

The Epistle

Warden's Wonderings

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I have been blessed to have 3 mothers in my life. The first is my birth mother, Claire Baird, who passed away in 1976. She was a stay at home mom who was very active. She was a Gray Lady at Medina Hospital, she belonged to Kings Daughters Circle and ECW, and she sang in the choir. She had a lovely voice (soprano) which I unfortunately did not inherit.

What I did inherit is her love of cooking, her sense of humor, and her love of practical jokes. One of my favorites is going to Girl Scout Camp at Camp Craig. We were in junior high at the time. There were probably six or seven troops, each with their own cabin and a Senior Girl Scout that was like an assistant leader. Mom had a bed roll instead of a sleeping bag. The Senior Scouts took her blankets and laid them out on the lawn in front of the cabins. The girls told Mom they were going to sleep under the stars. Mom was not upset, she thought it was funny but she was not to be outdone! The next morning, while the girls were showering, Mom went in and took their "baby doll" pajamas. When we went to breakfast the pajamas were displayed on the antlers of the moose and deer heads.

If you would like to hear some of the other stories,

please just ask me. I love telling them.

My second Mom was my mother-in-law, totally the opposite of my Mom. She was raised on a tobacco farm and married a dairy farmer, was a hard worker, and an excellent baker. My favorites were what she called "poor man's pie," when she made maple frosted donuts and fresh rhubarb sauce.

There was no heat in upstairs of the old farmhouse. When we came "home" for a weekend, we stayed warm at night with heavy, homemade quilts. Breakfast consisted of pancakes, fried eggs, either egg gravy or tomato gravy, biscuits, bacon and sausage, and unpasteurized whole milk.

She passed away several years ago. I miss her and her poor man's pie. I wish I had taken the time to learn how to make that pie. She always made it from memory.

My third Mom is Barbara Baird, which many of you know. She married my Dad several years after my Mother had passed away. She is just as much a Mom to me as my Birth Mother.

I went from learning the ins and outs of the dairy farm to the ins and outs of having chickens! I learned about having an herb garden and how much better fresh herbs

make a meal. My favorite dish is, without a doubt, her chicken dumpling soup. She always makes it for my birthday! I've watched her make the dumplings several times. But mine are never as good as hers. I've decided it is because hers are made with love. I love you Mom.

I have wondered what I would do if a spirit came down from heaven and told me that I would bear the Son of God. Would I have the courage and the strength to do it? Or would I say sorry you have the wrong person. I hope that I would say "Yes Lord."

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

~ **Isiah 66:13 KJV**

Life with God is like an unsharpened pencil --- it has no point.

~ **Unknown**

Here are flowers for all the Moms! God Bless you.



Chris Fulton

Senior Warden

Episcopal Youth Community

Our youth are counting down the day to the end of the school year, especially our seniors. May is always a very busy time at school and here in youth group. It will be bittersweet to say goodbye to our seniors Juliana Powell, Jackie Dilsavor, Seth Lisi, Andrew Laub and Wesley Laub. We wish them well as they journey on to a new beginning but we will miss them here at St. Paul's. We hope they will visit often.

On Friday, May 2 to Sunday, May 4 our youth will participate in the Spring Youth Gathering being held at Church of the Ascension, Lakewood. This weekend will be all about music. A Christian Rock band will be with us all weekend. They will perform a concert on Saturday and provide the music during the service on Sunday.

On Saturday, May 10, the youth and their parents are invited to a workshop just for youth on Human Trafficking at the Annual ECW Diocesan Meeting at Christ Episcopal Church in Warren, Ohio. Far from being a problem in third world countries, it's right on our doorstep in all its forms; we see it on TV or read about it in the newspapers almost daily. Close to home are the mother and child who were held as slaves in Ashland for their government checks. Ohio is 5th in the country for

Human Trafficking. The Keynote Speaker is going to be Theresa Flores a nationally renowned speaker on the subject who was a victim as a teenager – you will find her story doesn't fit our traditional view of this problem. If you don't think human trafficking happens in your zip code, think again. Survivor and Author Theresa Flores travels the U.S. sharing her story of trafficking and being a sex slave while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit, Michigan. At 15 years of age, she was drugged, raped and tortured for two long years, kept in bondage, forced to pay back an impossible debt as a sex slave. All the while living at home, attempting to keep her family safe. She attended school during the day along side of her traffickers, only to be called into 'service' late each night while her unknowing family slept. Involuntarily involved in a large criminal ring, Theresa endured more as a child than most adults will ever face their entire lives. The workshop is for Junior and Senior High School students and begins at 1 pm at Christ Church. There is no cost for youth to attend this workshop. Adults are \$10. Adults may attend the workshop with their youth or attend the one for adults. I will be at the meeting starting the day before, as I am on the Diocesan Board, so I will not be able to

transport our youth to this event. Parents who are willing to drive the youth out to Warren, please let me know.

