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I am Grateful for...

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

.... the many, many people who assisted in creating a wonderful week-end with Diana Butler Bass. Thanks to our book sellers, drivers, publicists, and all who attended. It was an incredible time filled with spirituality and new knowledge.

.... those who spent a good portion of their Saturday cleaning St. Paul's grounds, especially the Memorial Garden. It looks great!

.... the Altar Guild's ability to change up their patterns so as to make Holy Week go smoothly. As long as we have this group of folks we will always have our palm crosses.

.... our Sunday School teachers who are committed to giving of their love, time and talent to our young ones. You give up much to do this and know that we are aware of it! Thank you.

.... those who were greeters and helped host the Diocesan Vestry Day here at St. Paul's. I appreciate your willingness to illustrate what hospitality is all about.

.... our choir and the incredible sound they create so we can be lifted to heavenly places during our worship.

.... Jeff Irwin and Theresa Milne and their incredible patience and faithfulness to transferring our financials to a new accounting system. Wow!

.... the folks who worked diligently to organize another wonderful Sunday worship and golf outing at Hawk Hollow. Thank you, thank you.

..... each and every one of you who faithfully try to be faithful. It is not easy to be a faithful Christian. But so many of you do it so well.

Now, what are you grateful for?

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...and more!



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THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Our Sunday morning services would be less if not for those faithful folks who lector, carry the cross, the Gospel Book, the torch. Or those who lift the chalice and offer you the blessed wine – or those who set the table, clean the linens, and ensure your safety. I often receive compliments on how beautiful our worship services are and how this assist folks' prayer life and connection with God.

None of this is possible without our dedicated acolytes, lectors, prayer leaders, ushers, torch bearers, chalice bearers and Altar Guild. And, of course, the dedicated folks who do the tough job of scheduling who does what on which Sunday – Amy & Greg Wortley and Lyn Zynda. It takes more than a priest to have a service. It requires many volunteers.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 18TH VESTRY MEETING

- Back to Basics program is going well.
- If Music be the Food was well received. Future 'If Music Be The Food' programs are being planned.
- Search for the next Bishop – Karen's+ responsibilities as chaplain to the Search Committee are complete. Walk About to meet the candidates will be May 18 at All Saints, East Lansing.
- Ministry Teams discussion: a plan for teams to report to the vestry was outlined. Teams will submit written reports to the vestry. Teams needing action for items will be submitted to the vestry for discussion and action.
- Life Touch Directory - electronic access was declined.
- 2019 Stewardship Pledge Drive planning begin sooner rather than waiting of the fall.
- Nest Steps after Ministry Review report was reviewed. Leadership development is needed. Communications Team has a potential chair. There is a need for a New Member Welcome Team. An informational pew card for worship services will be developed.
- Action Items: Electronic motions on sound equipment and LINC use of facilities for Laugh and Play were accepted into the minutes.
- Background check forms were distributed to the vestry.
- 2018 Parochial Report was reviewed and officially accepted by the vestry. Declining attendance trends are a concern and discussed.
- Coming Events: Friendship dinner will be April 18, Maundy Thursdays with Central United Methodist and Christ Community at St. Paul's. The new caterer, Professional Party Planners will start on April 1.

Perhaps you would like to join the cadre of volunteers who are a critical piece of the beauty of our worship. We welcome any and all and we promise to give you the training you need. Male and females are welcomed alike! Acolytes need not be adults only tall enough and strong enough to carry a torch. Acolytes need not be children either – only tall enough and strong enough to carry the cross or the golden Gospel book (it is heavier than you think).

We won't push you too quickly and we won't demand you buy special shoes to do this work. Prayerfully consider – are you called to enhance the beauty of our service by being part of these special ministry teams? If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild – contact Bobbi Tisdale. If you are interested in being an acolyte, lector, prayer leader, or chalice bearer, contact Karen+. Think about. This may be a life-giving way to express your gratefulness for Sunday services.

WHAT IS A VOPD?

By Sue LeDuc

What is a VPOD you ask? Is it a new game? an app? an arcane clergy vestment or altar linen? an answer to one of Karen quizzes? The answer will surprise you: it is the VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY. Still in the dark? It is a new concept your vestry is giving a try in hopes of getting to know you and vice versa. It is also an attempt to open lines of communication between vestry members and parishioners.

