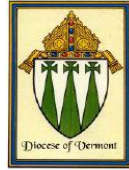


St. Paul's Epistle



OCTOBER 2011

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Feast Day of Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen and Mystic, 1179

Dear People of St. Paul's Church,

Fall is in the air. Choir rehearsals began last Tuesday, and tomorrow Sunday School resumes. Last Sunday afternoon I heard the ethereal sound of harps in the church. The harpists were rehearsing for the Taizé Evensong to be offered tomorrow evening. Quite a few of us have had a taste of this type of prayer since it is now regularly scheduled at our Cathedral. I do look forward to including this Evensong in our local worship life. Often, the repetitive singing alternated with silence opens up deeper places of prayer.

Today we commemorate Hildegard of Bingen who certainly entered profound places through prayer. She was blessed with “dazzling spiritual visions” [*Lesser Feasts and Fasts*] and managed to record and illustrate what she experienced. In recent years Hildegard has become well known for these illuminations. When they were published some years ago, I rushed out and bought a copy. Two days later I lent it out and haven't seen it since! Yet I hope these fantastical drawings are bringing joy and wonderment wherever they may be. Music was essential to Hildegard's worship. Today there are CDs available of her liturgical compositions. People of her time described them as “chant of surpassing sweet melody.”

I would like to underline some of the events coming up in October:

Saturday, Oct. 1, A few people from our parish will be attending the annual Ministry Fair.

Sunday, Oct. 2, Henry John Thomas, the son of John and Sarah, will be baptized.

Sunday, Oct. 9, an Autumn Potluck will be held after the 10 a.m. service. How can you participate? More information will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sunday, Oct. 9, at 8 o'clock in the evening, there will be an organ recital offered by George Matthew. Proceeds from the freewill offering will go to our local Food Shelf. Also find more details on another page of this *Epistle*.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, is St. Luke's Day. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) will be celebrated at 12 noon.

Friday, Oct. 28, is St. Simon and St. Jude's Day. So again, Holy Eucharist (Rite I) will be celebrated at 12 noon.

Finally, congratulations to Steve and Margaret Lowe who last week became grandparents.

Your servant in Christ, Alan +



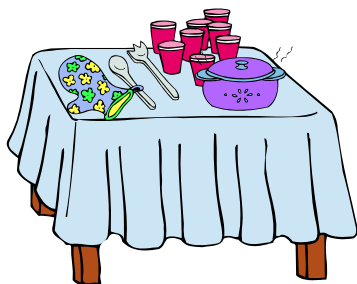
To all who worked in St. Paul's magnificent garden, a huge thank you from the food shelf.

Contact Pam Macauley at pam@alumni.brown.edu, or call 425-5511 if you have any questions or suggestions.

OUTDOOR EUCHARIST AND POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

HURRICANE IRENE RELIEF EFFORT

St Paul's is joining with other parishes throughout Vermont in helping to provide materials to aid the relief effort for communities damaged from flood waters during the hurricane. Each week Diane has given an update on the news from the Diocese of Vermont and offered suggestions about ways we might support communities during this challenging time. On September 11th, a list of items currently needed was included in the bulletin and a collection box placed at the church entrance. St Stephen's in Middlebury is acting as the primary distribution point in our area and supplies are being sent along the north/south corridor of the state to then be transported to the Stockbridge, Rochester and Bethel area. Cash donations are also welcome. Checks should be made out to St Paul's with a note to indicate the monies are intended for the hurricane relief effort. Please speak with Diane if you have questions or are able to offer help in coordinating services.



PARISH

POTLUCK OCT. 9TH

What a beautiful spot for a service!

Please join us in celebrating the arrival of autumn with a festive communal meal. The St. Paul's Fall Potluck will be held after the 10 am Family Sunday service on October 10.

A signup sheet will be posted in the church narthex. Please join us for a fun, relaxed, delicious lunch!



ORGAN RECITAL, OCTOBER 9 *

George Matthew, Jr. will play an organ recital at St. Paul's on Sunday evening, October 9, at 8 o'clock.

As of October 1, Mr. Matthew is organist of St. Stephen's Middlebury. He has been Carillonneur of Middlebury College and Norwich University since 1986. He is also accompanist for the Middlebury College/Community Chorus and organist for All Souls Interfaith Gathering in Shelburne. He served as Carillonneur of First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, CT from 1968 to 1998.