Calling all scrapbookers and cardmakers!!! On Saturday, May 17, our youth will host an All Day CROP fundraiser to raise money for this year's Mission Trip and for the youth who are attending the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) this summer in Villanova, PA. The CROP will run from 9 am to 9 pm. The youth will be available to unload and load all participant's cars that day. You will share a six foot table, 3' X 30" table space. Over 300 Cricut cartridges available for your use, door prizes, vendors and much more. Lunch and dinner are also included in your registration fee. Early registration is \$40 if you register and pay by May 10. After that the registration fee is \$45. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's and mailed with your registration to Diana Fisher, 930 Shorewood Dr., Medina, OH 44256. Registration forms are available on the table in the Gallery or from me. If you don't scrapbook invite your friends who do, to attend this event.

Mary Anthony,
Youth Group Advisor

Christian Education

Here we are in the last month of the school year. This year has certainly flown by. As we wind down in Sunday School we look forward to some warmer weather. Certainly there won't be any snow in May right? Our children look forward to taking their class out of doors on warm Spring Sundays.

A reminder that there will be a Parent Meeting after the 10 am service and Easter Egg Hunt, on Sunday, May 18. Although we do not have Sunday School, per se in the Summer months we do offer Children's Storytime and I will be looking for volunteers each Sunday to continue as storytellers and doorkeepers as we continue on with Bible stories from our Godly Play curriculum. We will also

discuss the possibility of having some family oriented activities during the summer, such as Movie Night, Zoo-Day etc. Please come with ideas that you would like to see offered.

During May our lessons will focus on: Sunday, May 4, Jesus and The Twelve (Apostles) entering more deeply into the stories and symbols of the twelve Apostles; Sunday, May 11, Children's Service, this will be a special tribute to our Moms; Sunday, May 18, The Good Shepherd and World Communion focusing on the Good Shepherd and communion of nature and people, with God, and each other; Sunday, May, No Sunday School, Memorial Day Weekend.

Heather Coyle and Melinda

Rucinski will be busy this month working on our Children's Service to be held Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day as our teachers will be busy working on a special project with the children for their Moms. Please try to make sure your children are here each Sunday so they can participate.

On Sunday May 18, we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Easter is a season not just a day. Our Easter Bunnies in Youth Group will be busy stuffing eggs for the hunt. I am looking for donations of Easter Candy that can be left in the box outside my office for this egg hunt. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Mary Anthony

Dir. of Religious Education

Nursery News

Sometimes the older stories are worth hearing again. Here is an excerpt from The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams:

"What is REAL?" asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a

long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "when you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up" he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break

easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all because once you are Real you can't ever be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

Join us in the nursery. We are keeping it real.

Cara Mickens

Worship Ministers



May 4

8:00 am

Marial Bulmer (1st)
 Hildegard Bender (2nd &
 LEM)
 Barbara Baird (PoP &
 LEM)

10:00 am

Dennis Foy (1st)
 Eldon Bush (2nd)
 Craig Kolendo (Ps & LEM)
 Kim Kelly (Pop & LEM)
 Carol Goslee (LEM)
 (Acolytes)
 Jessica Syme (C)
 Julia Syme
 J.Dilsavor
 D. Powell

May 11

8:00 am

Sue Potterton (1st)
 Kathy Stehno (2nd & LEM)
 Jeff Berno (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Sandra Herbst (1st)
 Vicki Sizemore (2nd
 &LEM)

Shirley Brown (Ps & LEM)

Linda Garman (PoP &
 LEM)

Evelyn Funston (LEM)
 (Acolytes)

D. Ruesch (C)

N. Coyle

A. Laub

B. D. Powell

May 18

8:00 am

Mary Jane Brewer (1st)
 Chuck Catanese (2nd &
 LEM)

Hildegard Bender (Pop &
 LEM)

