

The Church Mouse

August 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Romeo

Inside This Issue		<i>From the desk of Rev. Stacy:</i>	
Next Deadline: 08/27		<p>A Sermon from Archbishop Desmond Tutu</p> <p><i>“Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and you God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.” (John 20:11-18)</i></p>	
Church School—Youth & Adults	2	<p>after his resurrection stands out prominently. And he’s talking about people, one of whom betrayed him, another denied him not once but twice, and they all deserted him, like craven cowards and were now skulking behind closed doors.</p>	<p>This Jesus came—not to an ideal world—but came to a world that was polarized, fractured, divided. Divided into hostile and often alienated groupings. There were the much hated occupying Romans, resented by the subject natives, and Jews did not share a cup with the Samaritans. The Jewish community of His day was stratified, fragmented. There were the Sadducees and Pharisees, the zealots and the collaborating tax collectors. There were the rich, the poor, male, female, young, old—and there was a sharp divide between Jew and Gentile, represented by a wall of partition in the temple precincts to go beyond which spelt death for the Gentile unbeliever.</p>
Vestry	3	<p>We would have understood perfectly had he been thoroughly miffed with them and spoken dismissively and even derisively of them. Well, what happens? It would have been startling to have called them his disciples after what they had done. And quite mind-boggling even to have called them friends. Well, he decided to knock us over with a feather.</p>	<p>And people saw a veritable miracle happening before their very eyes with the advent of the new community of the followers of Jesus. They saw those who were formerly alienated and hostile flocking into this new fellowship. And they marveled and remarked “How these Christians love one another.”</p>
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<p>St. Paul's Vestry</p> <p>John Contoni, Senior Warden Mike Wilson Junior Warden Bill Himelberger, Secretary Neil Russo, Treasurer</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>Our Vestry next meets on Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.</p>		<p>Just list to what he says to Mary Magdalene: “Go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father. To my God and your God.”</p> <p>Now that really is quite unbelievable. This craven despicable lot—my brothers indeed! But clearly Jesus meant this to be taken seriously. That we, his followers, belong in one family—God’s family. Is there anything else in the bible that seems to support this assertion?</p>	<p>See Tutu, page 5</p>

<p>Weekly Evening Services begin Wednesday, September 8, 2010</p>	<p>Book Discussion</p>
<p>Starting Wednesday, September 8, 2010 St. Paul's will be holding Evening Services at 7:00 p.m. The services will be 1/2 hour in length.</p> <p>The services will be fruitful for those who were raised in the church and those who have never stepped foot in the church. Please keep St. Paul's in your prayers as we continue to find ways to be accessible for those who are seeking ways to incorporate God in their daily life.</p> <p>There is a possibility of a weekly bible study following the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night service, depending upon interest. Feel free to give Rev. Stacy your input.</p>	<p>THE YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY by A. J. Jacobs.</p> <p>This is a must read for anyone who wants a good laugh and a little understanding of Jewish culture and theology.</p> <p>Hopefully some of you are enjoying this book and will be able to participate in a book discussion on Saturday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. at a place as yet to be determined.</p>

