

# The Church Mouse

June 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Romeo

Inside This Issue		<b>From the desk of Rev. Stacy:</b>		
<b>Next Deadline: 06/25</b>		<i>"Keep your heart with all vigilance for from it flow the springs of life"</i> Prov. 4:23	caused by a combination of all the above. When this happens we hear our doctors tell us that we must be vigilant in maintaining our health through diet, exercise, meditation/prayer/quiet time, and regular check-ups.	
<b>Church School—Youth &amp; Adults</b>	<b>2</b>	<p>I cannot remember whether I was in junior or senior high school when I began to read the bible. I do remember reading the verse above for the very first time. I claimed it as my rule of life. When I was ordained as a priest the people of Trinity, Belleville wanted to make me a banner which included a piece of scripture that exhibited my faith. That banner sits in my office here at St. Paul's. The words of Proverbs, 4:23 are embroidered on it. The verse has been more intensely on my mind throughout May. So many friends of St. Paul's have undergone various procedures to keep their physical hearts beating and their arteries flowing with blood.</p> <p>The reasons for heart problems vary. Sometimes there are genetic anomalies; sometimes our genetic makeup means we store up cholesterol without even trying; we inherit high blood pressure; sometimes it is caused by the things we do, smoking, eating all the wrong things, living stress filled lives. Most of the time our physical problems are</p>	words, "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26). It comes with a caveat—once the people have a new heart, they are to remember what they did to make the old heart unhealthy and they are to maintain the new heart God has given them.	
<b>Vestry</b>	<b>3</b>		For Jews, Christians, and Muslims, the physical aspects between heart, blood, and life, are sacred symbols for our relationship with God, who is our salvation. The heart is symbolically understood as the center of our being from which our emotions flow. As humans we have inherited certain anomalies which threaten to harden the arteries and still the heart. We call it sin ( <i>that which turns us away from God</i> ). The faithful are vigilant in doing their best to keep the flow between themselves and God open through constant prayer, spiritual readings, and community with other faithful people. Yet even then, we can sometimes fail.	During a hospital visit with the Rev. Ray Babin, he shared with me the uncomfortable notion of having a stranger holding his heart in his hands, taking a knife and slicing it open. Ray had to put his faith in the stranger and the stranger became his salvation. Ray no longer sees the doctor as a stranger, but as someone who intimately and lovingly held his heart in his hands. God does the same, holding and renewing our spiritual hearts so that we are alive in God. Should we not be vigilant in keeping our spiritual hearts in good working order?
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<p><b>St. Paul's Vestry</b></p> <p><b>John Contoni, Senior Warden</b>  <b>Mike Wilson Junior Warden</b>  <b>Bill Himelberger, Secretary</b>  <b>Neil Russo, Treasurer</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Our Vestry next meets on Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.</b></p>				Rev. Stacy Salles +

**Church School and Youth News & Celebration Dates**

**UPCOMING Youth Events:**

The children finish up their Godly Play lessons by seeing and listening to the stories of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection .

**Last Day of Sunday School is June 6**—We will be honoring our Sunday School Teachers during the Eucharistic portion of our service.

**Outdoor Sunday Service and Picnic, June 13 at 9:30 a.m.** Please join us for worship and fellowship afterwards. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. We will provide hot dogs. We ask that the children bring some herb plants to plant in the salad table this year. We need a nice variety of sage, cilantro, dill, rosemary, celery, thyme, etc. There will also be fun and games after the picnic.

**PAST Youth Events:**

On May 23 the youth of St. Paul's led us in a fantastic Pentecost service: Kyle, Jonathan, Derrick, Warren, Haning; Jacob Strynkowski; Eva and Gabe Gilleland; Nicolas Manzo. The

youth read the readings and provided the sound effects. There was liturgical dancing and boisterous drumming. We remembered our baptismal covenant as the Haning boys lit their baptism candles in remembrance of being baptized last year. The front yard was decorated with red pinwheels. My thanks to all the children who gave up some time on Saturday (and early Sunday morning) to rehearse the Pentecost pageant.

**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. 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, (7:30 p.m.) July 9 (7 p.m.) and Friday, August 20 (7 p.m.)** Rev. Stacy will be hosting the 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 finance (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.

**Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.** Rev. Stacy will run a spiritual craft workshop for adults and children. We will be creating collages that express some scripture verse or story of your choosing. The collages will be signs that invite people to walk the meditation garden and will be displayed during the Peach Festival in September.



