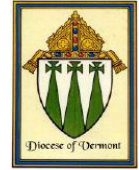


St. Paul's Epistle



NOVEMBER 2011

Vergennes, Vermont
Saturday, October 22, 2011

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

This past Tuesday, St. Luke's Day was observed at St. Paul's with a noontide Eucharist. By tradition, Luke was a physician, so his feast day is a reminder that part of the church's mission is healing. One of the appointed lessons comes from the Apocrypha (Sirach 38) where we read, "... healing comes from the Most High." And the collect of the day asks of God: "Graciously continue your Church in this love and power." Of course Luke is also one of the evangelists, having written the third Gospel. Further, he was the author of the Book of Acts. In commentaries, many scholars simply combine them and refer to the Book of Luke-Acts.

Diocesan Convention will be held on November 4 and 5. Delegates Sarah Cowan and Laurie Earle, Alternate Delegate Bob Laidman, and I will all be attending. Earlier the four of us were among those who attended the Ministry Fair in preparation for Convention. I ask your prayers for this important gathering in the life of the Diocese of Vermont.

All Saints Sunday falls on November 6. That day the 10 o'clock service will begin with a procession during the first hymn. Younger people and their parents are invited to arrive in a timely fashion and join in; just follow the Choir! (Sunday School therefore will begin only after the Procession.) Within the procession, a new banner will be carried. Later in the service, it will be dedicated. The banner is a gift from the Macauley family in honor of St. Paul's 200th year. One side has the parish's coat of arms, and the reverse depicts our church building. The banner was created by Judith McManis. She is a member of St. Paul's Cathedral and has been commissioned to do many of the vestments and hangings used there. A gracious thank you to the Macauleys for what will become a colorful adornment to our liturgy.

This month we look forward to the national celebration of Thanksgiving. In the church, one available means of expressing gratitude now comes as we approach the time to pledge financial support for 2012. The Stewardship Committee has established November 20 as Ingathering Sunday. This is when pledge forms (aka "gift intention forms") will be collected. Your response to this appeal is a vital component in our common life. Please consider your blessings and the important part your gift will play in helping to carry out the mission of St. Paul's Church. Thank you.

The church begins a new year with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27. That day our guest preacher and celebrant will be Father Bob Macauley, like Luke, also a physician!

Congratulations to Ron and Madelaine Calise upon the birth of their new grandson, Jackson.

In thanksgiving,

Alan +



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ann Haigis
- 3 Kate (Langeway) Higgins
- 7 Kylee Coffey
- 7 Laura Lewandowski
- 10 Ariana Price
- 13 Seth Laidman
- 13 Faith McAllister
- 13 Tristan Earle
- 19 John Stroup
- 21 Rebecca Chauvin
- 21 Madeleine Mae Stroup
- 21 Ancel Coburn
- 23 Laurie Earle
- 23 Bob Macauley
- 24 Madelaine Calise

WE HAVE YET AGAIN BEEN THE LUCKY recipients of the VUHS freshman class community service project.

The stalwart crew from VUHS



Ten students completed the tasks listed below diligently and enthusiastically and if you know any of them please be sure to thank them personally for all their effort. Thanks also go to Father Alan, Carol Knauss, Lenore Morse and Laurie Earle for their assistance and the ever-faithful Tim Earle for the loan of his trailer and for debris disposal.

We now have:

- *Sparkling Parish hall windows inside and out.

- *Saplings removed from around foundation.
- *Weeded ledge between Parish Hall & Church.
- *Scrubbed & sorted refrigerator.
- *Clean kitchen cabinet doors & main cabinet shelves.
- *Initial rectory & parish hall raking.
- *Cleaner flowerbed by Opera House.
- *Clean balcony & back stairs.

Let's pray they will visit us again next year!

Madelaine Calise

THE BEFORE AND AFTER BELFRY CLEANING ! Kudos go to Judy Langeway for arranging this ugly task. Guano was over 4 inches deep and took pros in Hazmat type suits and respirators nine hours to bag and cart away.

