

St. Paul's Newsletter

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

8:45 Contemporary Service

Reader: Michael LaClair
Nursery: Makaye & Josh Knopp
Children's Church: Julia & John
Lloyd

9:45 Adult Sunday School Gleaners

Devotions: Peggy Cheesman
Teacher: Fred Redmer
Richardson's Men
Devotions & Teacher: Randy
Bradford

11:00 Traditional Service

Reader: Nancy Hebdon

From the Helm

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If we look to the New Testament Gospel of John, Chapter 3, verse 3 we read the account of a conversation a man named Nicodemus had with Jesus. He came to Jesus in the middle of the night because he was afraid that one of his pals would see him talking with Jesus. Well, as we read further, Jesus was there, talking to him about the Kingdom of God. He told Nicodemus something that was hard for Nicodemus to understand. He said, "Nicodemus, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Nicodemus was now really puzzled and he just couldn't figure out how somebody could be born again, after all, we're born one time. Even today, some folks have difficulty understanding what Jesus meant. They can't get their minds around the fact that it is really possible to be born again.

Here's an illustration, that may help you or make you able to help somebody having trouble understanding this spiritual concept. Think about a beautiful butterfly. I think that next to a rose, a butterfly is one of the most beautiful things that God created. Don't you? Think about that butterfly and you realize that it wasn't always so beautiful, was it?

Our butterfly starts his or her life as a fuzzy little caterpillar. Some of us like caterpillars, some of us don't. One thing, they are not is beautiful because a caterpillar is a worm. As it gets older the caterpillar spins a cocoon around him/her self and stays there for, I guess, several weeks. Then, all of the sudden, when it emerges, it doesn't come out as an ugly caterpillar, but comes out as a beautiful butterfly! Isn't that a miracle of Gods creative design?

That butterfly is an image that Jesus meant for us to understand when he said we had to be "born again"; "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

When we agree to change the road we're on and invite Jesus to come into our heart, we become a new creation. We're changed spiritually from someone who's not very attractive spiritually to our Lord, into something beautiful...beautiful as our spirits were supposed to be before our fall into sin, beginning with Adam and Eve. And God doesn't just clean, give us a bath and slap on a little paint here and there, he actually does makes us into a new person.

What would you rather be, a worm or a butterfly? Our Lord Jesus Christ will make you into a new creation, a creation eligible to see the Kingdom of God around you now, if you will invite him into your heart. Will you take a minute and pray this prayer: Dear Lord, we thank you for loving us despite our sinful nature, please forgive my sins in the name of Jesus Christ, and through your Holy Spirit make me into a new creation to do better. Thank you Father, for transforming me into something beautiful in your eyes. Amen.

May God continue to bless and protect you and your family through the Power of the Holy Spirit in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for our Nation and peace in the world. I ask you to especially pray for one another, our community and for the people in Haiti and in Chile, our MD Guard troops in Afghanistan, and those in law enforcement, fire and medical emergency services (including our Hospital and Nursing Home patients and staff).

Yours, in Christ,
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Prayer List

Chris Browne	Carolyn LeCompte	Families	Those needy
Rev. David Rector	Nancy Hughes	Our Service	Our pastors
Margaret Barnes	Bill Wright	Workers	Our church
Wanda Hurley	Unsaved loved ones	Our Schools	

Getting To Know Brenda Gremillion



We welcome Brenda Gremillion, our pianist. Brenda started playing the piano at the age of 5, and at age 9 she began studies at Samford University, Birmingham, AL. When her pastor heard her play, he asked her to play for services to accompany the youth and

adult choirs. She quickly found that sacred music brought a great joy to her life. Brenda studied at Birmingham Southern University and began giving solo performances at the Conservatory. She was a member of the first Fine Arts High School in Alabama, which allowed her to take classes in the morning and study music in the afternoon. At 14 she began studies at Juilliard in NYC, staying with the Kuhn's family in Long Island and commuting. Brenda came to Maryland to work with Anne Koscielny at the University of MD, where she received her Masters Degree in Music. Brenda was married to Dr. Edward F. Gremillion and raises her grandson Drew.

