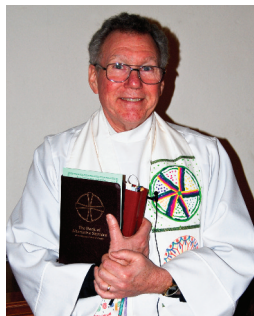


# The Letter

from  
St. Paul's Church Nantucket

Pentecost/Summer 2017

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## Spring/Summer Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

The days are lengthening, the leaves are sprouting, the restaurants are opening, and the roads are becoming congested. Those of us who have been spending the long winter on Nantucket are looking forward to greeting the many folks who arrive from around the world who come to this place seeking refreshment and restoration. We remember during this season of Pentecost that the church of Christ welcomes those from distant shores and diverse cultures. We welcome you all to this place of worship. Over the course of this winter, the vestry has been engaging in a process of reflecting on the past and dreaming for the future. I am grateful for the leadership of Ken Beaugrand who is shepherding us through a long-range planning exercise intended to consider the kind of church we would like to be in 10 years' time. He has written briefly about it in a piece included in this newsletter, and I commend this to you.

On Sunday, July 23, our two services will be combined into one Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., after which we will have a brief congregational meeting. At this meeting, we will celebrate the wonderful and varied ministries found at St. Paul's. We shall be offering for your consideration plans for building upon the foundations laid by the Saints who have offered of their life to create this loving and vibrant place.

I encourage you all to join us for this meeting that we might hear from the entire body of Christ as we prepare for the future.

Peace,  
John+

## Mark Your Calendar July 12 is St. Paul's Fair!



Plans for the 2017 St. Paul's Fair are well underway. Our annual Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 12, from 9:30 AM to 2 PM.

We will kick off the Fair with the Festival on Fair, the all-parish gathering of year round and summer parishioners in the Church garden, on Monday, July 10, from 5 to 7 PM. The Festival on Fair will feature the opening to those attending of the Silent Auction and the Gift Chalet for early buying and bidding.

## Old favorites

Old favorites and new ideas will mingle together this year to make this Fair a special day of fun and fellowship for all.

The Gift Chalet will sell its fantastic collection of gifts, antiques, art, collectables, and special treasures. Under the leadership of Polly Espy Millard and Sheila Daume and with your help and donations, we will again open the best little boutique on the Island.

Tracy Murray will team with Nancy Bills to sell "a little bit of everything" in Hodge Podge, our amazing white elephant sale.

Bay McClure is putting together an exciting assortment of unique experiences and great goods for the Silent Auction. This year's auction will include dinners, sports tickets, art, airline tickets and adventures.

Malcolm MacNab will return to the Snack Shack with his team of burger flippers and Martin McKerrow will be shucking at the Raw Bar.

Bill Moore is learning the fine points of cotton candy and snow-cone making to manage our novelty food stand.

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## **Prayer for Pentecost by Jürgen Moltmann**

**Come God, Holy Spirit,  
come to our threatened and plundered world.  
Come to us, for we are frightened and fainthearted.  
Spirit of Life,  
fill us with the livingness of your eternal life.  
Spirit of eternal blessedness  
fill us with your joy in living.  
Spirit of love,  
fill our world with your righteousness.  
Ever-present God, in your presence we too are wholly present.  
Creative God, in your strength we too discover our energies.  
God whose life is fellowship, you come among us,  
and in you we find one another  
and become one heart and soul.  
Take from us our fear of death, free us from our greed for life.  
Assert the rights of the poor, and convert the mighty.  
Raise the oppressed  
and make the lords of this world brothers,  
so that we may find you in our community with one another  
and praise you together, one with another:  
God, Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father, whose light shines forth in  
the Son, and who draws the whole world into the fellowship of triune God.**

*Jürgen Moltmann is a German theologian who was a German pilot during World War II. He spent much of the war as a prisoner of war in Scotland during which time he wrote a series of poems and prayers for reconciliation.*

*His most famous work is A Theology of Hope.*

## Getting to Know You – Pat Dick



As we know, summer is about to descend on Nantucket and that means more traffic and more friendly faces on our streets, beaches and in St. Paul's.

