

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Epistle

July/August 2018



Greetings,

It's so nice to see the sun shining and gardens blooming. We are all thinking about what events we can plan for the summer with family and friends, whether and/or where we might consider going on vacation, and how little time there is to get all this done before the cold weather returns.

Planning is also something we've been doing a lot of at St. Paul's. We are trying to move out of our comfort zone a bit. Our goal is to ask God what we are called to do with our resources, our strength, and our gifts, to begin to see our mission in a new way, full of new meaning, purpose and joy. The first step is to learn to listen. There is a common misconception that listening is easy. Listening closely without interrupting and with empathy is a skill that needs to be developed. We started listening to each other and getting to know each other on a deeper level on Name Tag Sunday. This process will help us to be able to listen to the people in our lives and the people we meet every day in a way that allows us to really hear what it is they need in their lives.



No, listening is not easy. God calls us to listen, to love, and to care for our neighbors. God calls us as Christians to reach outside of ourselves, re-prioritize our lives and put others first. We all have so much to give.

Getting to know you all in the last several months, it's clear that you all have many gifts to share. We continue to be a loving welcoming parish both in church and in our community. We must move

outside our comfort zones to reach out to those who are most in need. And, we will do so together!

God's Peace,

Mother Trula

Past the beggar and the suffering walk he who asks, 'Why, oh God, do you not do something for these people?' To which God replied, 'I did do something, I made you.'
--old Sufi saying

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Senior Wardens Report

I can't believe that 2 months have passed already! Here we are the end of June and summer is upon us! St Paul's is doing well. We have several

new people/families that have joined us and we are so happy to have them. If you see them, introduce yourself.

The state of St. Paul's:

Financially we are on budget! Recently we have had a generous contribution of stocks that has been turned into cash and put in one of our investment funds. From what David Allen tells me, this is a very good way to save on capital gain taxes and help St. Paul's, now and in the future. If you would like to know more, see David.

Building and grounds. St. Paul's is a beautiful, very old building. As I mentioned in the last Epistle, the cloister wall is in great need of repair. We had gotten one estimate for it from one contractor and also had another contractor look at it and he proposed an entirely different solution. Because of this and the fact that while Diane was working in the front garden near the Sanctuary, she discovered that an old stairwell to the basement has never been filled in, only covered with boards and soil put on top (the workings of 'critters' over the winter is what brought it to her attention now), we decided that we really needed a structural engineer to inspect the whole outer building.

The diocese has a person I contacted who then recommended an Engineering company. They will be helping us to decide what areas of the building need repair and in what order. They will also help us find the right contractors to use. All of this is costly so we will be looking into grants, funding and contributions. It is important to keep ahead of the repairs so that we don't let our very special building fall into such disrepair that we can't keep up with it.

Rectory.

Diane has been doing an amazing job there and she loves doing it! We will be having an open house some Sunday when it's more complete. We have been using the rectory for some meetings (bible study and Vestry), but no decisions have been made yet on the future disposition of the building.

Haiti Project. This project is ongoing. We have now raised very close to \$2,000 for St. Paul's School in Haiti. Don't forget your change each week in the collection goes to this project. We will also take cash and checks. If you write a check, please note on check, Haiti Project.



Safe Church Training: Bill and Patti O'Connell will be setting up Safe Church training in the Fall. Anyone who works with children, is on the Vestry, in the office or any ministry dealing with children needs to take this class every 5 years. Please let Bill or I know if you need this training.

Activities we had in May and June:

- * We have had four baptisms in the past two months! Three of them on Pentecost Sunday – which was a very special service with balloons and all!
- * Recognition of our Acolytes for all their work and service on the altar. We also want to thank Bill O'Connell for his service and work as our Acolyte Leader.
- * Recognition of our Sunday school teachers and students. We are so lucky to have a Sunday school - there are many churches in the area that don't because of lack of students. A very special thanks to Fran Tirinato for graciously taking on the role of Sunday school director. She did this reluctantly and has done an outstanding job!!
- * St. Paul's participated in the Rogation Sunday Service at Iron Kettle Farm, along with St. John's and St. Marks.
- * On Mothers Day the men of St. Paul's put on a wonderful Brunch for all during coffee hour. *Continued...*

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* On Father's Day, Strawberry Shortcake prepared by the ECW was enjoyed by all during coffee hour.

Upcoming activities:

* Sunday school and youth picnic/pool party at the Hankeys, Sunday, July 22 at 12noon. More information to be announced.