BEFORE



AFTER



HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND

Addison County Home Health & Hospice

Invite you to attend their annual Candle Lighting &
Service of Remembrance
Sunday, November 6, 2011
Middlebury United Methodist Church
2-4PM

The program includes music, reading and a candle lighting ceremony.

CALENDARS

If your mailbox is being, or will be, inundated with unwanted calendars for 2012, please bring them to church and leave them in the narthex. We will send them on to the Seaman's Institute to be distributed to men and women serving in the merchant marine. If you are in a store that has free calendars, pick up a couple and bring them along. They will be much appreciated. We need them by mid-December in order to get them shipped out. Many thanks.

MEMORIAL LIST

Each year on All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 6 this year), we read the names on the Memorial List of those who have died and whom we want to remember. A copy of the list is in the narthex; please make corrections/additions if you wish to. The names will be read during communion on the 6th at the 10 o'clock service.

ST. PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP

The St. Paul's Stewardship committee has been planning some activities to educate and refresh our parish membership on the topic of stewardship. Each Sunday for the next few weeks a parish member will share a story about their life as a member of St. Paul's. Sharing our stories is an effective way to communicate our thanks for all that God has given us and it builds the body of Christ. Stewardship is about the purpose or mission of our church. We strive to be clear and passionate about that. What has God called us to do and be? Take a look at all the ministries happening at St. Paul's.

Stewardship is also about inviting each and every person to grow in the spiritual practice of generosity. On Sunday, November 6th, we will distribute the 2011 Stewardship pamphlet which highlights the St.

Paul's ministries, finances and past history. A Gift Intention form will be included with this pamphlet. Remaining pamphlets and forms will be hand delivered or mailed to those who are not able to be at the November 6th Sunday service. We invite all to pledge with prayerful consideration, giving thanks for all that God has given us. What you pledge is between you and God. If additional Gift Intention forms are needed for individuals or family members, you can download the form from the St. Paul's web site at

www.saintpaulsvergennes.org <<http://www.saintpaulsvergennes.org>>. An in-gathering of Gift Intention forms will be celebrated at the 10:00 AM Eucharist on Sunday, November 20th.

If you have comments or suggestions or would like to share a story, contact a member of the Stewardship Committee: Sarah Cowan, Madelaine Calise, Chris Hale, Bob Laidman

VESTRY

If you would like to be a member of the vestry, please contact Madelaine Calise, Carol Knauss or Mary Gordon. What does being a member entail? Well, 2 hours a month (the vestry meets on the third Tuesday evening of each month); we receive (and accept) reports from the Clerk of the Vestry (in the form of minutes from the previous meeting), the Treasurer, the Rector; we look at the status of ongoing projects, many having to do with the physical plant; we consider future planning for various aspects of parish life. Please consider standing for election to the Vestry, and in that way helping to chart the future of St. Paul's. Call us if you have questions.



ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS

Please contact Diane Rooney if your child or an adult in your family would be interested in becoming an acolyte or crucifer at the 10am service. Any child who has turned seven is eligible to help with this ministry. This is a wonderful way for children to

grow in their appreciation of the Sunday liturgy and we would love to have more participation.

HURRICANE IRENE UPDATE

There continue to be many emails traveling throughout the Diocese with regard to the Hurricane Irene recovery efforts. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone who might have specific building, plumbing, or electrical skills they would be willing to offer to families in need. We have also been contacted about families in the Stockbridge area who need specific supplies. Some of the needs have a large price tag and so we are considering how we might help within the context of a small parish budget. There has been some discussion about helping to provide room size heaters as this is on the list of needed materials. The Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee meets on Sunday October 30th and will make more choices at that time about our participation in this important area of need. Diane also spoke with the vestry with regard to the recovery effort at the October vestry meeting. If you are interested in being a part of this outreach effort please speak to Marcie Means or Diane Rooney.

PRAYER AND HEALING GROUP

The Prayer and Healing Group will begin their new book, "The Wisdom Jesus" in November. If anyone is interested in joining our group, we would love to welcome new members. We meet once a month on Saturday morning from 9:30am to 11am. After a time of brief sharing and a Morning Prayer service, we spend time both in discussion and at times, making a hands on project such as the prayer beads we made over the summer. Our next meeting is Saturday November 12th.



