

Epistle

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

Rector's Notes:

Save the Dates

September 10

Bishop's Visit & St. Paul's Centennial Celebration.

September 24

Vocal Recital 3 p.m.
George Marinelli

October 12-14

ABC Sale I

Set-up for ABC Sale I
Oct. 9-11

October 15

Organ Recital 3 p.m.
John Ditto

October 20-21

Sabeel Conference

(a conference on
peace and justice.)
See article in the July
Epistle.

October 26-28

ABC Sale II

Set up for ABC Sale II
Oct. 23-25.

**The Next Healing Service
will be
September 10th during
the
10:30 Eucharist**

The next Epistle will
be mailed September
13th. Deadline
September 11th.

I want all of you to know how much my family appreciates the ease with which you have accepted them into the parish. While we remain very much vagabonds living in temporary accommodations, we feel solidly a permanent part of the life and activities of the parish. Because of the "yet to be sold" status of our home in Mississippi, Guytie will be returning occasionally to Mississippi to take care of things there. This will be an inconvenience and pull her away from fully participating in things here, as she would like. However, we must deal with this reality. I assure you, we are anxiously awaiting that phone call from our realtor, "We have an offer on your house", and the opportunity that will give us to complete our move to Kansas City.

If you have been reading your newsletter or you attended Sunday School on August 27, you know that we are in that season of beginnings here at St. Paul's. Please consider these offerings and be a part of something going on at St. Paul's. We are going to do all that we can to enable each of you to have access to something that will enable you to explore your lived faith. Be a part of our shared baptismal journey.

I hope everyone is planning to be a part of the 100th Celebration of our church worship space. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to explore our history, visit with former clergy, and celebrate the life of our parish. While we do celebrate our building, we will never forget that the true glory of our parish is the Body of Christ present in you, the people of the parish. Our September 10 celebration, while specifically celebrating our building, is truly a celebration of 100+ years of committed people who have incarnated the presence of God in this place we call St. Paul's, Westport.

In the weeks and months ahead, there will be much going on around here. In addition to the existing array of opportunities, activities, and special events, you will be hearing about some new things too. A work currently in progress is a late Spring/early Summer Habitat build that will involve the Episcopal Community of KC working in cooperation with both the Jewish Community and the Islamic Community. You will be hearing more about this soon. The staff and I are exploring some expanded worship opportunities that will be designed specifically for the 20-30-somethings so much a part of our neighborhood. Again, more on this as things develop. Just keep reading the newsletter and coming to church.

Finally, on behalf of the Vestry and me, we are pleased to announce to the whole congregation that the Reverend Doctor Susan Smith is now a "priest associate" of St. Paul's Parish. As a priest associate, Susan will be providing a variety of consultative services (in Liturgy, Christian Ed, and Spiritual formation) to the parish. She will also be our designated supply priest for four Sundays each year. She will not have office hours, administrative responsibilities, or assigned pastoral duties at St. Paul's. While Susan has been with us a parishioner for a good while, it is great to have her with us as a part of our parochial community. rsr+

Music and Liturgy

GEORGE MARINELLI, LYRIC TENOR

IN RECITAL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

3:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

11 EAST 40TH STREET

KANSAS CITY, MO

George Marinelli, lyric tenor, will perform a vocal recital at St. Paul's Church as a part of the Celebration Series of 100 years in our present building.

Marinelli comes from a family of opera singers. His great grandfather Giovanni, himself a lyric tenor, grew up in Verona but came to America to perform at the Chicago Lyric Opera and the Metropolitan Opera. His great grandmother Rosina, who emigrated from Venice as a child performer, later worked in the Costume Department at the Met. Marinelli began following in their footsteps as a small boy, performing first at regular gatherings of his large Italian family.

Born in New York, Marinelli moved as a young boy with his family to south Florida. He started singing classical music in high school, and in his own words, "immediately got hooked". To channel his seemingly boundless vocal energy, he began studying formally at age 16 with June Capezza. The young tenor's solo concert debut was in a performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem* that opened the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. He returned for a number of other solo performances, including Handel's *Messiah* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

The Sarasota Herald Tribune described the performance of a young man making his debut in Honegger's *King David*. It was "beautifully and brightly sung" by a "thrillingly clear tenor voice," they wrote. They lauded the young singer's clean and pure pianissimos, and pointed out that he was equally adept at the moving passages as the lyric passages. "With a voice like this, he should have a major career," the paper concluded.

