

Serving today

Interim Priest	The Rev. Bruce Jacobson
Interim Associate Priest	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Charles LaFond
Music Minister	Mark Pace
Verger	Jack Griffin
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am	Nancy McCall Carolyn Hartnett, Kristin Dunklee
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am	Chet Fuller Kathy Gray, Alice Carey, John Cabibi Bob Washburn
Greeter	
Ushers – 8:00 am	John Cabibi, Ray Fournier
Acolyte – 8:00 am	Bob Fenton
Ushers – 10:00 am	Lisa Wylie, Jeff Trombley, Mark Carney, Gene Blake
Acolytes – 10:00 am	Ben Denoncourt, Jared Roberts Emily Johnson, Jenny Lindsay Patrick Greene
Soloist	Lisa Bonenfant
Cantor	Tracy Pace
Altar Guild	Tamar Roberts Mary Waples

The Rev. Canon Charles D. LaFond is the Canon of Congregational Life in the Diocese of New Hampshire. Prior to coming to NH in 2006, Charles lived as a monk at the monastery of the Society of St. John the Evangelist where he did spiritual direction and led retreats. His current ministry combines a decade as a fundraiser and a second decade as a priest and monk. Charles comes at stewardship not so much as a logistical issue, but rather as a pastoral, spiritual and theological issue in a country weighed down by wealth and power and in a world weighed down by poverty and illness. A master potter of 25 years, Charles lives on a farm with a pottery in the woods of New Hampshire with his black lab named “Kai”.

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH **21 Centre St.** **Concord, NH**



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2008
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Please enter into worship quietly and reverently, in consideration of your fellow worshippers who arrive early to offer their silent prayers and who ask this of you.

Prelude (10:00 am) Voluntary	William Wallond
Processional Hymn – (10:00 am)	The Hymnal 473
The Word of God	The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355
Hymn of Praise (10:00 am)	See Music Insert
The Collect of the Day	BCP p. 244
The First Reading	Exodus 14:19-31
The Psalm – 114 (8:00 am) (10:00 am)	See Insert See Music Insert
The Second Reading	Romans 14:1-12
Anthem – (10:00 am) Prayer of Peace	Earlene Retz
The Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon	The Rev. Canon Charles LaFond
The Nicene Creed	BCP p. 358
The Prayers of the People – Form IV	BCP p. 388
Confession	BCP p. 360
The Peace	
Offertory Music - (10:00 am) It is Well With My Soul Lisa Bonenfant, Mezzo-Soprano	Arr. Craig Courtney

Hymn (10:00 am)	The Hymnal 474
The Great Thanksgiving B <i>The congregation may kneel or stand as instructed in The Prayer Book</i>	BCP p. 367
Sanctus - (10:00 am)	The Hymnal S124
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem – (10:00 am)	S154
The Invitation <i>All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. To receive a consecrated gluten-free host, extend your right hand only.</i>	
Music during Communion (10:00 am) Prelude, Fugue and Variation	César Franck
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 365
Recessional Hymn – (10:00 am)	The Hymnal 400 v. 1, 4, 5, and 7
Dismissal	
Postlude – (10:00 am) Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice	Paul Manz
Altar Flowers are given in memory of	
Paul E. Brundrett by H. Gary Brundrett and Family	
Jean Upton by her Family	
Harvey and Alice Connelly and Harvey Connelly, Jr. by Dorothy and Richard Carson and Florence McAllister	

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Tonight – 5 PM Craft and Potluck

Tonight – 6 PM SPY Family Cookout

Mon. September 15th – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (transferred)

Tues. September 16th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Tues. September 16th - 5 PM Parishioner Potluck Dinner

Tues. September 16th – 7 PM Vestry Meeting

Wed. – 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at Havenwood

Wed. September 17th – 4 PM Friendly Kitchen

Wed. September 17th – 6 PM Book Discussion on “A Wing and a Prayer” by

Katharine Jefferts Schori

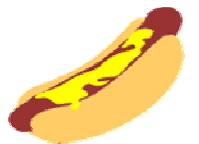
Thurs. September 18th - 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

FYI -Midweek Eucharistic services are held in the chapel and are about a half hour long.

Announcements

Today - there is a forum between the 8AM and 10 AM services in the conference room entitled “A Conversation with Charles LaFond about Spiritual Life.”

SPY Family Cookout –St. Paul's Youth (S.P.Y.) and Jr. S.P.Y. are hosting a cookout tonight at 6 PM for all youth in grades 6-12 and their families who are interested in knowing about these energetic and active groups. Come join us for dinner and fellowship! After dinner we will answer any questions you have and let you know what we are planning for the year ahead. Sign up in the upper parish hall! Call Kellie Denoncourt (226-9113) or Davis Richmond (224-9782) with any questions.



Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:30am – 4:30pm
Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm

Presiding Bishop Visitation - It is now confirmed: Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be making a visitation to the Diocese of New Hampshire over the last weekend of September. This is a welcome and rare opportunity for the people of our diocese to experience our Presiding Bishop “up close and personal.” She is a woman and leader of integrity and faith. Her visit to us, so soon after our exclusion at the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in England, is a powerful affirmation of our life and ministry here in New Hampshire. On **Saturday, September 27th**, the Presiding Bishop will be here at St. Paul’s Church to preach and celebrate a Diocesan Eucharist starting at 11 AM. The service will be followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend this service and reception.

Sunday, September 28th 10:00 AM – Polka Mass! A Polka Mass? What is a Polka Mass? A Polka Mass is a worship service in which musical selections are based on the sacred text of the Mass arranged in a polka style. This type of mass is popular in the mid-west among Roman Catholics of Czech or Polish heritage. Most Polka Masses are held in conjunction with a festival or anniversary. We are having ours here at St. Paul’s on the Feast of St. Wenceslas. His feast day has been celebrated at least since 985 in Bohemia, and he is known from the Christmas Carol, “Good King Wenceslas.” Celeste learned about this Polka Mass on her summer trip to Spillville, Iowa where she met the composer and arranger, Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon. Dr. Dixon, who is a professor of music in Maryland, will be with us that Sunday. You will not want to miss this special day!

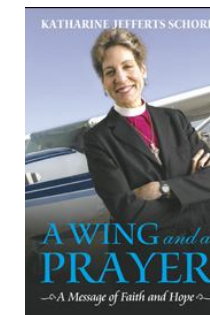
Blessing of the Animals – will be held on St. Francis Day, Saturday Oct 4th at 4 PM in the Parish Garden. Bring your animals (real or stuffed!). Soup-to-go will be available for purchase immediately following the service. Proceeds to benefit S.P.Y.



Crop Walk – The Crop Hunger Walk is Oct. 11th. St. Paul’s is trying to put a team together. Our very own Food Pantry benefits GREATLY from this event every year. If you are interested in joining the team, sign up in the upper parish hall.

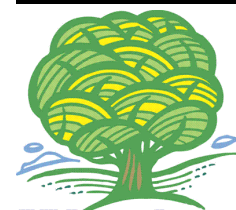
New Adult Education Series - Adult discussion on “A Wing and a Prayer” by Katharine Jefferts Schori:

This week (Sept. 17th) we will be discussing Parts 3 and 5.
The schedule for remaining weeks is as follows:
September 24 Parts 6 and 7
October 1 Part 8



See you Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. - Celeste Hemingson

The Mustard Seed Preschool Program The Mustard Seed Program will



operate as a one-morning parent-child program beginning with an Open House Sept. 10th from 10-11:30 am in the classrooms. The Enrichment program will start Sept. 17th from 9-10:30am. This program is for children aged 2-5 and their caregivers and will feature stories, crafts, faith time, and family-style snack.

Activities will be planned specifically for the 2/3yr old group and the 4/5yr old group with our two teachers. Sign-ups are necessary, but the program is free of charge. (Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of materials.)

For more information, contact Sarah Nyhan here at St. Paul’s Church at 224-2523 ext. 17 or snyhan@stpaulsconcord.org.

Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk - SOUL SUPPORTERS! St. Paul's will



participate again this year in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, October 19 at Memorial Field. Sign up on-line (be sure to sign up under our team name!) or pick up the registration forms in the upper parish hall or church office. www.cancer.org/stridesonline. Contact Judy Fox at 225-7520 judyxof@gmail.com for more information. A \$10 registration fee is required.

Chapter II Thrift Store is now accepting donations of fall (especially back-to-school) clothes, men’s clothing and small household articles. Please bring in clean and folded (or hanging) items to the church Monday to Friday 10 AM – 2 PM.

St. Paul's Sunday School - Sunday school classes resume September 14th – classrooms open at 9:30am. Older children should arrive at 9:30 to allow the maximum amount of time for lessons and individual work. 3&4 year olds may plan on arriving by 10:00am to keep their class time manageable. All children are welcome – registration forms available beginning Sept. 7th in the classrooms which will be open for parents and children to visit. Come and see our plans for the fall!

Contact Sarah Nyhan at 224-2523 ext. 17 or snyhan@stpaulsconcord.org.

Music Opportunities

Adult Choir Members and Interested Singers-We have returned to our usual schedule. Rehearsals are Sunday at 9:00 AM and for the 10:00 AM service that day.

Parents of Children from Kindergarten-5th Grade-We begin our fall schedule on this Monday, September 8th from 4:00-5:00 PM in the choir room. We separate the children into two groups for half the time with the Kindergarten and 1st Graders staying in the choir room, playing Orff and percussion instruments, musical games and learning to read music, while the older kids play in a hand chime choir and ring our tower bells. We then join together to sing and learn an anthem that we will sing on the first Sunday of each month beginning in October.

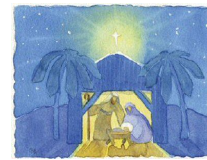
RDMS-Rhythm, Dance, Movement and Song- A Montessori-based music curriculum for children from birth to 4 years of age with an adult caregiver is offered on Tuesdays at 5:15 PM and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM.

Taizé Services are back! These services are held the third Sunday of every month at 7 PM and are coordinated by SPY. Join us September 21st for this quiet meditative service.

****Food Pantry Needed Item of the Week**** **Bar Soap and Canned Fruit**

Upright Piano Available – The SPY group has an upright piano available for the taking. It has a broken pedal and needs a tuning but is otherwise functional. If you have an interest and a way to move it out of here, contact Kellie Denoncourt at 224-2523 or kelliedenoncourt@gmail.com.

CASA of NH Holiday Cards are themed greetings reflecting the talents of local artists, children & photographers. CASA Holiday Cards showcase our great state and demonstrate support for NH's abused & neglected children. For more information on CASA of NH, corporate imprinting, and to view our great designs, please visit: www.casanh.org/holidaycards or call 1-800-626-0622.



Directory Update – Our committee members continue their efforts in this undertaking. Doug Borchard is currently laying out the photos in preparation for the printer. Geoff Forrester is continuing to upload photos and catch a smile from a few remaining parishioners. As soon as the photos are available for purchase we will post a notice here in the CentrePoint. Again thanks for all your continued support in this endeavor. Any questions contact Robin Broadbent at robinbroadbent@comcast.net.



Book Club – This month's book is "Leaving Mother Lake" by Yang Eache Namu and Christine Mathews. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7PM at Dottie Fair's house, 146 Broadway, Concord.



Autumn Festival - A crafts and potluck meeting will take place tonight Sunday Sept. 14th at 5pm at the church. All are welcome! We continue to work on projects and discuss plans for the upcoming fair, the "Autumn Festival" to be held November 1st.

Please continue to drop off donations to the fair at the church - white elephant items, costume jewelry, new gifts, Christmas items and books. Fresh baked goods will be needed and should be dropped off the day before and the morning of the fair. Please help by contributing any of the following: cakes, pies, cupcakes, coffee cakes, cookies or bars. Fudge and seasonal molded chocolate lollipops also sell well. All donations are greatly appreciated! Contact Florence McAllister, 224-0065 or Joyce Thorpe, 225-0932 for further information.

Fall Peacewalk – New England – This witness, representing a broad spectrum of religious communities, brings renewed attention to the way of active faithful non-violence. More than an antiwar march, the Peacewalk – New England invites us to be a part of a peaceful pilgrimage. Whether your parish joins with prayers for peace in our hearts, homes and among the nations or whether your people walk part of the journey, please find your way to witness for peace. On Sunday, October 19th at 10 AM the Pilgrims will stop for worship at St. Matthew’s Church, Goffstown. There will be food served at coffee hour during which people can hear from Pilgrimage leaders and participants. From there, all are invited to walk with the Pilgrims to St. Andrew’s, West Manchester where there will be a choral Evensong at 4 PM. For more information visit the website: peacewalk-newengland.com.



ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CIRCLE FOR REFUGEES

Refugees and immigrants need more than just material goods. Learning, navigating and flourishing in a new world can be extremely challenging. The Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Program (IRRP) welcomes people of good will to join the mission to assist these people as they begin new lives in New Hampshire. IRRP was established in 1997 as a joint effort of three national organizations: [Church World Service](#), [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#), and [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#).

“Community Circles” is a volunteering program piloted by IRRP. Individuals or groups are brought together under the common goal of helping a refugee family reach self-sufficiency. “Community Circles” are paired with IRRP clients to see them through the resettlement process. Each person is responsible for contributing his/her share to the relationship with the refugees and to supporting fellow circle members. St Paul's is now forming a "Community Circle" which will welcome a family this fall.

“Circles” work with refugees in a number of capacities, helping them get around town, access resources like ESOL classes, and understand American culture. Deciphering a utility bill, helping to apply for a library card or navigate the grocery store for the first time are examples. Basically, our role as volunteers is to welcome and be good neighbors to the new family. "Circle" members communicate with IRRP's Volunteer Coordinator regarding activities with the refugee family so she knows how they're doing, and with the rest of the "Circle." IRRP provides extensive volunteer support and resources. A "Circle" works closely with the new refugee family for about 6 months, and volunteers should plan to be available 2 hours a week, although that can vary. If you want to help but are unable to make a weekly commitment, there is also "behind the scenes" work to be done preparing for the family's arrival, and of course, donations are welcome. Donated goods furnish each family's apartment.

All volunteers and members of each “Community Circle” must complete training, criminal and driving background checks and sign a confidentiality agreement. Following the training, the “Circle” will be matched with a refugee family. An introductory session will be conducted with the “Circle,” the refugees, the Volunteer Coordinator and a Case Manager or Worker. This is where the journey begins!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Paul's “Community Circle” or any other volunteering opportunity, please contact Abigail Stoutimore (IRRP Volunteer Coordinator) at (603) 224.8111. If you want to talk with a current IRRP volunteer who will be a part of our St Paul's "Circle," call Deb Baker 228-1328. Thank you!

GIFTS FOR CHIPS

The Episcopal Diocese Prison Concerns Committee is in its 31st year of helping to provide gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs). As we try to meet the needs of those in prison, especially the children of inmates at Christmas, we see the innocent victims of crime and the effect felt most painfully in these young hearts.

These children will be missing at least one parent this Christmas. They will miss an irretrievable piece of childhood through no fault of their own. We feel blessed to be able to ease that hurt, if only for a short while.

The demands on the program have grown each year, and thankfully, so has the response. In 2008, we hope to distribute as many as 1200 gifts and an equal number of new books to the children. Won't you help us make a difference? Drop off gifts or monetary donations at your church. The delegates to the Diocesan Convention will bring them to the Convention on **November 8** where they will be transported to Blass Clubhouse at St. Paul's School for sorting. The dates for sorting are tentatively set for November 8 through November 12.

There are many ways you can help. You can volunteer to collect gifts and serve as your parish's contact, help sort the gifts at St. Paul's, help with the wrapping of the gifts. Wrapping will take place on December 1. If you are interested in wrapping, I must know by November 1. For more information, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Margaret Mackie-Ciancio at 603 432-7679 or at mmciancio@comcast.net.

From the Prison Concerns Committee, from the children who will be touched by your efforts, and for your willingness to be a part of this project, we are inspired by the gospel of Matthew (22:40), "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Gift Guidelines

We group gifts according to the following age groups:

Birth to 2; ages 3 to 4; ages 5 to 7; ages 8-11;
ages 12-14; and ages 15-18

Gifts should not exceed \$20 (original retail value).

One \$20 gift is preferable to four \$5 gifts as it is difficult to group items together to equal a \$20 gift.

If you don't want to purchase a \$20 gift, any monetary donation would be great and used by the committee to purchase as many \$20 gifts or books as possible.

If you purchase a gift that requires batteries, **please** purchase those as well and attach them to the gift. It's so discouraging to receive a gift with no batteries.

We hope to collect a new book for each child as well as a gift.

Consider buying a gift that would be appropriate for both boys and girls such as balls or board games.

Don't forget the older children. It is often easier to buy gifts for younger children. There is always a shortage of gifts for older children.

No used books or toys can be accepted.

None of the following items are acceptable: balloons, crayons, play dough, glue, bubbles, make up, long sticks or paint brushes, glass items, clothing, sharp tools or toy weapons of any kind.