

St. Paul's Epistle



JUNE 2011

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH

The Pastoral Care and Outreach committee met on Sunday May 1 after the 10am service. We made our final plans for the blessing of the Newborn Kits for Mothers Without Borders and asked that if possible, this would be integrated into the Family Sunday sermon. We discussed planning for the next year in Outreach both in financial giving and with projects within the parish. We decided to make that the focus of our June meeting with attention to local, state, national and international needs and finding a balance in our giving in the various areas.

We reviewed any pastoral care needs or food needs at this time. Judy and Lee gave us an update on the Vergennes Food Shelf. Our freezer has been cleaned out and there are remaining items available for families in need.

We continue to have an interest in linking our outreach to the Boys and Girls Club in Vergennes. Lenore is researching this for the group. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 5th after the 10am service.

PRAYER AND HEALING GROUP

The Prayer and Healing Group met on Saturday May 14th. We began our time together with Morning Prayer using prayers from the Celtic tradition. We discovered in our discussion of the Sunday gospel lesson that there were several themes relating to the first chapters of our new study book, "Listening to the Heartbeat of God" by Phillip Newell. We decided to continue meeting throughout the summer, once each month and to continue our reading and reflection on this book about Celtic Spirituality. Our meeting ended with a time of quiet meditation with a focus on "soaking prayer". We meet again on June 18th.



St. Paul's will again be providing a refreshment stand and bake sale at the annual **VERGENNES MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH.**

Mary Cassidy is the coordinator for these efforts. We'll have soda and other beverages, hot dogs, fried dough, cotton candy and other snacks for sale. The sale booth will be located on the grass on the sidewalk near the Church. We'll need volunteers to help with the following roles:

8:30 AM to 10 AM Setup crew (kitchen help, tent setup, tables, fryers and grill)

10 AM to 1 PM Refreshment Sale: Cashiers, runners to/from kitchen, helpers for fried dough and cotton candy.

1 PM to 2:30 PM Cleanup crew (tear it all down and wash everything.)

A sign up sheet for materials, baked goods and support for each of the items listed above will be available in the Narthex and Parish hall. Many hands will make our work all the more enjoyable.

10% of the profits will be tithed to charitable causes.

We look forward to a good time working together and chatting with all of our neighbors as the largest Memorial Day parade in the state of Vermont goes by. We give thanks for all those who have served in the military and those who have given their lives for our freedom.

Memorial Day 2010 :Solon and the crew hard at work



FAMILY SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

There was so much going on at church this past Family Sunday, May 8th. A lot to celebrate!

MOTHER'S DAY

During the service, all mothers received a beautiful rose in honor of Mother's Day. What a nice thought and gift! And later there were lots of tasty treats during coffee hour.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Diane had a lot to show and talk about during the children's sermon. First she played "I Spy" with the children to see if they could find a special candle anywhere. Later at the altar, she went over the meaning and liturgy behind the Paschal Candle. The children were able to interact with questions and answers.



Diane and children at the altar learning about the Paschal Candle during the Children's Sermon

Next Diane talked about the Newborn Kits that St. Paul's is donating to Mothers Without Borders Vermont (MBWVT) for newborns in Zambia, Africa this summer. The children were excited because they had helped put the kits together the previous Sunday during Sunday school. They knew all about the "babies" who were getting the items like blankets and hats and diapers etc. because they helped put them together.



Diane showing items from the Newborn Kits being donated to Mothers Without Borders Vermont (MWBVT) for children in Zambia, Africa

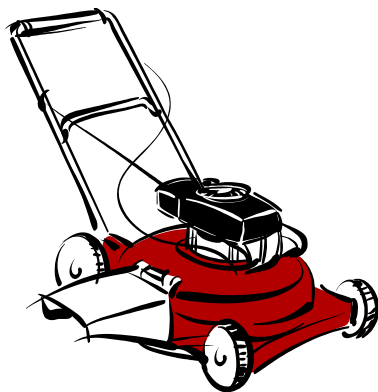
Diane mentioned how Mothers Without Borders went to places around the world, like Africa and Haiti, serving children in need at hospitals and clinics and elsewhere. In the end, Diane brought the focus again to the light of the Paschal Candle, a light we were helping to spread to Africa through our blessing and gifts for the newborns.



