

St. Paul's Messenger

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Balancing Openness With Security - Our New System

A new security system is coming to St. Paul's to protect our staff, volunteers and nursery school children from harm. For many years, access to St. Paul's has been relatively unlimited to accommodate the many groups that use the building. An important part of our mission is to open our doors to local organizations and offer our church for worship. In recent months, however, there have been some unsettling incidents where individuals seeking financial assistance have become belligerent and have needed to be escorted to the door. At other times, non-parishioners have been found in parts of the building where they have no need to be. These situations have raised concerns about the level of security for our staff and the nursery school during the normal work day and our choisters as they enter and leave the building in the late afternoon and evening.

In reaction to these events, the Property Committee appointed a Security Subcommittee to recommend a security plan that would offer protection

from unwelcome guests while remaining open for our parishioners, volunteers, community organizations and welcome visitors. It is interesting to note that St. Paul's is the only church in the area that is not "locked down." After three months of investigation and evaluation, the Property Committee approved the Security Subcommittee's recommendation to restrict access to certain parts of the building except when there are services. The Vestry has also approved the recommended security upgrades.

The new security system will be installed by May 21 and except during services, access to the church will be through the East door only. There will be a buzzer near it with a speakerphone and a camera, so our receptionist or appropriate staff contact can identify the visitor. During the week, clergy, staff, other employees and regular volunteers, will have keypad access to the East entrance and other areas of the building. Addition-

ally during the week, elevator access to the upper level will be controlled by the use of a key, limiting access to our staff offices there. Elevator access between the lower level and main floor will NOT change. The Chapel will continue to be open for prayer and meditation as it is now.

All parishioners, volunteers and others responsibly using our facilities will be granted an access code. If you do not receive a letter from the Security Subcommittee soliciting your preference for an access code, please call the church office, leave your name and phone number and ask that a member of the Security Subcommittee return your call.

Thanks in advance for your patience during this transition. Be assured that this decision was not an easy one, but in view of the events that have occurred, one that is necessary.

-Wayne M. Rice

Senior Warden's Reflections

By the time you read this, I hope that you will have picked up your stewardship materials for the 2007 – 2008 pledge year. If you have not, your packet either will be delivered or sent to you shortly. In any event, please remember to return your pledge card on May 20, which this year is both Rogation and Loyalty Sunday. Combining these two occasions seems quite appropriate to me. Rogation is a celebration of God's creation that surrounds us each day. At the same time, we are reminded of our duty to have reverence for the earth as God's creation and to use its resources rightly in the service of others and to God's honor and glory; in other words to be stewards of nature and all natural resources. Being stewards is also the focus of Loyalty Sunday. All things are God's and on Loyalty Sunday, we are committing to give back a portion of what God has given us.

If you currently pledge, you will note that your 2007 – 2008 pledge card includes both your current pledge amount as well as a suggested 2007 -08 Pledge. If you are not already pledging, we have asked that you consider doing so this year and have included a Proportional Giving Worksheet (those who are already pledging may find this helpful as well). Both the suggested 2007-08 pledge and the Proportional Giving Worksheet are intended to be guides; each of us should give what he or she feels blessed to give.

This Rogation/Loyalty Sunday, let us celebrate stewardship; stewardship of the earth as God's creation and stewardship of all that God has given each of us in our individual lives.

Faithfully,
Wayne M. Rice

CPR/AED Training A Success

Thanks to Doug Zook, twenty intrepid souls learned about the revised and simplified guidelines for administering CPR and the wonders of using the AED on Saturday, April 20.

Doug not only is an expert, but an excellent and involved teacher.

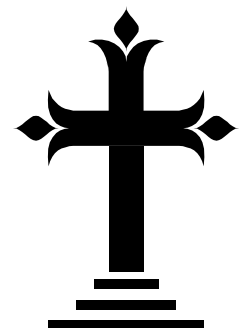
Thanks also go to Ken Vechik, our AED Coordinator and Health & Wellness member for organizing and coordinating the class.

Thank you Doug and Ken!

Time to Say Goodbye

It was about a year ago when we welcomed our interim priest, Father James Corbett. He has remained steadfast in implementing the five developmental tasks recommended to transition a parish from one rector to the next. We have learned a lot about our parish since his arrival. Now, it is time for us to bid Father Corbett farewell, as his Letter of Agreement with the Vestry provides that he will serve as our interim through May 31, 2007.

