

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

May, 2016

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

We welcome you to join us on our journey as we strive to share the love of Jesus through worship, Christian education, fellowship and service to each other and the community beyond our walls.

Disciple

The prayer that Jesus had taught his disciples was going to be answered through their own lives: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven . . ." How was that kingdom going to come about? Through the disciples and through you, who bear Christ. Where Jesus is to be found alive, most clearly and concretely, is within you. (Br. Curtis Almquist of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist)

This quote certainly reinforces the fact that as disciples of Jesus we have something to offer. It begs the question that we should really take a spiritual inventory of our lives and discern those gifts that we have been so graciously and freely given by the God who loves us beyond our imagination. If the Kingdom of God is to be a reality in today's day and age it is really up to each of us to make it happen. We believe that the Spirit empowers us and is present in our world, re-creating and making new. Hopefully, we have the faith to realize what is taking place in our midst. We must always make the conscious choice to choose the Kingdom by our very actions.

The values and attitudes that we have shape and transform our lives and our faith. Like the disciples we come to the realization of what we possess in this time of resurrection as we come to live without the physical presence of Jesus. As he promised, he leaves us the gift of his abiding presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit that moves over the waters in creation is the same spirit that is still abiding in the world today. God is ever present to us and the world in which we live. Through the eyes of faith, we see his activity on a daily basis.

Rev. John Martinichio +





Thank you to the choirs, both vocal and hand bell, for adding that little extra something that made all of the Palm Sunday and Easter services so beautiful.

Thank you to Dolly Chergosky, Sandy Schwab, Lynda Helmer and Mary Cermak for setting up the Gethsemane Watch in the Gould Chapel. And to Sandy and Dick Schwab, Lynda Helmer, Dolly and Luther Chergosky, Barb Becker, Sue Mahon, Richard Parker and Jack and Jennifer Westermann for keeping watch over the Sacraments during this time.

Thanks to Dolly Chergosky, Sandy and Dick Schwab Lynda Helmer and Don Manning for decorating the altar for Easter. The flowers were lovely and much appreciated by our homebound parishioners who received them after Easter Sunday.

Thank you to Janet and Scott Manchester for helping with the Rummage Sale set-up of tables. Hope your backs weren't too sore the next day!

Thanks to Ted Wolf for moving the St. Paul's banner. Have you noticed it in its new spot?

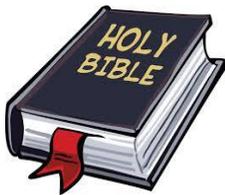
Thank you to Lynn and Bill Freeman, Sue Jones and Jane Parker for providing a delicious meatloaf lunch for the April Movin' On gathering.

Thank you to Bill Freeman for installing shelves in kitchen stairwell for extra needed storage. Now all of our pots and pans have proper homes.

Thank you to David Krzyzewski and Jack Westermann for mowing the lawn last month. It is looking great!



Did you know that there are over 40 areas for you to get involved in here at St. Paul's? From ministry to social events, there is a place for YOU. Find out more about volunteer and social opportunities in the bulletin each week, by stopping by the office, or by talking to a vestry member or Fr. John.



Lectio Divina

Lectio continues to meet every first and third Monday at 7PM Whether you have been coming for a while or you have just been thinking about a way to delve deeper into the Word, you are welcome to join us. Please call the office for more information.





CHOW News – The End of an Era



After ten years of coordinating the operations of the CHOW pantry, Barbara Becker and Patricia Wallace have decided to retire from this ministry at the end of the month. There are not enough thanks in the world with which to express our appreciation for a job well done. Countless hours were spent doing the paperwork, recruiting volunteers to work in the pantry, coordinating the volunteer schedule, attending Broome County Council of Churches Pantry Coordinators' meetings, ordering food for the monthly deliveries, overseeing the deliveries,

running up to the CHOW warehouse for food between deliveries and shopping for groceries as well as serving as volunteers in the pantry itself.

