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PRICELESS

GET OUT OF ST. PAUL'S

Our first GOSP outing was a lot of fun. On June 11, 27 of us, along with several four-legged friends, gathered at Mansfield Hollow for an evening stroll, a BYO picnic supper and a table Eucharist. Those who did not wish to walk the dike stayed back and "held" our tables. It was a chance to enjoy the beauty in nature, eat supper together (and "supper" ranged from whatever was leftover in a lunchbox to Tom Jones' style barbecued turkey drumsticks to whiskey sours, fried chicken and potato salad served from an elegant wicker picnic basket), and conclude our evening by celebrating a short but beautiful eucharist right under the pine trees at the picnic table... with the hubbub of life going on around us.

So let's GET OUT again. **Friday, July 23, 6:00pm.** Meet at the picnic area at Mansfield Hollow State Park on Bassets Bridge Road in Mansfield. Bring your own picnic. Pray for nice weather. In the event the weather looks questionable, Father John will leave a message on the Church answering machine at 3:00pm.

PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 28



Our Parish Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 28 at the home of Bonnie Card and Roger Ouellet on Crystal Lake in Eastford. We will gather beginning at 3:00, with Eucharist at 4:30 followed by dinner. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall and directions will be available as the date approaches. In case we need to cancel because of rain, the picnic will be the following day, Sunday, August 29 beginning at 11:00 a.m. In either case, there will be a service on Sunday at 9:30 at St. Paul's as usual.

CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 PM

COMING THIS FALL: CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY



One of the privileges afforded me as your Vicar is the opportunity to visit you in your homes. Often during my visits I get to see the products of your creative endeavors—paintings, crafts, gardens, food, etc. So why not have an event to let everyone in on your talents?

Like a Parish Art Show, only with a broader focus, St. Paul's Celebration of Creativity weekend is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 6 and 7. An opening reception on Friday evening will feature finger foods from our creative culinary artists and perhaps live music. Examples of parishioners' art and craft work will be displayed throughout the building. Saturday—a Village Coffee Day—we will open the Church to the community so they can enjoy our creative efforts, perhaps including more music, and/or poetry/prose readings. Sunday's Eucharist will provide a liturgical expression of creativity, perhaps with original music or contributions from some of our many musical members.

Why so much advance notice? First, so you can get busy with your creating, and have time to prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute. Also, so that we can think together about how to display some of the less tangible examples of the ways in which we live creatively. We have an offer to videotape or photograph works which cannot be brought to Church. So, when is the best time to catch your gardens in full bloom? Do we need to visit your workplace to really see your creativity in action? We have three months to allow us time to think creatively about this event.

So save the tentative date, and consider if you'd like to be part of the planning group for this fun event. If so, let me know.



HOSPITALITY AFTER FUNERALS: FISHER OF MEN (AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN)?

By Marion Beanselleil

Spring 2010 found Father John approached on three occasions (Potter's Funeral Home and two families) to perform funerals. These people were not church attendees, and perhaps those present at the services were also by & large "unchurched". With St. Paul's beautiful sanctuary, the words of the service, the message of the sermon, the compassion of Father John, ONE person might have been touched and toying with the idea of coming back to a Sunday service. Maybe a parishioner offering coffee, home-baked cookies and hospitality in the church hall afterwards would have been the final lure. Is anyone interested in forming a group available for Father John to call on when a funeral is to be held at St. Paul's? I would be more than happy to recruit donations of sandwiches/cookies, but what we need is a list of persons available weekdays and/or Saturdays who are willing to set a table with cups and napkins, get a pot of coffee perked and offer a friendly smile. **SIMPLE BUT SINCERE IN THE WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S.** Please contact me at



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED FOR AUGUST!

BISHOP'S 5K FOR KIDS

By Marion Beausoleil

Higher powers provided a sunny, cool, breezy day, May 15, 2010, just perfect for participating in the Bishop's 5K for Kids.

St. Paul's showed up in our unique one-of-a-kind Sunday school created T-shirts ready to decorate our "bishop's throne", take some photos, warm up those creaky joints, limber the muscles and get ready for the beginning gun. Steven Miller brought his own cheering section (Amy, Kyleigh and Brady). Sophie Russel convinced her father, Andrew, and grandfather, Jim, to "run" with her. (She might encourage her grandfather to walk next year, as he injured his Achilles tendon running up the last hill!) Cilla Carroll and Robyn, Shannon, with baby due September 1st, and Marion Beausoleil rounded out St. Paul's team.

Photos of our tastefully decorated port-o-potty, the three biblical patio herb gardens donated in the name of St. Paul's and awarded to winning male clergy, winning female clergy and the bishop, and the backs of two of the T-shirts on the bodies of Robyn and Shannon can be seen in the picture gallery on the Bishops 5K site and at St. Paul's web site.

Thank you for supporting us, and most importantly, for supporting a ministry for children at risk in our state through grants to programs through, and outside of, the Episcopal Church.

BISHOP HASTINGS/ CAMP WASHINGTON GOLF TOURNAMENT

By David Haines



The 2010 Bishop Hastings/ Camp Washington Invitational Golf Tournament was an unqualified success,

despite the declining number of players. The spirit of the tournament derives from its goal of supporting the mission of Camp Washington and raising money for the scholarship fund for deserving kids, and it was clearly evident in this 25th anniversary of the tournament.

And, St. Paul's was there in force. We donated \$1,000 as sponsors. We fielded 15 of the 69 players and were pleased that Bishop Laura was a member of one of our teams. We provided four active members of the Tournament committee and two volunteer workers. And we distinguished ourselves with skillful play (almost).

Thanks to all who made financial contributions to the tournament sponsorship and the St. Paul's Youth Fund, to all of the players, to Mike Breen for his work on the Putting Contest and his photographic efforts (see pix at the St. Paul's web site) and Janet Haines who helped at registration and did the lion's share of the Tea Cup Auction that raised an additional \$1100, and to Fr. John, Marion Beausoleil and Eric Sabo who joined us for the après-play time and banquet.

We humbly repeat -- St. Paul's has been a significant part of this tournament for many years. As Dizzy Dean once said, "If you can do it, it ain't bragging." And, we did it again and very well. Thanks from all the kids who benefit from our work.

SAVE THE DATE!

August 21: Steeple Chase Bike Tour to benefit Perception Programs and WAIM. Again this year, St. Paul's will be a host church. We need riders, supporters, and people to bake and man our stop.

October 16-17: Relay for Life. We plan to have a team this year for this 24-hour event. More later... Bill Long will be our Team Captain.

CHAIR YOGA

Time: Wednesday 11:00am

Fee: \$8.00

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See you in class.

Carole Horwell



UPCOMING CALENDAR



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| Friday | 7/23 | 6:00 p.m. | Get Out of St. Paul's Outing at Mansfield Hollow |
| Saturday | 8/21 | Morning | Steeple Chase Bike Tour |
| Saturday | 8/28 | 3:00 p.m. | Parish Picnic |
| Wednesday | 9/1 | 7:00 p.m. | Contemplative Eucharist |
| Saturday | 9/18 | 8:30-10:30 a.m. | Village Coffee Returns -- ALL WELCOME! |

Check out our new web site: www.stpaulswindham.org