results.
- Grease pans with about 1 tablespoon of fat per layer pan.
- Use cocoa (or carob powder) instead of flour for dusting a greased pan when making a chocolate cake.

### ***Ingredients & Techniques***

- When measuring flour, fluff it in the bag then spoon into the measuring cup; level off with a knife.
- To "lighten" a hard wheat flour, spoon 2 to 4 tablespoons of cornstarch into a 1-cup dry measure, then sprinkle the flour in until full and scrape off the excess with the back side of a knife.
- For better texture, try substituting buttermilk for regular milk in your cake recipe. For each cup of buttermilk used, add 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda to the dry ingredients.
- Beat butter and sugar for as long as the recipe directs.
- To make a lighter cake, separate the eggs first. Add the yolks to the butter mixture, beat the egg whites then fold into the batter.

- In general, use 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder for every cup of flour in cake batters.
- To speed up the softening of cold butter, grate or thinly slice it and let stand for about 10 minutes over a bowl of warm water.
- Toss nuts, raisins and chopped fruits in flour first. This will help keep them suspended in batters.
- To split layer cakes loop a long strand of unflavored dental floss around the center of the cake horizontally. Cross the ends and slowly and firmly pull on each end to cut cleanly through the cake.
- Cool the cake thoroughly before frosting.
- To moisten confectioners' sugar frostings, use other liquids in place of milk. Melted jelly, fruit juices, coffee, peanut butter (with a little milk), honey, or maple syrup are just a few alternatives.
- Make chocolate whipped cream by combining 2 tablespoons each unsweetened cocoa powder and confectioners' sugar in a mixing bowl. Gradually stir in 1 cup whipping cream, then refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before beating.

We hope these tips will be of assistance to our competitors.

The proceeds of this year's Cake Auction will benefit the Christian Education program by funding the purchase of a new, wide-screen, flat-screen television. Any additional funds remaining after that purchase will fund the acquisition of the Godly Play manipulatives used by our youngest students in Sunday School.

**Gentlemen!**  
**Start Your**  
**Ovens!**