Father Alan blessing the newborn kits bound for Zambia, Africa on Mother's Day, May 8th, 2011.

Is anyone willing to mow the church lawn as needed? Usually that means once a week, Friday or Saturday so we look spiffy for Sunday. Occasionally, in July and August, the lawn is dry enough so that you only have to hit the high spots and "sticky up bits!" A mower will be provided and Fr. Alan cuts the rectory yard so it should only take 30 to 45 minutes at the most.

Speak with Fr. Alan if you can help for the summer or maybe one month-June or July or August or September.



PLEASE!

THANK YOU Thanks to everyone at St. Paul's for your generous contributions towards the newborn kits that we are donating to Mothers Without Borders Vermont (MWBVT). We had a very successful collection. We are sending 25 newborn kits to Zambia, Africa this summer through MWBVT. And thanks to everyone in Outreach and Sunday School who helped this collection along. A great joint effort! Finishing up this project on Mother's Day seemed just right.

Bo Price

PLEASE CHECK THE BIRTHDAY LIST IN THE NARTHEX-MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS RIGHT ON THE SHEET. THANK YOU.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

May 29th Randy Orvis (with apologies)

- ? Ashli Fleming
- 2 Suzanne Laidman
- 2 Daniel Knauss
- 8 David Knauss
- 12 Dale Evarts
- 19 Sissy Jennings
- 21 Lenore Morse
- 25 Bob Raymond
- 27 Margaret Parlour

JUNE 2011 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Ascension Day</i> 12 noon Holy Eucharist Rite 1	3 8pm AA	4 Diocesan Special Convention – Burlington St. Paul's Cathedral
5 7 Easter 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10am Eucharist 11:30 Outreach & Pastoral Care 7pm Bacculaureate VUHS 7:30 Taize Evensong, Cathedral 7pm AA	6	7 7pm choir	8	9	10 8pm AA	11
12 Pentecost 8am Eucharist 10am Baptism and Family Eucharist 7pm AA	13	14 7pm choir	15	16	17 8pm AA	18 9:30 Prayer and Healing Group EPISTLE DEADLINE Submissions to: pbarrows@gmavt.net jerm@gmavt.net
19 Trinity 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 10am Child care 7pm AA	20	21 7pm Vestry 7pm choir	22 10:30 Morning Prayer Vergennes Residential Care Home	23	24 8pm AA	25
26 2 Pentecost 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10am Eucharist 10am Child care 7pm AA	27 7pm City Band Concert on the Green	28 7pm choir	29	30		

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY SHOWN PLEASE ARRANGE TO SWITCH SUNDAYS WITH SOMEONE. THANK YOU.

JUNE SUNDAY CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Welcome Comm.</u>	<u>Acolyte Crucifer</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Readings</u>
June 5 7 Easter	Lucille LeBeau	Madelaine Calise Nan Guilmette	Diane Merrill MaryBeth Hamilton	Tim Earle	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Steve Lowe Margaret Lowe	Catie Macauley Carol Knauss	Cricket Laidman	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
June 12 Pentecost	Kim Hatgen- Carrig	Family Service	Sarah Cowan	Nan Guilmette	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Lenore Morse Jim Schuler	Cassidy Jay Catie Macauley Carol Knauss	Stephen Lowe Nate Guilmette	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25- 35, 37 1 Cor.:12:3b-13 John 7:37-39
June 19 Trinity	Anne Sevee	<u>Child Care</u> Margaret Lowe Sarah Hale	Cricket and Bob Laidman	Bob Laidman	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Mary Gordon Ann Haigis	Fiona Robertson Aaron Robertson	Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen- Carrig	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Cor.:13:11-13 Matt.28:16-20
June 26 2 Pentecost	Lenore Morse	<u>Child Care</u> Rachel Robertson Pam Macauley	Pam Macauley	Sarah Stroup	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Randy Orvis	Catie Macauley Carol Knauss	Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Jer. 28:5-9 Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40- 42

