

The Church Mouse

May 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Romeo

Inside This Issue		<i>From the desk of Rev. Stacy:</i>	
Next Deadline: 05/21		<i>"The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."</i>	who find themselves free of a parent's iron hand, they did what they wanted. The water pumps were left on until there was no more fresh water under the island. In less than one generation, Nassau lost its fresh water. Now they must have water shipped in from Florida and Jamaica.
Church School—Youth & Adults	2	A problem with water	every now and then so that we can be replenished with the "living water" that God promises. When we become spiritually empty, we begin to seek support through other means that aren't so healthy for us. Once we become spiritually empty it is good to know that God is merciful in his willingness to fill us up once again. Yet it does take longer to get to that place where we can "Be still and know".
Vestry	3	Do you ever sit and think about what it takes to provide fresh water (as opposed to salt water) for your everyday life? In island countries like Nassau the foundation of the land mass is limestone. When it rains, the fresh water seeps through the limestone, which also acts as a filter. The fresh water ends up sitting in pockets under the island. A thin water membrane keeps the fresh water separate from the salt water. Pumps are installed over these pockets so that freshwater can be brought to the surface for utilitarian use.	Let us all adhere to the wisdom that has been passed down to us. Turn off the pumps. Be still. Let God wash over you so that you may always have the spiritual reserve to get you through the hard times that come your way. Amen
Stewardship	4	It is true, if left alone, those pockets of fresh water can be re-stocked. The hard news is, it will take approximately 2,000 years for there to be enough fresh water to sustain everyday living in Nassau.	
Announcements	4	Spiritual take	
Samaritan House	5	The psalm verse that keeps popping up at St. Paul's, and one that we continue to remind ourselves of, is "Be still and know that I am God". Even so, most of us find ourselves as busy as ever. Our physical pumps are constantly running. Even our sleep is burdened by the problems of the day or the list of chores for the next. The wisdom of God says that we need to turn those pumps off	
Key Dates in May	6	When the British government was in charge of the Caribbean, they realized the pumps needed to be turned off now and then so the pockets of fresh water could be replenished. When the Caribbean became an independent country the Brits passed on all they had learned. They wanted the island nation to succeed. Like rebellious children	

St. Paul's Vestry

John Contoni, Senior Warden
Mike Wilson Junior Warden
Bill Himelberger, Secretary
Neil Russo, Treasurer

John Contoni, '11, Lou Kraetke, '11,
 Rick Youngblood, '11, Pat Clinton '12,
 Bill Himelberger '12, Gary House '12,
 Kathy Kueppers '12, Mike Wilson '13,
 Matt Manzo, '13

**Our Vestry next meets on
 Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

Church School and Youth News & Celebration Dates

UPCOMING Youth Events:

The children are studying the Season of Lent and Easter during these last weeks of Sunday School. These lessons give the children a more theological understanding of what Easter/Resurrection really means for us.

Last Day of Sunday School is June 6—We will give thanks and celebration to those who have served as our teachers this year. We will celebrate with a picnic after the 10:00 service. The children should also be ready to bring herbs to plant in the little side garden. The dried spices will be sold at the Labor Day Craft/Flea Market.

PAST Youth Events:

On April 23-25 we had three teens attend the Happening Weekend. Jonathan and Kyle Haning were new to the program and Alissa Alexander was one of the teen leaders. Rev. Stacy also attended the weekend as one of the spiritual direc-

tors. It was a great weekend and I encourage all the adults to ask the teenagers about their weekend and what they got out of it.

FUTURE Youth Events:

A Diocesan Youth Mission Trip is open for registration. This year our mission trip is in Pontiac, Michigan, July 11-18. We will be staying at All Saints' in Pontiac. The teens from that congregation are excited about sharing their life and their culture with the teens from the rest of the Diocese. Some of the work we do will be to help All Saints' with their aging building, but we will also be doing outside work. For adults who want to help, day camp opportunities will be available—please let Rev. Stacy know so she can relay the information accordingly. There is a cost for the youth for the mission trip, but since it is so close to home it is less than our other trips. Rev. Stacy will be attending this trip as well.