As May 26-27, 2007 (also Pentecost and Baptisms), will be Father Corbett's last weekend with us, he will be at all four services on those two days. In addition, on Sunday, May 27, we will honor his time with us at a reception following the 9:30 service. Please plan to attend one of the services on May 26 or 27 and join the Vestry in saying, "God be with you" to Father Corbett.



Vestry Notes

The Vestry held its regular monthly meeting on April 26. Two parents (representing other interested parents) and a member of the Youth Group met with the Vestry to discuss the future of the youth program. They expressed a desire to be actively involved in the process of choosing the next Youth Minister and to form a committee to create a profile of the ideal candidate. The intent would be for the committee to present its work product to the new Rector to use in the selection of a Youth Minister. The Vestry concurred with this approach. The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Youth Minister Profile Committee; Beth Guenther (Chair), Bruce Freeman, Cindy McBee, Mary Blumberg, Bob McCormick, Audrey Houseman, Nick Kienzle and Trevor Cannon.

In other business, the Vestry received a favorable financial report from Brad Bruggeman. Contributions are ahead of budget and expenses are less than projected. It looks like the parish will be able to finish the current fiscal year without a deficit. Rob Cockfield reviewed the Stewardship Committee's final plans for the Stewardship Campaign and Melissa Haney informed the Vestry that the Property Committee is seeking proposals for painting both the interior and exterior of the church. The Vestry also reviewed and approved the plans for a new security system.

Kristie Van Auken presented several designs for a new logo that the Communications Committee had selected from those prepared by the same graphics designer who had worked on the layout for the

Parish Profile. Ann Grebelsky said that she would be interested in being on the Transition Committee and then agreed to serve as the committee's chair. The meeting concluded with a discussion of the Bishop's visit on May 6.

-Wayne M. Rice
Senior Warden

Staff Information

- Fr. James Corbett, Interim Priest (Ext. 23), FrJBDC@neo.rr.com
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- The Rev. George Murphy, Pastoral Associate (Theological Education) (Ext. 31), gmurphy@stpaulsakron.org
- The Rev. Sandra Selby, Chaplain (Ext. 44), sselby@stpaulsakron.org
- The Rev. Polly Glanville, Deacon (Seniors Ministry) (Ext. 24), revgville@aol.com
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Making Disciples, Making Stewards

The word *disciple* in the New Testament is often used in the sense of *pupil*, particularly when referring to the 12 Disciples of Jesus. We learn from His teachings, self-sacrifice, death, and gloriously, His resurrection just as the 12 Disciples did. We learn how to apply those lessons to our own life by listening to the Word delivered by our clergy- priests, deacons and chaplains. The glory of the Word is made magical by the voices of our choirs and the deep undertones of a congregation chanting our creeds, prayers and repentance – together as one voice.

We learn what it means to support

our Christian community at St. Paul's by giving of ourselves- time, talent and money. That's what *Making Disciples, Making Stewards* our annual stewardship campaign is all about. It is about our individual journey as a disciple or pupil of Christ and supporting our church which makes that discipleship possible. That is stewardship.

As we prepare to call our next Rector and open another chapter in the life of this parish, I ask you to join me in increasing your pledge by \$104 (or six percent more than last year) for 2007-08. It is what we need to keep our church strong and

growing. If you haven't ever pledged, please do so this year. It is what Christ asks of his disciples.

Loyalty Sunday is May 20, 2007 (also Rogation Sunday). It will be the glorious combination of bagpipes and stewardship. Please return your pledge card (and your Kids Commitment Card if you have children) as we celebrate our great Earth, all gifts of a loving God.

In peace,

Rob Cockfield
Chief Giving Advocate
Stewardship Committee

Craig Sisak Honored

St. Paul's member Craig Sisak has been named to the 2007 "Twenty in Their 20's" list by Crain's Cleveland Business on the Web.

Craig is Director of Rehabilitation and a Physical Therapist at Rockynol Retirement Community where he manages eight people, coordinates patient care, works on

patients and goes to bat for them when their insurance firm or Medicare wants to stop paying for their rehabilitation.

Leslie Belfance, Executive Director of Rockynol said she could tell immediately that Craig was energetic, bright, spiritual and caring. She counts him as one of her "star em-

ployees." Besides being a member of St. Paul's, he is a member of Akron Jaycees and the Young Professionals of the Alzheimer's Association of Akron.

Craig and his wife have two young sons, ages 3 and 10 months.

In the Spotlight

John Buffett will graduate from the Eastman School of Music with a Bachelors Degree in Music-Vocal Performance on May 20, 2007 where he is in the voice studio of Robert Swensen.

