

SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE



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BECOMING A CHURCH OF EXPERIMENTATION, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

BE IT RESOLVED that the New England Synod in assembly establish this synod to be a place of experimentation, innovation and creativity in order to further the mission [to] which God in Christ has called us.

The “experts” will tell you that the church, as a religious institution, is in the midst of a steady, numerical decline. While it is clear that people still believe in God and hunger to be part of something that matters, the old ways of being the church (including the ones we love) no longer work for a growing number of people. As the Church of Jesus Christ, we are in a period that has been called the “Great Unravelling.” Like a sweater that has been unravelled, we must begin knitting together something new. What this is and what it will look like is unknown.

At the Synod Assembly (June 5-7), Bishop Hazelwood and others put forward a resolution “on becoming a synod of Experimentation, Innovation, and Creativity,” from which I quoted above. To be able to reach out with the Good News of Jesus to those who are hungering for hope and real meaningful connection, we must be willing to try new things. And, as we do it’s going to be OK if, from time to time, we fail. Not everything new we try will work.

Starting on Thursday, August 7 (at 7 PM), and continuing for at least 12 Thursday evenings in a row, St. Paul’s will add a new kind of worship experience. While we can’t tell you exactly what it will be like—or even where it will take place (the sanctuary, the lower level of the PE Building, or even outside if the weather’s nice?)—we *can* tell you that it won’t be like anything we’ve done before. There will be prayer, the reading of Scripture, and a (short) message. There *may* be singing, perhaps a time for healing, and even an occasional meal. But the “structure” of this worship service will be different. The Holy Spirit will be in charge, shaping things as we go. We can *also* tell you that in no way will this time of worship replace or take away from our traditional Sunday worship services. The Thursday Evening worship services are in addition to our Sunday experiences.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sundays at 9 AM

(Through August 31)

St. Paul's MEMBERS IN SERVICE for July - August 2014

ACOLYTES:

July 6 - Arden Adamo
13 - Max Gentino
20 - Evan Bernard
27 - Jared Christensen

ALTAR GUILD:

Debbie Howe, Coordinator, 860-529-8583

July 6 - Jennie Dotts & Deb Howe
13 - Winnie Sawrun & Ann French
20 - Deb Howe & Donna Camillo
27 - Mary Procyk

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

July 6 - William Fischer Jr.
13 - Jerry Vaillancourt
20 - Art Bruce
27 - Debbie Viola

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Sue Agne, Coordinator, 860-563-0776

July - Not needed this month

TAPING:

Jan Pergande, Coordinator, 860-644-2888

No Taping for July or August

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 860-529-7588

July 6 - Patricia Granger & Alan Niederfringer
13 - Kathy & Mike Coyle
20 - Deb & George Howe
27 - Amanda & Deb Viola

FINANCE:

Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 860-257-4793

July 6 - Mike Coyle
13 - Deb Viola
20 - George Howe
27 - Heather Christensen

LECTORS:

Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 860-529-1939

July 6 - William Fischer Jr.
13 - Jerry Vaillancourt
20 - Art Bruce
27 - Debbie Viola

USHERS:

Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 9 AM, 860-529-3079

July - Lillian Doerschler & MaryAnn Mead

ACOLYTES:

Aug 3 - Meghan Creevy
10 - Brayson Bernard
17 - Celia Cheyney
24 - Collin Grottke
31 - Arden Adamo

ALTAR GUILD:

Debbie Howe, Coordinator, 860-529-8583

Aug 3 - Bob Bowman & Bill Fischer Jr.
10 - Patty Bengtson
17 - Jennie Dotts & Deb Howe
24 - Winnie Sawrun & Ann French
31 - Deb Howe & Donna Camillo

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

Aug 3 - Mary Procyk
10 - Patty Bengtson
17 - Mike Coyle
24 - Debbie Viola
31 - William Fischer Jr.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Sue Agne, Coordinator, 860-563-0776