'Well done, good and faithful servant.' Matthew 25:23

And the Beginning of a New One!

Thankfully, three people answered the call to fill the roles of CHOW coordinators. Mary Cermak, Karen Cahill and Suzanne Pettit have agreed to work together to keep this vital community asset going. They have been working with Barbara and Patricia for several months now, learning the ropes to make the transition as smooth as possible. Volunteers are always needed for the pantry, especially as substitutes so if this feels like an opportunity for you, please give one of these ladies a call! Our thanks to Mary, Karen and Suzanne for keeping our pantry open for our neighbors in need.



Memorial Scattering Garden



The Vestry has approved the development of a Memorial Scattering Garden on the church property. This type of garden is a place where one's cremated remains are scattered or buried. Some churches have such an area, others have a Memorial Garden where cremains are buried and marked and some have a columbarium inside or outside of the church. Many older churches have a cemetery on the property or in a neighboring area. Having your final resting place on church property is not a foreign idea.

Our garden will be created in the courtyard. The evergreen bushes along the fence will be removed and the area will be landscaped. Ashes will be scattered on the ground or placed in the earth with no container to be buried.

If you so choose, this can be completed at the end of the memorial service and the committal service would be prayed. It can also take place at the convenience of the family.

Once someone's remains are placed in the garden a plaque will be placed in the Gould Chapel to indicate whose remains are in the garden. It is important to remember that with scattering there is no possibility of retrieval.





Women of the Church

Thank you to all who made our spring rummage sale such a huge success. Total sales included \$281.35 from the bake sale, \$1,284.75 from the rummage sale, minus \$74.92 in expenses, leaving a net profit of \$1,490.18. It is a lot of work, however, it is obvious the appreciation of the people in the community for the opportunity to shop in a friendly atmosphere with such reasonable prices. Also, additional ministry will be served with the proceeds from the sale.



Our Wednesday, **May 4th** meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the undercroft. This will be a coffee/iced tea and dessert gathering, while we hold a business meeting. Suggestions for use of proceeds from our treasury will be discussed, along with a recap of the rummage sale and any suggestions for the fall. Please send me any proposals you may have regarding funding recipients and we ask that you research and provide as much information as possible to help with the decision making process. This meeting is one of the two business meetings we hold each year and it is hoped that you turn out to provide input on these important topics as well as any other WoC ideas you may have.

On **May 18th** we will have a workshop and light luncheon in the undercroft at noon. Dolly Chergosky will show us how to make the reflective mirror ornaments hanging on the tree in our courtyard. We are asking everyone to bring two sandwiches for our sandwich tray. Other lunch items will be noted on the signup sheet.

On **June 1st** our annual picnic will be held at my house north of Montrose PA. The gathering will start at 4:30 p.m. with the picnic supper scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Directions will be provided prior to the event.

Also, for those interested in taking part in the making of sleeping bags for the homeless, we will hold our first workshop on Wednesday, **June 22nd** in the undercroft at noon. This will also include a light lunch, with the menu details yet to be determined. It is our goal to meet periodically throughout the summer to complete bags before the onset of cold weather. I have noted some interest to also have a Saturday workshop for those who have jobs and cannot make our meetings during the week. If adequate interest exists we can strive for one weekday a month and one Saturday a month throughout the summer.

Signup sheets will be placed at the back of the church prior to each event. Please watch the Sunday bulletin and your email for details on upcoming events. If you are not receiving emails from me, please send me your email address at sanjrussele@epix.net.

NOTE: If you are not yet on the Women of the Church email list and would like to be, please send me a note at the address above and I will be sure to add you to the list!

Sandy Schwab, Chair





Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, May 9, Noon

Sausage with peppers and onions and potato salad is on the menu. We do ask that you RSVP so we can properly prepare for the meal. We invite all widows and widowers to join us at the Movin' On Luncheon on Monday, May 9 at noon.



May Extravaganza!