John has been accepted and will

attend the Eastman School's Masters of Music-Vocal Performance graduate program in the fall of 2007.

John was a former head chorister with the Choir of Men & Boys.

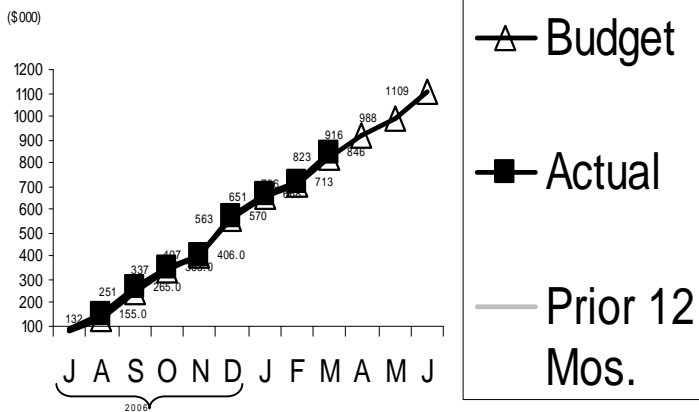
From the Treasurer

-Brad Bruggeman

The end of March marked nine months into our fiscal year which ends June 30, 2007. The following three graphs depict our operating budget's revenue and expense status when compared to our nine month targets.

Graph #2 - Total Revenue: Budget vs. Actual

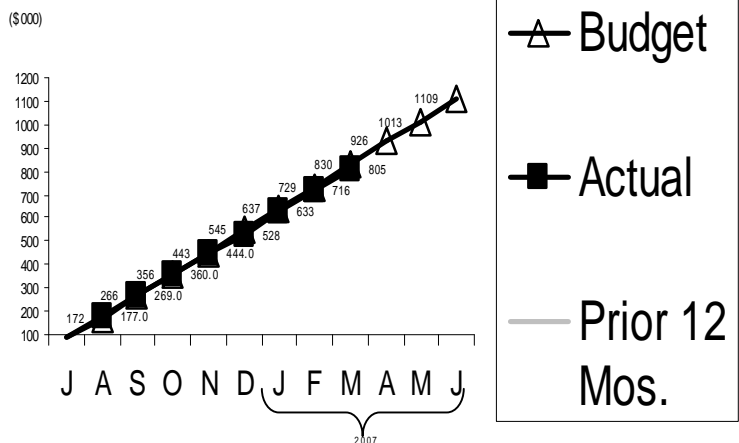
This graph measures our total monthly revenue which combines both the contributions from graph #1 with the funds we get from St. Paul's Endowment Foundation and four other trusts/foundations. At the end of March we had collected a total of \$846,000 against a budget of \$823,000. Last year we had collected \$804,000. Another good news graph.



Graph #3 - Total Expenses - Budget vs. Actual

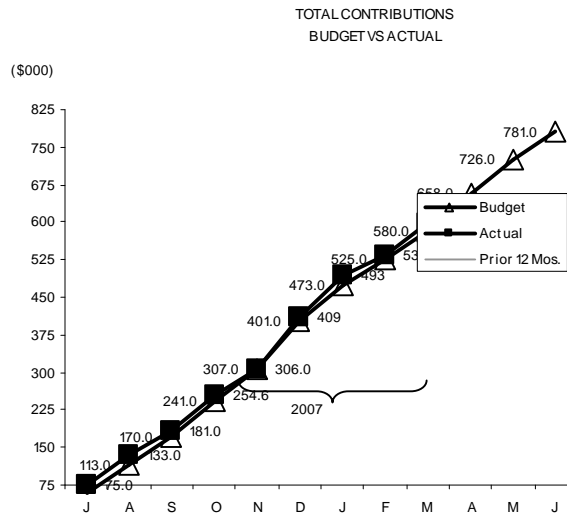
This graph measures our monthly expenses. At the end of March our total expenses added to \$805,000 against a budget of \$830,000. Last fiscal year we had spend \$801,000 on expenses. As you can see we are continuing to under spend our expense budget.

For nine months we have a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$40,900. I expect to end the fiscal year with a slight surplus.



Graph #1 - Total Contributions

This graph measures our monthly contributions (mainly pledge receipts) against monthly budget targets. At the end of March we had collected \$598,000 against a budget of \$580,000. Last year at the end of the same period we had collected \$573,000. We are doing better than budget - keep the wonderful pledges coming in.



