

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## The Epistle

June, 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.**

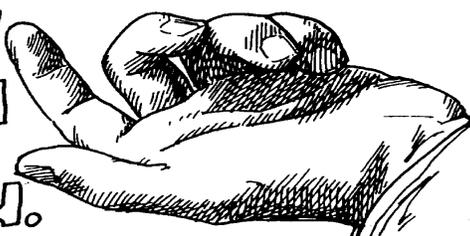
Anita Roddick, a human rights activist from Great Britain, wrote: "You can't change the world from the rearview mirror." There's that word again, "change". Think about "change"; we resist it and don't really like it. But as we know all change is uncomfortable; if it is not uncomfortable it is not change. All change feels like we have lost something, we grieve what has been lost. At the Jump Start conference, we learned that change is a journey that must be managed or we will go back to the old way. But change for the sake of change is never good.

Look at all the things that change in our lives: The seasons, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, technology. People move, we change jobs or retire, we change eating habits, things break or no longer work, even our bodies. Creation and the world in which we live is in a state of flux. We certainly believe that the Spirit of God continues to change and renew and recreate things around us. Our understanding of Scripture is ever evolving and deepening.

So we have changed over the years, yet some keep looking into that rearview mirror and hope things will be like they were back then. In order to grow and flourish we have to look through the windshield and have hope in the future. Even in the midst of the evolution of new ideas and programs God will be present with his staff that will comfort us and lead us beside still waters. With the Lord as our Shepherd we shall not want nor lack for anything.

Rev. John Martinichio +

*The will of God  
will never lead you  
where the grace of  
God cannot keep you.*





Thank you to Ted Wolf for tilling the CHOW garden to make it ready for planting.

Thank you to Lynn and Bill Freeman, Will and Mary VanOsten and Sue Jones for the wonderful sausage and peppers lunch in April. Not a lot of leftovers!

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

Thank you to Paula Giroux and Melissa Moon for preparing and leading our youth choirs in the music they provided for the 10:00 a.m. service on Mother's Day. They do an amazing job with the children during the short rehearsal time each Sunday. Thank you also to the parents for having the children at these rehearsals and the children themselves for your enthusiasm! It was a memorable way to praise God for all he does for us!

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and the time they devote to our youth each Sunday: Ann Supa, Lynne Jones, Molly Martinichio, Austin Keuter, Garvin Alexander and John Swavola. Your dedication to this ministry is inspiring to all.

Thank you to Amy Manchester and Zach Manchester, our faithful "extra pair of hands" in our younger class. Scissors, glitter and glue make the class projects great fun but with up to nine children, Ann is grateful for the help!

Thank you to all who made the Clean-Up/Planting Day a huge success! Eunice Barton kept an eye on our little ones as they watched the Peanuts movie, and so many folks helped with the work outside, from gutter cleaning to tomato planting: Adam Moffett, Christiana Dahlberg, Mark and Jennifer Vallone, Mitzi and Don Manning, Ted Wolf, Fr. John, Kurt Jones, Suzanne Pettit, Michelle Wolf, Jack and Jennifer Westermann, Sandy and Dick Schwab, Ruthie Koerts, and Zach Manchester. Also thanks to Steele Moffett and Ronia Dahlberg and Frannie, Joey and Tommy Vallone who helped with the planting and rock removal after the movie ended.

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.



On **June 1<sup>st</sup>** the Women of the Church's annual picnic will be held at the home of Sandy and Dick Schwab, 4128 Tripp Lake Road, Montrose PA. The gathering will start at 4:30, with the picnic supper scheduled for 5:30. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass (and a lawn chair if possible). Directions will be at the back of the church on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> and are being emailed to the women. **Those wishing to carpool should meet at the church by 4:00.** It is approximately a 35 minute drive. In addition to a focus on socializing we will also discuss dates of future events. If you have any questions call Sandy at 570 967-2962.

A special thanks to all who supported our spring rummage sale. Whether it was donating items for sale, baking, sorting, setting up, cleaning up or any of the vast tasks that make this a success, it was a successful event. In addition to helping the people in our community buy necessary clothing and household items at very low prices, we were also able to provide support to a number of valuable organizations with some of the proceeds from our sale. We were able to purchase \$200 in needed supplies for Mercy House in Endicott, 2 aisle torches for St. Paul's, donate \$100 to Save our Sisters, \$500 to Father John's Discretionary Fund, and \$100 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

If you are not receiving WoC emails, please send your email address to [sanjussel@epix.net](mailto:sanjussel@epix.net).