Church Clean-up Day

Sunday, May 22, 11:00 AM

On Sunday, May 22 everyone is invited to participate in a church-wide Clean-Up Day to spruce up the grounds! We will begin right after the 10:00 a.m. service so feel free to "dress casually" for church! Gutters will be cleaned for sure and fall leaves need to be raked out of the landscape. Lunch will be served afterwards to reward all for their hard work and revel in the beauty of this space the Lord has blessed us with.



Planting Day?

Sunday, May 22, 11:00 AM



If, by May 22 it appears that the danger of frost is over we will also be planting some tomatoes for our CHOW garden. Lynn Freeman generously offered to start dozens of plants from seeds so they should be ready for the great outdoors by late May. If you would like to help with this project, bring a trowel with you on Sunday. Everything else will be provided.

Sunday School Celebration

Sunday, May 22, 11:00 AM

In addition to the activities above we will be celebrating the end of the Sunday School year with pizza and a viewing of the new Peanuts movie in the undercroft. If outdoor work is not for you, please join the kids for this family friendly movie.




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## Education for Ministry Graduation Celebration

Saturday, May 21, 11:00 AM

Calling all EfM students and alumni. On Saturday, May 21 you are invited to celebrate the 29<sup>th</sup> year of the Diocese of Central New York partnering with the EfM program. Bishop Skip will join in honoring this year's graduates. The celebration will start at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Eucharist at St. James in Skaneateles and continue with a pot luck meal. Invitations will be sent to all asking that you RSVP.



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Aisle Torches

During the March vestry meeting (minutes at the end of this newsletter) the vestry voted to approve the installation of torches at the ends of the pews in the church. Every other pew would be adorned with a holder and oil candle. These candles would be used to enhance the atmosphere of evening services. Members of the congregation are invited to donate the cost of a torch as a memorial to a loved one or in thanksgiving of God's many blessings in our lives. If you are interested in being a part of this, please add your name to the sheet in the back of the church.

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## Prayers for Our Ministries



Each week a different ministry area of St. Paul's is featured in the bulletin to highlight, encourage involvement and give thanks for the people who make it happen. During the month of May we pray for the following ministries:

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| 1 – Church Treasurer     | 8 – Ushers              |
| 15 – Vestry              | 22 – Welcoming Ministry |
| 29 – Women of the Church |                         |

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Coming in June so mark your calendars!

Details to follow

Annual Church Picnic – Sunday, June 12, 11:00 AM

Casserole/Dessert Cook-off – Saturday, June 18, 5:30 PM

Women of the Church Sleeping Bag Project – Wednesday, June 22, Noon



Flower Memorials

- 5/01 The altar flowers are given this week by William Rozina in loving memory of his wife, Elaine Rozina.
- 5/08 The altar flowers are given this week by Beth and Cliff VanDervort and family in loving memory of Beth's mom, Elaine Rozina.
- 5/15 The altar flowers are given this week in honor of the wedding anniversary of Harold and Ingrid Elliott.
- 5/22 In honor of and thanksgiving for our Sunday School teachers.
- 5/29 In honor of and grateful thanks for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Sanctuary Candle Memorials



- 5/01 Available
- 5/08 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Mildred Orris from Connie Hess, Sue Hankey and their families.
- 5/15 Available
- 5/22 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of John Kroculik, George's father, from George and Janet Kroculik and for Lindsey Russell from Dick and Sandy Schwab.

5/29 Available



Request from Episcopal Relief and Development

Due to the recent natural disasters with extensive flooding in Houston, Texas and the massive earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan, Episcopal Relief & Development is asking for prayers and financial support for our neighbors in one or both areas.



We ask that you consider making a special donation to Episcopal Relief and Development to help those affected by these natural disasters. Checks should be made payable to Episcopal Relief and Development with Texas, Japan or Ecuador in the memo and may be placed in the collection plate or sent directly to ERD at P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22117-7058. Thank you for any assistance you can offer.





