

Church is Family

Words of Appreciation to ...

Gerry Beam and Richard Lander for the tools they donated to help someone in need;

Melissa Acton, Faith Bascome, and Kathy Buckley for organizing the luncheon at the Annual Meeting;

Laura Ferrara, Gordon Fowler, Fred Lohmann and Suzanne Smith for their service on the Vestry for the past three years.

Lynn Manganaro for organizing the balloons for the Pentecost celebration.

Congratulations to ...

Lucienne Davis, Michael Dernoga, Kerry Gibson, Richard Greene and Chris Steinhardt on their election to three year terms on the Vestry. We also thank Katie Ferrara for standing for election and hope that she will consider doing it again;

Christopher and Nigel Davis, Abigail Helms, Joe Lewis, Tara Mahoney, Jessica Mann, Erin Phillips, and Graham Tooker, who will be graduating from High School this month;

John Robert Stadnicki (son of Robert and Jennifer Stadnicki) who was baptized at the 10:00a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, May 18. *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

Darryl and Magali Behrmann on the birth of twin grandchildren.

Pleased to Announce that ...

Catherine Cullen (daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Cullen) will be baptized at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, June 15.

Wishing the Best to ...

Mary Bentley, who recently moved to a retirement community in Middlebury, Vermont. Mary lived in Middlebury for 28 years before coming to Wayne, and has two daughters in the area. Please call the parish office if you would like Mary's new address.

Our Condolences to ...

Charles Reilly on the death of his sister in law, Mary Reilly, on May 18. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

June Events

12 Noon Eucharist Ends for the Summer

The 12 Noon Eucharist ended for the season on Sunday, May 25. Whether or not to resume the service in the fall is being discussed.

All-Parish Breakfast by the Merrie Men Sunday, June 1 at 8:30 a.m.

The June all-Parish breakfast served by the Merrie Men will be on Sunday, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. This month's chef is Jim Blackwood, and St. Mary's lay readers will be honored. This is our last parish breakfast until fall, so do plan to come early, eat well, and enjoy the fellowship.

Last Day of Church School

The final day of Church School class is Sunday, June 1. *But please--* do still come on June 8, for Youth Sunday and our Parish Picnic!

Junior Choir Highlighted on Sunday, June 1

Also on June 1, the Junior Choir will receive their choir recognitions as part of the 10:00 a.m. service. Then, during Coffee Hour, they will perform *Paradise Zoo* in the Father Greene Room. Plan to stay after the service and enjoy this special recognition and celebration of a great year for the Junior Choir.

Youth Sunday: Celebrating our Children Sunday, June 8

On Sunday, June 8, we will celebrate the many ways children and youth are involved in our parish. At the 10:00 a.m. service, you will find them ushering, reading scripture, leading the Prayers of the People, and possibly even preaching. There will also be recognitions and rewards for their involvement in Church School and for serving as Acolytes. Please make it a priority to come to church, and if you have kids, be sure to bring them!

End-of-Year Parish Picnic

After the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 8, we will continue celebrating with a parish-wide picnic. This event is for everyone, NOT just for the Church School! Burgers, hot dogs, and dessert will be provided; please bring along a side dish or salad to share.

**Fall Festival Meeting
Monday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m.**

There will be a Fall Festival meeting on Monday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Navajo Room for anyone interested in chairing a booth, working a booth or just interested in the planning stages. All are welcome. Call Susan Huck at 610-722-9475 with questions or interest. Please come with your ideas and enthusiasm! Festival date is November 1.

St. Mary's Summer Church School

We are recruiting teachers for the Summer Church School program for children 3-9 years of age. Please check your summer vacation schedule and sign up for a week or two when you will be in town. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

**St. Mary's Book Group
Wednesday, June 11 at 12:45**

Our Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 12:45 p.m. The main selection is Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky. This was the selection for December, but due to inclement weather, we never really discussed it. This remarkable book contains two novellas. The first is Storm In June. The time period is June 1940 and the German troops have bypassed the Maginot Line and were invading Paris. The French people have little or no governmental direction. They had to flee the city by their own means. This novella is sad but also has lots of humor. Don't miss it!

The second novella is entitled Dolce, which conveys to the reader the German occupation in the small towns and villages in Southern France. The German troops were young, handsome and well outfitted. They were billeted in private homes. This horrified the older French women; however, the younger women were delighted.

These novellas were written 60 years ago by Irene Nemirovsky, who lived in the occupied region. Ms. Nemirovsky, of Jewish ancestry, was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz where she died. She was just 39 years old. These manuscripts were translated and published by her daughter in 2006. Enjoy!

Our next meeting will be in September, and our selection will be announced in the church bulletin in August. Happy reading this summer!

**Noah's Ark Closing For the Summer
Saturday, June 14**

St. Mary's thrift shop will be closing for the summer. The last day of this season's schedule is set for Saturday, June 14. Please hold off on donating clothing and household items to the thrift shop until early September.

Help Needed to Continue a Summer Tradition

Wednesday Night Summer Picnics have been a wonderful tradition here at St. Mary's, but we have no coordinator for these evenings this year. Please consider stepping up to coordinate one or more low-key summer picnics. If you are willing, please call the Church Office. You won't regret it!

