



The Apostle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Sunday Schedule

8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:45 Church School & Nursery
10:00 Morning Prayer or
Holy Eucharist

Rector

The Rev. Stephanie Chase Wilson

Staff

Rene Heron
Office Manager
Ed Stauff
Music Director
Sue Johansson
Church School Director
Don Porter
Rusty Porter
Sextons

Vestry

Tracy Wakeman
Senior Warden
Paula Fines
Junior Warden
Peter Kalafarski
Treasurer
Celia Brunette
Clerk
Kathy Brown (2010)
David Edwards (2010)
Carrie Nissi (2010)
Cheryl Means (2011)
Bruce Jensen (2011)
Laura McKenna (2011)
Loren Carlson (2012)
Susan Johansson (2012)
Mike Laorenza (2012)

What the Heck is The "Emerging Church?"

Some of you may have heard the Vestry speak of the "emerging church." Haven't we emerged already? Isn't the Episcopal Church already fully formed? Good questions. I think the answers are found in the understanding that churches, like human beings, are constantly forming and reforming. They adapt to meet current needs. The church today doesn't look like the church 500 years ago, or 1,000 years ago or 2,000 years ago. Nor should it. The gospel doesn't change, but how it is expressed in a particular time and place and culture most certainly does – and must – if it is to remain relevant.

How many of us know people who don't go to church because it is "boring" "irrelevant" "oppressive" or worse? The number of people in our country who claim this is increasing. Sociological studies show that our culture is going through a monumental shift, the kind of shift that we haven't seen in 500 years. The kind of shift that 500 years ago brought about the Reformation and the creation of Protestant churches. Our churches today are now going through this shift. To the extent that we don't match the shift of our culture and times, we are irrelevant.

When people speak of the "emerging church," it is a recognition that churches are also going through a once-in-a-500-year-transition today, trying to meet the needs of our changing cultural landscape. This transition has been gradually happening for the past 100 years or so, but is speeding up right now. Attendance in Christian churches across the board is dropping sharply. Where once we could expect young people to "come back to church" when they grow up, we now find young people who not only never grew up in church, but whose parents never grew up in church. Those young people, their parents or grandparents

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left because the church did a poor job of expressing why it was relevant to them. They and their descendants are now gone. Generations of people have no experience of what it means to belong to a faith community. And if the only contact one has with church is through the news media with church stories about abuse, judgment, guilt, and worse, it only makes sense to actively dislike church. If we keep on doing church exactly the same way we always have, we will die. More importantly, the gospel will go unheard.

Let me reassure those who like how things are right now need not fear we are going to change those things. If something is working for St. Paul's, it will remain. But we need to determine who is not now worshipping in our pews and figure out why. How we may address their needs as well? How do we make the gospel relevant to our changing society? How will St. Paul's emerge from this transition?

This is what the Vestry is exploring through readings, discussions and visits to other churches. If you would like to be part of the discussion or some of our visits or have thoughts or ideas, please let me know.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Stephanie Chase Wilson
Rector

Listing of June Service Readings

June 7th

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29 or Canticle 2 or 13

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 14th

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21st

1 Samuel 17: 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 28th

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Lamentations 3:21-33

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43



God Doesn't Go on Vacation In the Summer!

Just a reminder that St. Paul's is still worshipping and going strong all summer long! Our summer schedule begins June 21st with only one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Picnic

The annual parish picnic this year is on Sunday, June 14th, immediately after the service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Episcopal Blogger Corky Jensen

We have a celebrity in our midst! Congratulations to Corky Jensen for being hired as the new blogger about the Episcopal Church for the Boston Examiner. You can find her site at <http://www.examiner.com/x-10284-Boston-Episcopal-Examiner>. - Stephanie +

Jack Smith to be Interim Junior Warden

Many thanks to Jack Smith for taking on the position of Interim Junior Warden while Paula Fines is on her cross-country bike trip this summer. Jack will be in the position from June 1 through the end of September. – Stephanie +



Summer Musicians Wanted!

