

August 1, 2014



Window Installed in Honor of Fred and Jane Reynolds

During the week of July 7, the window in honor of the Reynolds' service to St. Paul's was installed in the Bell Tower entrance. The beautifully crafted panes, created by Jeffrey Mueller of Godfrey Müller Studios, contain a variety of symbols to represent the ways in which Fred and Jane touched and influenced our parish and its life. Seated at the center is an open-armed Jesus welcoming all, which represents the way Fred worked toward inclusivity in our parish. There are many animals, among them a horse and a dog, which signifies the Reynolds' love for our furred friends. In the background of the scene rises the bell tower of St. Paul's to demonstrate Fred's commitment to capital improvements of our church campus. Perhaps the most whimsical touch is the tiny yellow smiley face hidden among the panes – an opportunity for children to search out a bright emblem of happiness akin to the "Where's Waldo?" game. The window is a stunning addition to our building.

A dedication of the window is planned for September. In the meantime, please take a moment to admire its artistry. The committee would like to once again thank everyone who donated to make this window a possibility – in addition to honoring Fred and Jane, it is a testament to the generous nature of our congregation, as the entire project was fully funded by donations from parishioners.

Christopher & Louise Moore, Co-Chairs on behalf of the Celebration Committee

Transitory Thoughts

Summer in congregational life is a relatively relaxed time. It is usually not as busy or fraught as the rest of the year can be. Yet even when it comes to R&R in this season, we can still find ourselves overly “wound up” by the 24/7 culture in which we live. We may, in fact, come to the end of summer wondering “where did it go?” and literally feeling a sense of “unrest.” As a prescription against such a result in myself, I recently completed reading a short-but-profound book by Walter Bruggemann. Drawing deeply on a career as a scripture scholar, he titles the work *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of NOW* (WJK Press, 2014, 89 pp). I commend it to you. It is far more positive than the title might at first suggest.

Ours is a time of daily distractions toward despair or alternatively, as an escapist antidote, an age of being entertained to death. It is, then, important to re-discover, as Bruggemann encourages us to do, the center and source of authentic regeneration. His reflections made me all the more glad of worship here at St Paul’s on my first Sunday with you. As we gave thanks according to the BCP form “for the blessings of this life,” our prayer as God’s people continued by adding specific thanks for “the gifts of rest and Sabbath time for body and soul.” In both senses of the word, may the “rest” of your summer feature a generous portion of that re-creation which is the Spirit’s gift for the season.

Let me close these reflections with a personal thanksgiving for gracious welcomes extended from clergy, staff, and people of St Paul’s since the inception of my transitional ministry with you.

The Very Rev’d William H. Petersen

Summer Outdoor Worship

Join us at 10am on the Paul’s Cross lawn

August 3

(Park Ave. Fest)

August 31

(Labor Day Weekend)

Robert Poovey To Complete Sabbatical Leave

Robert will be taking the final five weeks of his sabbatical leave starting August 1, returning to the office on Tuesday, September 9th. Various activities during the other portions of the leave have included learning Sowerby’s *Symphony in G major*, visiting and observing the programs of colleagues, and quite a lot of “brushing up” on topics ranging from liturgical practice and tendencies in church music programs, to organ performance practice. On September 7th Robert will make his 4th complete performance of the Sowerby *Symphony*, at The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.

Rector Search Committee Update

Your Search Committee completed the second round of phone interviews in June. These Skype interviews were tailored to address questions specific to each candidate. After careful consideration of their qualities and based on the results of these Skype interviews, your Search Committee travel team visited two candidates and their churches to participate in a service, hear a sermon and interview their parishioners and associates. As a result of these parish visits your Search Committee voted two candidates as finalists. These candidates visited Rochester in July, met with the Search Committee and Bishop Singh. With the help of the Holy Spirit your Search Committee may be able to recommend a candidate to the Vestry as early as late July. As we continue to work through this process, we ask that everyone at St. Paul's continues to pray for the Search Committee and each candidate that we encounter.

Respectfully,

The Rector Search Committee

Judy Carpenter, Tim Dewart, Charlotte Kimberly-Haag, Pat Moran, Nancy Reale, Stan Refermat, Ed Rubel, Duane Swanson, Peg Willard and Dan Wright

O God: Give us insight into your purposes for St. Paul's parish, and wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADULT FORMATION PROGRAMMING

All of the Adult Formation programs are busily creating programming to start again in September with the new church year. Bible Study, The Reapers, Faith Club, Merton Group, EfM and the 9AM Study Group will all be up and running. If you haven't joined any of our groups in the past, please consider joining one to deepen your own faith journey and build your community at St. Paul's. Specific schedules will be printed in the September 1st *Epistle*.

The **Faith in the World** lecture is scheduled for the afternoon of November 2nd. Diana Butler Bass will be coming this year to talk about her latest book "Christianity After Religion". The 9AM Study Session discussions will be focused on her ideas so that we are prepared to ask her excellent questions.

We are working to add a new Education for Ministry (EfM) group, which will meet on Monday evenings starting in September. This program provides a real opportunity to look at faith acting in our lives in a small group setting. We'll need a minimum of six people to begin the program. See brochures on the schedule bulletin board as you enter the Westminster door for more information.

If you have questions about any of the Adult Formation programs, please contact Nancy Gear at nancy.grear@gmail.com or 585-305-5727, Adult Formation Coordinator.

We receive letters...



From Foodlink, thanking Robert Poovey and St. Paul's for hosting the Foodlink Benefit Concert on Friday, May 9th, at which \$755.00 in cash donations and 3 barrels of food was collected. Foodlink provides over 16 million pounds of food to 500 local non-profit agencies and serves over 555,000 meals to seniors and children through their Freshwise Kitchen.