Adult Christian Education Spring, 2010

Movie Nights will be held on **Friday, June 18; Friday, July 9; and Friday, August 20** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rev. Stacy will be hosting movie nights, the theme will be "Whose My Neighbor?" The movies that we will be watching are: "American Violet", "Madea Goes To Jail", and "Grand Torino". Ages fourteen (with parental permission) and up are invited to attend. Popcorn and pop will be provided.

"American Violet" is based on a true story about a woman who lives in the projects in an urban town in Texas. She is an honest, hardworking single mother of two trying to make ends meet. The local government authorizes monthly raids on the projects and rounds people up and charges them on the basis of one person's testimony that there are drugs in the facility. The movie gets us to talk about the assumptions that we make regarding where people live, and who comes to their aid.

"Madea Goes To Jail" takes another good look at prosecuting attorney whose primary interest is her own career. Her fiancé (another lawyer) runs into an old friend whose life has gone down the tubes. His interest is in helping her get back on her feet.

"Grand Torino" is also based on a true story about a curmudgeon of a man who continues to live in his old Detroit neighborhood despite the declining economic poverty. He

hates all of his neighbors, but in the midst of helping one of them he realizes that his neighbors make better family than his own family.

Adult Bible Study—Book for the Summer is THE YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY by A. J. Jacobs is a must read for anyone who wants a good laugh and a little understanding of Jewish culture and theology. We will have a book discussion on Saturday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. at a place as yet to be determined.



Vestry

**VESTRY MEETING
THURS., APRIL 22**

- **Heard** that First Friends is receiving a lot of inquiries and they will hold Open Houses every other week until fall
- **Heard** that First Friends will have a Spring Concert on May 14
- **Scheduled** a Spring Clean up for Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Signed** a contract with Lee Lane for lawn care
- **Heard** that an Eagle Scout will be building benches for the Memorial Garden at no cost to us
- **Heard** that a walk will be installed between the driveway and the parking lot—may need some financial help
- **Heard** that Mike Dagher will attend the Finance Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Heard** that Comcast has connected us with phone and internet service as of Thursday, April 22
- **Learned** that everyone needs to take a course, "Safeguarding Our Children" which is offered online
- **Approved** three hours time for computer repair at \$75 per hour
- **Noted** that Kristine Miller sug-

gested either getting rid of the weekly envelopes or obtaining some larger ones so they can be mailed in

- **Noted** that the next Vestry meeting will be on **Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** and that Paul Hansen, President of Romeo Village will be our guest

Folks With Halos



Special Thanks & Congratulations Go To...

- **Gary House** for obtaining the new recycle bin
- **Neil Russo** for work on getting Comcast for the church office
- **Ed Strykowski** for bringing in coffee
- **Pat Clinton** for snaking out the toilet in the Men's Room
- **Angels** for all the extra donuts brought in for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday
- **Bill Himelberger, Paul Willen, Mike Cregar, Kathy Kueppers, and John Contoni** for leading Morning Prayer
- **Entire Congregation** for being here and being supportive of those leading Morning Prayer

Two new ways of giving to St. Paul's:

St. Paul's is accepting credit and debit card payments. If you would like to make a a donation to flowers for the altar or any of our outreach programs—even if you want to pre-pay your pledge due to vacation you can contact Sally at the church office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00 a.m. and noon and she will help you with this.

You can also do this through our website, www.stpaulsromeo.org and click on the e-giving button. That will take you to an e-giving site where you fill in information either to pay a pledge, or to just give a donation.

Faith

Live by faith, not by sight.

Believe in the sun even if it isn't shining. Believe in love even when alone. Believe in God even when He is silent.