10:00 am

Marc Stamper (1st)
 Tim Stamper (2nd)
 Carol Goslee (Ps & LEM)
 Tim Scheel (PoP & LEM)
 Kim Kelly (LEM)
 (Acolytes)
 Jessica Syme (C)
 Julia Syme
 K. Lisi
 H. Rucinski

May 25

8:00 am

Marial Bulmer (1st)
 Barbara Baird (2nd & LEM)
 Jeff Berno (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Judy Delahoyde (1st)
 Paul Bunner (2nd)
 Mary Anthony (Ps & LEM)
 Craig Kolendo (PoP &
 LEM)
 Gary Garman (LEM)
 (Acolytes)
 D. Ruesch (C)
 J. Dilsavor
 J.Powell
 D. Powell



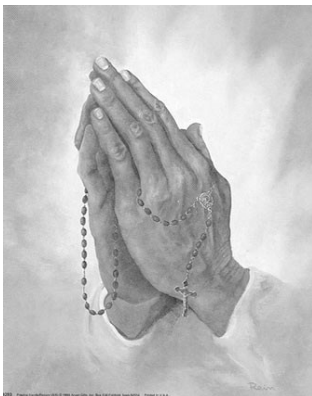
Birthdays

5/1	Paul Bunner	5/20	Ron Badovick	5/26	Steve Rucinski
5/2	Diane Scheel	5/21	Roger Buhovecky	5/27	Sue Hartman
5/4	Lanna Demers	5/22	Tommy Matthey		Doug McClure
5/10	Peter Skirpstas		Cotton Meade	5/30	Michael Matthey
5/12	Peter King	5/23	Cotton Meade		
5/15	Mary Anthony	5/25	Sarah Steiner		
	David Muffet	5/26	Andrew Hennigan		
5/17	Patrick Coyle		Angie Huston		



Anniversaries

5/14	Gary & Linda Garman	5/19	Howard & Shirley Brown	5/23	John & Jane Fink
5/15	Jack & Rose Hose	5/21	Brian & Roanne Lisi	5/28	Ross & Marial Bulmer
5/18	David & Susan Muffet		Don & Sarah Wood		Chuck & Kathy Catanese
		5/22	Jeff & Claudia Boone		



Prayers & Thanksgiving

At All Times
 Our National Church
 Our Armed Forces
 Our President &
 National Leaders

For Healing & Strength
 Barbara Blair
 Amy Boster
 Patti Buckelew
 Mary Carson
 Kathy Catanese
 Susan Doraty
 Darleen Duke
 Gwendolyn Eagleson

Caitlin Funston
 Elizah Gattiker
 Linda Irvin
 Paula Kampf
 Bob Keller
 Kirsten Lisi
 Seth Lisi
 Christie Matthey
 Bill O'Connell
 Steve Reid
 Dylan Ruesch
 Elizabeth Rucinski
 Bill Shiel
 Ray Sizemore, Sr.
 Michelle Sullivan

Becky Tough

For Healthy Pregnancies
 Michael & Patrick
 Funston
 Amanda & Jeremy Pfahl
 Jeni & Matt Scheel
 Michelle & Brett Thomas

Rector's Reflection

Spring, Ramps, New Birth – Alleluia!



There are all sorts of signs of new life in the spring-time. Chicks of various bird species make their presence known with cheeps and peeps. Small bunnies hop across our backyards. The deer wander through, perhaps accompanied by youngsters – fawns or yearlings.

In my native southern Nevada, the spring monsoons flood the desert for a few days and a riot of color bursts forth for, similarly, just a few days. In the hills of West Virginia and other southern states, there are ramps.

I'd heard of ramps, sometimes called "wild leeks", many years ago but never had the chance to experience them until we came to Ohio and met Paul Bunner, a native West Virginian. In the area around Paul's hometown of Backhannon, they hold "ramps festivals" to welcome spring. Paul and Susan often take a weekend to attend a festival and, for the past couple of years, they've brought us back some ramps, which we enjoy cooking into hash browns and omelets. This year, we are going to go to the ramp festival with them.

The ramp bulb resembles that of a scallion, but it is the beautiful flat, broad leaves that set it apart. According to **The Encyclopedia of American Food and Drink**, the name "ramp" is derived from "rams," or "ramson," an Elizabethan term for wild garlic.