The choirs have the summer off, and this provides additional opportunities for guest musicians to perform during a service. If you have any interest in playing (or singing) a prelude, postlude or anthem, please drop me an e-mail at ["ed@mewsic.com"](mailto:ed@mewsic.com). I'll be happy to accompany you if you like. Most instrumental music should be fine; vocal music must have words appropriate to the setting. – Ed Stauff



Have You Never Been Baptized?

If you or your children have never been baptized and are considering it, please speak to the Rector. We are delighted to welcome new Christians at any age! The next dates for baptism are:

Sunday, September 6

Sunday, November 1



“A Walk Across Kazakh Steppes”

Please join returned Peace Corps volunteer and St. Paul's parishioner Anson McLellan in an evening presentation about Kazakhstan on Saturday, June 13th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. He will bring photographs, music, and maps and speak about his impressions of the ninth largest country in the world following his two years living and working in Central Asia. Come learn about this former stop of the Silk Road, former Soviet republic, and one of the modern world's largest energy producers. You might even learn some new languages!

Hello to Rene Heron

Please welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Rene Heron (pronounced “Reen”). Rene graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Summa Cum Laude. She is married to Michael and has two young children, Dan and Maggie. Rene lives here in North Andover on Upland Street and worships at North Parish. We are delighted to have her with us! – Stephanie +

Do you Feel Called To Be More Involved at Church?

We Have some Open Ministries. Do you have a gift or passion you could share? Here are some ministries opportunities we could use some help with:

Altar Guild - We need a few more members to have teams of 3 for each month. The knowledge that you are helping to prepare and beautify God's house is very rewarding, so come join us!



Dinner Theatre Fundraiser about Esther

There are so many times when I am impressed with the people of St. Paul's, and the production of the play Esther is one of the big ones! This began as an idea in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade church school class when they decided to perform a play based on the Bible. Millicent Wakeman (7th grade) was inspired and so wrote a smart witty script about one of the lesser known characters of the Old Testament: Esther. The kids and Sue Johansson loved it and decided it should be produced and performed by the children and youth of St. Paul's. With only a little over a month to pull the whole thing together, Sue, Lenore Schmidt, Bob and Phyllis Zimmerman, Kellie Kent, Tracy Wakeman, Brad and Wendy Wakeman, Bill and Laura McKenna, Peter Valpey, Millicent, Kristopher Valpey, and the children and youth, were on fire by the Holy Spirit to make it happen. A dinner was organized together with the play. All proceeds are to restore the broken cross on top of the church. Many thanks and enthusiastic praise go out to all who helped make this possible. You are all stars! – Stephanie +

St. Paul's Memorials For June 2009

June 7:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank DeLucca & Charles Veznaian

Donor: The Veznaian and Cronin Families

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur W. Howes

Donor: The Anna & Arthur Howes Memorial Fund

June 14:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara & Bob Hall

Donor: Marilyn Belanger

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Ruth Griffiths

Donor: The Griffiths Memorial Fund

June 21:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Herrmann

Donor: Kathy Lehan, Bill Herrmann, David Herrmann and their Families

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen B. Matthews

Donor: Brandy, Winn & Anne Matthews

June 28:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry & Mary Wilkinson

Donor: Mabel Wilkinson

To the glory of God and in loving memory of James Howard Gaul

Donor: Eydie Gaul and Family

Transitions

Birth of Finnegan Curry Yates on May 1st.
Child of Katy (Hathaway) and Robby
Yates. Grandchild to Carol Hathaway.

Baptisms on May 31st
Annabel Eve Leary, born Feb. 16,
2009, daughter of Dan and Carrie
Leary
Sylvan Salvatore Rector, born
Dec.17, 2008, son of Trent and
Rebecca Rector
Edward Johnson, new member of St.
Paul's

Ordination of Leigh Christina Vicens, daughter
of Willie and Marti Vicens, on June 6th
at All Saints' Cathedral in Milwaukee,
Wisconsin.