Scheduled to Serve in May

8:00 Service

- 05/02:** Lector: Greg Paduch
LEM: Paul Willen
- 05/09:** Lector: Bill Himelberger
LEM: Paul Willen
- 05/16:** Lector: Sue Kraetke
LEM: Paul Willen
- 05/23:** Lector: Ed Frederick
LEM: Paul Willen
- 05/30:** Lector: Paul Willen
LEM: Bill Himelberger

10:00 Service

- 05/02:** Lector: Michele Alexander
LEM: John Contoni
Ushers: Cindy H & Trudy D
Sun. Schl: Kathy K
- 05/09:** Lector: Georgie Daly
LEM: Michele Alexander
Ushers: Daniel E & Joyce C
Sun. Schl: Alissa A
- 05/16:** Lector: Kathy K
LEM: Larry O
Ushers: Georgie D & Cindy H
Sun. Schl: Allison M

05/23: Pentecost Sunday

- Lector: Alissa A
- LEM: Kathy K
- Ushers: Daniel E & Trudy D
- Sun. Schl: Youth-Led Worship

05/30: Trinity Sunday

- Lector: Carolyn C
- LEM: Mike C
- Ushers: Georgie D & Joyce C
- Sun. Schl: Cindy H

If you cannot attend church on a Sunday when you are scheduled as a reader or Eucharistic Minister please get a substitute and let Sally know who is taking

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship Teachings in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9

In these two chapters, Paul is writing to the church in Corinth about an offering for the needy in Jerusalem. The Corinthians had started their collection of money, but they had not completed it. Aware that the Jerusalem Christians were under great distress, Paul was encouraging the Corinthians to give generously to them. Paul did not command the Corinthians to give, but he reminded them of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. We find a number of principles for congregational and personal giving in these two chapters:

- Chapter 8:1-2: God's grace changes hearts.
- Verse 3: We are to give according to what we have.
- Verses 4-5: It is self-giving before it is money giving.
- Verses 6-7: God enriches us for our "acts of grace."
- Verses 8-9: Love is put into action.
- Verses 13-15: We give to meet the needs of others.
- Chapter 9:3-5: Preparation is important for giving.
- Verse 7: God blesses us when we give cheerfully.
- Verses 8-11: God's grace enables our giving, and He promises to supply our gifts to give.
- Verse 12: Our giving supplies the needs of God's people.

Discussion Thoughts:

The Macedonians are evidence that hard times are not barriers to giving. Why were the Macedonians able to give so

much?

What enables your generosity?

Explain the implications of the following words regarding your giving:

Trust Faith Surrender Dependence Love Honor Worship

What does the principle of sowing and reaping have to do with giving (2 Corinthians 9:6)?

Why does giving indicate the spiritual condition of your heart?

Prayer:

Dear heavenly Father, we know that the grass withers and the flowers fall, but your Word lives on forever. We thank You for your words in these chapters in Corinthians that clearly speak to us how we can become better stewards of Your gifts. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

If you know, or hear of, anyone from the parish family who is in the hospital, ill, laid up at home, in nursing/ foster care, or has had a death in the family; please let Bill Himelberger know so a card can be sent from St. Paul's. Bill's number is 586-752-2565. This is a part of our Outreach/ Stewardship Program.

Announcements

The Sacred Heart Men's Choir, from Caro, will be performing for St. Paul's on Sunday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be collected so that the choir can support its many charitable endeavors. Please join them for an inspirational evening and bring friends and family.

Credit Card Availability—Welcome news—it's here—you can now purchase flowers for the altar, memorial garden, meditation walk. Also available for donations or contributions to special causes and outreach programs, including Sunday school, Diocesan Apportionment, disaster relief, Samaritan House, MCREST, etc. This became effective February 7 and you may use VISA, MasterCard, American Express. Contact Neil Russo for further information.

People can still give donations online through our website: stpaulsromeo.org

St. Paul's Peach Festival Flea/Craft Market—Spring cleaning is coming. When you are going through cupboards, basements, closets, etc. think about our craft/flea market tables. If you have retro items you're willing to give up we'd love to have them. 50s and early 60s items are in demand now. **NO CLOTHING**—this isn't a rummage sale. Framed art you're tired of, we will take them. Do you knit, crochet, sew, weave baskets? Our other table is for crafts/gifts. Contact Linda Willen, 586-254-1183, if you have questions or donations.