Aug - Not needed this month

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 860-529-7588

Aug 3 - Mary Procyk
10 - Lillian Doerschler & Winnie Sawrun
17 - Carol Hopkins & Jackie Fischer
24 - Patty & Russ Bengtson
31 - LeAnn & Andrew Power

FINANCE:

Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 860-257-4793

Aug 3 - Linda Johnston and Mary Procyk
10 - Linda Johnston and Mary Procyk
17 - Lillian Doerschler
24 - Helen Peterson
31 - Mike Coyle

LECTORS:

Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 860-529-1939

Aug 3 - Mary Procyk
10 - Patty Bengtson
17 - Mike Coyle
24 - Debbie Viola
31 - William Fischer Jr.

USHERS:

Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 9 AM, 860-529-3079

Aug - Dave Bayek & Bob Bowman

NEWS & NOTES

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee needs a few volunteers to help with some repairs and upkeep of our grounds. Refinishing the outer wood doors of the connector and rebuilding a small portion of the stone wall on the parking lot island are just a couple of items that need attention. Please call Russ Bengtson @ 860-721-9080 if you're able to give a little of your time. Thanks.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Brings in Free Revenue to Our Church

Scrip gift cards is a fundraising program which allows the regular shopping we do at a variety of retailers to generate income for our church. Wondering how?... Participating retailers sell gift cards to us at a discount, our members buy the gift cards for the full face value and our church keeps the difference. Everyone Wins! The retailers get our business and our church gets a regular source of revenue that involves nothing other than what we would be doing anyway—shopping at grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, gas stations, clothing and shoe stores, vacation spots, travel, movies, etc, including online retailers. It is also safer than using a credit card or debit card.

- We are beginning to stock a variety of cards to sell on demand from our most popular retailers: Stop & Shop, CVS, Whole Foods, Walmart, and Westside Market.
- Stop by our Scrip table in the fellowship hall on any Sunday and take a look at the list of retailers you are able to receive cards from or email Erica at scrip@stpaulswethersfield.org
- Its great for everyday shopping, gift giving, dining out, vacations or enjoying a movie.

Your Scrip Reps,
Erica DeBlois and Carol Farley

ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree has a dual focus for the months of July and August.

The first way funds will be used is for vacation coverage for Pastor and Missy. This focus will provide monies to pay for a Pastor and organist on Sunday mornings when Pastor and Missy are away on their vacations this year.

The second focus will be to help with insurance payments. While not so exciting, St. Paul's has had several large premiums come in that need to be paid.

Giving Tree envelopes have been placed in the pews in church to make it easier to place in the offering plate during Sunday Worship.

As always, the Giving Tree remains in the Fellowship Hall with many leaves to choose that include other areas of our Ministry that will be a focus in the upcoming months. Any amount will be greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!!

If you have any questions, please give Sue Agne a call (860-563-0776).

NEW
ADDRESS

Joshua Viola
48 Francis Ave.
Middletown, CT 06457
860-250-2444

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HOLIDAY FAIR 2014

Items Needed:

During the summer months please remember our Fair as you reap the bounties of your vegetable gardens, go picking, and/or as you take out your summer items and place your winter items in storage for the season.

Attached below are items that the Fair Committee will appreciatively accept:

Crafts: Incandescent Light bulbs, white Ping Pong balls.
(Contact: **Debbie LePage** – 860.895.8118)

Grandma's Attic: Gently used treasures/ clothing/jewelry please: *no furniture or tools.*
(Contact: **Jackie Fischer** – 860.257.0063)

Fruits/Vegetables/Sugar/Jars: Especially needed are: Green Tomatoes, Peppers, Onions, Peaches, Strawberries and Blueberries, etc.... *We'll accept*

these produce items all summer long, if possible 2-lbs. or more.

(Contact: **Carol Farley** – 860.828.5306)

Good Holiday Cloth: Thanksgiving/Christmas themes.

