



July 2008
GoodNewsLetter

4th of July Picnic

The fun begins at 7 PM & includes:

- ✦ **Live music**
- ✦ **Fireworks**
- ✦ **Independence Day service**
- ✦ **Food**
- ✦ **Music by Mary Reynolds**
- ✦ **Children's activities**
- ✦ **Games & fun, fun, fun!!!**



A \$5 donation is suggested.

(children 6 and under are free)

Additional cost for beer.

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, bug spray, neighbors & friends.

Beer and an attractive, alternative beverage will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the Guild of St. George.

Volunteers are needed, so please call the office at 235-3436.

Formation

Muchas Gracias!

The Mexico Mission Team would like to thank St. Paul's for all of their support and prayers. The mission trip in 2008 was very successful. The mission team of nine was able to paint the outside of two churches, distribute 500 bags of food and distribute 100 pairs of glasses/sunglasses/reading glasses. More importantly, we were able to visit and worship with our old friends and make new friends. Thank you all for your support in a worthwhile ministry that St. Paul's has been involved in for the last 10 years.

Life Line Screening At St. Paul's

Friday, July 11, call to register

Life Line Screening will be at St. Paul's on Friday, July 11, 2008. This organization will be in Dean Willey Hall and will screen participants for Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening and Peripheral Arterial Disease. Life Line uses non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology. Pre-registration is required so call 1-800-324-1851. For questions, call Marilyn Robertson at 590-5266. This is a wonderful opportunity to be proactive in your health.

End Of Life Issues – Legal Issues

Sunday, July 20 at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall

On Sunday, July 20, Sherry Sullivan will be sharing information concerning making a plan for your earthly possessions. This will include Wills and helpful information on how to have a plan in place for you and your family.

Special Thanks

For My St. Paul's Family,

I want to thank all of you for the wonderful reception following my ordination to the Diaconate. You all have been wonderful and very supportive through this journey. It was a beautiful and memorable day and I appreciate all of your efforts to make this happen. You are a very loving, caring and giving family and I truly appreciate this encouraging environment. Thank you all for your gracious spirit and for your support.

– The Rev. Marilyn Robertson

Youth

Camp Cathedral 2008

The Saints Of God

The Saints Of God is our newly formatted inter-generational Camp Cathedral. We will meet four consecutive Wednesday evenings in July: the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. We will begin with supper in Dean Willey Hall at 5:30 and then proceed to Camp with *The Saints Of God*, or to a book study with Canon Joplin, or to a travel tour with Dean Back. We will conclude each evening by 8:30 PM.

As usual, Campers will receive tee shirts, and this year's design is posted on the bulletin board. Please register by July 1 to reserve one in your size. CAMP registration forms for both Campers and Volunteers are in the reception area!

Important Info

Bookstore Summer Hours

The Cathedral Book and Gifts store is now keeping summer hours, and is currently open Monday through Friday, 10 AM–2 PM, and on Sundays after morning services.

Cathedral Books & Gifts will also be closed from June 30 to July 14.

Memorials & Contributions

Remember the Future

In memory: **Professor Ji Jan He**

Donors: Ms. Jenny Jiang He

Music Society

In memory: **Nick Irza**

Donors: Suzanne Silvester
Dr. Joy Reed Belt

Memorial Fund

In memory: **Fern Cooper**

Donors: Ms. Emily Alexander Shurley

In memory: **Martha Nagle**

Donors: Dr. & Mrs. James M. Hartsuck
Noerdlinger Family

Birthdays



July 1

Frank Dennis
John Koons
Kathy May
Emily Putnam

July 2

Teresa Black
Faith Brown
Zella Heater
Jennifer Jewett-Williams
Bill Parker
Marilyn Robertson

July 3

Weston Matula
Edie Schneeberger
Alex Stapleton

July 4

Tom Gibson
Betty Hunter
Catherine Leonard

July 5

Gabriel Pardo

July 6

Sherry Sullivan
Amy Williams

July 7

Luke Back
Judy Rorick

July 8

Michael Humphries

July 9

Gail Garloch
Amy Marlow
Sam Paschal
Jan Pearson

July 10

Richard Ogden
Dianne Dooley
Kirsten Smedley
Lee Stephens
Hunter Williams

July 11

Linda Duncan
Emily Hall
Nicole Prieto-Johns

July 12

Steven Barnes
James Crabbe
Bill Davis
Crosby Harris
Ali Richards
Sharon Turner

July 13

Kristina Hart
Sheila Keahnah
Clanci Miller
Karen Resler
Christopher Stakem

July 14

Sam Blackstock

July 15

Elizabeth Knox
Richmond Thweatt III

July 16

Emily Andrezik
Carrie Brock
Stephanie Long
Carolyn Pool

July 17

Adam Rainbolt
Geren Steiner

July 18

Scott Champion
Judy Wallop

July 19

Lin Sanchez

July 20

Finleigh Welsh

July 21

Carver Leinau
Hannah Watson

July 22

Dianne Bielstein
Terrill Good
Linda Grummer

July 23

Amber Brown
Patrick Fuller
Bishop Robert Moody
Ann Murray

July 24

Karl Rysted
John Stuemky
Kaitlyn Watson

July 25

Lynn Haywood
Edie Kirth
Leonard Mills
Tobbie Shareef
Timothy Stakem

July 26

Scott Raab

July 27

Leah Jones

July 28

David Coffey
Lea Eldridge

July 29

Jo Ann Hunt
Terri Martin

July 30

Sherri Luckowski
Larry Regens
Roy Smith

July 31

Elaine Dodd
Homer Smith
Gayla Stapleton
David Welsh

*If you have a birthday in July and your birthday is **not** listed, please let us know! (235-3436)*