The flavor and odor of ramps is usually compared to a combination of onions and garlic, and the garlic odor is particularly strong. Strong enough, in fact, that even ramp-lovers will advise caution. Paul says that if he ate raw ramps as a kid, he'd be kicked off the school bus for several days!

I love onions and garlic and so I think ramps add wonderful and uniquely pungent flavor to any dish. I like to scramble them into eggs or fry them with potatoes; they're good sautéed with kale or other greens; and a few chopped raw leaves really add to a salad.

The last weekend of April (which will have passed by the time you receive this) we are going to join the Bunnars in Elkins, W.Va., for the annual ramps festival. It will be our first and I'm really looking forward to it.

A wild garlicky onion may not be everyone's idea of a

spring time treat, but whatever says "Spring!" to you, I hope that you will enjoy it fully. Remember that every new bloomed wildflower (whether a garlic blossom or something else), every little bunny and every little bird, is a sign of the rebirth and regeneration of which our Lord's Resurrection is the ultimate example: God's promise that the world is renewed," that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things."

Also by the time you receive this, our son Patrick and his wife Michael will have announced and made it "Facebook Official" that they are pregnant! We are looking forward to our first grandchild sometime in early fall! That's even more exciting than going to our first ramps festival!

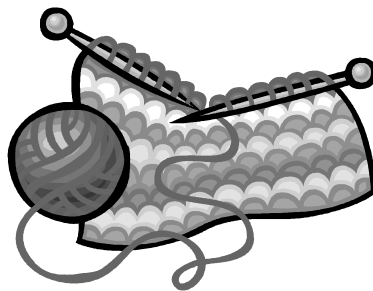
Easter continues! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Blessings to all,

Fr. Erica

Top Ten Things Knitting Has Taught Me

10. It is nowhere near as easy as it looks.
9. It is a slow process. Rome wasn't built in a day and neither was this sweater knitted in an hour.
8. Do not engage a crocheter in combat.
7. Having feelings about yarn is normal. You will grow to love and adore the beauty of string. It's okay. This is all part of the transformation.
6. Knitters and crocheters are some of the most helpful, friendly, and nice people you will ever meet.
5. Its okay to not know what you're doing.
4. Every handmade gift took a lot of time, a lot of patience, and a lot of love. Even if you don't like it, it should mean something that the person took the time to make you it.
3. Craft stores are the best places in the world.
2. First projects are awful. But in a cute way.
1. A knitter can be anyone. It's not just an old lady, or whatever. A knitter can be a teenager, a mom, a dad, or even an explorer. Anyone can knit. People from all different backgrounds. Languages and places. There is no stereotypical knitter. There are only people who love the craft.



Join the Happy Clickers every Tuesday evening 6-8 pm as they make prayer shawls. Or the May Gresham Group every Thursday afternoon 12:30-2:30 pm as they make scarves, hats, and sweaters for the Seaman's Institute of America.

Altar Guild

5/4- Team D

Kim Kelly, Bonnie Freas, Nancy Marquard, Barbara Michelson and Marial Bulmer

5/11 - Team B

Mary Anthony, Rosana Powell, Judy Delahoyde, Liz Fellhoelter, Kathy & Chuck Catanese

5/18- Team C

Sue Potterton, Ginny Selmants, Peggy Bush, and Rose Hose

5/25- Team D

Kim Kelly, Bonnie Freas, Nancy Marquard, Barbara Michelson and Marial Bulmer



Ushers

5/4 Joe Mahn
Kathleen Mahn

5/18 Sean Hennigan
Patti Papesh

5/11 Eldon Bush
Peggy Bush

5/25 Mark Hansen
Paul Bunner

Coffee Hour Hosts



5/4 Gentlemen's
Cake Auction

5/11 Sizemore's
Rucinski's

5/18 NEED HOSTS

5/25 NEED HOSTS

Please sign up to host our fellowship after the 10 a.m. service. The Sign-Up Sheet is in the Gallery, or you may call

Lectionary Readings

5/4 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116,1-3, 10-17
1Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

5/18 Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

5/11 Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

5/25 Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 13:15-21



Worship

I saw the following on the sign board of Sharon Center United Methodist Church last month, but forgot to put it in my worship musings.

LENT: Spring Training

EASTER: Opening Day

When I shared it with several friends who are baseball fans, they enjoyed the analogy.