ADVENT WREATHMAKING

Christmas is coming, and so is the holy season of Advent. In honor of that season, we will gather on November 20th after the 10 o'clock service to make and hang our Advent wreath. Greens will be provided, but please bring your clippers and garden gloves, and come prepared to carol joyfully as we anticipate Christmastide.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee is looking for members of the St Paul's community who might be interested in helping children at the Vergennes Boys and Girls Club. Children often need support with homework or reading. This would be during the afterschool hours. If you are interested, please speak with Lenore Morse or Diane Rooney.



FOOD SHELF

The numbers of those needing help continues to increase. With the heating season upon us, families are having to choose between heat and groceries. Canned meals such as ravioli, spaghetti and baked beans are popular with the children and with those who only have a microwave for cooking.

Thank you to Carol for arranging the organ concert, which was wonderful. Mr. Matthews really made the organ sing. And \$250 was raised for the food shelf, which will help to buy food as all donations are spent **ONLY** on food.

THERE IS AN UPDATED BIRTHDAY LIST in the Narthex. Please check it for misspellings, other errors, or to add names of someone you wish remembered.

NOVEMBER 2011 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Choir rehearsal	2 7pm Stewardship Com. meeting	3	4 Diocesan Convention 8pm AA	5 Diocesan Convention DST ends. Fall back  one hour
6 All Saints Sunday 8am Eucharist Sunday school begins after All Saints' Procession 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	7	8 7pm Choir	9	10	11 8pm AA	12 9:30 Prayer & Healing Group
13 Pentecost 22 8am Eucharist 10am Family Eucharist 7pm AA	14	15 7pm Choir 7pm Vestry	16	17	18 8pm AA	19 EPISTLE DEADLINE pbarrows@gmavt.net jerm@gmavt.net
20 Christ the King Pledge Sunday 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school 10am Eucharist In-Gathering of Gift Intentions for 2012 7pm AA	21	22 7pm Choir	23 10:30 am Morning Prayer, Vergennes Residential Care Home	24 THANKSGIVING 	25 8pm AA	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	28	29 7pm Choir	30 St. Andrew's Day			

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

NOVEMBER SUNDAY CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Welcome Comm.</u>	<u>Acolyte Crucifer</u>	* <u>Lector</u>	<u>Readings</u>
November 6 All Saints Sunday	Carol Knauss	Bo Price Nan Guilmette	Judy Woods	Cricket Laidman	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Mary Gordon Ann Haigis		Bob Laidman	Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11 Psalm 149 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17 Matthew 5:1-12
November 13 22 Pentecost	Lucille LeBeau	Family Service	Mary Cassidy Bonnie Huizenga	Stephen Lowe Nate Guilmette	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Steve Lowe Lenore Morse		Steve Lowe	Zephaniah 1-7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14- 30
November 20 Christ the King	Rebecca Chauvin	Sarah Hale Rebecca Chauvin	Laurie Earle Tim Earle	Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen- Carrig	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Randy Orvis		Nan Guilmette	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15- 23 Matthew 25:31- 46
November 27 I Advent	Diane Merrill	Lenore Morse Sarah Stroup	Madelaine Calise Karen White	Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Margaret Lowe		Tim Earle	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

Please notice that the position of the Lector column on the Sunday Chart has been moved to place it next to the readings for that Sunday.

If you would like to see any of the pictures we publish in the Epistle in color, please go to the website.
www.saintpaulsvergennes.org

ORGAN CONCERT

As part of our observance of the Bicentennial Year of the founding of St Paul's Parish, we held a benefit concert of organ music on October 9th. George Matthews, organist at St Stephen's Church in Middlebury, was the organist; his comments about the selections he played were amusing and enlightening. A freewill donation was requested and the proceeds were given to the Vergennes Food Shelf.



Left to right: George Matthews, Father Alan, Carol Knauss