A Vestry Review

by Gypsy Hogan

Taking a Fresh Look

The St. Paul's Columbarium project is being re-visited with a "fresh look" at the original purpose of the Cathedral's East Garden, Dean Back explained. So, as the project moves forward, original priorities will be at the forefront, including maintaining a child-friendly space, and providing a garden ambiance that allows room for social events as well as interments and personal spirituality. There needs also to be recognition of the labors of so many to create the garden as it is today. And there needs to be practical considerations such as a watering system, night lighting, security and ice/snow safety. Slowly, but surely, the project will be completed in a way that works for many, he said.

Settlement Approved

A long-standing uncertainty hearkening back to the post-bombing restoration of the Cathedral and Education building came to conclusion this month with the Vestry's approval of a final billing settlement with the architect of that project. A special thanks to attorney and St. Paul's member Ron Stakem who managed that negotiation and who donated his time.

To Honor Father Donham

Craftsman Charles Twelves has been selected to carve and construct an altar for St. Nicholas Chapel, a project being done with funds given to honor the late Father Stanley Donham. The current chapel altar is actually a table given by the late Mary Elizabeth Thatch to be used for receptions. She had the table made to go between a pair of half-circle 15th Century European tables that she also gave the Cathedral. They, too, are now in the chapel. The new altar has been designed to complement the 15th Century pieces.

Wedding Bells Still Ringing

Canon Back reported that the St. Paul's 2008 wedding calendar continues to be busy with four weddings completed and eight more to go before August's end! Making the events go smoother is parish member Ashley Ozan, who has agreed to be St. Paul's new wedding coordinator.

1st Century Eucharist a Hit

And also burning at the breaker box. Seems the event at Canon Carol and Dr. James Hampton's was a huge success – best ever – but it also included some dicey weather that ended up frying some power lines to the home. John Koons, our resident OG&E contact, was once again a participant in the event. He helped get OG&E to quickly restore service, with workmen arriving to find Koons and Company still in their 1st Century costumes, evidently making for quite the story at OG&E the next day!

Quick Notes

Junior Warden Tom Steiner hit a bright note, reporting that St. Paul's has found comparable insurance coverage with C.L. Frates & Co. for a projected annual savings of \$6,000. ...It's needed savings for a number of reasons, including the recent discovery that the St. Paul's Bookstore has inadvertently been paying the church's Internet bill since 2004. Vestry approved reimbursing the ECW \$1,977.60 for the billing error, along with thanks and apologies. ...Members of the ECW Board want to remind parishioners that all women of the church are members of ECW, regardless of their ability to contribute time or money. ...Betsy Morgan has agreed to coordinate the Assemblies this fall, the primary funding source for St. Nicholas Guild. However, she needs additional volunteers. ...The Greening Commission is looking at adding a cardboard recycling bin to the newspaper recycling bin in the south parking lot. ...So much news, so little space!

Back Talk

Dear Friends,

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore him. Alleluia. This is the Prayer Book antiphon for Pentecost. It speaks of the Holy Spirit as not only moving through people of many languages, but across “the face of the earth”. It proclaims a Green Gospel of earthly ecological salvation.

Is a healthy earth an economic, political and social possibility? What if everyone in Asia and Africa had the same standard of living as we do in the United States? Would the cost of oil be over a thousand dollars a barrel? Would carbon emissions exceed anything we currently face? In terms of earthly resources, is a world of economic and social equality affordable? Not if human fulfillment is based on the consummation of earthly things!

History has told us that God, peace, equality and the earth itself, are disposable. People have chronically chosen economic goods and political success above them. ‘Let’s be realistic’, says the rationalist, ‘this is the way human beings are.’ For dominant contemporary think tanks, religion is a fiction we invent to cover over the reality we dare not face.

Our Creator did not create us as righteous robots that would automatically take care of our shared earth and one another. Our lives are freely given; we have the liberty to choose death for ourselves, for one another and for our environment. History reveals

that we have usually chosen to ignore the power of our own spiritual freedom, we slip into an addiction to self-centered ignorance. Spiritual stupidity allows interpersonal conflict, injustice and unsustainable environmental distress to oppress the world.

A green money gospel is taught daily on TV, “Love God and neighbor and you will be blessed with great wealth.” To love God and to love neighbor, is wealth! It is filled with the ‘worth-ship’ of our Creator. When filled with love you need little else. What could be more valuable, worthwhile and satisfying than to be in love with God?

The Green Gospel is not primarily concerned with what light bulbs we buy, but with the Light by which we make our primary choices. A Green Gospel of grace provides for every soul abundant fruit of the spirit. It is a gospel of salvation and release for the earth, freeing us from vainly using creation to satisfy our soul’s appetite for the infinite. We will rape the earth until we are filled with, and satisfied by, the magnanimous love of God for the world.

Faithfully yours,

Gene H. Back