And now some statements from Brenda:

The joy of music has led me to perform with chamber groups, soloists, and orchestras. However, one of the greatest blessings and joys of my life has been the opportunity to play at St. Paul's. I am also so fortunate to work with our new choir director, Brian, who comes to us with such an impressive background. He is such a blessing to our church. Pastor Fred, our wonderful choir, and the wonderful congregation of our church have truly become my family, and I hope to be a part of this wonderful church for many years to come. The Lord led me to St. Paul's and I know that my ministry is in showing Cambridge and the world the greatness and love that our Father bestows upon each of through the joy of music.

My childhood and youth were so positive , largely because of my involvement in our church music programs and youth activities. I am excited about establishing and building a Children's Choir at St Paul's, and with all of your prayers, I feel confident that it can be accomplished.

I have plans to work on my doctorate in music. That is a goal I have always had, and have begun work on it. I hope to focus a large part of my work on sacred music. I teach piano privately. I also have plans to perform with several chamber groups in the Fall of 2010. I have a busy and fulfilling life, and all because of God's gifts and grace. He is my Father and St Paul's is my family, along with Christians all over the world. Thank you again for allowing me the great joy of playing music and worshipping with you. May God bless each and every one of you.





EASTER FLOWERS

It is time once again to think about the worship service for Easter at St. Paul’s Church. As you know, it has been our custom for several years to place the “lily” in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of our loved ones. These gifts contribute to the beauty and glory of the Resurrection Morning. The Gleaners will again be responsible for these floral contributions and placing them in the sanctuary.

The cost of the flowers is \$7.00 each. **REMEMBER...**you can purchase one or more for the sanctuary or you can also purchase flowers for your pleasure at home and pick them up on Saturday, April 3, 2010 by 9:00 a.m. Otherwise, each flower will be placed in the sanctuary. Those who purchase flowers for the sanctuary may pick them up following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 4, 2010. *We request that you take only the quantity and type of flower that you purchased.*

**Please fill out the form below and mail to:
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
205 Maryland Avenue, Cambridge, MD 21613**

or give this form to Linda Bradford or any member of the Gleaners class.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010 AT THE
CLOSE OF THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE!
WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ORDERS AFTER THIS TIME!**

Choice of flower and quantity: Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulips _____

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REMINDER: CHECK OR CASH MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER (\$7.00 PER FLOWER)

Updates

Condolences

Our sympathies go out to Sharon Shorter and her family for the loss of her mother, Sallie Virginia Hurley, who passed away on March 3rd at Dorchester General Hospital. Cards can be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Luther Shorter, 5303 Suburban Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613.

NEWS ABOUT THE FLOWER FAIR IN MARCH????

The Silent Auction needs **YOU!!!** As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:20 “There are many members, yet one body.” Yes, each of us can contribute to the Silent Auction by offering your individual talents. What is your talent?

YES! Each of us has a special “talent” that a friend or neighbor can buy at the Silent Auction. No job or service is too small. Please consider giving your talent. Who knows ...your talent or service may bring you closer to other members of St. Paul’s or you may make a new friend.

Here is a list of talents that were offered in 2009. **Can you add to the list for 2010??**

1. Paint a room
2. Power wash a single story home
3. Cook a birthday dinner
4. Seamstress work
5. Detail a truck
6. Carpentry work
7. An Ocean City Condo Weekend
8. Yard Clean-Up

Please call NANCY HEBDON at 410-228-0391 to volunteer your special talent.

Children’s Church Needs Assistants

Children’s Church is in need of adult helpers during the early worship service on Sunday mornings. Safe Sanctuaries requires at least two adults in attendance during any activities with children. Therefore, an adult will be needed to serve *only as an assistant* during Children’s Church. Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact Youth Pastor B.J. Smith.

Children's Ministries Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
3/7/2010	Julia & John L.	Makaye & Josh K.
3/14/2010	Shirley M.	Cathy M. & Charlee C.
3/21/2010	Rebecca R. & Sharon T.	Makaye & Josh K.
3/28/10	Mary Ruth B. & Heather T.	Michelle S. & Allison J.