Graduation of
Aaron Brunette, son of John and
Celia, from North Andover High
School. He will be attending the
University of Massachusetts at
Dartmouth in the Fall.
Eliza Marshall, daughter of Charles and
Betsy, from Brooks School. She will be
attending Brown University in the Fall.

Congratulations to all!

Episcopal Church Women

Officers for next year: President Joyce
Washington thanks the women of the parish
and those who served as speakers for a
successful ECW season. She has
announced the following officers for next
year: Coralie Jensen, president; Linda Doherty,
vice-president; Chris Herrmann, recording
secretary; Kathy Brown, corresponding
secretary; and Jean Kookan, treasurer.



June Birthdays

Dave Means	June 6
Sarah Borwick	June 9
Joshua Nissenbaum	June 10
Alison Shaw	June 10
Joyce Hollins	June 12
Emma DiNatale	June 14
Gregory Johnson	June 18
Tyler Johnson	June 19
Nancy Laorenza	June 20
Molly McKenna	June 22
Emily Coffin	June 23
Elise Gorzela	June 24

We've Gone Wireless!

St. Paul's now has two operational wireless routers that cover the entire complex. The router located in the business office is named *church* and covers the French Memorial and office areas and some of the Parish Hall. Another router, *church_ds*, is located on the wall in the kitchen and covers the CCP and Sunday school areas and much of the Parish Hall. Wherever you are in the building and if you have a laptop with a wireless card, you should be able to connect with one or the other to access the web or do email. For now, these routers are both unsecured but in the fall we plan on securing them both (more on this later). Paula Fines – Junior Warden

Junior Warden's Report

The property team has been busy this winter and early spring with several small projects to maintain and improve the property. Some completed items include:

- Replace the sump pump in the FM cellar
- Add a deadbolt lock to the sacristy and also repair the inside door
- New bookcase in the office
- Paint the small hallway by the apartment
- Repair the ceiling in the rectory
- Routine maintenance on the three oil burners
- Remove 2 leaking oil tanks in the Parish Hall (one new one was added)
- Repair leaking radiator in the kitchen
- General yard clean-up front and back
- Secure wing walls outside the Parish Hall to keep out the critters

This spring and summer work will focus on critical building integrity issues (fascia, soffits, gutters), painting (front door area, FM, etc.), staining in the sanctuary, and installing a second new oil tank. We are also investigating alternatives for a new heating system in the sanctuary.

As many of you may have heard, I will be away this summer (June through September) as Jim and I are doing a cross country bicycle trip. You can follow our progress on:

www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/jimandpaula09

Jack Smith has graciously agreed to be the interim junior warden in my absence so if you have concerns about property or would like to help with some of the work, please contact Jack or another member of the property team: Ralph Griswold, Dave Edwards, Tom Kooker, and Peter Valpey.

Paula Fines – Junior Warden

Stewardship – It's Not Just About Money

Just a brief reminder that stewardship is about management. Stewardship is about how we manage our lives for God. This includes not only money, but time, our choices, our values, and all that we are. Our relationship with God extends beyond Sunday morning to include the other six days of the week. What we do on Sunday is simply to strengthen and encourage us for the week ahead; it isn't the whole shebang! Stewardship is how we apply our baptismal vows to our whole lives: believing in and worshipping the Holy Trinity, resisting evil, proclaiming the Good News, loving your neighbor as yourself, striving for justice and peace, etc (see the Prayer Book pp. 304-305). As we are still many months away from our financial stewardship campaign, this might be a good time of year for us to take stock of the stewardship of the rest of our lives. Where is God reflected in your life? May you be blessed, Stephanie +



Stewardship

Position Description

Opening for CEO of a going enterprise in need of new leadership. Organization is financially challenged with income sources uncertain. Client base largely middle income facing difficult economic times.

In the search process for a new Rector, this might be a more truthful description of the circumstances that Stephanie found at St.