(Contact: **Jan Pergande** – 860.644.2888 or **Judy Lundin** – 860.529.2359)

Wood working crafters: Individuals who have a talent for woodworking.

(Contact: **Debbie Viola** – 860.529.5051)

The next Holiday Fair meeting is scheduled for: **Sunday August 24th** following the 9:00 AM service.

If you would like further information about donating items for the 2014 Fair please see or contact:

William Fischer, Jr. – 860.721.9031

Thank you,
The Holiday Fair Committee

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The theme and message for each of these 12 weeks will be “borrowed” from the 12 Steps to Recovery. And while there will be an intentional invitation to all who seek wholeness and sobriety, it will be clear from the outset that these 12 Steps are applicable to all who seek to grow in their walk of faith, no matter what struggles in life they are confronting. At the heart of this “walk” is the promise of forgiveness, new life and joy . . . so expect to laugh (and cry).

If you feel moved to participate, want something new, or simply are curious, please feel free to attend. If you plan to be away for the weekend and want an opportunity to worship during the week, please feel free to attend.

For more info, talk to me. If you have ideas or would like to participate somehow, talk to me. In the meantime I would ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit lead us in this new venture.

Pastor Hugh

Oh, in the event it hasn't been stated outright: Our experimenting at St. Paul's is not going to stay confined to our worship. We are already beginning to think about trying new things in other areas of ministry. For example: How do you create a really great experience for our youths (especially those who are in between Sunday School and High School) that will help them grow in their faith and want to be a part of? Hmmmm. If you have any ideas, let's also talk.

CT VETS UPDATE:

A very warm thank you to all who have contributed needed items to the "VET'S" !

Several members have donated GIFT CARDS totaling \$315.00 !!!

Donated items include: Umbrellas, Socks, T-Shirts, Boxer Shorts, Sneakers, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Combs, CD, etc., and food items: Hamburger Helper & Wild Rice.

Shortly after June 15, these items were brought to the CT Dept. of Veteran's Affairs in Rocky Hill.

The Thursday Morning Group are blessed by your participation and grateful for your support.

Thank you ALL.

Carole Hughes

GRADUATION NEWS

Amanda Viola graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a degree in Secondary Education.

Erica DeBlois graduated from Newington High School and will be attending Central Connecticut State University in the fall.

William Fischer, Sr. just graduated from the National External Diploma program through the Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE) in Vernon.

Congratulations!

CHURCH



CHAPTERS

Our St. Paul's Book Club will begin meeting again in September. The first meeting of the new reading year will be on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 at Sue Agne's house. We will meet to discuss the book ***The Yellow House*** by Patricia Falvey. Amazon describes the book like this:

THE YELLOW HOUSE delves into the passion and politics of Northern Ireland at the beginning of the 20th Century. Eileen O'Neill's family is torn apart by religious intolerance and secrets from the past. Determined to reclaim her ancestral home and reunite her family, Eileen begins working at the local mill, saving her money and holding fast to her dream. As war is declared on a local and global scale, Eileen cannot separate the politics from the very personal impact the conflict has had on her own life.

We hope you will plan to join us! Happy Reading!!!



Participants: 1-Nancy Beckwith; 2-Selena; 3-Rick Seip; 4-Jim Newmark; 5-Brian Beckwith; 6-Craig Minor; 7-Jean Parsons; 8-Erica DeBlois; 9-Daniel Parsons; 10-Mario DeBlois

A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY "THANK YOU"

Thank you again for all your hard work this past Saturday (June 14) on our ***Thrivent Builds*** work site. Because of your efforts we are even closer to providing a safe affordable home to a deserving local family! Thank you again for volunteering your time this weekend!

Many Blessings, *Julia Weston, Thrivent Rep.*

JULY 2014 | EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	3 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM	4 Independence Day AA 10 AM	5 AA 7:30 PM
6 4th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM Outreach Meeting 10:30 AM	7	8	9 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	10 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM	11 AA 10 AM	12 AA 7:30 PM
13 5th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	14	15	16 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	17 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Recovery Bible Study 10 AM	18 AA 10 AM	19 AA 7:30 PM
20 6th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	21	22	23 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	24 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM	25 AA 10 AM	26 AA 7:30 PM
27 7th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	28	29	30 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	31 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM		

AUGUST 2014 | EVENT CALENDAR

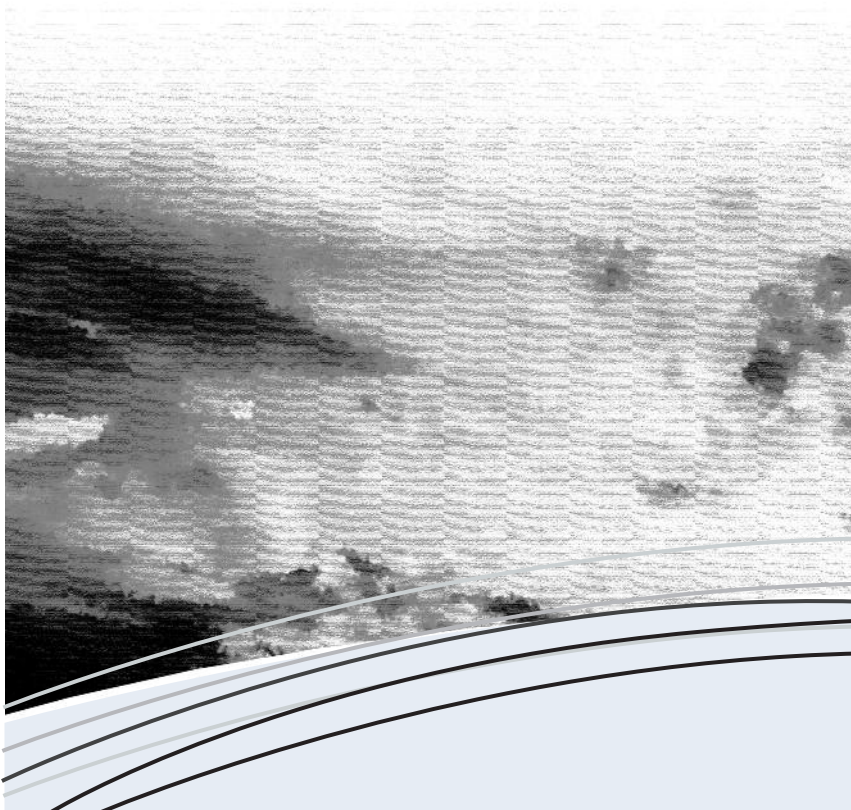
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>Coming in August: "Thursday Night" (Worship): A non-traditional approach to worship that is inspired by the insights of 12-Steps to Recovery. Starts August 7 at 7 pm.</p>						
3 8th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	4 Worship and Music 7 PM	5	6 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	7 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thurs. Night (Worship) 7 PM	8 AA 10 AM	9 AA 7:30 PM
10 9th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	11	12	13 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	14 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Worship and Music 7 PM Thurs. Night (Worship) 7 PM	15 Epistle Deadline AA 10 AM	16 AA 7:30 PM
17 10th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	18	19	20 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	21 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thurs. Night (Worship) 7 PM	22 AA 10 AM	23 AA 7:30 PM
24 11th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM	25	26 Parish Ad. 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM	27 AA 10 AM AA 7 PM	28 Recovery Bible Study 10 AM Thurs. Night (Worship) 7 PM	29 AA 10 AM	30 AA 7:30 PM
<p>31 12th Sun. after Pent. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM</p> <p>SEPTEMBER DATES (Mark your calendars!): Sept. 2, Sunday School planning meeting at 7 PM; Sept. 7, Family Sunday (10:30 AM), Outreach Meeting at 12 noon); Sept. 9, Sunday School parent meeting at 7pm; Sept. 14, Sunday School begins (10:30 AM).</p>						

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