In 1990 he made the USA presentation at the Congress of the World Carillon Federation in Zutphen, Netherlands. He has made 12 carillon concert tours of Europe and 30 of the USA, and in 2004 was the first American to play carillon in Russia at the new St. Petersburg carillon. Also in 2005 he was named Artist of the Year by the Vermont Chapter American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Matthew is a graduate of Columbia, Bridgeport, and Wesleyan Universities. He studied organ with Hugh Ross, Arthur Lloyd and Ernest White, and carillon with Arthur Bigelow and Frank Law. Come and enjoy an evening of music with our historic organ. There will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will go to the Food Shelf.

CALENDAR DRIVE

Each fall we collect unwanted calendars for the coming year. I've already received about a dozen; that means our drive has officially begun. If you receive calendars that you do not want or just can't use, please bring them to church. There will be a box in the narthex. We will send them on to the Seamen's Church Institute, and they will be sent on to men and women serving at sea. And if you are in stores where there is a pile for the taking, pick up one or two and bring them to church with you--the more the better.

CROP WALK

Crop Walk is October 2nd in Middlebury. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected is distributed among Addison County helping agencies, which means the Vergennes Community Food Shelf is a beneficiary! If you want to help and can't walk, see

Cricket about contributing to spur her on! Or see Cricket about walking yourself. Area agencies will be in the park with information and displays-and collecting non perishable donations- so Lee and I will be there.

And speaking of donations, the Food Shelf is in need of dry cereal, although as usual, any donation is appreciated. Partial boxes of outgrown disposable diapers come in handy too.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Adam Pudvah	1 Tim Earle
2 Connor Merrill	3 Benjamin Hale
3 Thatcher Leggett	4 Keegan Tierney
5 Amanda Bodell	5 Bootsie Morris
5 Judy Woods	6 Bruce Cassidy
7 Josh Jennings	8 Sarah White
10 Jack Devine	13 Charlotte Macauley
19 Andrew Woods	20 Kelsey Tierney
20 Lorraine Hoag	21 Rumsey Bristow
23 Seth Cowan	25 Karen White
26 Margot Booth	26 Andrew Raymond
26 Carrie Wells	27 Kaitlin Curtis
28 Ryley Olsen	29 Shirley McClay



September 18 Taize Service

OCTOBER 2011 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:45am Ministry Fair, Cathedral
2 Pentecost 16 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10am Baptism & Eucharist 7pm AA	3	4 7pm Choir	5	6	7 8pm AA	8 9:30 am Prayer and Healing Group
9 Pentecost 17 8am Eucharist 10am Family Eucharist 11:15 Autumn Potluck 7pm AA 8pm Organ Recital(Benefit Food Shelf)	10	11 7pm Choir	12	13 6:30 pm Open House, Solar System , 150 Green Street Steve & Margaret Lowe	14 8pm AA	15
16 Pentecost 18 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 10am Sunday school 7pm AA	17	18 <i>St. Luke's Day</i> 12 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite I 7pm Vestry 7pm Choir	19	20	21 8pm AA	22 EPISTLE DEADLINE pbarrows@gmavt.net jerm@gmavt.net
23 Pentecost 19 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	24	25 7pm Choir	26 10:30 Morning Prayer Vergennes Residential Care Home	27	28 <i>St. Simon & St. Jude's Day</i> 12 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite I 8pm AA	29
30 Pentecost 20 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school 10am Eucharist 11:30Outreach and Pastoral Care 7pm AA						

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

OCTOBER 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>
October 2 16 Pentecost	Lenore Morse	Madeline Calise Nan Guilmette	Nan Guilmette Sarah Stroup	Pam Macauley	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Mary Gordon Ann Haigis		Cricket Laidman	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33- 46
October 9 17 Pentecost	Anne Sevee	Family Service	Lenore Morse Kim Hatgen- Carrig	Christopher White	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Lenore Morse Margaret Lowe		Stephen Lowe Nate Guilmette	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1- 9 Matthew 22:1-14
October 16 18 Pentecost	Rebecca Chauvin	Margaret Lowe Sarah Hale	Rebecca Chauvin Bo Price	Bob Laidman	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Randy Orvis		Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen- Carrig	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15- 22
October 23 19 Pentecost	Mary Gordon	Rebecca Chauvin Lenore Morse	Ann Haigis Chris Hale	Nan Guilmette	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Jim Schuler		Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34- 46
October 30 20 Pentecost	Kim Hatgen- Carrig	Sarah Stroup Pam Macauley	Margaret Lowe	Steve Lowe	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Steve Lowe Mary Gordon		Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12