Do you need???

A licensed plumber:

Contact Pat Clinton
65165 Campground
Washington, MI 48095
810-459-3475

A licensed electrician:

Contact Rob Temple
67600 Powell Road
Washington, MI 48095
586-709-6845

Home Improvement Projects:

Contact Mark at 586-336-7215

Computer Consulting:

Contact Kevin Gereau at 586-453-1567

Auto Detailing:

Contact Gary House
586-291-4747

First Friends Montessori:

Teachers: L. Emery, S. Wilson, P. Wrobel
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Samaritan House News

May Pantry Needs

Cereal	Pasta
Oatmeal	Ravioli
Sugar	Pancake Syrup
Egg Noodles/Macaroni	Rice
Deodorant	Toilet Paper
Feminine Pads/Tampons	Bath Soap

NOTE: We need low sodium foods and sugar-free foods in our pantry for clients with health problems.

DTE Energy Gardens

DTE Energy is offering their buffer property located at 12700 30 Mile Road, Washington to be used as a garden. The produce from this project will go to the Macomb Food Program, St. Teresa of Avita Food Program, Salvation Army—Mt. Clemens, Samaritan House, and Turning Point. To make this project a success, help is needed; preparing the garden, creating walkways, planting seeds and seedlings, harvesting the crop. Obviously this will be a spring, summer, and fall project. If you or your group is interested in helping to grow fresh food for our low income clients, please contact Marc Zupmore, DTE Energy Gardens Project Manager at zupmore@dteenergy.com. You can visit dteenergy.com/pdfs/gardensVolunteer.pdf for additional information and a schedule of volunteer hours.

Art & Orchard Festival

A new festival is being planned for Washington Twp., named "Art and Orchard's Festival". This event will occur the second weekend in June (June 10-13). Many festivities are planned; one of the events, a 5K Run will benefit Samaritan House. You are invited to participate as a runner or as a volunteer. We need people at water stations throughout the route and both the start and finish lines. For more information please contact us at Samaritan House, 586-336-9956.

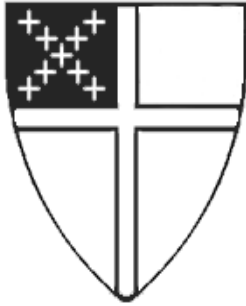
Calendar of Events

May 8	Mail Carrier Food Drive
June 12	Arts & Orchard 5K Run
July 31	12th Annual Golf Outing Heather Hills Golf Course

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

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Key Dates in May

Sun., May 2

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Labor Day Planning Commit tee meets at 9:00 a.m.

Mon., May 3

- Men's Group, 7:30 p.m. at Younger's Irish Tavern

Sat., May 8

- Cinco de Mayo celebration 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Mail Carriers Food Drive

Sun., May 9

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Fri., May 14

- First Friends Spring Concert 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sat., May 15

- Oakland Deanery Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Sun., AprMay 16

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Youth-Led Worship Sunday

Tues., May 18

- Women's Prayer Group & Hearts and Hands, at Susan Wilson's home at 7:00 p.m.

Thu., May 20

- Beer & Bible Study, at Thee Office Pub, 7:00 p.m.

Fri., May 21

- Church Mouse deadline

Sat., May 22

- Spring Cleanup Day, begins at 10:00 a.m.

Sun., May 23

Pentecost Sunday

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- Pentecost Pageant, 10:00
- Sacred Heart Men's Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thu., May 27

- Vestry meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sun., May 30

Trinity Sunday

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING IN JUNE;

Sunday, June 6:
Sunday School Picnic
Labor Day Planning, 9:00
Monday, June 7:
Men's Group, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 14 through
Friday, June 25
Montessori VBS