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| 5/01 Meaghan Keesler | 5/14 Thomas Maxim |
| 5/02 Juanita Evanek | 5/16 Lynn Freeman |
| 5/03 Harold Elliott | 5/19 Connie Hess |
| 5/05 Harland Payne | 5/20 Nadine Maruca |
| 5/05 Rebecca Shoemaker | 5/23 Judy Doherty |
| 5/07 Patricia Wallace | 5/23 Barbara Becker |
| 5/08 Kristin Walton | 5/26 Valerie Fineout |
| 5/12 Patricia Maxim | 5/27 Tammie Mangano |
| 5/13 Verona Kidder | 5/27 Lynne Jones |
| 5/14 Mary Buffum | 5/31 Lisa Besemer |



- 5/02 Bill and Lynn Freeman
- 5/05 Cliff and Beth VanDervort
- 5/08 Sarah Evans and Michelle Wolf
- 5/11 Connie and Bob Hess
- 5/16 Tim and Elaine Yacovoni
- 5/18 Harold and Ingrid Elliott
- 5/24 Robert and Patricia Maxim



On the Lighter Side

A pastor was about to tee off in a golf tournament when storm clouds began to gather. The tournament director said, "Pastor, I trust you'll see to it that the weather won't turn bad on us." "Sorry," the pastor replied, "I'm in sales, not management."

A minister to his son on Facebook wall: "Dear Son. Hope you are well. Family here is fine, but we miss you a lot. Please turn off the computer and come down for dinner!"

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May Liturgical Ministers Schedule

May 1	8AM	10AM
Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Jim Buffum
1 st Reading		Suzanne Pettit
2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher	Bob Pettit
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Barb Dailey
Readings	Acts 16:9-15	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

May 8	8AM	10AM
Lay Assistant	Jane Parker	Sue Jones
1 st Reading		Readers: Aiden Browning, Meghan Walton, Kristin Walton, Lily Cardone, Amy Manchester
2 nd Reading	Jackie Reece	
Chalice	Mary Cermak	Suzanne Pettit
Readings	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Various Readings

May 15	8AM	10AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Karen Cahill
1 st Reading		Carl Kinne
2 nd Reading	Garvin Alexander	Judy Shannon
Chalice	Luther Chergosky	Judy Doherty
Readings	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:14-17

May 22	8AM	10AM
Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann	Georgia Wilber
1 st Reading		Zach Manchester
2 nd Reading	Luther Chergosky	Kelly Parker-Seeley
Chalice	Jennifer Westermann	Eunice Barton
Readings	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Romans 5:1-5

May 29	8AM	10AM
Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak	Jim Garceau
1 st Reading		Barb Dailey
2 nd Reading	Jane Parker	Judy Doherty
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Jim Buffum
Readings	1 Kings 18:20-39	Galatians 1:1-12

St. Pauls' Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes, March 8, 2016
To love God, Love others, Help Others to love God

Rector: Fr. John R. Martinichio

Wardens: Bruce Dailey, Jennifer S. Westermann

Vestry:

Eunice Barton

Mary Gilfoyle (A)

Ruthie Koerts

Karen Cahill (A)

Lynda Helmer

Robert Pettit

Duncan Finlayson

Lynne Jones

Richard Schwab

Treasurer: Jack Westermann

Fr. John opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer and welcomed Richard Schwab and Ruthie Koerts to the vestry. He also asked for prayers for Judy Upham as she mourns the loss of her spouse, the Rev. Lauren Gough, former rector of St. Paul's.

Fr. John began with an overview of vestry responsibilities, "Vestry 101" and noting that a new pump for the Christian Education building's boilers would be installed on Wednesday, March 9. It failed over the weekend leaving the building with no heat. The cost of \$1,300 will come out of the budgetary item Major Improvements.