**Volunteer positions at the Church
Rev. Stacy is still waiting for people to step forward**

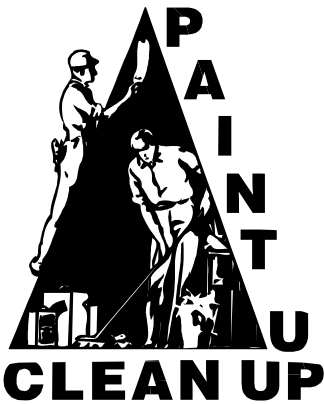
<p>Harvesting at St. Paul's—As I write this article I can't help but think of the Gospel story for Sunday July 4th—Jesus sends out 70 of his disciples to preach the Good News and minister to the needs of the people. Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way." (Luke 10:1-2).</p> <p>The need for laborers—Although God would like us to exhibit and even talk about the Good News of Christ, we also need to continue the harvest here at St. Paul's. Maybe you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Guild, Lay reader, Church School Teacher. Perhaps you can lend gifts for the Administration, Finance, Property Commissions, Outreach Commission (Talk to me to find out what the heck these are). Maybe you are feeling called to lead a Christian Education program for adults. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the work load and the more successful we will be at attracting people to our wonderful and loving community.</p> <p>Rev. Stacy's Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Acolyte Program for Youth—We have some children who are interested in learning all about being Acolytes. Wouldn't it be great to start this up once again? We have some youth who are wondering why we don't have something going on for our teens A teacher to take one Sunday a month to work with our teen class—Rev. Stacy provides the material for the class. Currently we have Chris Hurd who does a 	<p>great job, but she is our only teen teacher and she would like to have some Sunday's to do something else (like sitting through a whole service).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone to share responsibility with Rev. Stacy and Nancy Gregory on Samaritan House Board—time commitment is one hour per month. <p>Diocesan volunteers—Another great way to help out is by volunteering for a position within the diocese. This helps St. Paul's keep connected to her brothers and sisters and also gives us a voice in various aspects of our church organization. People who have volunteered for various activities say their faith and understanding of church life is enriched as they extend themselves beyond the congregation boundaries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cathedral Chapter—If you have a love for all things "Cathedral" this organization might be for you. It meets 4 times a year. The people who come are from all over the diocese. They concern themselves with all the great things that happen at the Cathedral, the building that was built for all of us to share together. <p>I wish you all well as you pray on how you can help the harvest, right here at home. Rev. Stacy</p>
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Vestry

**VESTRY MEETING
THURS., JULY 22**

- **Heard** that two dead trees have been removed from the property
- **Heard** that the staining of the bridge has been put off due to weather
- **Heard** that there will be another work day on Saturday, August 14 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- **Received** a contract for the Peach Festival 5K run
- **Discussed** the Labor Day Craft/Flea Market
- **Noted** that the next Vestry meeting will be on **Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

**MIKE'S
HEALTHY HEART CORNER**

The following is a list of the top five (5) healthiest spreads, margarines and butter:

- 1 **I Can't Believe It's Not Butter, Fat-Free**—5 calories, 0 fat (grams), 0 saturated fat (grams), 0 trans fat (grams); key ingredients: vegetable and mono diglycerides, rice starch, and gelatin
- 2 **Benecol**—45 calories, 5 fat (grams), 0.5 saturated fat (grams), 0 trans fat (grams); key ingredients: liquid canola oil, plant stanol esters partially hydrogenated soybean oil
- 3 **Brummel and Brown Spread with Yogurt**—45 calories, 5 fat (grams), 1 saturated fat (grams), 0 trans fat (grams); key ingredients: liquid and partially hydrogenated soybean oil, yogurt
- 4 **Take Control Light**—45 calories, 5 fat (grams), 0.5 saturated fat (grams), 0 trans fat (grams); key ingredients: liquid canola oil, soybean oil, sterol esters, liquid sunflower oil, partially hydrogenated soybean oil
- 5 **I Can't Believe It's Not Butter, Light**—50 calories, 5 fat (grams), 1 saturated fat (gram), 0 trans fat (grams); key ingredients: liquid soybean oil, partially hydrogenated soybean oil

Folks With Halos



Special Thanks & Congratulations Go To...

- All who helped to contribute to the 30 bags given to Samaritan House, total value was \$2,000.
- **The Hotter's, The Arnolds, Richard Hutchinson, The Contoni's, Mike Wilson, and Bill Himelberger** for their work on the walkway.
- **Paul Willen** for the help with the Memorial Garden
- **Warren Watson** for the creation of the map of the Memorial Garden
- **Al Bonin** for the removal of two dead trees from the property.

