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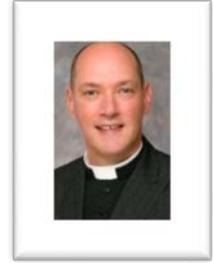
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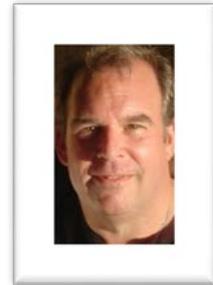
Adult Formation Sessions for August...

All sessions are held in the Community Room and begin at 9AM

❖ August 6 – *Hymnody and the Liturgical Calendar*, **Fr. Brad Toebben, M.A., S.T.L.** and **Tim Benson, M.Mus, M.Phil (Cantab.)**, Father Brad helps us explore aspects of two of his major interests, accompanied by Tim.



❖ August 13 – *How Pauline is St. Paul's?* **Garwood Anderson, Ph.D.**, a New Testament professor at Nashotah House Seminary discusses St. Paul's Pauline identity.



❖ August 20 – Committee Meetings

❖ August 27 - *Socially Responsible Investing*, **Margaret Schumacher**, Certified financial Planner and St. Paul's member, will explore alternative ways of investing.



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Meet Peter M. Johnson...new member of the Buildings and Grounds Team joining **Priscilla Rutt** and replacing retired **Mal Soward-Gatford**. Raised in Milwaukee, Peter is a life-long "Eastsider" and lives in the St. Paul's neighborhood. He has nearly 30 years of working in various maintenance positions. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Peter and welcome him to St. Paul's.



From the Rector...

“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” MATTHEW 13:8-9

This passage from the July 16 gospel still rings in my ears as I write this. Yet, it will be two weeks old by the time you read this and what new seed will have been added to that soil by then? What good fortune will have blessed us? What new grief will be ours to bear? What will need to be added to that soil to ensure that it can support the diversity of life and planting that it is called to nourish and uphold? Only God knows and only we can supply it. As St. Augustine said, “Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not”. When Jesus spoke this parable, I think he admitted exactly that. Jesus’ knowledge that the seed was the Kingdom of heaven in the waiting and his decision to make a public proclamation of that knowledge and to make God’s kingdom present through his healing offers us a deep glimpse into his spiritual center. Moreover, in Jesus’ quoting of an Isaiah prophecy it revealed his understanding that not all would be able to live in such a spiritually trusting place – a Sacred Soil, if you will.

In the past month, I have been so blessed to have been placed in the rich and divine soil of St. Paul’s and into a community that chooses to live in the same spiritual center as Jesus – a place deep in the being of God and enveloped in the mystery of possibility. I have been blessed to be able to baptize a new member into this body; to welcome new and returning members to this faith community; to share

Eucharist and anointing with the sick; to pray with the grieving and to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ’s Dying-Rising with this body of Christ each Sunday. I have witnessed the commitment to our baptismal covenant and experienced it being exercised by competent and dedicated ministers across St. Paul’s. From the leadership and vision exercised by the Vestry and the safe guarding and administration of our endowment by the Finance Committee to the allocation of resources by the Outreach Team, the pastoral care given through the Thrift Shop and its ministers and the expression of gratitude and future planning by the Stewardship Committee, our community is living in faith and belief of Jesus’ statement that “to anyone who has, more will be given” – that God gives further understanding to those who accept the revealed mystery (Mt. 13:12).

Yes, only God who was revealed in a mystery knows what mystery will have been revealed to us by the time this is read and what we will be preparing for in answer to that not-so-far-off request of us and our faith. What a lovely and loamy soil to plant in we have here at St. Paul’s. Thank you for the invitation to sink my feet in and grow deep roots with you and Christ in God. As St. Paul tells us and as I have said to you before: “eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love him (1 Cor. 2:8).”

Planting and waiting with You,
Fr. Brad



Bill Fry returns to Vestry...

At the Vestry’s July meeting **Bill Fry** was elected to fill the vacancy created when **Carrie Barbee** moved to Kansas and **Terry Zimmer** accepted the Junior Warden position. Bill has previously held the Senior and Junior Warden roles and served as chair of the recent Discernment Committee. He also serves as Co-chair of the Parish Life Committee, as a chalice bearer and usher.