Sandy Schwab, Chair

**Annual Church Picnic**  
Sunday, June 12, 11:00 AM, Highland Park

It's time for our Annual Church Picnic! Join us at Highland Park on Sunday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m. for a worship service followed by a summer cookout. Look for us in the upper park, Pavilion #2, near the playground and carousel. A free will offering will cover the hot dogs and hamburgers, dinnerware and drinks; you are invited to bring a dish to share. Include your friends as this is a great opportunity to get to know each other. Feel free to bring along any "picnic games" (bean bag toss, ladderball, etc.) you may have. If you would like to help with this, please contact the Parish Office at 748-8118. There will still be a regular 8:00 a.m. service, as well as a 10:00 a.m. service (there will be no music at 10:00 a.m.). Please contact Jackie Reece to help with set-up and/or clean-up.



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## Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, June 13, Noon

Halupki casserole! Tap into your inner Polish heritage and mark your calendar for Monday, June 13. We invite all widows and widowers to join us at the Movin' On Luncheon. Please let Fr. John know if you will *not* be able to attend.

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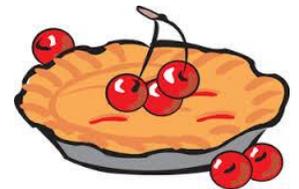
## Casserole/Dessert Cook-Off

Saturday, June 18, 5:30 PM, Undercroft



Do you have a tried and true casserole that everyone looks forward to at annual family gatherings? Or are you known for your signature dessert? Haul out the pots and pans and sign up to compete in St. Paul's first ever Casserole and Dessert Cook-Off! Saturday, June 18 will be the evening to put your culinary skills to the test.

Casseroles may be main dishes or side dishes. The more people who enter, the more variety we will have! All are invited to attend whether you compete or not. A free will basket will be out for those not cooking but everyone will get to vote!



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## Wednesday Morning Service

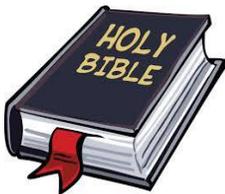
Every Wednesday, 9:30 AM

Do you need a little pick-up mid-week? Every Wednesday morning in the Bernice Gould Chapel Fr. John celebrates Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers. This is a great reminder of how God works in our lives and an inspiration to us to act as God's agents in the world in which we live. And if you have time, some of "the regulars" go out for coffee afterwards for a little socializing.



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## Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina continues to meet every first and third Monday at 7:00 PM in the Bernice Gould Chapel. 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 invited to attend. Please call the office for more information or just come! You do not need to have studied the Bible in order to participate in this practice.

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## 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.

Our garden will be created in the courtyard. A consultant from Hillside Gardens will be working with us to ensure that it is reverential but also low in maintenance. 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. If you so choose, this may 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.



## Aisle Torches

During the March vestry meeting 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 will 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. We can get the torches made at a cost of \$100.00 each.



## Stewardship Thought



Each and every week we take literally the psalmist's encouragement to "make a joyful noise to the Lord. Break forth into joyous song and sing praises." Music and singing have always been among the ways that people have praised God and given expression to the joyful experience of God's grace in their lives. Even stodgy old John Calvin was moved on at least one occasion to write a hymn.

Another way we give thanks to God is through our gifts and offerings. They not only make possible the ministry of music that enhances our worship Sunday after Sunday, but they also bring joy and hope to the lives of others through our local and Episcopal outreach ministries. We are grateful to have our Director of Music, Paula Giroux, and her ministry among us as well as all those who are in the Vocal Choir, St. Paul's Ringers, Youth Intermediate Handbell Choir and Chimes 4 Jesus.

Therefore, with great joy and thanksgiving to God for all God's blessings, including the blessing of music, let us continue our worship through the giving and receiving of the morning offering.

Fr. John +



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## Lawn Mowing

As we head into June good lawn mowing slots are still available. Reserve your week now before all the good ones get taken! Our new mower with all the “bells and whistles” makes it more of a walk in the park than an outdoor chore. It mulches as it mows so no raking nor bag emptying is necessary - give it a try! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church and detailed operating instructions are on the inside door of the shed. All you will need is a key to the shed. Fr. John or either warden (Bruce Dailey and Jennifer Westermann) can direct you.