*Vestry*

**VESTRY MEETING  
THURS., MAY 27**

- **Heard** that Montessori has 15 students
- **Heard** that Montessori will hold open houses on June 10 and June 23
- **Heard** that Montessori will run Vacation Bible School June 14 to June 25 and it is open to all students for half or full day
- **Noted** that Montessori has a banner displayed in front of the church
- **Heard** that the Finance Commission has held two meetings with financial consultants and a third meeting is planned
- **Heard** a report from the Property Commission regarding work day on May 15—the furnace room, the kitchen, and the basement lights were completed as well as the plastic window covers in the office removed
- **Heard** that a second workday/picnic will be held on Saturday, June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. **This will be fun-filled time, so please try to join**
- **Heard** from the Administration Commission that all vestry members, lay personnel, and Sunday school teachers need to take a

course on “Safeguarding our Children” and that Rev. Stacy will forward the information

- **Noted** that the next Vestry meeting will be on **Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 19**

**Come and join us for a fun-filled workday/picnic at St. Paul's**

**We will be sprucing up the church for the upcoming summer season**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Place: In and around our grounds**

**Food: A social B-B-Q will follow all of our hard work**

**Hope to see everyone here!**

**Folks With Halos**



**Special Thanks & Congratulations Go To...**

- **All** who worked at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration—especially the **Men's Group.**
- **Linda Contoni** and **Paula Wrobel** who were received into the Episcopal Church on May 15.
- **Diane & John Hotter**, proud grandparents are Finnegan Shane born on May 13, 2010 and weighing in at 2 lbs. 2 oz.
- **The Wilson's, The Manzo's, The Crooker's, The Youngblood's, Georgie Daly, Bill Himelberger, Jim Daly, The Strykowski's, Todd Gilleland, John Contoni, Trudy Dodson, Richard Hutchinson, Kathy Kueppers, The Hoffer's, Larry O'Donnell, and anyone** we missed for working on cleanup day.
- **Youth** that participated in the Pentecost Service: **Kyle, Jonathan, Derrick, Warren Haning; Eva & Gabe Gilleland; Jacob Strykowski; and Nicholas Manzo.**
- **John & Linda Contoni** for letting Rev. Stacy borrow their car.
- **All** who offered their connections to help Rev. Stacy find a car

**Scheduled to Serve in June**

**8:00 Service**

- 06/06:** Lector: Greg Paduch  
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 06/13:** Lector: Sue Kraekte  
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 06/20:** Lector: Ed Frederick  
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 06/27:** Lector: Paul Willen  
LEM: Bill Himelberger

**10:00 Service**

- 06/06:** Lector: Daniel Erickson  
LEM: Michele Alexander  
Ushers: Joyce C. & Cindy H.  
Sun. Schl: Cindy H.
- 06/13:** Lector: Michele Alexander  
LEM: Chris Hurd  
Ushers: Cindy H. & Georgie D

- 06/20:** Lector: Georgie D.  
LEM: Larry O  
Ushers: Joyce C. & Daniel E.
- 06/27:** Lector: Kathy K.  
LEM: Alissa A.  
Ushers: Georgie D. & Trudy D

**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 your place.**

**Stewardship Corner**

**“Stewardship and the Tithe”**

**Scripture Readings:**

*“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord”*  
(Leviticus 27:30).

*“As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything”*  
(2 Chronicles 31:5).

*“On the first day of each week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made”* (1 Corinthians 16:2).

**Thoughts:**

Why does the Christian steward give? One reason is that he is commanded to do so. The words above from Leviticus state that the tithe belongs to the Lord. God called the neglect of giving the tithe robbery (Malachi 3:8). Yet, searching the Scriptures, we find another motive for giving. *“All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings...”* (Exodus 35:39). These Old Testament saints chose to give out of grateful hearts. In fact, Moses had to issue a restraint order: *“No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.’ And so the people were restrained from bringing more”* (Exodus 36:6).

Love is the real motivating factor. Meditating on God’s goodness to us throughout our lives as the Israelites did and reflecting on His great love shown in His Son, Jesus, and His sacrifice for us on the cross surely must create gratitude in the heart of every believer, and one of the ways this gratitude manifests itself is in our giving.

**Discussion Thoughts:**

- Which prompts us to give more—the law or grace?
- What is the difference between the tithe and an offering?
- What causes lack of gratitude in the heart of a Christian steward?

**Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for all Your blessings and especially for the gift of eternal life. Forgive us for our ingratitude and through Your Word and Sacrament, warm our cold hearts to give as You have given to us. In Jesus’ name. 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**

**June is Adopt-a-Bag month for St. Paul’s for Samaritan House. Bags are in the entryway!**

**Memorial Garden**—The memorial garden is in need of volunteers to weed and trim. If you are able to help, please contact Susan Wilson.