It also means that two of our favorite parishioners, Pat Dick and her husband, David, will be doing their famous "reverse commute." For Pat and David, the "reverse commute" means departing their Nantucket home during the summer months and heading northwest to the White Mountains of New Hampshire where they will enjoy lake-side living in Center Conway through the

October foliage period.

Then, we get Pat and David back on island!

"I think we have it made. We have the off-season peace and quiet of Nantucket which lends itself to meditation without interruption," said Pat.

The Dicks have two daughters and a son, and three grandchildren, and they enjoy spending time with them as much as possible.

Pat is quite the accomplished woman. She is a trained psychologist, and was co-founder of a very successful practice, based in Hingham. Prior to the mid-career move to psychology, she was a florist and a legal secretary.

We were fortunate to sit down with Pat for a little chat.

### **Q. How did you end up on Nantucket?**

"It began about 40 years ago when David and our son, David Jr., started coming here for a Boy Scout enclave at Camp Richard which operated in the Tom Nevers area. I made a trip over with them, and after that, we decided to buy a property."

### **Q. Since you have the reverse Nantucket living style, what is it like during the winter when the days are short and dank?**

"It is such a good time to be here, for our internal selves. We feel closer to the locals, the workers and the community

really becomes a community. We enjoy Tuesday movie night at St. Paul's, and of course, the popcorn, the chocolates and the wine."

### **Q. How did you and David become part of the St. Paul's community?**

"St. Paul's is such a welcoming community. We started going first on Saturday evenings and then it grew. I also am drawn to St. Paul's by its beauty and inclusiveness. If you want to be included, you are included. And, after all, I have a lot of Episcopalian in my veins growing up in the Episcopal church in Worcester. My genetic dust from three generations lives in the rafters there."

### **Q. Tell us how you spend your "free" time on Nantucket.**

"I love to read, listen to classical music and I enjoy walking as much as I can in town. I was diagnosed at age 30 with MS. It's a chronic illness, but you know, it's life, and it helps you understand life. I realized when I was practicing psychology that I could work with, and help people. So, God is very good to me."

### **Q. You and David both grew up in Worcester. Tell us about your marriage.**

"I am so proud of David's skills as an artisan. It's in his blood. His family has had a hand in building churches, cathedrals, colleges and libraries all over the US. What a talent. And, our marriage has been a rich one, all 58 years."

Pat and Dave live on Pleasant Street on Nantucket, and as you can imagine, they are great neighbors to their year-round neighbors. "We have gotten to know so many beautiful children in our neighborhood here that we are like their grandparents in loco. We go to their skating events, recitals and write letters of reference for college!"

It's been good getting to know Pat a little better, and we would all be so lucky to have The Dicks as our neighbors.

— Scott Widmeyer

## **Big New Idea to Benefit all Nantucket Children at St. Paul's Fair** *(continued from page 1)*

What do all these people have in common? They need YOU to call and say, "I'll help".

Kidstreet, the children's section of the Fair, will be a FREE event for all children this year. We will not be charging for kids to play games or participate in all of the fun activities we offer at the Fair. It is our hope in doing so that we can reach beyond our loyal base of summer residents and visitors and become a more inclusive event for all the diverse and less advantaged members of the Nantucket community.

The adult section of the Fair will remain the main fundraiser for St. Paul's Church but Kidstreet will become a free community service event. Deanna McCormack is in charge of the games and activities for the children as in previous years, and the look, the feel and the fun of Kidstreet will remain the same.

Here, we particularly need YOU.

Please donate whatever you can to help underwrite and support this new endeavor. We can all help make St. Paul's Fair an all-inclusive event available and accessible to every child on the Island.

Call the Church office to volunteer your time, donate your goods and/or help fund Kidstreet at the Fair. Please drop a check marked St. Paul's Fair/Kidstreet in the offering plate or send it to the Church office at 20 Fair St. Knowing the generous and supportive nature of the people of St. Paul's, we thank you in advance for your support.

— Sharon Robinson and Penny Macintyre



# Remembering Lent and Easter 2017 at St. Paul's



Photos by Beverly Hall



# 'An Abiding Love' A Return Trip to Cuba

Story and Photos by Lucy Bixby



Upon returning from our Cuba trip in November with Father John, Denise, and

Libby Tracey, I felt I simply must return, and soon, to see if everything I saw and felt was true. Our dedicated leader Julia Sullivan's next journey was in March, and I signed on.