A vestry member will be the designated VPOD every Sunday. The VPOD will give the announcements at the end of the service. It also means that the VPOD will make him or herself available right after church to answer questions, and to listen to ideas or concerns about our parish community. The VPOD will be wearing a name tag with a blue vestry ribbon, and can be found near the Merrifield Room right after both the 8 am and 10 am services

What sorts of things? a concern about someone you haven't seen for awhile....a question about the service....a question about the temperature in church....can the church building be used by other people or organizations?....how do I sign up to do MSU concessions?... a comment or compliment about something or someone...you get the idea.

Your Vestry will respect confidentiality, will answer your questions if able, and promises to find an answer for you on any topic they may not know the answer to and get back to you.

MUSICAL RESOURCES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

By Dr. Timothy Flynn



In addition to our standard hymnal, the blue book from 1982, the Episcopal Church has several other resources which are authorized for use in worship. One of the official supplements to the 1982 hymnal is *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, the green paperback book, copies of which you might find in the pews in church. This resource has been called an “eclectic collection” of new hymns and some familiar melodies with new texts, and it adds to the repertory of music for the liturgical year as well as special services, including funerals, baptism, ordination, and healing liturgies. Just thumb through this book and you’ll notice some bilingual hymns as well as music from the Taizé tradition. In addition to hymns *Wonder, Love, and Praise* also includes service music (i.e., Kyrie, Sanctus, etc.) as well as various canticles, some of which are used for morning prayer (*Te Deum*), and other new ones which have flexible use (*A Song of Wisdom* and *A Song of Pilgrimage*).

Another valuable collection of hymns which we use occasionally at St. Paul’s is *Voices Found*. The subtitle of this book, *Women in the Church’s Song*, indicates that it is a celebration of the contribution of women in the life of the church as composers, poets, musicians, saints, and editors. The music included in this volume is composed primarily in the traditional hymn style and intended for parish use; however, some pieces are written specifically for women’s voices or small ensembles of treble voices. Some pieces are dedicated specifically to female saints and mystics (such as Julian of Norwich and Hildegard of Bingen) in addition to women in scriptures (such as Mary

Walkabout Schedule Meet the Candidates for Bishop

The Transitions Committee invites everyone in the Diocese of Michigan to attend the Walkabouts, which are opportunities to meet the candidates for our 11th Bishop, hear their responses to questions, and help them to learn more about our Diocese. Learn more at edomi.org/candidates. Videos of the Walkabouts will be posted at edomi.org/walkabouts.

Friday, May 17, 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave, Detroit

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Magdalen, St. Monica, and Mary, Mother of Jesus). It is a compilation of contemporary and historical works, and it also incorporates some pieces from various non-western countries, such as “Salamu Maria” from Africa. *Voices Found* reminds us all of the great diversity of churches and styles which make up the Anglican Communion.

Under the auspices of the Office of Black Ministries of the Episcopal Church, the African American hymnal, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was added to the growing list of musical supplements of the church. This traditional style hymnbook includes many gospel and gospel-style songs from a wide range of other protestant denominations. While spirituals are included in the mix, this resource is not dedicate solely to this genre, and songs from the Afro-Caribbean tradition are included as well. There are psalm settings and service music for Holy Eucharist newly written by African American composers or composed in the American gospel style. Many of the hymns included in *Lift Every Voice and Sing* come from the tradition of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E. Zion) Church which was officially formed in 1821. This denomination freely mixes protestant gospel songs and spirituals with more standard Episcopalian hymns and service music.

Another valuable worship resource, *Enriching Our Worship* vol. 1 (EOW) from the 1990s gives us new up-dated language for our liturgies of Morning and Evening Prayer as well as Eucharist. These new translations of hymns, canticles, and prayers, have creative and accessible musical settings included in the corresponding collection, *Enriching our Music*, vol. 1. Also found in this volume are several new settings of music for Holy Eucharist by the late Richard Proulx, David Hurd, Carl Maulsby, and Richard Webster, among others.

These are just a few of the rich and varied musical resources approved by the Episcopal Church for use in corporate worship throughout the church. Our music is one of the many signs of our unity in diversity, and our abundance of tradition and creativity in worship.