Looking Ahead

**Get Ready for a *Powerful* Vacation
Bible Camp!**

This year we're embarking on a weird and wacky science adventure, with Power Lab. We'll have lots of fun with science, and along the way, we'll discover Jesus' miraculous power. This is a Vacation Bible Camp that your kids won't want to miss. Make sure you block out your calendars for weekday mornings (9-Noon), **August 4-8**. All campers must have turned 3 by January 1, 2008, and kids ages 11 and older are invited to volunteer as youth counselors. To learn more, to register your kids, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mother Jane.

This Summer:

Make a Difference in the Lives of our Kids!

We need help with this year's Vacation Bible Camp. *You do not need to be available for all (or possibly even any) of the actual camp dates!* We can use your help ahead of time with decorating, preparing craft items, managing registration, and making phone calls. We can use your help during camp for as few or as many mornings as you can come. We really need extra people around just to help the leaders keep our kids safe and happy. This is one of the most fun and rewarding ways you can volunteer at St. Mary's. If you're interested, please contact Mother Jane.

Church School Teachers Needed for the Fall

If you've ever thought of teaching church school, now's the time to do it. (And if you've *never* thought of doing it, now's the time to start thinking!) We know this is one of the most intimidating jobs to consider at church, but it is equally rewarding. If you volunteer, you can expect to teach a class every 2-3 weeks during the 10:00 a.m. service, and attend 2-3 teachers' meetings throughout the year. You'll be provided with a curriculum that includes what to teach, as well as suggestions for class activities. You do NOT need teaching experience. If you're interested in helping, please contact Janice Radford or Mother Cornman.

Parish Notes

Mother's Day Thank You

We want to thank all those who participated in the Mother's Day Walk in support of the Susan Komen for the Cure Foundation. It was a beautiful day for the walk, and we thank Mike Dernoga and the Merrie Men for the delicious breakfast served afterwards. We also thank all those who made financial donations to the cause. We sent over \$200 to the Foundation in honor and memory of our friends and loved ones affected by breast cancer.

Wednesday Bible Study

A faithful group of parishioners gathers each Wednesday morning at 11:15 a.m. in Fr. Pearson's office to read through and discuss a book of the Bible. To date we have completed the Acts of the Apostles and the Letter to the Hebrews. On Wednesday, June 4 we will move to the Old Testament and begin the book of Jonah. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary for this Bible study. Questions are encouraged and openly explored. We hope you will join us.

Envelope Numbers Are Back for 2009

We are going back to providing envelopes with pre-printed account numbers for 2009. Please indicate whether you do or do not want pre-printed envelopes for next year by marking yes or no on the list provided on the bulletin board outside the Father Greene Room. This list will be posted through June.

Please Help Us Stay in Touch

We are updating our Church Directory. Copies of our current contact information are available in the Narthex and in the Father Greene room. Please check your information to make sure we have the right

phone numbers, home address, children's names, e-mail addresses, etc. listed for you by Sunday, June 8.

Fall Fair Planning Has Begun!

Fall Fair 2008 will take place **November 1**, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will be co-chaired by Susan Huck and Mary Bale. We need chairpersons for various booths and volunteers for each booth. Sign up now on the poster on the bulletin board outside the Father Greene room for your favorite booth, or call Susan Huck (610-722-9475) with questions or interest.

Flower Memorials

If you would like to memorialize a loved one with a flower memorial for the High Altar or the Lady Chapel, please call Susan Huck at 610-722-9475.

Diocesan News

Diocesan Summer Camp Scholarships Available

Unfortunately, Camp Wapiti (the Diocesan summer camp for youth) has been cancelled this summer for a variety of reasons. However, the Standing Committee of the Diocese is making available scholarships of up to \$400 for any kids who want to go to other Episcopal camps in the surrounding Dioceses. If you would like more information, contact Fr. Pearson, Mother Cornman, or go to the Diocesan web-site (diopa.org).

Trial Date Set for Bishop Bennisson

The ecclesiastical trial of Bishop Bennisson on the presentment dated October 29, 2007 on charges filed by the then Presiding Bishop, Frank Griswold, is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 9, 2008. The trial will be conducted at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia and will be open to the public. For more information on the trial, go to www.diopa.org.

Around The Community

Antiracism Training Workshop

Jun 19-21 at Lutheran Theological Seminary

The Leadership Institute and the Antiracism Commission (ARC) of DIOPA are jointly sponsoring an Antiracism Training Workshop on June 19-21, 2008. This workshop, which will be held at the Brossman Center of The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, will continue our diocesan dialogue about the presence and power of institutional racism and suggest tools and strategies we might use to lessen its impact.

Over 100 people in our diocese attended this workshop, presented by Crossroads Ministry, in 2006 and 2007 and found it informative, enlightening and hopeful. Clergy and lay people are invited to participate but must commit to attending the entire training, and the workshop is limited to 40 participants. All meals will be provided, and pre-registration is a requirement. To preregister, contact jdlafrance@diopa.org.

Summer Humor

Our Lord is the Giver of all good gifts, and summer and humor are two of His best. When the humidity strikes, go out to the hammock with a glass of iced tea and enjoy some summer church humor! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At tonight's service, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

New choir robes are needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the Church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

Mark Your Calendar Now!

- * August 13 – September *Chimes* deadline
- * September 7 – Church School Registration and Picnic
- * September 14 – First Church School Class
- * October 5 – Blessing of the Animals
- * November 1 – Fall Festival

THE CHIMES is taking a short vacation and will return in late August with the publication of the September edition. **The deadline for submitting articles for the September *Chimes* is Wednesday, August 13.**

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