This particular journey was to return to Julia's beloved Episcopal church in Ceballos in central Cuba. This would be a very different mission. Instead of bags filled with humanitarian aid, we packed power tools, drills, drill-bits, hand tools, PVC pipe and fittings, water filters, ozone filters, diagrams, and educational supplies.

With the technical leadership and collaboration of eight parishioners from St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, a state-of-the-art water filtration system would be installed, in an estimated three days!

We flew from Tampa to Havana, and then rode the Cathedral bus for seven hours to Ceballos. The volunteers from St. John's had just spent several days in northern Cuba inspecting three systems previously installed.

After Sunday church services and lunch, 12 of us convened in the sanctuary for an overview and mapping-out of the three-day plan. Luckily, there were several tech persons, a retired plumbing and HVAC inspector, a technical translator, all led by Tyler, who insisted "I'm just a pool guy" (and Florida wetlands expert, it turns out).

Many parishioners worked hard keeping the 12 of us fed, three meals a day, comfortable in every way, and so very welcomed. We all stayed in private homes adjacent to the church. One evening, I even

got to watch video streaming of Cuba competing in the 2017 World Baseball Classic!

Two retirees (pictured below), Ariel and Albio, arrived every day, and worked tirelessly, staying until dark. We'd often see Albio hop on his bicycle, heading to the local hardware store for supplies. Imagine our surprise upon learning these men were 81 years old!



Since the installation, we've heard that our new friends have manned the water system daily. Another very dear story: a 12-year old named Leo stopped by each afternoon after school. Becoming fascinated with the project, Leo was duly pressed into service, and is now in charge of the afternoon inspections and upkeep!

Our project in Ceballos ended up being the 44th "Living Waters of the World" water purification installation in Cuba alone. We have since learned that, in addition to being free, and available on a regular basis to ALL, the town fathers are very supportive, and quite pleased. This has elevated the Episcopal church back to the center of town life in Ceballos,

and in an historical context (since 1962), what an amazing accomplishment!

Our March journey ended in Havana, where four of us stayed at the Dean's Residence, next to the Episcopal Cathedral in Havana. I was able to remain an extra few days, as the guest of the Dean of the Cathedral, Father Jose Angel, and his lovely wife Lucrecia, whom I'd met during our November trip.

Knowing that John Beach had mentioned the possibility of St. Paul's partnering with a church in Cuba, I asked my hosts for advice. Actually, this is a Bishop-to-Bishop arrangement as well, across the board. Bishop Griselda had been out of town, to check and probably would not be able to see me. Father Jose Angel, Lucrecia, and I talked about possible companion churches; on my very last day in Havana, and only because a lift to Old Havana was late, I was "given" the right moment. The Bishop and I talked, took photos together, and she loved our choice of the church in Vertientes!

Now, John Beach and I are in conversation with the Diocese of Massachusetts, and hope to bring St. Paul's to Cuba in October.

This is all to say that ... YES, there is a magic which bubbles to the surface in this tiny country. Amidst the crumbling colonial architecture and widespread poverty, there is joy and love in these lives. There is color, everywhere. There is music that dares you to stand still, there is entrepreneurship, there are welcoming smiles, and there is an abiding love for one another in this very, very beautiful land.

**Donations**  
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**the**  
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**Summer**  
**Fair**  
**are**  
**Open!**

***Time to clean up,  
clean out and donate!***  
**WE NEED WHAT YOU DON'T!**

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or call the Church office for help with larger items at  
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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

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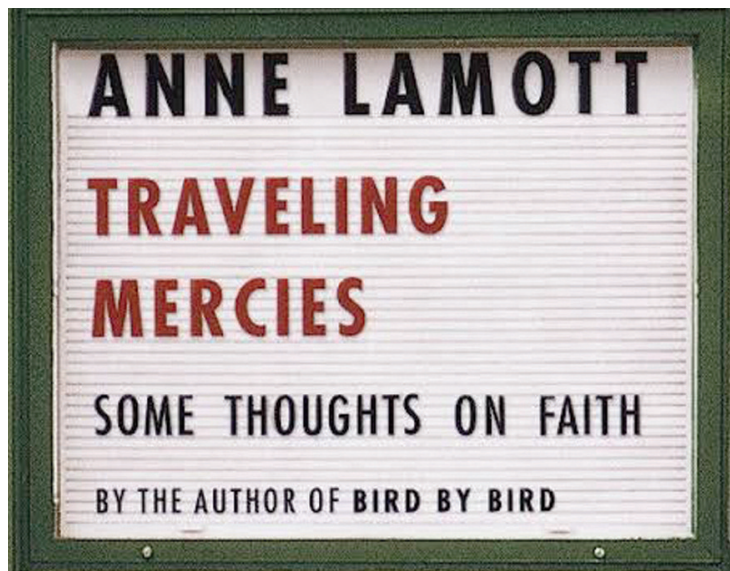
**Wednesday, July 12 • 9:30 am to 2 pm**



## View Points / Rev. John Beach

### Book Review

#### Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott



**“You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.” – the Author**

Anne Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is "Whatever," and whose evening prayer is "Oh, well." Anne thinks of Jesus as "Casper the friendly savior" and describes God as "one crafty mother."

Despite--or because of--her irreverence, faith is a natural subject for Anne Lamott. The people in Anne Lamott's real life are like beloved characters in a favorite series for her readers--her friend Pammy, her son, Sam, and the many funny and wise folks who attend her church are all familiar. And *Traveling Mercies* is a welcome return to those lives, as well as an introduction to new companions Lamott treats with the same candor, insight, and tenderness.

Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, "My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers." At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, *Traveling Mercies* tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope.

—Rev. John Beach

### A Message

#### from our Rector on Religious Liberty

By Rev. John Beach

I am perplexed by the recent presidential executive order allowing "religious liberty." I fear it is intended to encourage clergy to be an agent of division at a time when it is a matter of pressing urgency that we be an instrument of healing.

Every week, for over 30 years, I have preached to a large group of captive listeners. I am offered a rare and humbling opportunity to express those concerns which have been laid upon my heart. There are three ethical principles which I hold before me. First, it is an abuse of this office to be emotionally manipulative. Second, it is demeaning to everyone if I speak of something I do not care about. Third, it is immoral to publicly demean another human being.

I emphasize the fact that those who gather in a place of worship enter a sanctuary. When you enter a sanctuary, you leave your weapons at the door. We enter unarmed, as Jesus entered Jerusalem unarmed. The weapons in our arsenal which serve us in many of our life's battles (power, cruelty, and fear) may be retrieved upon our departure. However, after a time in the sanctuary, they are much less appealing.

About what, then, shall I preach? I preach to remind myself (and by extension those who listen) that it is a baptismal promise "to work for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." I preach to recall both the Hebrew and Christian Bibles are documents which were written to remind us that we are called to be free (the Hebrew scripture serves as a testimony to the deliverance from slavery in Egypt, and the Christian Bible recounts creative resistance to Roman occupation). I preach to recollect the words of the Hebrew prophets who remind us that whenever we exploit or ignore the vulnerable, we begin to resemble Pharaoh.

### Renovation of the Side Chapel

The side chapel at St. Paul's is a place used for small funerals, weddings, midweek services, and personal devotion. The vestry, under the leadership of Luke Thornewill, is planning to enlarge the sanctuary, move the altar and install removable altar rails. We also plan to sand the floors, and install new lighting. Pictures of the proposed improvements will be on display in the chapel over the course of the summer, and we plan to begin work early in the fall. The total cost for the renovations will be \$25,000, and we invite any interested in contributing to this project to speak to the rector.

## Vestry Embarks on Strategic Planning Process

At its most recent meeting, the Vestry decided to proceed with the development of a strategic plan to help guide the course of our congregation over the next ten years.

The process is meant to be all encompassing, seeking the input of the entire congregation, as we look at ideas to change the perception of what being involved with St. Paul's is all about.

We are starting the process to clarify the shared values of our congregation and then determine what we will continue to do and what new ideas we will explore to help

spread our shared values to our island community.

This summer, you will have a number of opportunities to participate, sometimes in meetings, other times by electronic means with the full assurance that we want to hear from everyone.

Stay tuned for more news of this exciting initiative.

In the meantime, if you have preliminary thoughts, suggestions and ideas to support this important project, please email [stpaulsplanning@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsplanning@gmail.com).

—Ken Beaugrand

## We Are Family...We Are Neighbors

As much of the world contemplates the plight of refugees, we wanted to provide you with this basic primer prepared by the Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane, the Episcopal Bishop of Maine.

### Who is a refugee?

"A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries. Refugees legally enter the United States in search of freedom, peace, and opportunity for themselves and their families."

Before they enter the United States, those who are granted refugee status have been subjected by a lengthy and thorough security process by the UNHCR and the US Department of State. The federal government contracts with agencies - often faith-based organizations such as Episcopal Migration Ministries - in each state to handle the resettlement of refugee families. In our state, Catholic Charities of Maine is the only agency that resettles refugees for the federal government. They offer orientation, employment, and cultural adjustment, and many other services to those refugees assigned to Maine. In recent years, Catholic Charities has resettled refugees from more than 30 countries. In 2016 they resettled 642 recently arrived refugees in Maine.

### Who is an asylum seeker?

"When people flee their own country and seek sanctuary in another country, they apply for asylum - the right to be recognized as a refugee and receive legal protection and material assistance. An asylum seeker must demonstrate that his or her fear of persecution in his or her home country is well-founded."

*No importa de dónde eres,  
estamos contentos que seas  
nuestro vecino.*

*No matter where you are  
from, we're glad you're  
our neighbor.*

*لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا  
سعداء انكم جيراننا.*

Asylum seekers often arrive in the US on a legal visa. Once they overstay that visa, they are no longer authorized to remain in the US. If they are fearful to return to their home country due to war, violence, or instability, they may apply to the US Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) for asylum. Currently there are about 300 pending asylum cases in Maine, and the wait for an interview with the South Portland office of USCIS can be many years because only 30 interviews are offered each year. Six months after applying for asylum, an asylum seeker may be granted a work permit in order to be legally employed while waiting for an interview. Asylum seekers do not have access to resettlement services provided to those who have secured refugee status.

### Ways for Churches to Offer Sanctuary

Offer support, a safe gathering place, friendship and mentoring relationships to refugees and asylum seekers. Offer preaching and teaching to members of the congregation that upholds our Baptismal Covenant and Gospel mandates: seeking and serving Christ in all persons, respecting the dignity of every human being, loving our neighbors as ourselves, welcoming the stranger.

Offer membership in all aspects of the life of the congregation: worship, service, formation, education, music, outreach.

Cooperate to the minimum extent required by law if immigration or enforcement officials seek to enter church buildings to check papers, question, or detain people participating in our worship or activities of the church community. It would be a violation of the law to prevent an immigration agent with a warrant listing the name of an individual and signed by a federal judge from entering your church.

Volunteer, as a church community or as individual members, with community agencies that serve refugees and asylum seekers, donate money and resources, engage in advocacy in the public sphere.

**World Refugee Day is June 20.  
Find event planning, welcoming  
resources and stay up to date with  
the Episcopal Public Policy  
Network's advocacy on behalf  
of refugees.**



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# WORDS MATTER.

## Theological Language and Its Impact

### Don't Miss St. Paul's Conversation with Author/Priest Lyn Brakeman on August 23

A young rabbinical student raised her hand, and the Rabbi gave her a nod. "Rabbi, does the G-d have a gender?" Students laughed. The Rabbi answered respectfully: "No." The student had more to ask: "Well then, if G-d has no gender why do we use only one gender when we talk about G-d.?"

The Rabbi had no answer, and we know it's not easy to stump a Rabbi. He could have said the Hebrew noun for god was masculine, but that, he knew was inadequate. The student had awakened the teacher. The Rabbi who once told this story still ponders that question.

You won't want to miss author and Episcopal priest--the Rev. Lyn Brakeman--who will speak at a St. Paul's-sponsored talk on Wednesday, August 23 at 7 pm. Brakeman uses her book as a springboard to spark conversations about the Rabbi's question in Christian contexts. Her approach is theological, participatory, honest and dives into what kind of divinity are we espousing, especially in our liturgies, and to our children.

Brakeman questions, "Has Jesus the Christ not yet risen above gender and all our other narrowing categories? Are pronouns divine?"

Join us for this provocative conversation with Brakeman. Wine and soft drinks will be served. Brakeman, now retired, serves as priest associate at St. John's in Charlestown, MA and is coordinator with her husband, the Rev. Richard Simeone, of the Education for Ministry program for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

*Her blog appears at:*

[www.spirituallemons.blogspot.com](http://www.spirituallemons.blogspot.com)

# online



ON THE AIR

with

## Reverend Beach

Rev. Beach was recently a featured guest on WNCK-FM's "Cross Currents" program, hosted weekly by Scott Widmeyer, a member of St. Paul's and our Vestry. Check out the interview at [www.soundcloud.com/nantucketcross-currents](http://www.soundcloud.com/nantucketcross-currents). Rev. Beach was joined by Pastor Garfield Bloise of New Life Ministries Nantucket, and Deirdre Hade, a mystic/spiritualist. Scott's show airs every Saturday and Sunday at 1:06 pm on Nantucket's NPR station (89.5 FM and online at [www.nantuckethpr.org](http://www.nantuckethpr.org))

Also, you can listen to Rev. Beach's weekly sermons by going to [www.stpaulschurchnantucket.org](http://www.stpaulschurchnantucket.org) and clicking Latest Sermon on the home page. Plus, the web site is a good way to keep up with everything current at St. Paul's.

# St. Paul's Church School NEWS

## *Our church school students have been busy!*

During Lent, there were seven participants in the weekly Lenten series From the Caterpillar to the Butterfly; God's Metaphor of Metamorphosis. The actual butterflies were a no-show, however- it was too cold to ship them!

Children also participated in a Stations of the Cross service during Holy Week. Each month, we try to have a youth-led service to introduce our young people to the various ministries of the Church. Youth serve as crucifer, lay readers, acolytes and ushers.

On June 18, we will have our next Youth Sunday followed by Sundae Sunday in Gardner Hall which marks the end of the church school year.

Look for our newsletter over the summer and mark your calendar for the Summer Fair July 12 and fall registration for church school on September 17.

But we're not fading off into the sunset for the summer so watch the church bulletin and your email for youth events as we strive to keep Christ alive in our hearts and our daily life. It has been a blessing to share the love of God with the children this year.

—Sr. Susanna Margaret, OSB

# St. Paul's Spring and Summer Calendar

**June 1** Ship's Inn Dinner; 6:30 p.m.

**June 4** Forum; 11:30 a.m.

**June 8** Vestry Meeting; 4 p.m.  
Vestry Dinner with Spouses; 6 p.m.

**June 17** Memorial Services  
Robert Wesp Siegner; 11 a.m.

**June 18** Forum; 11:30 a.m.

**July & August** Lemonade & Tea in  
garden replaces coffee hour

**July 5** Memorial Services  
Pam Halstead; 3 p.m.

**July 10** Festival on Fair; 5 to 7 p.m.

**July 12** St. Paul's Fair; 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**July 16, 23, & 30** – Gift Chalet  
open after church

**July 13** Vestry Meeting; 4 p.m.

**July 23** St. Paul's Summer Meeting;  
after church service  
(one service at 9:30 a.m.)

**August 10** Vestry Meeting; 4 p.m.

## Baptisms at St. Paul's in 2016

Maggie Brett, Riley Gorman, Jackson Gorman (June 19, 2016)

James Huntington (July 24, 2016)

Charlotte Baker Callaway (August 21, 2016)

## Weddings in 2016

Lucie Lundeen and Peter Arsenault (June 4, 2016)

Rebecca Daube and Peter Dagostino (September 10, 2016)

Katie Northorpe and Roddy Chisholm (September 17, 2016)

Elizabeth Brooke Cavanaugh and Thomas Reed IV (October 7, 2016)

Claire Blackburn and Kyle Drexler (December 9, 2016)

## Memorial Services at St. Paul's in 2016. We remember.....

Marsha Limperis (May 9, 2016)

Peggy Gifford (June 11, 2016)

Nancy Soderberg (July 16, 2016)

Butsy Lovelace (September 16, 2016)

Andrew Costakes (November 30, 2016)

Frances McKay (December 10, 2016)

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.  
Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your  
loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose  
of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## — Honors —



*Heidi and Curtis*

Dr. Heidi Larson, M.D., Medical Director for Population Health at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, ME, received her MBA degree in May from the Executive MBA for Physicians program from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, at Brandeis University.

A member of the Rector's search committee while at St. Paul's, Heidi won a full tuition grant covering the MBA program last year, after serving at the Nantucket Cottage Hospital for the past three years. She also recently was awarded an \$89,312 grant as the principal investigator in a significant study sponsored by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care aimed at reducing hospital readmission rates for ambulatory care patients. Congratulations Heidi!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING in Our Diocese

### Family Camp 2017

**June 22, 2017** (All day) - **June 25, 2017** (All day)

Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, Greenfield, NH

The annual diocesan Family Camp, Thursday-Sunday, June 22-25 at the

Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.,  
is an extended weekend of faith and fun for all.

### Retreat: Reimagining the Holy Trinity with Bishop Alan Gates

**July 7, 2017** (All day) - **July 9, 2017** (All day)

Adelynrood Retreat and Conference Center, Byfield, MA

The notion of God as Holy Trinity is at once foundational and confounding.

Discussion of the Trinity has been anxiously dodged by hapless  
instructors labeling it simply as a "sacred mystery."

### Retreat: The Spirituality and Practice of the Jesus Movement

**August 4, 2017** (All day) - **August 6, 2017** (All day)

August 4-6 The Spirituality and Practice of the Jesus Movement

The Episcopal Church is all stirred up for something that's at once ancient  
and also boundary-breaking.

### Sign-up deadline extended for Holy Land mission pilgrimage

The sign-up deadline has been extended to June 15 for the mission  
pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine, to be led by Bishop Gayle E. Harris and  
the Rev. Debbie Phillips of Grace Church in Salem. The Nov. 24-Dec. 6  
mission pilgrimage will combine visits to holy sites, in Jerusalem,  
Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley, Nazareth, Galilee, Nablus and Ramallah,  
with opportunities to learn about active mission in the Episcopal Diocese  
of Jerusalem through its school, health-care and peacemaking ministries.

The group will meet three times before the trip for orientation and  
community building. Estimated cost is \$4,100 per person  
(double occupancy), with all payments due by Oct. 1.

**FOR INFORMATION:** *Marsha Searle, Office of the Bishop Suffragan*  
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## Notes from the Organ Bench

After a restorative sabbatical, I  
returned to St. Paul's in time for Palm  
Sunday and Holy Week. The members  
of St. Paul's Choir were enthusiastic, as  
always, and ready to prepare for the  
services that lead up to Easter Day.

Palm Sunday was a beautiful morning  
as the choir led the procession up Fair  
Street singing "All glory, laud and  
honor." With this service that begins  
with joy and ends in sorrow, we com-  
menced our journey through Holy Week.

On Tuesday, a smaller group of  
singers chanted *Tenebrae*, a service of  
shadows that ends in complete dark-  
ness. The choir sang for the Maundy  
Thursday service and chanted the  
psalms during the stripping of the altar  
and chancel. On Good Friday, we of-  
fered the Seven Last Words, from noon  
to 3:00, with reflections by seven  
women. Island musicians joined the  
choir to present musical responses to  
each word. The Easter service was a  
joyous celebration, with Nigel Goss on  
the trumpet.

Now in this season of resurrection  
and rebirth, we all look forward to the  
return of our summer singers and a new  
season of glorious music.

—Ann Colgrove

## "People and Places"

Keaton Goddard graduated Cum Laude from Worcester Poly-  
technic Institute in May.

Zachary Goddard completed his freshman year at Harvard.

Mae Blackwell, Tessa Whelden, and Tierney Goddard all par-  
ticipated in the Nantucket "Best Young Women's" program this  
spring – and won scholarship money.

Tierney Goddard participated in the 40th Annual Distin-  
guished Young Women Scholarship Program on March 25. She  
was a runner up in the Interview, Scholastic, Fitness, and Self

Expression categories and won the Talent portion with her ballet  
performance. She also danced the role of (Big) Alice in the Nan-  
tucket Ballet Spring production, *Alice in Wonderland*.

Abigail Borneman is taking singing lessons from Greta  
Feeney at the Nantucket Music Center and has sung several  
solos in church. Lizzy Borneman is on the Nantucket Junior  
High softball team. Her sister Katherine is taking Swim Lessons  
with Nantucket STAR.

Erin McCormack is on the CPS Tennis Team.

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