Repairers of the Breach (ROTB)

by Deacon Shelia Scott, St. Paul's Outreach Committee Champion

Now in its 26th year of service, Repairers of the Breach continues to fill a gap in Milwaukee's homeless provider network as the area's only daytime shelter. In 2016, ROTB had over 2400 visits per month by people who see it as a place of refuge and healing.

The life-saving programs meet the basic needs of thousands by providing food, showers, clean clothing and free medical care. The medical clinic is staffed by volunteer physicians and nurses, and they treated 924 patients last year. In addition to the above services, the center provides tutors for literacy programs and the Employment Assistance Center helps with preparing resumes, search for jobs and secure bus fare to reach their new jobs.

During dangerously cold winter nights, the emergency warming room opens to shelter the homeless. Each month, 1800 meals are being served to those in need.

The center, located at 1335 West Vliet Street, relies on income from Individuals (65%); Foundations (12%); Charitable Institutions and Organizations (9%); Faith Communities (7%); Corporations (5%); and Community Groups (2%).

In order to continue its vital services in this community, the center needs ongoing financial support, donations of clothing, especially warm coats, hats, gloves, socks, blankets and sleeping bags, toiletry items, etc.

St. Paul's Church has been supporting ROTB since 2014 with financial contributions and donations of clothing and toiletries. Please continue supporting this wonderful organization that is serving a vital need in Milwaukee.



The Gathering is looking for some volunteers to help out on **Saturday, August 12th** for the hot lunch meal preparation, serving, and clean-up. During the summer, some of The Gathering's regular groups are unable to help out so they ask that parish groups such as St.

Paul's get a group of volunteers together to pitch in. This is in addition to our regular dates. So far, we have about 4 people signed up to help. The time is from 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM and is located at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 924 W State Street. If you would like to sign up or need more information, contact **Kathee Phillipson** at katheep@gmail.com or 414-412-6909. There is also a signup sheet in the Information Center. If you need a ride from St. Paul's to the meal site, that can be arranged. Thanks for your continued support.

Congratulations Ivor!

St. Paul' member **Ivor J. Benjamin, MD** is the new president-elect of the American Heart Association and will become its president in 2018.

He is a professor of medicine and director of the Cardiovascular Center at Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin.



Brad's contact information...

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SUNDAYS

8AM, Holy Eucharist

10:15AM,

Holy Eucharist with music

Nursery service available at 10AM

THURSDAYS

Evening Prayer, 5PM

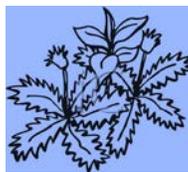
MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of faith being transformed through Christ to embody the

healing presence of God's love to one another, our city and the world.

St. Paul's Layweeiders need YOU!

For a number of years member Ken Brath has been the



backbone of our church gardens, however his business has grown and he can no longer provide the time to taking care of our property.

Currently we need to do some weeding and trimming, no planting, to get the gardens in shape. If you can help by pulling

weeds, cutting, trimming or removal of bushes and the like, we could use your time and skills to get the gardens up to snuff.

Here is the proposal for time and dates to accomplish this task.

Time: 2 hours, 9:30 – 11:30AM on each of the following dates:

___Monday, July 31 Courtyard garden

___Monday, August 7, Front and west side of church

___Tuesday, August 15, Park

___Tuesday, August 22, Thrift Shop and what is left

Check one, two or all four dates that you can be a

Layweeider and place this form in the collection plate, put it in the kitchen in front of the mail boxes or email **Paul Haubrich** at paulh@uwm.edu.

Your Name: _____

What should I bring if I have garden tools?

❖ Pruning shears — small and large

❖ Garden trowel, hand spade

❖ Japanese hand saw, if you have one

❖ Gloves and a hat, wear long sleeves

The church has some equipment that can be used and will supply disposal bags. We will have coffee, tea, water and a snack for a break. This will not be back breaking work, but might on occasion require verbiage that motivates the roots to let go.

Thanks for your help,

Paul Haubrich

Building and Grounds Committee