February Minutes: **Motion** made by Duncan Finlayson with second by Lynda Helmer to accept the February minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- Bob Pettit went over his summary for the month of February noting that the Gould Fund balance is about what it was the previous month despite the usual \$14,000 withdrawal. Good news since the stock market did not perform well over the same time span.
- He noted that pledges were ahead a bit.
- We are \$616 over budget for the month.
- Jack Westermann explained away the \$616 and more. We budget an annual donation of \$3,500 to the Broome County Council of Churches, normally distributed toward the end of the year. However, as they are undergoing a capital improvement project the vestry voted to send the entire \$3,500 in February instead of waiting until later in the year.

Motion made by Eunice Barton with a second from Lynne Jones to accept the Financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Fr. John discussed the future of the Gould Grants committee with the resignation of Casey Korchynsky as chair. At the February meeting the vestry appointed a committee to determine the direction the program should go. The committee members are Fr. John (chair), Bob Pettit, Lynda Helmer, Eunice Barton and Jennifer S. Westermann and met in February. After much discussion the members felt that they would be willing to become the Gould Grant committee in order to vet applications for grants. **Motion** made by Duncan

Finlayson with second by Ruthie Koerts to accept this committee. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Gould Grant committee presented grant applications from the following organizations:
 - Endwell United Methodist Church
 - First United Methodist Church
 - Whitney Point High School Post Prom Party
 - Chenango Valley High School Post Prom Party

Motion made by Duncan Finlayson with second by Ruthie Koerts to approve the grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Chapel Changes – Fr. John requested permission to move the sconces and cross which are currently hanging on the east wall of the chapel to the north wall. About a year and a half ago the altar was moved to the north wall in order to create a more intimate worship area. As it seems to be an accepted change Fr. John feels the sconces and cross should now be moved. **Motion** made by Lynda Helmer with second by Eunice to make these changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Rector's Report:

- Aisle Torches – Fr. John gave an update of the idea of installing aisle torches in the church. He spoke with Bill Freeman who figured the cost of building 17 torches plus the oil candle could be about \$100 each. They would adorn every other pew and would be used to enhance to atmosphere of evening services. The vestry suggested that the cost be covered by inviting the congregation to donate torches as memorials and/or use money already in the Memorial Fund if necessary. **Motion** made by Lynda Helmer with a second by Lynne Jones to move ahead with the project of aisle torches to be funded by either new memorial contributions or existing ones.
- Newcomers' Dinner - Fr. John would like to reschedule it. The existing committee of Eunice Barton, Fr. John and Jennifer Westermann and the addition of Duncan Finlayson will work on it.
- Memorial Scattering Garden – Ongoing discussion of the creation of a memorial garden was continued. The thought is to remove the bushes in the courtyard and create a landscaped, "walkable" garden where cremains would be scattered or buried. This would be a living garden area so cremains would not be marked, instead, a plaque with names on it would be mounted in the chapel. Fr. John and Jennifer Westermann agreed to research this further.

Wardens' Report:

- Bruce Dailey shared thank you notes for monetary contributions from the following organizations: Mercy House, Hunts for Healing, United Ukrainian-American Relief, Foundation Kristoval, the Samaritan Counseling Center, St. Matthew's Liverpool, the Broome County Council of Churches and the Children's Home, Wyoming Conference.
- Jennifer Westermann invited vestry members to attend the upcoming diocesan sponsored JumpStart! seminar. Of particular interest is the topic of the church being relevant to the neighborhood it serves. Fr. John will be attending; Eunice Barton would like to go as well.

Committee Reports:

- Christian Education - Jennifer reported that Molly Martinichio and Austin Keuter have agreed to help teach the middle class. They will alternate Sundays with Lynne Jones.
- Dan Brayer, a member of the diocesan Youth Council, will plan on visiting St. Paul's on Sunday, March 13 to speak with the youth and their parents about diocesan youth programs, specifically *New Beginnings* and *Happenings*.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with the corporate prayer, *Night Prayer*.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk