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Paul's. All of us involved in the finances of St. Paul's are aware of the financial challenges we face and are thankful for the response of our membership. In that fictional position description another truth stands out – "with income sources uncertain". This is a reference to the number of faithful members that make a plate offering when they attend church. However, what we really need is for those faithful members to "pledge". We say again, the pledge is not carved in granite and when an individual's conditions change we understand that the pledge might also change...just let the Rector know! The important truth is that we need every member to pledge and that can start at any time! Pledge cards are still available on the table in the foyer. If not a pledging member, please take one and a box of envelopes and begin now. Thank you! Dave

Ye Olde English Faire – Silent Auction

It is not too early to start thinking Fair! A small group of "brainstormers" has been meeting to find ways to address our St. Paul's finances. One idea that is being worked is to strengthen the Silent Auction held in the annual Christmas fair.

One suggestion is to get more of the St. Paul's members involved by participating in seeking items for auction. In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about suggestions for items suitable for the auction. Items such as vacation homes, services (handy man); gifts, crafts; antiques; heirlooms; first edition books and you can imagine many additional suitable items. Ask your extended family, friends that might like to donate a week in a condo for a tax write-off or a piece of art work. Be imaginative and be prepared when we approach you for your donated items. Thank you! The Brainstormers!

Stretch Pledges

Many thanks to the several people who accepted our challenge for a "stretch pledge." These generous parishioners made an additional pledge to their original pledge in order to help St. Paul's budget shortfall. Currently our projected deficit is \$61,000, down from \$68,000 in January. This includes both stretch and new pledges. We are still accepting stretch pledges for those who feel called to do so. Thank you! – Stephanie +



And the Thank Yous go to...

To Kellie Kent for being the wedding coordinator for the McInerney/McMullen wedding.

To Lenore Schmidt for organizing the youth group car wash.

To Leona Hollins for her enormous job of setting up the yard sale.

To the Altar Guild for providing corsages for our confirmands.

To Tracy Wakeman for leading the May 17th Vestry meeting and Affirmative Inquiry session.

To Loren Carlson for his presentation on the "Emerging Church Matrix" on May 31.



Finance Committee News

The revenue and expense for the first four months appear below. The report indicates that during the month of April we spent \$1,452 more than we took in as revenue. For the first four months we paid out \$21,321 more than we received in revenue. We continue to look at ways of reducing our expenses while protecting our assets.

The Finance Committee met recently to review how the actual revenue and expense compares to the budget that was approved at Annual Meeting in January. Fortunately, we have received additional pledges since Annual Meeting and that revenue line could be increased on our "re-forecast", however, we have not reached the "stretch" pledge goal as yet. On the expense side, the cost of property maintenance and utilities is expected to be greater than originally budgeted. With two or three months of the heating season coming at the end of the budget year that expense line could be significantly impacted by changing energy prices. We continue to welcome your thoughts and your prayers.

At a recent meeting with the representative from our insurance company we were strongly urged to complete a **video inventory** of the contents of the sanctuary, French Memorial, offices and Parish Hall. Anyone interested in helping with that project is asked to contact Stephanie or Jean Kooken.

Summary of Finances and Budget as of April 30, 2009

	Month of April	Year to Date
Operating Income	\$ 13,213	\$ 65,820
Operating Expenses (Paid & Accrued)	\$ 14,665	\$ 87,141
Budget Excess(Shortfall)	\$ (1,452)	\$(21,321)
Transferred from endowment	\$ 0	\$ 10,000

Money is a Spiritual Topic

There is no shame in talking about money at church. Jesus talked about money more than any other subject other than the Kingdom of God. You can't talk about God without talking about money.

"He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'" (Mk 12:41-44)

Giving to the church is not about how much you give, but what proportion you give. 10% is the Biblical norm. The widow was exceedingly generous. Yet whatever you give is a blessing to both you and God's mission. Giving is a joy. It releases us from a dependence on money and allows us to trust in God. – Stephanie +



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SCHOOL

To teach St. Paul's children and their families .
. . . about God's love for us In Christ . . . through
. . . Scripture, Worship, and Community

It's hard to believe that the Church School Year
is soon coming to an end.
What a year!