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## CHOW Needs – Substitute Pantry Workers



You know how it is said that an operation’s greatest resource are its people? Well, that’s what our CHOW pantry needs right now! There is a very loyal cadre of shift volunteers but as so often happens, sometimes a regular cannot make it so needs to call on a substitute. This is a great way to find out how the pantry operates without committing too much time. Substitues are needed for both Tuesdays (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) and Thursdays (3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) so if you are able to help once in a while, please contact Mary Cermak, Karen Cahill or Suzanne Pettit.

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## Interfaith Service for PRIDE

Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 PM

The First Congregational Church of Binghamton is hosting the People of Blessing Service as part of PRIDE Month affirming diversity in community and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The church is located on the corner of Main and Front St. in Binghamton. For more information, contact the Rev. Art Suggs at [artsuggs@gmail.com](mailto:artsuggs@gmail.com). Refreshments will be served after the service.

## Transgender Community and the Church

Sunday, June 19, 7:00 PM, Christ Church

The Rev. Cameron Partridge, the Episcopalian Chaplain at Boston University, will be speaking on the "Transgender Community and the Church" at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 19th, at Christ Church, Binghamton. Fr. Partridge is a transgender priest and a leading voice in the Episcopal Church for the transgender community. This event is sponsored by the Southern Tier District East and Trinity Memorial Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. All are invited to attend.



## 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 June we pray for the following ministries:

6/05 Worship Commission  
6/19 AA Group

6/12 Worship Committee  
6/26 Al-Anon Group



## Flower Memorials

6/05 The altar flowers are given this week in loving memory of Susan Pierce from Louise Pierce and for Audrey P. Krska from her husband Bill and daughter Diana.

6/12 Available

6/19 The altar flowers are given this week by the family of Elaine Rozina in loving memory on her birthday, loving wife, mother and grandmother.

6/26 The altar flowers this week are in honor of our graduates.



## Sanctuary Candle Memorials



6/05 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Christian Hankey from Sue Hankey, Connie Hess and their families and in loving memory of Joseph Dzedzic from William and Debbie Dieffenbacher.

6/12 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Orville Pursley, Janet Kroclic's father, from George and Janet.

6/19 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Frank Orris from Connie Hess, Sue Hankey and their families and in loving memory of Elaine Rozina from her husband, Bill.

6/26 Available





6/02	Claudia Godoy & India Colón	6/19	Dottie Bachman
6/03	Margey Ireland	6/22	Ralph Riley
6/04	Lee Palmer	6/23	David Lee
6/05	Diane Kimble, Timothy Yacovoni	6/24	Doug Walton, Meghan Walton & Sanders Browning
6/08	Linda Littell	6/25	Joe Wilson
6/09	Chip Kinne, Scott Kidder	6/27	Pat Collison, Carl Shoemaker & Lily Cardone
6/11	Mitzi Manning & Kelly Parker-Seeley	6/30	Marilyn Karlson
6/12	Brenda Baileys		
6/13	Hector Colón		
6/16	Tiffany VanDervort		



6/06	Beverly & Ray Dolphin	6/20	Lorraine & Richard Chadwick
6/07	Martine & Henry Barnaby	6/22	Marie & Carl Dollmetsch
6/09	Donna & Thomas Williams	6/29	Chris & Tim Petras
6/19	Debbie & Bill Dieffenbacher		

Are you a June birthday or anniversary but you don't see your name here? Please let the office know so we can update our records! We don't want to miss anyone!

**June Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

June 5	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Ruthie Koerts
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Bob Pettit
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher	Suzanne Pettit
Chalice	Luther Chergosky	Sue Jones
Readings	1 Kings 17:8-24	Galatians 1:11-24

June 12	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM - Picnic
Lay Assistant	Jane Parker	Steve Koerts	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Carl Kinne	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Karen Cahill	
Readings	No Old Testament reading today		Galatians 2:15-21

June 19	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Jim Buffum
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Judy Shannon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Jackie Reece	Kelly Parker-Seeley
Chalice	Jack Westermann	Georgia Wilber
Readings	1 Kings 19:1-15a	Galatians 3:23-29

June 26	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann	Sue Jones
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Jim Garceau
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Luther Chergosky	Barb Dailey
Chalice	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Eunice Barton
Readings	1 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Note: If you are unable to serve on a given week, please try to find a substitute. If you need a phone number, please call the office at 748-8118. Copies of our church directory are available as well for your convenience.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes, April 12, 2016  
To love God, Love others, Help Others to love God

Rector: Fr. John R. Martinichio

Wardens: Bruce Dailey (A), Jennifer S. Westermann

Vestry:

Eunice Barton	Mary Gilfoyle (A)	Ruthie Koerts
Karen Cahill (A)	Lynda Helmer	Robert Pettit
Duncan Finlayson	Lynne Jones (A)	Richard Schwab

Treasurer: Jack Westermann

Fr. John opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with a prayer from The Interfaith Prayer Book by Ted Brownstein.