As I am writing this, we have just stepped into Holy Week. The palms have arrived and are now in buckets of water, ready for the Altar Guild team to put them in vases, tie them to the processional cross, and make ready for Palm Sunday. The Hangings have been changed to the Red Wool – the church's way of changing uniforms, with several more "uniform

changes" to be made during Holy Week. All leading up to a splendid Opening Day—a Glorious Resurrection Sunday, with the church bursting forth in glorious song, bloom and celebration of the Risen Christ.

Reflecting back; this year's Lenten Study Program *Embracing Spiritual Awakening* was very thought provoking. Lots of questions and lots of responses. A different and interesting way to look at one's spirituality and looking at the changing cultural landscape in North America.

We will now be continuing our Wednesday Evening Bible Study, using Synthesis CE from 7-8:30 pm following Midweek Eucharist at 6:30 pm. The Synthesis CE follows the

Revised Common Lectionary, in which, we read and discuss the previous Sunday's Gospel. Sometimes we stay on task with the questions listed each week, and sometimes we take some interesting "side trips" into researching points of "clarity" from the study questions and interpretations. This has led us to bring additional reference materials, so we can gain a greater understanding to our journey.

May you have a Blessed Month.

Kim Kelly

Battered Women's Shelter

I hope that you or a family member has never faced domestic violence. But those that do are usually women. They often stay in this volatile situation because they have no money to leave or a place to go. The Battered Women's Shelter is a place that women and their children can escape to, frequently in the middle of the night with nothing but the clothes on their back.

They need our help! There is a red box sitting on the floor or maybe the table by the dining room entrance. Have you seen it? Items that are placed in the box are donated to the Battered Women's Shelter.

There is no special donation like the "2¢ a meal collection." It's not as easy as put-

ting a couple of dollars in the basket. But it is not hard. All that is required is a trip to the Dollar Tree, Marc's, Big Lots or other discount store. There you can find many items for \$1.00, such as toilet paper, dish detergent, soap, toothbrushes, etc. Imagine the good we could do if every family in this congregation would bring just one item, once a month. Just \$12 per year! Will you help us?

The following items are currently needed in the shelters for both children and adults: ***Paper Products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates.***

Help for Battered Women

If you are a victim of do-

mestic violence, help is available. You can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or any of the following Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina County 24-Hour Confidential Domestic Violence Hotlines:

Summit County Hotline
(330) 374-1111

Summit County Toll Free Hotline (888) 395-4357

Medina County Hotline
(330) 723-3900

Medina County Toll Free Hotline (877) 414-1344

Susan Bunner

Chris Fulton

Episcopal Church Women

ECW members met on Wed, April 9 for a brown bag lunch and business meeting. Discussions were held about beginning to work, especially advertising, on this year's St. Nicholas Tea. The decision was made to begin earlier so that we get the attention of potential attendees before they make alternate plans for those dates. Discussions

were also held, and money allocated, to a variety of projects. St. Paul's hosted a Summit Mission Area business meeting and lunch on April 28th. Our next meeting will take place on Wed, May 14. We will meet at 11:30 for Eucharist, with a pot luck lunch to follow and a presentation by Vicki Sizemore about the renovation of their home. The June meeting will

be an "appreciation luncheon" at the Pine Tree Barn in Wooster. Exact date and time will be announced in May and there will be a sign up sheet so that we know how many to expect.

Maija Mosley

ECW President



CROP AROUND THE CLOCK FUNDRAISER
For ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP
SATURDAY May 17, 2014
9:00am-9:00pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
317 E. Liberty Street
Medina, Ohio



The youth group will be available
to help unload and load
your supplies.

You will share a 6' table with
another crop attendee.

Over 300 Cricut Cartridges
available for use

ALL DAY CROP
Early Registration Fee \$40.00
After May 10 \$45.00
(registration and payment must be received
prior to May 10, 2014 to receive the discount)

Lunch and Dinner Provided
Refreshments available all day
Product Demonstrations
Door Prizes
Included:
3'x30" Table Space
(You will share a 6' Table)

Check us on Facebook for up to date information for the weekend
<http://www.facebook.com/croparoundtheclock>

Tables are limited and Pre-registration is required, Thank you

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Please seat me with:

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Send Registration to: Diana Fisher, 930 Shorewood Drive, Medina, OH 44256

Email: bizz@zoominternet.net Phone: 330-416-0569

Musically Speaking



THANK YOU

What a joy to hear our congregation, choir, St. Paul's Brass and organ fill our sanctuary on Easter morning. Hallelujah he is risen indeed! A special thank you to all of our musicians who helped us raise the songs of gladness.