We extend great appreciation to our teachers.
"Thank you!" for all your hard work and
commitment.

To the Church School kids, we want you to
know that you made this year happen, a BIG
Thank you for your great works and efforts.
You kids are awesome.

The kids made \$200.00 at the car wash on
May 2nd. It was a great day and we all had lots
of fun while raising money. The proceeds were
used for the Heifer Project and a trip for the
kids to go to Canobie Lake Park.

Can you believe we actually put on a great
play? "Esther", written by Millicent Wakeman,
was performed by the youth of our church.
They did an awesome job.
Come to church June 6th and find out how
much the kids raised to help restore the cross
on top of our church. We hope you made it to
the play.

Many thanks to Phyllis Zimmerman, our
Director; Bob Zimmerman, Stage Manager;
Kellie Kent, Costumes & Makeup; Tracy
Wakeman, Props; Wendy Wakeman, writer of
Poster and Program; Bill McKenna, House

Management; Laura McKenna, Head of
Kitchen & Servers, Lenore Schmidt, Assistant
Producer: And all the parents who helped
make it a great event.

Looking Forward:

In order for another successful year,
We invite members of our Parish to join us in
the Church School Mission.
If you wish to be a teacher please contact us.
Keep a look out for training sessions to be held
this summer.

Remember Teachers are always needed from
Nursery through High School.

Please keep in touch & have a safe summer!
God Bless,
Sue



St. Paul's Women's Book Group

We have had such fun in our book group this
year that we have decided to continue through
the summer. Many of us find we have more
reading time in the summer so this is a chance
to select a good book for the beach! Our
meetings are always held at 7:00 p.m. in the
French Memorial. Here is our upcoming
meeting schedule:

June 18 – *Eat, Pray, Love* by
Elizabeth Gilbert

July 16 – *Cod* by Mark Kurlansky

August 20 – *Gilead* by Marilynne
Robinson

September 17 – *L'Oro Verde* by L.E.
Chamberlain

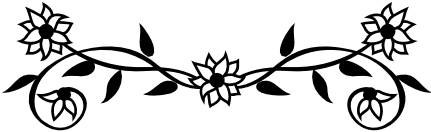
October 15 – *Big House* by George
Howe

June 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 ECW Movie and Dinner at the Loop 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting	2 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group	3 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Usher Review (Church)	4	5	6
7  8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II, Family Service 10:00 AM Kid's Recognition Sunday 11:30 AM Jr. Choir 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting 11:45 AM Contemporary Service Music Rehearsal	8 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting	9 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group	10  7:30 PM Choir Practice and Contemporary Service Music Rehearsal	11	12	13  7:00 PM "A Walk Across Kazakh Steppes" by Anson McLellan
14  PICNIC 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 AM Adult Recognition Sunday 10:00 AM Morning Prayer Rite II, Sermon by Aaron Brunette 11:30 AM Parish Picnic	15 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting	16 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group	17	18  7:00 PM Women's Book Group Meeting	19	20
21  9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II, "Acknowledging Fathers"	22 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting	23 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	29 7:30 PM Women's Love of Life - AA Meeting	30 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Men's Group	1	2	3	4

St. Paul's Prayer List

For Healing

April DiDomenico	Kipley Herr
Dorothy Hammond	Carmen Laurenza
Mae Mallory	Jim Wheeler
Charles Pina	Kathy Brown
Frances Grelle	Marti Vicens
Ralph Griswold	Ronald DeAngeles, Jr
Pat Grelle	Steve McKenna
Ruth Lawlor	Joyce Barney
Fred Soucy	
Gordon Hull III	
Kevin Ballantine	
Millie Willette	
Mary Ellen Grelle	



For those in the Service

Sean Powers
Matthew Bailey
Tyler Johnson
Jonathan Velishka
Jonah Shotter
James Swiggart
Andrew Shaw



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