Children's Summer Education

Summer Education for children four years old through sixth grade will be Monday, June 18-Thursday, June 21 from 9:15-12 noon.

We will focus on a program created by Heifer International called *Animal Crackers* where we will learn about animals in our lives and globally and what we can do to help solve world hunger.

Registration is \$20 per child and is due June 3. Fill out the registration form to the right and mail it along with the fee to St. Paul's.

-Sheila Svoboda

Summer Education Registration

Family Name _____
 Child Name(s) _____ Age(s) _____
 Parent Name(s) _____
 Street Address _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____
 Specific concerns _____

Family Potluck Thursday, June 21 at 6PM

- willing to volunteer for weekday mornings
 willing to volunteer to help set up for Thursday evening potluck
 willing to volunteer to help clean up after potluck
 need childcare before activities start
 need childcare after activities end (Monday-Wednesday only)

Youth Service Project

St. Paul's Youth are partnering with ArkAlmighty, a good deeds program that matches up the needs in our parish with the talents and skills of our parish. The ArkAlmighty website is designed to enable youth groups and parishes to easily get involved in practical and tangible volunteer outreach.

Can you balance a checkbook, walk a dog, throw a curveball, hang a picture frame, cut the grass or weed a garden?

You might not think of these every-

day activities as volunteering but for the people who can't do them, your ability and your willingness to help is exactly what they need. You will be amazed how simple acts of kindness can change lives.

The youth of St. Paul's will be the first to post their skills on the ArkAlmighty.com website. We encourage all of you to look at the website and post a skill that you have and would be willing to share. We will match needs with skills and you will be contacted as to when your project can be accomplished. Here's

how you get started:

1. www.ArkAlmighty.com
2. St. Paul's Episcopal Church
3. Post a need or a skill
4. You will be contacted in a timely manner

For those of you who do not have internet access, write your need on paper and place in Jeannie Kienzle's mailbox at the church.

St. Paul's Youth Need You

The Youth Group of St. Paul's continues to be a vital part of the parish. We have earned a reputation for having an active youth program within the walls of our parish and in the area of outreach. Deidre Bullock laid a solid foundation of educating our youth concerning the importance of mission outreach. Youth mission trips change lives. We support the youth mission trips at home and abroad.

Again this summer we will be sending three youth and adult mission teams to various locations. Please consider one of these trips for your youth. The trips and dates are listed at the end of this article. Information has been sent to families who have youth of middle school and high school age. If you did not receive the information please call Jeannie Kienzle, 330.836.9327, ext. 25 or email her at runninchick@sbcglobal.net.

We have a great need for adults to help with these trips. The trips have been secured through an organization called Youthworks. They design and execute the programs at the sites. Our youth cannot go without two adult chaperones (one of each gender). The adult chaperones will be asked to make sure the youth are up and ready in the morning, and that they are in bed at night. The adults will go on site with the youth and help where they are needed. Having gone on the New Orleans trip, I learned that the youth who attend are very responsible.

Please prayerfully consider sending your youth on one of these trips, and taking an active part yourself.

The trips and dates are as follows:

- Mon Valley, Pa. - July 1-6, Senior High only

- Charleston, W.Va. - July 15-20, Senior High only.
- Cincinnati, Oh. - August 5-10, completed seventh through twelfth grade.

-Jeannie Kienzle
Interim Youth Minister
330.873.1609

Worship With Us

Tuesdays:

Morning Prayer, 8:30 in the chapel

Wednesdays

Holy Eucharist, 7AM & 5:30PM in the chapel

Saturdays

Casual Eucharist, 5:30PM in the chapel

Sundays:

Holy Eucharist at 8 and 9:30AM in the chapel

Family Eucharist at 9:30AM in the church

Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer at 11AM in the church

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:30AM & 2PM.

Our summer service schedule starts Sunday, May 27 with a combined 9:30 service in the chapel courtyard - weather permitting.

Altar Flowers for May

May 6, Church: In memory of Peg Ethridge from Peggy Koblenzer and family.

May 6, Chapel: In celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Paul and Jean Scovell from their children Paul, Cyndey, Tom and their families.

May 13, Church: Available.

May 13, Chapel: In memory of Dayton Doerler and our wedding anniversary from Madge Doerler.

May 20, Church: In memory of Robert Lee Reeves from Katy Shroder.

In memory of Beatrice Joyce from Eileen Crist.

May 20, Chapel: Available.

May 27, Church & Chapel: Available.