Singing was such a joyful part of his own childhood that Marinelli is committed to passing on his love of music to young students. He has accepted a Visiting Artist teaching position at Northwest Middle School and is a valued member of St. Paul's Adult Choir.

His program on September 24 will begin with a selection of Neapolitan songs. He will also sing oratorio selections by Handel, Mendelssohn and Puccini, as well as several operatic arias. The Brahms *Zigeunerlieder* (Gypsy Songs) will be featured. The concert will conclude with songs that were very popular in their time, especially here in Kansas City. Mrs. H.H.A. (Amy) Beach is considered by many to be the first major American female composer. Her music was frequently performed in Kansas City to high acclaim.

100 Year Celebration Service Sunday, October 15, 3:00 p.m. John Ditto, Organ Concert

Parish Life

Bishop's Visit & St. Paul's Centennial Celebration

**Celebrate a century of memories at 40th and Main
as we launch the next 100 years!!**

September 10, 2006 - 10:00 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**(This weekend there will be no 5:00 pm Saturday service
or 8:00 am Sunday service)**

Bishop Howe will be here. Past clergy have been invited.

Blessings on the church building. Stories, memories, photos, lunch - all at the reception!

**The only piece missing is - YOU!! Plan to attend this momentous occasion.
Please help us spread the word...we don't want anyone left out!**

**We are still looking for photos...vintage, current, both...we want 'em all!
Bring them any Sunday - OR - mail them to the church.**

ATTENTION:

SERVERS, FORMER SERVERS, SERVERS' FAMILIES

Traditionally, the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service has been the time for alumni servers to return and participate in the service to a limited degree, and to show support and offer congratulations to those receiving Gold Crosses. We'd like to recreate this atmosphere this year, the year of the 100th anniversary of St. Paul's. To do this we need to contact as many servers as possible and invite them to be in the processional and sit together during the service.

You can help by sending names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses for servers both in and out of the area. You can send them to Joan Watt at the church or email them to her at jwatt@stpauls-kcmo.org. Thank you for your help.

It's an old fashioned church picnic!!

Sun., Sept. 10 immediately following the 10:00
Celebration of the Consecration of **YOUR** 100 year old
building!!

AND

We need your time and talents!

Sat., Sept. 9 at 9:00
Come help shred coleslaw, skewer fruit
set tables, arrange flowers

We need your best **PIES** and **CAKES** to share and
enjoy for this celebration!! You can deliver them
to church Sun. morning

OUTREACH

Lived Faith Opportunities for All to join in

Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday at St. Paul's

Each Sunday, a basket of food from the Sunday donations is included with the alms of the parish at the offertory.

The pantry is in need of personal hygiene items. If you travel and have small items from hotels these work very well and are easily transported by our clients. Smaller sized shampoos, soaps, toothpaste are desirable though we are happy to receive any items you can donate.

Pantry items always needed

Adult bag:

Applesauce
Corn or Green Beans
Pork N Beans
Stovetop Stuffing
Tuna
Tuna Helper
Toilet Paper
Soup

Child's Bag

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Vienna Susages
Spaghettios
Ravioli
Ramen Noodles
Mac & Cheese
Crackers

Personal Hygiene

Toothpaste
Femine products
Shampoo

St. Paul's Haiti Ministry- The Day School connection.

Submitted by Kathy Nicol

"Develop a Mind; Develop a Country"

Following the initial steps taken by Murray Trealease and the formation of the committee, and covenant, as written in the previous article, Murray Trealease began putting another vital piece in place for the mission. Murray was particularly interested in forming a partnership between the students of the Mission Ste. Croix School and the St. Paul's Episcopal Day School. It was his feeling that interest in a Haiti school, and its students would be a healthy experience for the local students. Over the years there has been correspondence flowing between the schools, and the St. Paul's students have assisted in raising money.

After the death of Bob Staples, long time treasurer of the committee, in October of 1990, the committee agreed to campaign for funds to build a school building at Ravine-a-l'Anse and dedicate the building to Bob. All the money for the construction was raised in two years. In December, 1996, the Robert S. Staples Memorial School Building was dedicated.