Be sure to use your contact list if you need to switch Sundays with someone.

Upcoming Events

Mary Circle Meeting

The members of the Mary Circle will be meeting at the home of Nancy Gale on Monday, March 8th. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Please contact the church office at 410-228-1424 if you need more information.

First Sunday Fellowship

Announcing an exciting new ministry of
St. Paul's...

The first Sunday of every month we will be serving breakfast in the fellowship hall starting at 10:00.

Whether you're leaving the early service or arriving for the 11:00 service, you are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast and visit with your Church family.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 7th



Methodist Men Dinner Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Paul's United Methodist Men is scheduled to be held next Thursday, March 11th, at 6:30 p.m. This is a dinner meeting, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Church. The upcoming Flower Fair assignments will be discussed at this meeting. If you are planning to attend, please contact Richard Hargis, or sign up at the "sound control desk" at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday.

Easton District Lay Academy Classes Re-Scheduled

Lay Academy classes have been re-scheduled to the following dates:
Monday evening classes will begin April 12 and continue for the following 4 weeks.

Saturday classes will begin April 17 and continue for the following 2 weeks.
Graduation will be held on May 15.

If you have any questions, please contact: 410-310-8828; 410-745-3452 or 410-928-3836.

To The Friends of Shirley McWilliams

Shirley will be visiting in Cambridge for a few days in March. She has requested that her old friends join her for a light buffet lunch in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's UMC on Saturday, March 13th, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Shirley is eager to reminisce with her old friends.

Upcoming Calendar

28	3/1/2010	2	3	4	5	6
8:45a Holy Communion 4p Financial Bible Study in Parlor	6:30-8:30p Relay For Life Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	1-6:10p Blood Bank in Fellowship Hall 2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Mallard Bay 3:15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6p Youth Leader Meeting 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary		Dress rehearsal for "Resurrection" Set-Up for First Sunday Fellowship
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10a First Sunday Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 11a Holy Communion 4p Financial Bible Study in Parlor	10:45a Dor. Co. Ministerial Meeting in Fellowship Hall 7p Martha Circle Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Chesapeake Woods 3:15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary 6-8:30p CCA PTO Meeting in Nursery 6:30p Methodist Men Dinner Meeting in Fellowship Hall		Fellowship Hall Engaged
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings Time Begins "SPRING FORWARD" 4p Financial Bible Study in Parlor		SOUP DAY PREP. 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	SOUP DAY 6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	3 15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6p Youth Leader Meeting 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary		baptism
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
11a radio 4p Financial Bible Study in Parlor	6:30p Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	3 15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary		

28	29	30	31	April 1, 2010 Holy Thursday	2	3
Palm Sunday 8:45a Holy Communion		6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	12n CCA Early Dismissal 1-6:10p Blood Bank in Fellowship Hall 2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Mallard Bay 3 15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary	Good Friday CCA - No School "Resurrection" Dinner Theater in Fellowship Hall	wedding
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter 10a First Sunday Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 11a Holy Communion	12n CCA-Early Dismissal 6:30p Relay For Life Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice in Chapel	2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Chesapeake Woods 3:15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary 6-8:30p CCA PTO Meeting in Nursery 6:30p Methodist Men Dinner Meeting in Fellowship Hall	CCA Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser in Fellowship Hall	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7p Martha Circle Meeting @ Meg Kinnamon's home	6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice in Chapel	3:15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel 6+8p Praise Band Practic in Sanctuary		
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25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1, 2010
8:45a Holy Communion		6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall	FLOWER FAIR 6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting 7:30p Choir Practice in Chapel	FLOWER FAIR 6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary	FLOWER FAIR	

<p>2 10a First Sunday Fellowship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11a Holy Communion</p> <p>11a Blessing of the Bikes</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5 6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting</p> <p>7:30p Choir Practice in Chape</p>	<p>6 1-6p Blood Bank in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>2:30p St. Paul's Singers at Mallard Bay</p> <p>3:15p Cool Kids Choir in Chapel</p> <p>6-8p Praise Band Practic in Sanctuary</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
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