* There will be a special Sunday for the blessing and send off to college of our students in August, date to be announced.

* A community picnic/barbeque is being planned for September 8. Anyone who would like to help with the planning please speak with Mother Trula, or myself.

* Rectory open house, date to be announced

Blessings for a wonderful, healthy, summer!

Elaine Carril



Learning Communities Initiative

As most of you are aware, this is a program sponsored by the Diocese that several of us have been bringing to St. Paul's. This is a program all about getting to know each other, then going out into the community and getting to know our neighbors.

We've initiated a couple of activities so far and are very pleased with the outcome so far:

During the Strawberry Festival, we set up a table outside in front of the church and asked people walking by if they would like us to pray for them. They would write their prayer requests on a strip of cloth and hang it on a clothes line. We got 42 requests and we prayed for them on

Sunday! We also offered free parking, asking for a free will offering and we received \$122!

This past Sunday we implemented our Name Badges project, which we plan to be ongoing. When you come to church on Sunday and get your bulletin, pick up your name badge as well. This Sunday also, at coffee hour,

we spoke one on one to a person we didn't know very well with special questions in mind. We feel in was quite successful and plan on doing it again. How wonderful to get to really know the people we see in church every Sunday.

To get to know our neighbors better, two of us will be spending a couple of hours on Wednesday afternoon's sitting out front of St. Paul's. We will say hello to those walking by. Some may engage in conversation but it is up to them. If nothing else, it will get the two people sitting to know each other better. We would like any of our fellow parishioners to join us, please let us know.

We are also planning our biannual Neighborhood Picnic/barbeque for

September 8. If you would like to be part of the planning of this please let us know.

You can be sure you will be hearing a lot more from us. We need all of you to help make this work. Prayer is always accepted!





Care Team Ministry

Our Plant Sale was a great success, even with the rain! Gardeners don't care. We made over \$1,000! Thank you everyone for helping in any and every way you participated! Special thank you to Diane for all her work! Could never do it without her!

I realize you haven't seen or heard much from us, the CareTeam, but we are still here! I am planning on restarting our once a month B/P sessions during coffee hour in the fall.

We continue to have our Shawl Ministry and have shawls available, please speak to Elaine about this ministry also.

We continue with the health ministry at the ACT Meal, Thursday office hours, visiting, calling and sending cards to our shut-ins.

Prayerfully submitted,
Elaine Carril



Allied Christians of Tioga



Thank you for your continued generosity in donating and serving at the meals. St. Paul's Church will be serving for the July 5th meal, 6:00 PM, at Owego Methodist Church. The menu is posted on the bulletin board. I will be on vacation until July 1st. If you wish to contribute financially toward hamburgers, please see Ruth Harders. Gospel Chapel will be providing dessert. We will have a summer picnic!! See you there! Appreciate all of your help!

ACT Meal Summer 2018

For those unfamiliar, ACT means Allied Christians of Tioga. Over 30 years ago this alliance was formed so that local churches would share a common need of cooking weekly nutritious meals for anyone in the community.

To date, 10 churches rotate a schedule, serving at 6 PM, at the Owego Methodist Church, since they offer a large dining room and commercial kitchen. Social hour is from 5 to 6 PM, with Kids Club and Health Ministry. Parish Nurses provide blood pressure screenings, and agencies offer education. At Christmas time, ACT provides a huge Party. At Easter, children all receive Easter baskets. Thanksgiving, St. Paul's provides the dinner on the 1st Thursday of November. A crowd of well over 100 is always expected.

St. Paul's serves most 1st Thursdays, as announced. The menu is posted on the church bulletin board and reminders are in the bulletin. We are always appreciative of food donations, financial contributions, and servers. Any questions, contact me at 607-621-6735 or kmedovich@frontiernet.net.

Peace,

Kathy Medovich



***Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
(Psalm 147: 1)***

Choir News

Our choir is on break but several members are actively participating in summer music. Thanks to:



- Patti O'Connell, substitute organist, soprano soloist and French horn performer
- David Brown, bass soloist
- Ladd Yost, tenor soloist
- Betty Berghorn, substitute organist

A huge shout-out of thanks to these dedicated parish musicians!

Organist/Choirmaster Summer

During the summer months, I have traveled to northern England and Scotland for a work study trip, visiting musical instrument museums, museums, cathedrals and abbeys. Engaging Anglican studies!

In July I will be teaching in Ithaca and having a study leave to North Carolina/Asheville area, for organ practice, choir season preparation, and good Southern cooking.