Women at the Well

When: Second Thursday evening of the month—9/9; 10/14; 11/11; 12/9; 1/13; 2/10; 3/10; 4/14; 5/12

Time: 7:00-7:15: Coffee & Fellowship
7:15-8:30: Prayer & Faith Sharing

Where: Capuchin Retreat Lounge
62460 Mt. Vernon Road
Washington, MI 48094

Cost: Donation to Capuchin Retreat graciously accepted

Facilitators: Diane Neville & Debbie Tourville

Questions: 248-651-4826

Scheduled to Serve in August

8:00 Service

- 08/01:** Lector: Greg Paduch
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 08/08:** Lector: Sue Kraekte
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 08/15:** Lector: Ed Frederick
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 08/22:** Lector: Paul Willen
LEM: Bill Himelberger
- 08/29:** Lector: Greg Paduch
LEM: Bill Himelberger

10:00 Service

- 08/01:** Lector: Georgie Daly
LEM: Kathy Kueppers
Ushers: Cindy H. & Daniel E.
- 08/08:** Lector: Kathy Kueppers
LEM: John Contoni
Ushers: Joyce C. & Cindy H.
- 08/15:** Lector: Alissa Alexander
LEM: Chris Hurd
Ushers: Georgie D & Trudy D.

- 08/22:** Lector: Carolyn Cregar
LEM: Mike Cregar
Ushers: Daniel E. & Georgie D.
- 08/29:** Lector: Michele Alexander
LEM: Alissa Alexander
Ushers: Joyce C. & Daniel E.

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

“Use of Abilities—Service”

Scripture Readings:

“*And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*” (Micah 6:8).

“*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free*” (Ephesians 6:7).

“*If anyone sets his hearts on being an overseer, he desires a noble task*” (1 Timothy 3:2).

Thoughts:

Many of us when asked to serve offer excuses instead. We are like the unfaithful servant in Matthew 25:14-30 who gave excuses for not using his abilities. As with our financial resources, God does not ask us to give what we don't have; He does ask us to give proportionately of all the gifts He has given us.

Neither should we emulate the second son Jesus told about in Matthew 21:28-32. The first son directly refused to serve his father but later relented and did so anyway. The second son, however, immediately said he would go but never did! Jesus has strong words for those of us whose mouths speak promises our feet never carry out. *“I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the*

kingdom of God ahead of you” (Matthew 21:31).

Let us rather turn our eyes to Jesus, “. . . *the Son of Man [Who] did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*” (Matthew 20:28).

Discussion Thoughts:

- How can the church persuade more of its members to get involved in service?
- What does 1 Peter 4:10 say to you about your need to be in service?
- What are the essential attitudes of Christ-like service?

Prayer:

Dear Father, help us to remember that we are your workmanship in Christ Jesus to do good works which You have prepared for us to do. Help us respond to this high calling by serving whenever You call 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

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

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 to go to area flea markets and craft shows and hand out flyers. See the listing on the back table.
6. Volunteer your time for that weekend! Thank you in advance!

Just a quick note to let all know that when making purchases for the church at Office Depot, Office Max, or Staples, we do have tax exempt status—so save those “pennies” and take advantage of no sales tax!

New Address: Tom & Laretta Stevenson—The Village, Meadow Ridge Building, 22600 W. Main Street, Armada, MI 48005

Tutu, from page 1

It would have been revolutionary for a slave to have been accepted as the equal of his former master. But not, they were not just equals—no, they were brothers. They were sisters in one family. An equal you can acknowledge once and forever after ignore. You can't do that with your sister or brother.

You don't choose who your relative will be. Sometimes we wish we could, given just how difficult some of them can be. Well, we don't always know what they think of us! No—we don't choose our family members. They are God's gift to us, as we are to time

. . . Yes, I believe the words of the Lord to Mary Magdalene to be his most radical utterance. We are family—all of us. We belong in God's family. There are no outsiders. All are insiders.

When Jesus spoke of being lifted up on the cross he said "I, if I be lifted up will draw.."—he didn't say "I will draw some"—he said "I, if I be lifted up will draw ALL—draw all to me to hold them" all of us drawn into the divine embrace that excludes no-one—black, yellow, white, rich, poor, educated, uneducated, male, female, young, old, gay, lesbian, so-called straight—yes it IS radical. All, all ALL belong—Arafat, Sharon, Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, George Bush, Tony Blair, Palestinian, Israeli, Jew, Arab, Protestant, Catholic—all, ALL, all belong in this family.

