



# *St. Paul's Epistle*



## JUNE 2020

### **What does Governor Scott's recent announcement about reopening places of worship mean for us?**

As many of you may know, the Governor has announced churches and other places of worship may reopen under specific conditions. What does this mean for us?

Several weeks ago, Bishop Shannon appointed the Diocesan Re-Start committee. They are working to provide protocols for a safer path forward. These protocols are based on VT Dept of Health guidelines and CDC requirements.

St. Paul's vestry is up to date with the latest information from Bishop Shannon and the Restart Committee. As required by the State of Vermont and our Bishop, vestry members and staff are in the process of completing the VOSHA (Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration) online training in methods of protection from COVID-19 virus in the workplace.

Lastly, we need your help. Laurie Earle has already volunteered. We need 2-3 more of you to become St. Paul's re-start ministry team. In anticipation of the diocesan re-opening safely protocols, we want to begin to imagine what it might look like for us over the coming weeks and months. No doubt we will move slowly, methodically and in phases. The health and safety of us all and our neighbors is our Christian call and priority.

Please contact Sherry or Rebecca if you are willing to serve. We will also gather to offer a congregational wide Zoom event (and calls to those not on Zoom) for Q&A and conversation.

### **Get-to-Know-You Walks & Visits Begin Again!**

With the Vestry's support, Sherry will once again offer a time to get to know one another. With some changes.

1. You must contact me and express a desire to meet
2. We can walk. No more than a total of 3 people from different families
3. We can sit in lawn chairs outside either at your home or the rectory. 3-4 total
4. Face coverings are mandatory unless you are unable to do so safely
5. Physical distancing of 6 feet or more will be followed
6. For those living at a distance, we can Zoom, FaceTime or, hold onto your hat, talk on the telephone!

I so look forward getting to know you a bit more. Please call, text or email if you'd like to schedule a time to meet.

Please know it can take me up to 24-48 hours to respond. Thanks for your patience. Friday and Saturday are my Sabbath and day with family. 802-591-1265 or [revsherry@gmail.com](mailto:revsherry@gmail.com).

## **An Announcement from the Vestry - Steve Lowe's Retirement as Secretary**

Our faithful vestry secretary, Steve Lowe, has announced his resignation, effective immediately. Steve has been the secretary of our vestry for a little over 3 years and we would like to recognize his good and faithful work during this time. As John Stroup so correctly described it "That's a three-year run of figuring out what is sometimes incoherent rambling, often uncertain mathematics, and a lot of good talk about our shared life together. More than that, Steve, you were also a valued contributor to our deliberations especially as you encouraged us to be clear about what we were saying or acting upon. Even if it were just so that you could get the notes right, the clarifying questions were (are) essential. I'll miss your humor and good company at these meetings, Steve. St. Paul's will miss your meticulous and judicious accounting of our shared work."

Our hearts are full of prayerful appreciation for his work on the vestry.

At this time, the vestry invites all of you to pray and discern whether you might be called to be our next secretary/clerk.

Below is a brief secretary/clerk job description:

### **Time commitment**

- Distribution of agenda and minutes from previous meetings
- Maintain roster of members and contact information
- Other duties as deemed necessary by the rector and senior warden

### **Responsibilities**

- Take notes during vestry meetings and afterwards prepare and distribute minutes
- Maintain a file of all vestry meeting minutes
- If asked, take minutes for the annual congregation meeting
- Prepare, date, sign, and maintain documents as required

### **Accountability**

- The secretary/clerk may be elected or appointed as provided for by diocesan or congregational bylaws.
- The secretary/clerk is accountable to the rector and vestry.
- A covenant between the secretary/clerk, rector, and the vestry should be developed and reviewed annually.
- The secretary's/clerk's ministry should be considered a part of the annual mutual ministry review.

Please contact either Sherry or me if you have any questions or if this is something you feel called to do, even if your commitment is temporary.

With peace & blessings,

Rebecca Chauvin

Sr. Warden

## **The Stained-Glass Window Project -is almost complete!**

After many months of delay, our windows are cleaned, perfectly painted, and we expect that Acme Glass will install the clear glass coverings during the week of June 8th. Stay tuned for their completion. Thanks to all for your work to bring this great project to fruition.

-John Stroup



**Vergennes  
Community Food Shelf**

Tuesday 1:30 -4:00 PM

Thursday 2:00 -4:00PM

Saturday 8:00 AM to 10:00  
AM

**B**ringing you up to date on  
this year's Monopoly:

So far, the food shelf has won (with your help) \$40.00 in gift cards, \$15.00 in Monopoly board money, Instant cash \$30.00, and over \$500 in groceries.

**What we put on the shelves:**

65 donuts (and I have free coupons for 20 to use before July).

1 6 pk pop tarts

4 10 oz. bag of candy

1 sm bag peanut m&ms

1 M&M's candy bar

1 box Oreos

2 3 pack popcorn

1 Dannon Activia Dailies

4 8 oz. cream cheese

18+ 8oz. containers sour cream

3 Icelandic yogurts

2 sliced cheese

1 12 oz Kraft cheese

1 Hummus

1 shredded cheese

Aunt Jemima lite syrup

8 boxes of pasta

4 15 oz. can of breadcrumbs

2 10 count frozen waffles

15 packages of hamburg buns

11pks. hot dog buns

3 box of water crackers

20 loaves of French bread

4 boxes of animal crackers

4 16 oz. bottle vinegar

3 can tomatoes

1 Nature Valley Wafer bars

Trail mix

Weber Grillmate

3 pk. Marinade

1 8 oz. tomato sauce

4 18 oz. BB sauce

3 bottles salad dressing

3-pound pkgs. split peas

11 cans of vegetables

2 cans peaches

1 deli macaroni salad

1 potato salad

1 salad mix

4 cans cooking spray

1 pkg. beef jerky

1 package gravy mix

1 50-foot aluminum foil

2 lip balm

Sandwich bags

10 boxes of tissues

6 pk Viva paper towels

1 large hand sanitizer

7 hand sanitizers, when and if they become available

3 12 oz hand soap

4 4 pk. AA batteries

1 Smart water

5 bottled water

Perrier 17 sparkling Ice

20 oz. vitamin water

1 Powerade 1 pkg. storage containers

100 bottle of aspirin

2 Antacid

package baby carrots

2 3 pack sponges

Plus, what we bought with the \$85 in gift cards and cash.

If you know anyone who could use some help filling their pantry shelves and refrigerators, please pass along our hours.

Thank you all for your help!

## Here we are-

Literally- here, there, everywhere; near and far. Yet somehow, still together, as members of this amazing congregation of people, each navigating unprecedented times as best we can.

I'm reaching out to ask for your news! Events, inspirations, photos, stories, poems, anything you would like to share in an effort to stay in one another's prayers and in our collective heart.

You'll find the yearly birthday list as an attachment; please review and e-mail any corrections or changes. We would also like to include anniversaries, so please share those if you like!

Thank you!

Diane

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## June Birthdays



2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Guiggey

8<sup>th</sup> David Knauss

9<sup>th</sup> Iyla Jennings

12<sup>th</sup> Dale Evarts

15<sup>th</sup> Bruce Beauregard

17<sup>th</sup> Callie Jennings

19<sup>th</sup> Sissy Jennings

19<sup>th</sup> Ashli Fleming

20<sup>th</sup> Jeff Mangini

21<sup>st</sup> Lenore Morse

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**VESTRY MEMBERS:**

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**Class of 2022:**

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**Class of 2023:**

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