Saturday, May 18, 4:00 - 6:30 PM

All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Rd., East Lansing

Sunday, May 19, 3:30 - 6:00 PM

St. Clare’s Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard St., Ann Arbor

Submit a question for the candidates at edomi.org/walkabouts

Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the event starts in order to find parking and a seat. Walkabouts will begin promptly at the appointed times. Questions? Contact Canon Jo Ann Hardy at jhardy@edomi.org or Transitions Committee Chair Julia Huttar Bailey at juliahuttar@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Someone New is in the Kitchen

If you take moment on Sunday morning and peek into our kitchen you will find it totally re-arranged and full of cooking equipment that might be unrecognizable at first glance. Why? On April 1st, our new catering company tenant moved in! Professional Party Planners owned by Teresa Barcy, has taken up residence in St. Paul's kitchen and it is a delight to have them among us.

After a long tenure with our previous catering company, A Catered Affaire, we parted ways as it was time to start a new relationship for both St. Paul's and A Catered Affaire. Upon their departure, we engaged in some much needed repairs and cleaning – new plumbing, faucets, repaired garbage disposal, and power washing of ceiling, walls, floors. Cleaning even included climbing on the roof and cleaning the hood vent!

Teresa's group will continue to provide us with quality meals for our various events at a discounted price. Their first gift to us is our Easter breakfast! Teresa (with a 'b' vs. our Theresa with a 'm') is known far and wide for her waffles. Please welcome Teresa Barcy and her staff as they settle into their new digs at St. Paul's.

It's not Miniature Golf, it's Golf in Miniature!

Sunday, May 5th St. Paul's is heading to Hawk Hollow for worship, miniature golf, lunch, raffles, prizes and awards. If you haven't had the chance to play on the Little Hawk course, forget your mental images of plastic grass and playful decorations. This putting course is just like a real golf course with 18 (mini) holes of beautiful natural grass, sand traps perfect for and lovely water hazards.

Join us at 10:00am for worship and communion in the Hawk Hollow Chapel, located at 15101 Chandler Rd, Bath, MI 48808. To find the chapel, turn off Chandler Rd at Hawk Hollow Dr W, the road ends at the parking lot, with the chapel on your left.

Following the service there will be a shotgun start for the golf teams at 11:15a. Personal putters are welcome, and golfers of all abilities will enjoy this green. Last year's mini-outing proved that you can putt while laughing, that you

Calling All Grads!



Are your thoughts turning towards caps, gowns, and diplomas? Before you head off on your next adventure, your St. Paul's family wants to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

On Sunday, May 26th St. Paul's is celebrating Graduation Sunday in honor of our High School, Trade School, and College graduates! Join us at the 10:00 am service to pray over these valued members of our community as they prepare to transition into a new chapter in life.

Immediately following the service in the Merrifield Room, celebrate with the grads at a special coffee hour in their honor. Make sure to invite teachers, friends, and everyone who has supported the grads through the years to join the fun and fellowship!

See you there!

don't have to golf every weekend to get a hole in one, and that the St. Paul's community is very creative when it comes to fishing golf balls out of the water hazards!

Lunch will be served at 1:15p in the Lakeview Banquet Room with raffles, prizes, and awards for the golfers. Some of the items to be raffled include; a tasting at Burgdorf Winery, Cooking and knife seminar at Cutco, a personal style appointment at Ann Taylor, and a separate kid's raffle for our younger parishioners!

Lunch is \$10/person, with the optional golf game only \$5/ person.

Registration sheets are available in the Merrifield Room, or contact Keeli Baker at keelibaker@gmail.com.

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St. Paul's Blood Drive

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has support the semi-annual blood drives here at St. Paul's. The success of those events is because of the St. Paul's family. THANK YOU!

Second, because of the lack of staff at the Red Cross, blood drives at St. Paul's have been put on hold. We are hoping to have a drive scheduled for some time this Spring or Summer. We will keep you posted. If you are a blood donor, please schedule a visit to the Red Cross Donor room or another drive in town. Please be prepared to wait, even with an appointment. Again, staffing issues are preventing efficient donations. We are hopeful the Red Cross will resolve their staffing issues soon. Again, thank you for your support of this life giving event.