March Minutes: **Motion** made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Eunice Barton to accept the March minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Monthly statements from the following funds were presented: Rector's Discretionary, CHOW/CHAP, Memorials and Reserve Funds. **Motion** made by Lynda Helmer with second from Richard Schwab to receive reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- Bob Pettit went over his summary for the month of February noting that the Gould Fund balance at \$4,291,719 is up from last month as stock market did well.
- He noted that pledges were ahead a bit.
- Our income for the month exceeded our expenses by about \$4,800. Note: This number is a little deceiving as the bulk of it came from one parishioner's annual pledge.
- Treasurer Jack Westermann spoke on the recent installed upgrade to Church Windows. There is a learning curve but one positive is that he is now able to export files in PDF format. This means he can create and email soft copies of the Treasurer's report.

**Motion** made by Richard Schwab with a second from Duncan Finlayson to accept the Financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Gould Scholarship: Fr. John noted that the vestry needs to form a committee to review all Gould scholarship applications. He said that the same three men who served on the committee last year, Rev. Richard Schaal, Dan Balles and Edward Arnold, are willing to serve again this year. **Motion** made by Eunice Barton with second from Lynda Helmer to accept this committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Life Line Screening: The church received an email from Life Line Screening requesting the use of our building to host a screening sometime in August. The organization screens for medical issues as a service to the community. There is a fee for the screenings which is handled directly between the organization and people receiving the screening. Life Line assumes all liability for the space for the time they are in the building. **Motion** made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Lynda Helmer to grant Life Line Screening the use of our building.
- The Gould Grant committee presented grant applications from the following organizations:
  - Broome West Senior Center
  - Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

- All Saints Episcopal Church
- Vestal High School Post Prom Party

**Motion** made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Eunice Barton to approve the grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sub-issue regarding the Jewish Federation request. The grant request is to help pay for the removal of the stained glass windows from the now defunct Temple Beth-el on Jefferson Ave. Decades ago, when it was an operating synagogue, St. Paul's and Temple Beth-El shared each other's worship space while one building or the other was undergoing renovations. The synagogue closed in 1988 with the property later being sold. It will soon be up for auction. The Jewish Federation is offering one window to St. Paul's if we wish to have a reminder of our shared worship space. **Motion** made by Bob Pettit with second from Lynda Helmer to request a small window that could be hung near the plaque in the narthex that already identifies this relationship. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Rector's Report:

- Office – As the church's former secretary, Christine Yannuzzi, resigned as of April 5, 2016, Fr. John contacted Kelly Services to see about getting a new secretary. He met with the placement director on April 12 to discuss our needs. She said she would try to get us the same rate we paid them three years ago. She will be in contact with Fr. John about a new person.
- Sabbatical – As Mar 1, 2017 will mark six years that Fr. John will have been with us, he would like to plan on taking a sabbatical leave later on in that year. He would be away for three months but would plan on having a specific intention for the congregation to engage in while he is gone. HE will form a committee to help him discern what that intention will be.

#### Wardens' Report:

- Jennifer Westermann shared thank you notes for monetary contributions from the following organizations: Samaritan Counseling Center and Endwell United Methodist Church.

#### Committee Reports:

- Christian Education – Fr. John reported that Paula Giroux and Melissa Moon are working with him on a special Mother's Day Youth Sunday 10:00 service. It will be similar to a "Lessons and Carols" format with the youth bell choirs playing and youth doing the readings. Also, May 22 will be the last day of Sunday School. The youth will be invited to stay after the 10:00 service for pizza while watching The Peanuts movie. Eunice Barton and Duncan Finlayson will help coordinate that.
- Clean-Up Day – May 22 will be the Spring Clean-Up Day beginning after the 10:00 service. All those willing to stay and help spruce up the grounds are encouraged to attend.
- Women of the Church – Eunice Barton reported that the Spring Rummage sale netted \$1,477. A WoC luncheon will be at the Blue Dolphin on April 18 and an Anglican Prayer Bead workshop will occur on April 21. The May gathering will be a business meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the undercroft (fellowship hall).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with the corporate prayer, *Night Prayer*.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk