

September 2010

St. Paul's new organ...it is ordered

from St. Paul's Organ Committee: Suzy Brennan, Timothy Benson, Ed Filmanowicz, Paul Haubrich, Cynthia Kartman, Gerry Mainman, Rev. C. Steven Teague and Kathy Thome

In July, Senior Warden **Florence Dukes** signed a contract with the Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, Ohio, to build a new 47-rank, three-keyboard organ for St. Paul's Church. The anticipated delivery date is September 2011. Schantz is a major American organ builder that has been in business for over 125 years. The signing of this contract began the process of replacing our organ and major restoration/renovation work that will take place over a 16-18 month period. Major pledges from donors will cover most of the costs of this significant project.

Last spring the Organ Committee held a series of information sessions to discuss recommendations of the committee and the time frame for this project. The main recommendation to purchase a new organ led to a series of architectural changes that will need to take place. The main changes are:

- ❖ Removal of the existing Apse domed wall and restoration to a flat wall
- ❖ Relocation of the organ (pipes) to the Apse
- ❖ Seating of the Choir in front of the new organ
- ❖ Relocation of the Altar forward to a location about eight feet from the top of the steps
- ❖ Moving the hanging cross forward
- ❖ Installation of a new communion rail
- ❖ Installation of a new ramp on the west side of the sanctuary
- ❖ Installation of a new Lectern
- ❖ Installation of new bathrooms across the hall from current bathroom.
- ❖ Installation of a new storage area where the existing organ is located on the west side of the chancel
- ❖ Removal of the East and West Transept walls to restore the Transept to its pre-fire configuration.

The construction process will begin in May of 2011 and will last for four months, during which our services will be moved to the Great Hall. The costs for this project are detailed below; each figure is a rounded-estimated value. Please note that several pledges have been made to cover the majority of these costs.

- ❖ Cost of organ - \$875,000 (this is a gift from a St. Paul's family)
- ❖ Remodel/renovate the Chancel/Apse - \$380,000
- ❖ Add accessible restrooms - \$95,000
- ❖ Remove Transept walls - \$250,000

In September members of St. Paul's will be invited to attend a series of information sessions concerning this project. The committee will discuss the process, costs and potential additional factors that might be added, such as painting the church. Individuals will be given the opportunity to make additional donations in support of this project.

This undertaking will bring a new organ to St. Paul's that will strengthen our outstanding music tradition, restore certain aspects of the original design of the church and update some of our facilities, especially more accessible bathrooms on the first floor.

We invite your attendance as well as your questions about this project. As they become available to us, we will display preliminary sketches from Schantz Organ Co. and preliminary architectural drawings from project architect **Marty Kleiber** in the church parlor.

Sunday
September 12
Festival
Sunday
Let's celebrate!
Return
of
Sunday School
Youth Ministry
Adult Christian
Education
The St. Paul's
Choir
Festive Eucharist
at
10:15AM
followed by a
potluck picnic!



FROM THE RECTOR

Soon the fall 2010 church schedule begins. September 12 is Festival Sunday. The services will reflect celebration and thanksgiving to God for our church and one another. After the 10:15AM service we'll enjoy a cookout and fellowship time outdoors. That Sunday heralds the return of the Adult Choir, Children's Sunday School and Adult Education Hour; soon a new format for Youth Ministry will be in place. The summer has been a busy time for planning and ministry by the Ministry Teams and our Voices for Life Committee.

As we gear up for the fall, I ask you to make a special commitment (or renewed one). Be present on Sunday mornings. I continue to study where the church is today, and what outsiders are saying about Christians in general and the church in particular. Many of these are younger adults. They are not turned off by Jesus, but by what they experience in Christians who don't seem to get Jesus' message of love. The Church in our day too often has a credibility problem. We need to listen and learn. Many of young adults have perspectives that can help us theologically. Do we reflect in our life together, Jesus' concerns?

In our society of texting, Facebook and technology-driven social networking, people are looking for a place to belong, something that gives life meaning beyond the self (a greater purpose), and a vibrant, loving community. I keep hearing from visitors and others what a warm, welcoming congregation St. Paul's is. That is awesome and positive. I also wonder what visitors think when so many pews are empty. Are we alive and vibrant? Is worship a discipline we take seriously? Ask yourself the same questions. The church is God's people on a journey that's headed in a different direction than where the world and society push us. Given the great frustration evident in this political year, we have words to offer and a vision of a greater good. That vision becomes embodied in our

mission of declaring God's reign of love and grace. I expect we are excited enough by this extraordinary hope to take faith seriously and live it joyfully even in tough times. God gives us life to live on this earth and divine love to share. That is good news.

I extend my request even more deeply. We are witnesses and role models of faith for our children and youth. They learn how seriously we believe what we say as they watch us. Recently I was talking with **Bronwyn Skov**. She has been a youth minister and now is head of Youth Ministry for the national church (she will be at our Diocesan Convention with youth). Out of her studies and ministry experience, Bronwyn says each youth in the church needs a relationship with five adult church members beyond parents or family. In other words, taking our baptismal covenant seriously is vital to our children's well-being and faith development. My second ask is to consider as part of the first commitment becoming involved with our children and youth. Some may think this is not your call to ministry. Talk with me, and talk with our Children, Youth and Families Ministry Team, and learn the ways you can become involved in our work. We are witnesses of faith in many ways, and we have to be present and in relationship for that to happen. As adults we are mentors, guides with experience on the faith journey. They will not find this outside the church. And if this ministry is not for you, then find a way you can become a minister using your gifts and passion in the life of St. Paul's.

We won't get everything right. St. Paul's won't ever be for everyone. People around us are longing for relationship with God, to be loved, and to know their lives matter. God calls us to open the doors and invite them to "taste and see." Our call is to be faithful to the One who is forever faithful in love and goodness towards us and everyone. We have a great opportunity as we look to the fall. Let's embrace it, for God's sake.

Fr. Steve+

Volunteer at the Gathering

by Megan Mitschrich, 262-695-8540, Megan.Mitschrich@hnhpub.com

St. Paul's fifth outing at the Gathering for this year will be October 30, at Christian Faith Fellowship Church East, 724 S. Layton Blvd.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the parlor. We have been asked to bring coffee, cookies and fresh milk on the days that we are working. We are required to be on site from 9:45AM to 1:30PM with 15 to 20 people.



Deacon's Corner

Longing for clarity? Life is fragile and hard at times.

Maybe we're confused, tired, lost our bearings, unexpectedly upended. Some of the time, much of the time, we think we have the answers only to find ourselves uprooted by an event, a loss or disappointment. In that moment what made perfect sense quickly melts into uncertainty. The experience looks different in each of our lives. During these times we long for certitude. Whatever the occurrence, it is a warning to pay attention to our own heart.

First, we must remember to breathe. Too simplistic you say. Breath is one of our most basic and essential connections with God. An Aramaic name given to God was the feminine word, *Ruah*, which means life-sustaining breath. The name portrays a divine Presence whose very breath sustains us and connects us with the rhythm and depth of our own breathing. God is as close to us as our very breath.

When we take time for deep and rhythmic breathing in the midst of whatever our circumstance, we touch again the nearness of God and hear the voice of *Ruah*, who repeats the mantra of Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God." In the quiet and calming moments we turn in trust to the larger Love that sustains us here. Breathe! Lean into *Ruah*, and feel our feet on the earth and our connection to our deeper knowing. We gain clarity from breath.

We are wise to remember that life is a journey, not a destination.

As we breathe, we might pray... God of life, surge through every cell of my being, from my core through all that I am, to all the world that surrounds me; through my fears, my unknowing, my dreams, my detachments. Let me know myself, and simply be and from that point, let me reach out to all my complexities, gently, lovingly. I Am. In the great "I AM." (*Women's Uncommon Prayers*; "Guidance, and God of Life")

A prayer for your going out and coming in, "Shelter us in the love of Your heart."

Faithfully, Deacon Coleen



Adult Christian Education hour begins Sunday, September 12.

The Christian Education team of **Kathy Thome, Mary Eagan** and **Fr. Steve** met during the summer to consider options. One request we often hear is MORE BIBLE STUDY. That is what we will offer, but not in the usual form.

Bart Ehrman, PhD, professor of religious studies and history at the University of North Carolina, will be with us (via DVD). Bart is widely and known and respected in the field of helping students and laity understand the rich complexity of the New Testament world, the variety of voices that emerged from Jesus' followers, and how scholars assess the written documents (how the Gospels came to make the canon of Christian scripture, and the letters, and a controversy over Revelation).



I strongly urge you to be present at 9AM. "You" includes 8AM attendees and 10:15AM attendees. This New Testament Background series is vital to understand the world of Jesus. We can read the Bible and think we understand. To have a better understanding of the religious world at the time of Jesus, and of in the creation of the church will give you a different, deeper and more profound understanding of Christian faith. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE LECTURES.**

Each session includes a 30-minute presentation from Professor Ehrman; twenty to thirty minutes discussion will follow, focused around a couple of questions that you will receive the week prior to the lesson. You can participate in discussion or just listen. A facilitator will lead each session. **THE KEY PREPARATION YOU NEED;** Plan to find that you learn will be transforming and help you see your faith and the world in which we live in a much different and exciting way.

I will look forward to seeing you in the Parlor, beginning September 12, for a wonderfully transforming experience together.

Fr. Steve+

Please remember to keep up your Stewardship Pledge!



VBS 2010 was hot fun!

from Jen Pennington

Kids who participated in Vacation Bible School this year did indeed have a blast under the Baobab tree! The kids refused to wilt under the blistering heat, running to and from every activity with amazing enthusiasm. As always the videos featuring **Molly** and **Jonah**, a brother and sister who teach about the Bible while getting into and out of trouble, were the biggest hit! The kids especially loved when Molly asked for a glass of water so Jonah sprayed her with the hose. These lessons were presented by **Kris Thomas**, whose

reading of *The Giving Tree* had the kids quieter than anyone could ever remember.

The games, run by **Eric Padget** (aka Iowa Eric), ran a close second as favorite, and nobody let the mosquitoes in the courtyard deter them from running around and having fun!

Anne Stein (aka Annie Bananie) got them up and moving for music, as you witnessed if you were at the August 15 service where the kids performed *Let the Lord Lead You*.

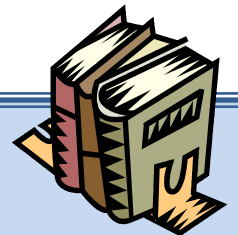
The kids produced some really amazing art projects, such as African masks and jewelry, under the guidance of **Cate Scanes** and **Karen Teague** (aka Carolina Karen).

“**Kentucky Pete**” **Larson**,” “**Wisconsin Jen**” **Pennington** and **Renee Lindner** taught the kids about our themes for the week: *Trust, Love, Follow, Care and Share*.

Bible Buddies **Nikka Huffman** and **Darrius Lynch** did a great job of helping out with the kids and documenting our week in pictures.

Finally, a big thank you to **Mary Beth Haurbrich**, **Stephanie Kostka** and especially **Roz Bordain** for making sure that the kids were fed and the kitchen clean afterward!

VBS will be back next summer (most likely the 2nd week in August, as usual), so mark your calendars now! Though we liked the new evening format, please feel free to contact Jen or Eric with feedback that can be used for planning next year!



New books in St. Paul's Library

❖ **Joan Chittister**: *In Search of Belief*. This valuable book goes through the Apostles Creed line by line, exploring what it meant, and what it can come to mean in the light of contemporary life and science.

❖ **Richard Giles**: *Always Open: Being an Anglican Today*. A traditional and solid introduction to Anglican/Episcopal ways of thinking and being, this very approachable book is attractively organized, frank and very readable.

❖ **Alan Jones**: *Common Prayer and Common Ground: A Vision of Anglican Orthodoxy*.

Both an introduction to the middle way – not just between Catholicism and Protestantism, but between fundamentalism and scientism – and, some say, a love letter to the Episcopal Church.

❖ **C. S. Lewis**: *Perelandra*. Second in the Space Trilogy.

❖ **Henri Nouwen**: *Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit and Here and Now: Living in the Spirit*. Nouwen, much beloved priest and teacher, spent the last years of his life at L'Arche Daybreak in Toronto, where men and women with intellectual disabilities and their assistants create a home for one another. See www.henrinouwen.org.

❖ **Evelyn Underhill**: *Daily Readings with a Modern Mystic*. This book is both an introduction to her life and writings, and a guide for daily prayer, with short passages carefully selected and titled.

A Commitment to Ministry: Worshiping & Welcoming God's Family

An overview of St. Paul's fall Stewardship Program

by Jim Smith, Stewardship Chair

The fall stewardship program provides a time for our community to reflect on the meaning of Christian stewardship in our lives and how we as St. Paul's parish live out our faith. This year's theme – *A Commitment to Ministry: Worshiping & Welcoming God's Family* – continues our stewardship focus on ministry and will highlight the visioning efforts for St. Paul's ministries in the areas of worship, welcoming and family that are nearing completion.

Your 2011 pledge will support our current ministries and make our vision for enhanced ministries become reality. Additional details on the stewardship program will be coming this fall.

There are several important dates associated with the program to pass along now. On Sunday, November 7, the parish potluck brunch follows the 10:15AM service. At the brunch, we gather to celebrate our community and formally begin our stewardship program. Only the 10:15AM service will be held on the seventh to allow as many members as possible to attend the brunch. On Sunday, November 21, pledges for the coming year will be presented and blessed at the altar.

The stewardship committee hopes you will find this year's program engaging, thought provoking, and a period when you and your family can reflect on the meaning of stewardship in your life.



Annual E² Miller Park outing scheduled

by Kris Thomas

St. Paul's Episcopal Energy annual pilgrimage to Miller Park is set for Saturday, September 25; a 6:10PM game against the Florida Marlins. It is the last home stand and your last opportunity to see the Brewers in 2010. Cost per ticket is \$20 per person in advance. Please contact **Kris Thomas**, kristhomas@gmail.com, with questions and make your reservation/payment.

Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins concerning tailgating, location and start time. All are welcome! (*E² monthly brunch is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, in the Parlor.*)

Men's Group fall startup



Summer is over and the Men's Group will resume September 18. The Group meets the third Saturday of the month at 8AM in the parlor...plan on joining us for breakfast and discussion.

We GUARANTEE we'll be done by 9:30AM and that you'll be glad you came.

Questions? Contact **Jim Smith** (414-256-0113), **Craig Elder** (414-828-6059) or **Paul Haurich** (414-228-0148).

**The volunteers of
St. Paul's Thrift Shop
express their sincere
thanks to the
Congregation for their
continued support.
Please join us in the
Shop during coffee hour
after both services,
Sunday, September 19.
Help us to celebrate our
fall grand opening!**



Welcome to Brady Jon Gehring, who was baptized on Sunday, August 1. His parents are Sara Geenen and Jason Gehring. Brady was exhausted by the whole event.

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SUNDAYS

8AM, Holy Eucharist

10:15AM, Holy Eucharist with music & Sunday School

Nursery service available at 10AM

Mondays through Thursdays

12:10 to 12:30PM, Prayer Service

Wednesdays, 7:30AM, Eucharist, 8:30AM, Spirituality Group

Thursdays, 7AM, Bible Study; 8AM, Eucharist

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.

Values and actions that define our mission:

- ❖ *Worship* that engages, celebrates, and transforms.
- ❖ *Spiritual and theological formation* grounded in scripture, reason, the Episcopal tradition, and integrated with life experience.
- ❖ *Hospitality* that invites, welcomes, and incorporates all who seek God in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ *Outreach* that personifies Christ's love and Servanthood.
- ❖ *Relationships* centered in Christ's redeeming grace for all.
- ❖ *Diversity* that rejoices in our differences and our unity in Christ.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

**St. Paul's
annual
Blessing
of the Animals
Saturday, October 2
10AM
in the Garden**

**Followed
by light refreshments
and pet snacks in the
Great Hall**