Is Education for Ministry for you?

If you are interested in spiritual growth, sustained study of Scripture, and learning the basics of theology and church history in a congenial, shared-learning environment, then EfM may be right for you.

EfM aims to help each person prepare and discover his or her Christian ministry, whatever it might be. If you want to know more about EfM you can contact Marie Thompson at 816-444-2830, MarieKris@SBCGlobal.net or Linda Voigts at 816-333-7489, kcvoigts@hotmail.com. General information flyers are available in the wall rack in the narthex.

Serving Breakfast at St. Paul's KCK.

St. Paul's Breakfast is a "hands on" ministry to feed hungry people. Every Saturday, approximately 150 people eat a hearty, nutritious breakfast at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 18th and Washington, KCK.

Volunteers from several congregations cook and serve on a rotating basis. Several of our youth have served breakfast on Saturday during Missionpalooza, and we would like to invite other youth and families to join the youth from St. Paul's KCMO, on **Saturday September 16th. We will arrive to serve at 9:00 a.m.** There is a sign-up sheet on the south bulletin board.

St. Paul's Ministries

St. Luke's Auxiliary -by Margie Fligg

I would like to encourage members of Saint Paul's Church to become involved in the Saint Lukes's Hospital Auxiliary. In the past, many members of Saint Paul's were volunteers at the Hospital through the Auxiliary and the Hospital needs volunteers. The Auxiliary offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including the Chapel, the Library, the Heart Intsitute, the Surgical Waiting Rooms, the Gift Shop, the Newsletter, and the Holly Ball.

Perhaps the most important role of an Auxiliary member is to work with families whose loved one or friend is in the hospital. This is a new and frightening experience for most families, and they need assistance with both simple things, such as the location of the cafeteria or the best place to park, and more serious matters, such as where to go when the patient is in surgery, the name and location of the patient's doctor or a room in which to meet with a Chaplain. Often they simply need someone to talk to.

Working with families is very rewarding. At the end of the day I always made a point to say goodbye to those families with whom I had been working and to be sure that there wasn't something else I might do for them before leaving. Their response was always so appreciative and gratifying that I found it difficult to leave.

I know that you will find the Saint Lukes, Hospital Auxiliary an exciting volunteer opportunity. I loved it and still do. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary, please call Karen Mische at (913) 341-1073

St. Paul's Path Finders

Bobbie Kaiser and Jen Funk

On June 29th of this summer a group of about twelve St. Paul's Parishoner's set out on their first day trip to visit Strawberry Hill. The tour of the museum and St. John the Baptist church was very informative and beautiful! Lunch was enjoyed at a local restaurant to conclude a wonderful time of learning and fellowship. This trip has inspired a new ministry of St. Paul's of which we are calling St. Paul's Path Finders.

Our mission is to provide, as a group and as individuals, a welcoming response to all who are interested in exploring areas related to cultural diversity; areas of faith and mission; and our Christian Heritage. We will achieve this by visiting places of worship, museums and art galleries, and out-reach ministries serving others in our community. In fulfilling our mission we will seek the will of God, represent St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Day School with grace, and promote a spirit of fellowship. Our fall schedule is as follows:

October 20th-We will gather for lunch at D'Bronx Deli at 11:00 for an early lunch before traveling to the Hallmark Visitor's Center for meeting with one of the Inspirational Greeting Card writers and artist for an informative session. We will end the afternoon strolling through Union Cemetery which is the oldest in the area.

November will include visits to Grand Avenue Temple, St. Mary's and Independence Christian Church to explore these three older churches and their ministries to the urban poor in Kansas City. We will enjoy lunch together at City Market. Contact Bobbie Kaiser for more information or to let her know of your interest.

What is your decade?

In preparation for the celebration of our 100th Anniversary on Sept. 10, we want to know when you came to St. Paul's. Please send a family picture labeled with names and the date you first came. In addition, we would also like favorite St. Paul's stories. Why did you come? What has kept you here? What do you celebrate about St. Paul's? Any short anecdote would be appreciated. Please send pictures and stories to St. Paul's, 11 East 40th St., KCMO 64111 or simply place it in the offering plate any Sunday.