BROWN BAG CONCERT — TUESDAY MAY 20

Mark the date on your calendar and bring a friend to our final concert for the Winter/Spring season. Mary Beth Ions is returning with her magical violin. She performed at our October 2012 Brown Bag Concert and is back by popular demand.

For over 25 years she has been one of Cleveland's most active musicians. She plays in the Opera Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Pops Orchestra, Trinity Ca-

thedral Chamber Orchestra, and Playhouse Square productions of touring Broadway shows such as Phantom of the Opera, Miss Saigon Showboat, South Pacific, Titanic and the Color Purple. Her list of musical performances is long and impressive. Recently Ms. Ions has been performing at the Cleveland Clinic's newly formed Arts and Medicine Institute as part of a team of artists dedicated to the mission of healing through music.

Melinda Rucinski will create our brown bag lunches. The cost is still \$5.00. You can reserve yours by calling the church office at 330-725-4131 at least 24 hours before the May 20 concert date.

MAY 9 CLEVELAND PHILHARMONIC

The Chamber Ensemble of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra will play here

on Friday, May 9, at 8 p.m. The program features works by Ewazen, Bach, and Mozart. Tickets at \$10 at the door or online at Eventbrite.com.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

It's never too late to think about the talent that is in our congregation that can be shared on a Sunday morning during the months of June, July and August. Please see me or give me a call at the church (330-725-4131) if you have any ideas or talent you wish to share. The last day for our choir to sing on a Sunday morning for this season will be June 15th

Musically yours,

Bertie Stamper

Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra

Chamber Ensemble

May 9, 2014 — 8:00 p.m.

Tickets—\$10 at the door or online at Eventbrite.com

Eric Ewazen

Sinfonia for Strings

J.S. Bach

Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins, Strings, and Continuo, BWV 1043

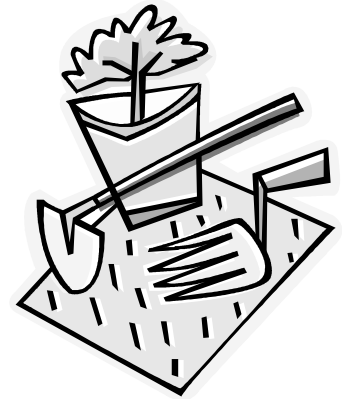
W.A. Mozart

Symphony #25 in G Minor, K. 183

Gardens

Yes, spring is here and a big “Thank You” to the 21 volunteers who pitched in on Saturday, April 12th to tidy up our property. After the brutal winter and some neglect during the construction last year, it was time to get our yard in order. Mother Nature cooperated and the turnout was nothing short of amazing! Participants included:

Tim Scheel	Mark & Keni Hansen
Paul Bunner	Sarah Steiner
Bob Gerrick	Tim Stamper
Judy Delahoyde	Marc Stamper
Roger Buhovecky	Judith DuBose
Tami Keck	Don Powell
Vicki Sizemore	Steve & Melinda Rucinski
Dennis & Bobbie Foy	Dylan Ruesch
Eldon Bush	Pam Ruesch



The amount of work we accomplished was remarkable. Imagine how the property will look when Simmons completes the landscaping this spring. I don't know about you, but I feel close to God when I get to immerse myself in the miracle of nature. Thanks be to God!

Dennis Foy

Building & Grounds Chair

Parish History

In 1902, St. Paul's rector Rev. Francis E. McManus wrote a history of the Church, *A Simply Told Story*. He said that first service was held March 10, 1817 when nine men “united themselves into St. Paul's congregation”. On April 10 they assembled about 25 men and boys with two teams, cleared the land and built a log cabin in one day. It stood in a

field about where Weymouth Road crosses Old Weymouth Road today. The cabin was 15x20', roofed with bark and clods of dry grass. It was used for most of a year, then the logs were reassembled more substantially. It served as both church and school (Eliza Northrop taught and was married in it) until it burned in the spring of 1819. The Epis-

copalians met on alternate Sundays with the Congregationalists at Weymouth school until 1831 when Episcopalians moved to Medina. Ransom & Clark, Samuel Stoddard & Sherman Bronson formed the building committee. The original church “36x50 white frame with tower” was built in 1835.