In August I will attend the national convention of the Organ Historical Society, this year being held in Rochester and vicinity....a rare treat to attend this conference in our backyard. Concerts in churches for 6 days, crossing venues throughout the Finger Lakes and Rochester area.

Happy summer!

JEAN RADICE

Organist and Choirmaster





Please note! St. Paul's email address has changed! It is now stpaulsowego@stny.twcbc.com

Summer Coffee Hour!

Our summer coffee hours on the cloister have been a great success!

It is a special time for us to have conversation and enjoy each other. This year some of us will also be sitting on the grass in the cloister area and inviting passer bys to have a beverage.

We need your help for this to happen every week. We can always use cookies, cheese, fruit or any special goodie you would like to bring. Help with setting up and cleaning up would be greatly appreciated! Fran and Carolyn Yost are our coffee hour coordinators. Thank you Fran & Carolyn!



Youth and Sunday School

Pool Party & Picnic!

Sunday, July 22th!

At The Hankey Farm, 861 Glen Mary Dr., Owego

Time 12:00 pm (or when you can get there after that).

Bring bathing suits, there is a pool. Larissa Hankey is a life Guard. We will be asking for donations of food items, more info to come.



We will be having an ECW picnic for all women in the church- August 14- here on the church grounds. The time will be 6pm. Dish to pass. Deacon Dorothy and Mother Trulla will be in charge of the program. We again will make sure to get the home bound joining us. This is always a wonderful evening of fellowship.

In the fall a retreat is planned for October 13.

Ruth Harders

Soap for Hope



Soap for Hope for Tioga County Rural Ministry - May

Soap for Hope in May was a huge success!! Thank You to all who participated in this valuable ministry, providing personal care and household products. Peace, Kathy M.

Kathy Medovich



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Owego has a new email address:

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stpaulsowego.com

You tube videos of recent sermons, Who We Are, How you can Get Involved, Choir Information, Upcoming Events, Sermons, Photos, Leaders & Contact Info



Keep up to date on current happenings!

@Stpaulsowego on Facebook



Congratulations

Mary Standinger and Larissa Hankey
for receiving a St. Paul's Scholarship for the fall of 2018 semester. St. Paul's Church is so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

The Scholarship Committee

Skillet Coffee Cake

Angie's sister's favorite.

Ingredients

- * 3/4 cup butter
- * 1 1/2 cups sugar
- * 2 eggs
- * 1 1/2 cups sifted flour (all-purpose)
- * pinch salt
- * 1 teaspoon almond extract
- * slivered (or shaved) almonds
- * powdered sugar (for topping)

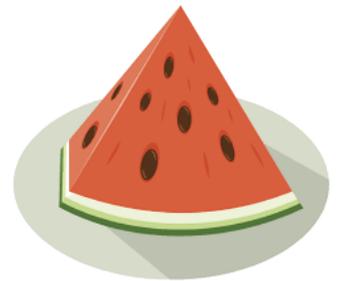


Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter and blend in sugar. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time. Add flour, salt and almond extract. Mix well. Pour batter into a large iron skillet which has been lined with aluminum foil. (Leave excess foil over sides of pan for easy removal.) Cover top with slivered almonds and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 30-40 minutes.



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Ushers and Elements, July and August

July

July 1, Andy R & Wendy W Fran T & Teri G

July 8, Mike & Kathy M Ruth H & Jeannie F

July 15, Bill H & Scott C Morning Prayer

July 22, Elaine & John C Luci P & Carolyn T

July 29, Angie S & Eleanor E David B & Mary W

August

August 5, Ladd & Carolyn Y Caroline H & Donna C

August 12, David & Janet A Janice K & Teri G

August 19, Standinger Family Malmstrom Family

August 26, Andy R & Wendy W Rosie C H & Fran T

September 2, Bill and Patti O David B & Alice B



July

8 Liam Cornell

9 Betty Hogan

12 Laura Yost

13 Carolyn Thomas

15 Misty Malstrom

15 Jaxson Bold

20 Raymond George

23 Connor Kotski

29 Mildred Walters

August

1 Debra Standinger

15 Joshua Bolden

24 Lois Bingley

26 Jean Bolden

27 Carolyn H. Yost

28 Sarah Standinger



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Weekly Calendar at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Sundays 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Sunday School September - May 10:00 am

Thursdays: Healing Service and Holy Eucharist (Rite I), 10:00 am.

The Parish Office, Church Sanctuary and All Souls Chapel/Columbarium
are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 am - 12 pm.