**“Bids for Kids”**—Saturday, June 12; 6 p.m. dinner; 7-10 p.m. silent auction, DJ and Karaoke at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike Street, Pontiac, MI 48341. Tickets are \$25 each. Tables of 8 for \$175 may be reserved by calling Gail Hunger at 248-682-0485 or Paula at Bound Together, 248-334-3827. This is sponsored by Bound Together which is an after school tutoring program for Pontiac students in grades 1 through 6. Their focus is to tutor children in math, reading, and reading comprehension. A nutritious hot dinner meal is served to the children after every tutoring session.

**Peachy Flea Market/Craft Fair, “To Do” List”**

1. Keep making those wonderful craft items! So far we have knitted scarves, dishcloths and baby washcloths. Quilted candle mats, hot dish mats, lid lifters. Fabric snowmen in various sizes and children’s pillowcases.
2. Clean out the attic, garage, basement. Donate that unused croquet set, jewelry, glasses, dishes, tools, books, furniture.
3. Have unused baskets?—make some themed baskets to sell: “Tea for Two” with 2 tea cups, some tea bags and cookies for the baked goods table.
4. Spread the word that St. Paul’s is going to have a fun-filled four days at their Peachy Flea Market/Craft Fair on their lawn.
5. Volunteer your time for that weekend! Thank you in advance!

**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:**

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Romeo, MI 48065  
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www.firstfriendsmontessori.org

**Samaritan House News**

**June Pantry Needs**

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Crackers            | Juice          |
| Hamburger Helper    | Coffee/Tea     |
| Pancake Mix         | Jelly          |
| Pancake Syrup       | Canned Meat    |
| Spaghetti's/Ravioli | Oatmeal        |
| Canned Fruit        | Deodorant      |
| Laundry Soap        | Toothpaste     |
| Toilet Paper        | Shampoo        |
| Disposable Razors   | Dish Detergent |

**NEEDS FOR OUR DIABETIC CLIENTS:**

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Sugar-free Jell-o        | Crystal Light    |
| Sugar-free Jam/Jelly     | Splenda          |
| Sugar-free Pancake Syrup | Sugar-free Fruit |

**12th Annual Golf Outing  
Saturday, July 31  
Heather Hills Golf Course**

It's amazing to realize that the golf outing is next month! There is still time to participate. We are looking for donated items to be auctioned at the silent auction and prizes for the golfers. The silent auction will have a lot to offer to everyone—even those that are not golfers. Items, such as, paintings, golf accessories, household items, and sports memorabilia. Come out and look and bid on whatever catches your fancy. There is still time and room for sponsors.

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| Bronze Sponsors   | \$ 150   |
| Silver Sponsors   | \$ 500   |
| Gold Sponsors     | \$ 1,000 |
| Platinum Sponsors | \$ 1,500 |

Call 336-9956 or email samaritanhouse@sbcglobal.net for details.

**Art & Orchard Festival**

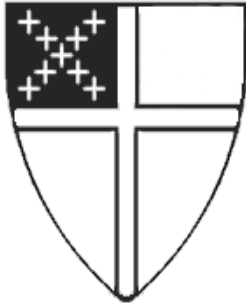
A new festival is being planned for Washington Twp., named "Art and Orchard's Festival". This event will occur the second weekend in June (June 10-13). Many festivities are planned; one of the events, a 5K Run will benefit Samaritan House. You are invited to participate as a runner or as a volunteer. 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**

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| June 12      | Arts & Orchard 5K Run                                |
| July 31      | 12th Annual Golf Outing<br>Heather Hills Golf Course |
| August       | Back to School Distribution                          |
| September 24 | Rockin at the Roostertail                            |
| October 3    | Quilt Raffle & Crop Walk                             |

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## Key Dates in June

### Sun., June 6

- 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., June 7

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

### Wed., June 9

- Healing Service, 6:00 p.m.

### Sat., June 12

- Samaritan House 5K Arts & Orchard Run
- Bound Together fundraiser, "Bids for Kids" 6-10 p.m.

### Sun., June 13

- Outdoor Service at 9:30 a.m. with Picnic following

### Mon., June 14—

### Fri., June 25

- First Friends VBS

### Tues., June 15

- Chamber Golf Outing

### Fri., June 18

- Wedding Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
- Movie Night, 7:30 pm

### Sat., June 19

- FUN-FILLED workday/picnic from 10:00 a.m. to noon
- Wedding, 4:30 p.m.

### Sun., June 20

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

### Tues., June 22

- Women's Prayer & Hearts & Hands, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Kraetke

### Thu., June 24

- Vestry meets, 7:00 p.m.

### Fri., June 25

- Mouse Deadline

### Sat., June 26

- Craft Workshop, 10:00-noon

### UPCOMING IN JULY:

Monday, July 5:  
Office Closed  
Men's Group, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 9:  
Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 11-Sunday,  
July 18:  
Youth Mission Trip

Monday, July 18 through  
Monday, August 9:  
Rev. Stacy on vacation