Year-to-Date Income & Expense Statement

Operating Fund

March 2014

<i>Income</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
General Fund Contributions	\$58,828.28	\$64,115.72	-\$5,287.44
Other Contributions	\$1,611.50	\$1,779.48	-\$167.98
Non-Contribution Income	\$8,587.75	\$1,797.48	\$6,790.27
Grants Received	\$1,883.33	\$3,075.01	-\$1,191.68
Total Income	\$70,924.81	\$70,780.20	\$144.61
Transfers in	\$0	\$352.26	-\$352.26
Total Resources	\$70,924.81	\$71,132.46	-\$207.65
<i>Expenses</i>			
Payroll Expense	\$37,907.15	\$37,874.75	-\$32.40
Program Expenses	\$17,567.32	\$14,834.00	-\$2,733.32
Operations	\$28,801.34	\$19,879.04	-\$8,922.30
Total Expenses	\$84,275.81	\$72,587.79	-\$11,688.02
Transfers to Savings	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00
Total Outflows	\$84,475.81	\$72,587.79	-\$
Excess	-\$13,551.00	-\$1,455.33	-\$12,095.67

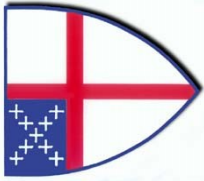
There is a lot of “red ink” showing up in the parish’s operating account at the end of the first quarter; we can lay the blame, basically, on the weather. Our past winter was very cold and the weather was lousy, particularly on weekends. As a result, attendance was down and our anticipated contributions to the general fund, at the end of the quarter, are more than \$5,000 less than we’d expected.

The same bad weather accounts for more than \$3,000 of excess snow removal expenses and nearly \$2,000 more heating (natural gas) expense. The weather may also have

been a factor in the need to replace our water heater at a cost of over \$2,100. As expenses increase, so does our diocesan assessment (which is calculated on expenses), so that went up more than a \$1,000 over our budget!

As you make your plans for summer travel, please consider prepaying your pledged or planned church donations!

Joseph W. Mahn,
Parish Treasurer

May		St. Paul's Episcopal Church Calendar				2014	
Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>LOCATION CODE CR = Common Room DR = Dining Room MR = Middle School Room PH = Parish Hall TR = Teen Room WS = Worship Space</p>		<p><i>For more information on events, see articles in this issue of St. Paul's Epistle or visit us online at http://www.stpauls-medina.org</i></p>			<p>1 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 12:30 p.m. May Gresham Knitters (CR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)</p>	<p>2 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Godly Play (Pre-K-5) 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Gentlemen's Cake Auction</p>	<p>5 5:30 p.m. EFM Seminar (PH)</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (PH) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (DR)</p>	<p>7 6:00 p.m. EYC (Youth Group) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (CR) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)</p>	<p>8 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 12:30 p.m. May Gresham Knitters (CR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)</p>	<p>9 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR) 8:00 p.m. Cleveland Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble</p>	<p>10</p>	
<p>11 Children's Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>12 5:30 p.m. EFM Seminar (PH)</p>	<p>13 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (PH) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (DR)</p>	<p>14 11:30 a.m. ECW Mgt. (WS, DR) 6:00 p.m. EYC (Youth Group) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (CR) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)</p>	<p>15 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 12:30 p.m. May Gresham Knitters (CR) 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Challenge (DR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)</p>	<p>16 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p>17 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Scrapbooking Fundraiser</p>	
<p>18 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 2:30 p.m. EFM Seminar (PH)</p>	<p>19 5:30 p.m. EFM Seminar (PH)</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (PH) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 12:00 Noon Brown Bag Concert (WS) 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (DR)</p>	<p>21 6:00 p.m. EYC (Youth Group) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (CR) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)</p>	<p>22 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 12:30 p.m. May Gresham Knitters (CR) 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Challenge (DR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)</p>	<p>23 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p>24 9:00 a.m. Free Farmers Market (DR)</p>	
<p>25 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 2:30 p.m. EFM Seminar (PH)</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day Office Closed 5:30 p.m. EFM Seminar (PH)</p>	<p>27 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (PH) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (DR)</p>	<p>28 6:00 p.m. EYC (Youth Group) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (CR) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)</p>	<p>29 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 12:30 p.m. May Gresham Knitters (CR) 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Challenge (DR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)</p>	<p>30 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p>31 9:00 a.m. Free Farmers Market (DR)</p>	



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