Libby Richardson

Reminder: Office paper is recyclable.

Please put in the various paper recycling bins at St. Paul's! Did you know that recycling companies pay twice as much for office paper as they do for cardboard?

Why Does St. Paul's Offer American Red Cross Training?

Several years ago it was necessary to call for an ambulance and EMT's during Sunday morning church services on more than one occasion. We were lucky at the time that we had a medical doctor and more than one registered nurse who attended St. Paul's and were able to provide immediately assistance while waiting for the ambulance.

One of the parishioners was an inactive American Red Cross (ARC) Instructor who offered to teach classes at St. Paul's to train others in basic first aid and how to do CPR. At that time it was possible to rent equipment from Mid Michigan Chapter of ARC. Class fees covered the cost of equipment rental and certification fees with ARC. In time, equipment rental was no longer available and St. Paul's purchased a set of 4 mannequins which reduced the cost of training. Class content DVDs became available for instructors.

In the meantime, the local ARC chapter encouraged St. Paul's to become an Authorized Provider (AP) with ARC. St. Paul's News May 2019

Is St. Paul's Green? What do we Recycle?

St. Paul's Vestry officially declared that St. Paul's will be green. How are we doing that?

1. All material items used for coffee hour and other events are Biodegradable. That means that they can be discarded in the trash because they will disintegrate when they reach a land fill. For example, some of the biodegradable items used at St. Paul's are paper plates, paper cups, plastic cups and plastic silverware.
2. We recycle cardboard and office paper. Caterers and our office can generate enough cardboard that would fill our dumpster. That can increase the cost of trash pickup. The same applies to office paper. A team led by Allan Boron collects the cardboard and office paper on a regular basis. Both are stored and then sold to Friedland Industries in Lansing. Money for the sale is not large and goes into the church's general fund.
3. You can help! Please refrain from throwing office paper, like the Sunday bulletin, into trash containers. There are several Paper Recycling receptacles in various places in the church. Please toss paper in these. Paper sells for twice the amount of cardboard sales!
4. If you are the last one in the room, please turn out the lights!

for the teaching of classes. That was accomplished at no cost more than 10 years ago and continues today. As an AP we offer classes at what it costs to certify trainees with ARC (currently \$29 each) with a small supply fee, currently \$30 class fee. The same class at the local ARC chapter costs \$102!

Another life saving tool came on the market – the AED. St. Paul's tapped some funds and purchased an AED and installed it in the parish house. Instruction in using the AED and EPI pen injectors was added to classes. A second AED was added in the sanctuary about 2 years ago.

Classes for ARC First Aid/CPR/AED are offered two to 4 times a year at St. Paul's. Many of the ushers have been trained. St. Paul's will soon have 3 ARC Instructors. Sally Boron and Mark Rudd are current instructors and John David Hawkins will be trained as an instructor in May.

Iman Chaudhry from East Lansing Islamic Center to Visit St. Paul's

On Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in the Merrifield Room, Imam Sohail Chaudhry from East Lansing's Islamic Center will visit St. Paul's to speak to us about Islam. Designed as an introduction to the faith and culture of Islam, the Imam will also answer questions from the audience. We are extremely excited to have Imam Chaudhry with us to promote understanding and continued friendship with our Muslim brothers and sisters. Imam Sohail Chaudhry came to East Lansing from Morgantown, West Virginia where he served for a decade as Imam and taught Islamic courses at West Virginia University (Morgantown). He holds degrees in Computer Engineering and Islamic Studies as well as being a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizen Academy and a certified mental health first responder.



The term "imam" in Arabic means, "to stand in front of" and refers to the leadership role he has in worship. The Imam recites (chants) the verses and words of prayer, and the people follow him. During the service, he stands facing away from the worshippers toward the direction of Mecca.

For each of the five daily prayers, the Imam is present at the mosque to lead the prayers and on Friday, he usually delivers the khutba (sermon). We welcome Imam Chaudhry to St. Paul's as a brother in faith and a beloved child of God, and we look forward to learning more about the Islamic faith and our commonalities rather than our differences. God is a God who unites us in love and friendship and not a God of division and exclusivity. The event is free and open to all. Please share this with family, friends, and your community. All are welcome! A reception will follow.