And in a healthy family the rule is from each according to their ability, for each according to their need. And so if we are serious about being family we would not spend obscene amounts on budgets of death and destruction, when we know a small fraction of those budgets would enable our sisters and brothers—members of our family—God's family, God's children—EVERYWHERE—they would have enough to eat, clean water to drink, adequate health care, education.

Go and tell my brothers. Go and tell my family. We are all, all family God's family. The human family."

*Delivered by Desmond Tutu
at the Chapel of King's College, London
Sunday, February 22, 2004*

Samaritan House News

July Pantry Needs

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| Cooking Oil | Canned Fruit |
| Pancake Mike & Syrup | Cereal |
| Dry Milk | Coffee/Tea |
| Diapers, sz., 4, 5, 6 | Sugar |
| Oatmeal | Flour |
| Tomato Products | Shampoo |
| Tampons/Pads | Baked Beans |
| Toilet Paper | Bar Soap |
| Disposable Razors | Toothpaste |

**Donations needed for
Back-To-School Drive**

Last year Samaritan House provided backpacks filled with school supplies to 374 area children. We are anticipating the need to be great again this year and are preparing for about 375 backpacks for area children grades Pre through 8.

Samaritan House is accepting donations for our annual "Back-To-School Drive". Please drop off any donations by August 20 so we can fill backpacks and be ready to distribute them to clients on August 27 and 28.

In addition to a filled backpack, each child will receive a \$20 gift certificate for Payless Shoes.

Back-To-School Program Wish List . . .

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| New backpacks | Spiral notebooks |
| Pocket folders | Binders |
| Wide-ruled paper | Children's scissors |
| Erasable pens | Crayons |
| Watercolor markers | Colored pencils |
| White school glue | Glue sticks |
| 12" rulers | Cash for gift certificates |

Tickets

Have you purchased your 2010 Samaritan House Quilt Raffle Tickets yet? The theme of the 2010 quilt is a coral reef. The colors and details are superb. The 2010 quilt is a one of a kind unique piece of art work. For information, 336-9956.

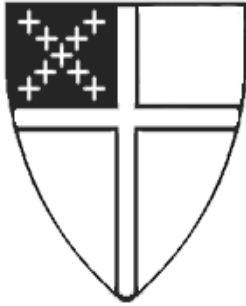
Rockin' at the Roostertail

September 24 at 8:00 p.m.—this year we're looking to kick-it-up a notch with two rockin' bands: Detroit's great rock and roll band, **Category 5** returns and **Thornetta Davis**, Detroit's R & B musical treasure. Info: 336-9956.

Calendar of Events

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| August 27/28 | Back to School Distribution |
| September 3-8 | Samaritan House Closed |
| September 24 | Rockin at the Roostertail |
| October 3 | Quilt Raffle & Crop Walk |

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 Parish Secretary

Key Dates in August

Sun., August 1
 Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
 Fr. Peter Groschner will officiate at the 10:00 service
 Labor Day Planning, 9:00

Mon., August 2
 Men's Group, 7:30 p.m. at Younger's Irish Tavern

Sun., August 8
 Morning Prayer at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Wed., August 11
 Healing Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sat., August 14
 Book Discussion, 11:00 a.m.

Sun., August 15
 Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Sun., August 22
 Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Wed., August 25
 Beer & Bible Study, at Thee Office Pub, 7:00 p.m.

Thu., August 26
 Vestry meets, 7:00 p.m.

Fri., August 27
 Church Mouse deadline

Sun., August 29
 Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday, September 8:
 Evening Service, 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 12
 Sunday School begins

Wednesday, September 15
 Evening Service, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 16:
 Beer & Bible, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22
 Evening Service, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29
 Evening Service, 7:00 pm