-List submitted by Nancy Parker, Flower Guild

Gifts and Memorials

Mr. John Clement gave a gift to St. Paul's Church.

Mrs. Virginia Carrell gave a gift in memory of Walter Hoyt.

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Petrochuk gave a gift in memory of Beulah Edwards.

Ms. Nancy Alley gave a gift in memory of Laurel Benson.

Mrs. Julie McFarland gave a gift to the Gardener's of St. Paul's in memory of Mary Williams & Jeanne Frank Long.

Mrs. Wright Bronson gave a gift in memory of Jeanne Frank Long.

Ms. Virginia Holshuh gave gifts in memory of Mary Williams & Jeanne Frank Long.

Mrs. William Sandwick gave gifts in February in memory of M. J. Nouse, Bethany Wampler, Marguerite Anderson, John Kasandra, Kenneth Rowe, Sister Elizabeth Ann Schaefer, Sister Mary George, Amy Komunale Klein, Vera Creasey, Ruth Verbulicz, Marian Olivo, Edwin Sonnecken, and in celebration of the births of Ellen Freitag and Kaitlin Schauf.

Mrs. William Sandwick gave gifts in March in memory of Dr. Walter Hoyt, Edwin Don Parks, Renato Ciccolini, Mary Enyart Williams, and Bill Andrews, and in celebration of the births of Alyssa and Isaac and in memory of Clyde Latchic, Sidney Cheplowitz, Alice Blickle, and Robert Baker; and in celebration of the births of Andrew Paul Towell, and Madeline Christine Weitzel, and in celebration of the anniversaries of Martha & Bill Hinchman, Mr. & Mrs.

Thomas Woods, and Dr. Leonard & Mrs. Sweet, and the birthday of Mary Stecher Douthit.

Mrs. William Sandwick gave gifts in April in celebration of the 90th birthday of Catherine Bronson and in memory of Pamela Bronson Giambrome, Virgin Varner Simmons, Jeanne Frank Long, and Mary Gervais.

-List submitted by Tom Valtman and Christine Crafton

An Oblate Story

Sally Elizabeth Ann Goodall will receive the habit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and be admitted as an Oblate Novice of Episcopal Carmel of Saint Teresa, taking the name of Sally of the Grace of God on Friday May 18, 2007 at 5PM

Several people indicated that it might be a good idea to let people know what this means.

Some of you may have read the article in the May edition of Episcopal Life about being a Benedictine Oblate. There are many similarities, but as a Carmelite my life will be to follow the Rule of Albert along with such well known Carmelites who have gone before such as Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, John of the Cross and Brother Lawrence. However, I am not planning to live out the Rule as a member of an enclosed order. As an oblate, I will continue to go to work each day and attend church at St. Paul's, but I will also make prayer an increasingly important part of my life.

Oblates are sometimes called third order members of religious communities.

They come from all walks of life and may be men or women, married or single. Oblature means to offer

oneself to God's service as part of a religious community. Oblature is a response to the initiating love of God, to live a life dedicated to the ideals of Carmelite spirituality. It is God who challenges us with this vocation and God who provides the strength and means to fulfill the obligations.

Carmelite orders are enclosed contemplative communities. An Oblate keeps the Rule in the world. We try to bring the silence of Carmel into our over stimulated, unreflective world. Our role is to lift up Christ's church and the world to God and act as channels of peace into the world. That is what the enclosed member of the order does and it is no different to what an oblate does, but oblates do it as they live as teachers, priests, homemakers, nurses and parents etc. As members of the only Episcopal Carmel in the world, we are finding our way "on the ragged edge of monasticism" and moving to new horizons relying on God's providence.

Oblates, and all Carmelites, profess their allegiance to Christ as expressed in the Gospel. Prayerful reading of scripture is part of the Rule of each Oblate. Oblates recite Morning and Evening Prayer and spend at least thirty minutes per

day in prayer and meditation. Although the monastery is in Maryland, we have regular meetings with the prioress and other oblates by phone and on line. We also experience community life at the monastery during study weekends three to four times per year. There, we observe the Great Silence after Compline until after the Eucharist the next morning. Most meals are taken in silence and talking is limited to necessary communication except during recreation time. As an Oblate novice, I will wear a dark brown habit and scapular when at the monastery and occasionally at other times. As a member of a "discalced" order, I will wear sandals.

The role of Carmelites in the world is to pray for the world. We believe that by setting time each day to be alone with God, we can be present to God for the needs and prayers of the world, especially for those who are unable for whatever reason to offer their own prayers.

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