Merciful God,
we entrust to your never-failing care and love . .

Carolyn J. Humphreys
May 30, 2014

Ann H. Warren
June 14, 2014

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Associate Rector Frederick Peet Taft Moves Across the Hall

As one enters St. Paul's from the Westminster Entrance one walks down a hall with portraits of all our former rectors. Fred Reynolds' portrait has recently been added to the collection.

Until recently one would walk by all our former rectors AND one former Associate Rector. Frederick Peet Taft, Associate Rector from 1950 till 1967, has been displayed along with the Rectors. A number of knowledgeable parishioners have brought this error to my attention and, after doing some research, we have corrected the error and moved Rev. Taft across the hall where his portrait was originally displayed. It seems that a while back the portraits were removed and the hall was repainted. When the portraits were put back up Associate Rector Taft was among them. Rev. Taft was a much loved Associate and served as Priest In Charge twice during clergy transitions.

Check out the portraits the next time you are at church and say hello to Frederick Taft on the South wall and to Frederic Reynolds on the North wall.

Bob Frank, Warden

The St. Paul's Bridge Marathon wants YOU to join!



Do you enjoy bridge? Then consider joining us for fun and fellowship. We are parishioners and friends who like to play bridge. We range in skill from intermediate to advanced. Some of us are snowbirds, others are not. Throughout the year, individual teams schedule a few hours of of bridge with different teams. In June, we celebrate with a luncheon and a final afternoon of bridge. You and your partner, regardless of whether you are a member at St. Paul's, are welcome to join us. Hope to see you across a bridge table next year! Questions? Please call Karen Snell at 442-4277

Save the Date:

Welcome Back Sunday
September 14
Parish Breakfast
Church School Registration
Celebratory Worship

Welcome New Members

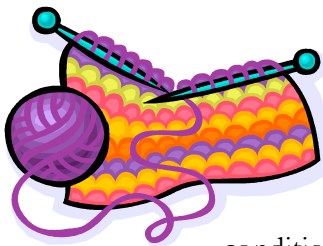
Through Baptism

June 8, 2014

Henry Patrick Wensel
Son of Patrick Nathan Wensel
& Rachel Elena Smith
and

Donald A. Dow

St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry



Wow! After last month's article, 19 parishioners, friends, and family who knit and crochet have expressed interest in making Prayer Shawls and lap robes. A group of 5 of us gathered on Saturday, July 12th to explore how this might proceed.

While attending meetings is not required, it was decided that there would be a monthly meeting at 10am on the second Saturday of each month in the East Room (air conditioned) for support and encouragement. Since we had representatives from St. Luke's and St. Simon Cyrene and Church of the Ascension with us, we decided that it would be nice to ask anyone from another parish to join us. Sometimes, it's hard for some of the smaller parishes to come up with a critical number to establish a group of their own, yet some members would like this ministry. What a great way to get to know some of our neighbors.

It was also suggested by Patricia Denham, that in addition to shawls and lap robes we could make baby hats and booties that could be distributed to new parents who might be in need of loving supplies. This is also a good project for small amounts of yarn left over from larger projects.

So keep creating, everyone. We'll be getting together again on August 9th. In the meantime, if anyone wants to participate and needs more information, please give me a call.

Many Thanks,
Judy Carpenter
585-750-7613

Summer Pledge Payments

**Please remember to mail in your pledge payments if you are not able to attend services. Your continued payments help maintain our cash flow during the summer months.
Thank you in advance.**

AA Meetings @ St. Paul's

- Tuesday – 6:00 pm – The Women's Home Group
- Wednesday – 8:15 pm – The Young & The Reckless
- Thursday – 8:15 pm – The Academy Group
- Friday – 10:05 pm – Heard It Through the Grapevine
- Saturday – 10:30 am – Step Sisters
- Saturday – 10:00 pm – Last House on the Block

Sun—8/03 RAIHN @ Paul's Place 8/3 to 8/10
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
Outdoor Service 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist at Paul's Cross
Mon—8/04 5:30 PM Rector Search Committee
Wed—8/06 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
Thur—8/07 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 4:30 PM Holy Eucharist at St. John's Meadows
Sat—8/09 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sun—8/10 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
Mon—8/11 5:30 PM Rector Search Committee
Tue—8/12 7:00 PM Parish Operations Meeting
Wed—8/13 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
 5:15 PM Water for South Sudan Executive Committee
Thur—8/14 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
Fri—8/15 4:30 PM **Newsletter Deadline**
Sat—8/16 2:00 PM Wedding—Sarah White & Derek Hendrickson
Sun—8/17 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
Mon—8/18 5:30 PM Rector Search Committee
Tue—8/19 12:00 PM RAIHN Executive Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
Wed—8/20 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
Thur—8/21 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 4:00 PM Holy Eucharist at Valley Manor
Sun—8/24 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
Mon—8/25 5:30 PM Rector Search Committee
 7:00 PM Property Committee
Tue—8/26 5:30 PM RAIHN Board of Director's Meeting
Wed—8/27 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
 5:15 PM Water for South Sudan Board Meeting
Thu—8/28 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
Sun—8/31 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
Outdoor Service 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist at Paul's Cross



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Our Vision

We pray that all who enter St. Paul's experience God's presence in this community of faith, a community that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, transforming and filled with God's Grace.

St. Paul's Ministry Staff

Priest-in-Charge The Very Rev. William H. Petersen	Associate Rector The Rev. Jennifer Zogg
Director of Music Dr. Robert Poovey	Finance & Operations Mgr. Dick Stryker
Music Assistant Karl Robson	Accounting Assistant Lisa Hubbard
Clergy Assistant Judy Loveland	Maintenance Bob Potter

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