Did you know...The parish installed the first stained glass window in 1922. It was "The Adoration of the Shepherds" given in memory of Anne Lozier Warner and her daughter, Anne Warner Leidigh.

Did you know...in early 1931, the new rector, Dr. Trelease had a staircase built from the north end of the undercroft to the narthex, thereby providing for a full church processional with clergy and the new formed Servers Guild.

Adult Forum Schedule
9:15-10:15

Upcoming Adult Forum Series

September 3-24

Issues of the Episcopal Church

Stan Runnels and Rosemary Hubble lead this series in exploring and discussing the wide variety of political and religious views and challenges of the Episcopal Church.

October 1st-Day School Sunday

Liz Barnes and students

October 8-29

The Book of Luke

Warren Carter- Professor of New Testament from St. Paul School of Theology

November 5-26

Abrahamic Faiths: Islam, Hebrew, and Christian

The next Adult Education Planning Committee Meeting is September 13th at 5:30 in the Library.

A Confirmation note from the Rector:

In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age or as adults are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop.

So begins the rubric on the rite of Confirmation. As I have considered confirmation over the years, I have become more and more convinced the church has diminished confirmation, however inadvertent, by allowing it to become a rite of membership instead of a sacrament of recommitment to baptismal living. Laura May and I and others who will share in this process are committed to re-imagining confirmation in this more ancient and authentic way and to creating a journey of prayer, growth, and discovery worthy the magnitude of this sacrament in our lives, individually and corporately.

During the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 17, we will begin this pilgrimage of faith for those seeking to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism. While we are not certain where this pilgrimage may take us and we have no idea what discoveries we may make along the way, we commit to each person who joins us on this pilgrimage of faith to make it a journey of discovery and growth. Along the way, we will explore the meanings of our baptismal faith and discover faith incarnated in the lives of people of God throughout our area. If you are interested or have questions please contact Stan Runnels.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church & Day School

Children and Youth



Youth Group

Calendar of events for September

This youth ministry works to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each person and seeks to draw young people into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community at St. Paul's and the Dioceses. This group is for youth in grades 6-12.

1. September 16th: Serving Breakfast at St. Paul's KCK 9-11:30.

2. September 17th: There will be a planning meeting at Minisky's at 5105 Main Street at 6:00 pm to discuss and plan activities for the year. Please bring \$5.00 for pizza and drinks.

3. Sunday September 24th: Cookout at Windsor Park. This will Kick-off the youth group for this year. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, Please bring a side dish.

September 17th: Re-imaging Confirmation

Father Stan Runnels will lead an exploration into confirmation. Those interested in making a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism are invited to attend at 9:15 in the Youth Room on the third floor. There is no specific age or grade requirement for this journey.

Nomadic Youth Dinner for GKC Diocese Youth October 7th

We begin this fun event at 5:30 at St. Andrew's with games and Appetizers. This is a fun time of fellowship, games, music, devotion, and food for youth in grades 6-12. A bus is scheduled to transport us from church to church as we continue our meal and fun. We will conclude with dessert at St. Peters and conclude the evening with compline before returning to St. Andrew's for parent's to pick up their youth. Be sure to mark your calendar to join in the fun!

Sunday Ministries for children and youth.

Education and formation (Sunday School) is now up and running after a summer time of vacations and activities. Children ages 3 through senior high gather each Sunday on the third floor during the education time 9:30-10:20. This is a time for experiencing the scripture lesson through engaging discussion and interactive experiences. This is also a very important time to build upon our Christian community of forming friendships and engaging in fellowship with one another. Regular attendance is encouraged and adds to each child's church experience.

Diocesan Youth Events

These events are for all youth in the Greater KC area and Diocese of West Missouri.

St. Paul's Parish Youth Leaders participate in all of these events and we invite all youth to join us in these events!

October 7

Nomadic Dinner 5:30

October 27-29

Diocesan Youth Event

November 17-19

Happening

January 5-7

YAC Retreat

January 12-13

Miqra- in Topeka

February 2

Bishop's Ball

June 8-10

Junior High Retreat

June 15-17

Senior High Retreat

July 10-15

Missionpalooza

August 1-5

Mission Trip

August 25 2007

YAC Retreat