St. Paul's Youth

The youth of our congregation has been having a wonderful Spring so far! During the Lent we especially focus on the stories of Jesus and the Resurrection so that our young parishioners can have some context for what Easter really means beyond bunnies and candy. They also were delighted to take part in decorating cookies for the Valentine's Day Tea, and have had opportunities to worship, sing, and learn through making arts and crafts.



Keeping up with “Thank You’s”

MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

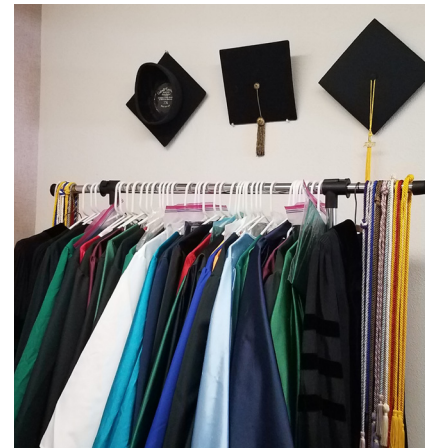
By Sue LeDuc

We have been spending time as community thinking about gratitude, especially after Diana Butler Bass’ visit. I realized that Mission & Outreach hears lots of “thank you’s” that are honest and heartfelt and part of the joy of Mission and Outreach. We sometimes forget to pass them along to you.

For instance, I often deliver diapers and wipes to caseworkers at Early Childhood Intervention/Community Mental Health for families in distress and in need. I always get a warm thank you in part because it is a quick response to a hurting family. Thank You St. Paul’s family.

Marilyn Maloney hears the same grateful Thank You when she delivers food, diapers and toilet paper to First Presbyterian Food Bank every few weeks. Thank You St. Paul’s family.

Carol Thomas knows the principal and staff at Riddle Elementary School are overwhelmed by what we have given to replenish their Food Pantry and our concern for



St. Paul’s Honored with the LAAN Red Ribbon Award

On Sunday, April 7th, the Lansing Area Aids Network presented St Paul’s with its annual Red Ribbon Award, in part for:

“being always willing to assist in the provision of basic needs which are too often lacking for many agency [LAAN] clients: clothing, winter wear, housing and utility assistance, personal care items and items to help fill the pantry”...“routine and significant monetary donations”...“as well as homemade cookies for Christmas baskets.”

In short, for being a friend and community partner.

The award was presented at a brunch at the Kellogg Center and nine people from our church attended. One of our

families who struggle at Riddle. A single mother with 5 children who had just moved here without much to furnish a place to live was so thankful when Carol dropped off dishes, silverware, pots and pans, bed linens and blankets from our Needs Closet. Thank You St. Paul’s family.

Nancy Merriman hears “thank you” from Cristo Rey whenever she drops off our donations of coats, boots... you name it. As well as some “arf, arf!” thank yous from our local animal shelters who are thrilled to get for torn blankets and towels for dog beds. Thank you St. Paul’s family.

Lastly, the Literacy Council cannot express their gratitude enough for all the graduation caps and gown you have donated to their graduates. The Council keeps them on hand and it makes available those who worked so hard for their GED feel like they have really graduated!! Thank you St. Paul’s family.

own, Jack Baker, sang with LanSINGout, the choral group who entertained us. There was both a live (really very lively) auction and a silent auction with many wonderful items to bid on. Sections of the Names Project Quilt were on display.

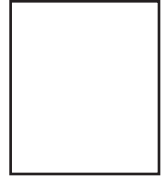
LAAN begins every gathering with a moment of silence “in memory and in hope.” The agency has worked hard for nearly 35 years “dedicated to the delivery of services and programs designed to meet the needs of those living with HIV/Aids and to help prevent the further spread of the virus”...its Mission Statement.

Calendar

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary 6:30 PM Bible Study - VanAtta Room	29 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 6:15 PM Men of Orpheus - Choir Room	30 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service - Chapel	1 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting - VanAtta Room	2 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 10:00 AM Mothering Justice - Merrifield Room 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room	3 OFFICE CLOSED The Rev. Dr. Carter Away	4 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away
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