

Serving today

Interim Priest	The Rev. Bruce Jacobson
Interim Associate Priest	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
Music Minister	Mark Pace
Vergers	Jack Griffin
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am	Jim Steiner
	Carolyn Hartnett, Bob Fenton
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am	Chet Fuller
	June Novo, Kathy Gray, Alice Carey
Greeter	Doug Borchard
Ushers – 8:00 am	Bob and Diane Fenton
Acolyte – 8:00 am	Phil Denoncourt
Ushers – 10:00 am	Randy Roberts, Tamar Roberts
	Martha Mitchell, Geoff Forester
Acolytes – 10:00 am	Ben Denoncourt, Belle Cotton
	Becky Weld, Matt Lindsay
	Zack Sheehan
Soloists	Mike Sheehan
	Nathan Pace
Cantor	Andrew Livernois
Altar Guild	Harriet DeGreenia
	Jeanine Taylor

Altar Flowers are given in memory of

Harold Kirkwood by Mrs. H. K. Kirkwood and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Forrest

Rob Fair by his wife Dottie

Clarence Ahlgren and Benjamin and Peter Ahlgren by Ellen Ahlgren

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**21 Centre St.
Concord, NH**



THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2008

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

This afternoon – 4 PM Baptism Preparation Class

Tonight – 6 PM Jr. and Sr. SPY Meetings

Tonight – 7 PM Taizé Service

Tues. October 21st – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Tues. October 21st – 5:30 PM Potluck Supper

Tues. October 21st – 7 PM Vestry Meeting

Thurs. October 23rd - 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

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

Announcements

Thank you – to Apple Hill Farm who regularly provide gifts of fresh vegetables and fruits and delicious baked goods to our Food Pantry to share with our pantry clients.

Are you my mummy? - This month's Food Pantry challenge item is toilet paper. The youth groups will be building mummies around the church with toilet paper donated to the Food Pantry. Let's see how many mummies show up to join us for worship in the sanctuary before All Saint's Day.

Potluck Dinner – Tuesday night at 5:30 PM. Come join with other members of your church family for an evening of food and fellowship. Sign up in upper parish hall. Please let us know how many people are attending and what dish you are bringing to share.

Forever Young – There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at 9:30 AM to clean and price jewelry for the church fair. Optional bring a bag lunch – coffee and dessert will be provided.

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

Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm

Vestry Notes - Phil Braley has stepped down as the Chair of the Search



Committee for personal and family reasons. Judy Fox, as vice-chair, will become the Chair. This will provide a seamless transition and therefore we do not anticipate any impact on the process or schedule. The Vestry thanks Phil for his leadership of the committee through the past year of developing the Parish Profile and into the calling process. We wish him and his family all the best.

The Search Committee continues to interview candidates and is moving toward the goal of providing three qualified candidates to the Vestry. The Vestry is starting to prepare for its role in the process by conducting several practice interviews with local clergy. While we would like to give specific dates, that is nearly impossible to do because we do not control the candidate's calendars and our first priority is to find the right Rector, with the timeframe also being important, but secondary, to identifying the right person to lead us for many years to come.

In addition to thanking Phil, the Vestry also thanks everyone on the Search Committee and their families for the dedication they have demonstrated!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH 5-7PM POTLUCK HALLOWEEN PARTY,



HOSTED BY SPY AND JR SPY! Bring a dish to share and bring your family! We will have games, music, trick or treating, crafts, and more fun that you can shake a stick at! Admission to this event is \$1 or one roll of toilet paper for the Food Pantry per person (any age). If you fail to come dressed in a costume you will be charged \$5 or 5 rolls of toilet paper for the food pantry. All proceeds will benefit the St. Paul's Church Food Pantry. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS EVEN IN THE UPPER PARISH HALL! Contact Kellie with any questions 226-9113 or kelliedenoncourt@gmail.com



****Food Pantry Needed Item of the Week****
Canned Soup and Canned Vegetables

Flu Clinic – Sunday, November 9th 8AM – 12PM by Concord VNA. Come get your flu shot here at church. Cost is \$25 (cash or check). If you have Medicare Part B, Medicaid or Anthem (prefix YG or R) the VNA will bill for the immunization.

Book Club – The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th at 7PM. The book is “*Tears of the Desert*” by Halima Bashir. The meeting will be at Cynnir Irwin’s house, 7 New Castle Street, Concord.



Counting our blessings and welcoming new friends – On Sunday, November 16th 1:00-3:00 PM come join us in a celebration of Thanksgiving. Newcomers are especially welcomed. We will provide roasted turkeys from our new oven. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert and share in the feast with the members of your church family. Feel free to bring a neighbor who is alone at this time of year. Sign up in upper parish hall. Please bring a canned vegetable to donate to the thanksgiving food baskets distributed to our food pantry clients.

Politics and Religion - Those of you who want to know more about the proper role of faith in public life, or those of you who have been following Peter Civetta’s project on this subject may want to take advantage of this opportunity: The New Hampshire Humanities Council is sponsoring a talk on *God and the Constitution* by Noah Feldman, best-selling author of *Divided by God*, on Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College. Feldman’s talk is free and open to the public, however reservations are required. Reserve online at <http://noahfeldman.eventbrite.com> or call the Humanities Council at 224-4071. Celeste Hemingson

Men’s Clothing Drive – To support the St. Francis House in Boston. This annual drive supports homeless men in the Boston area. They are looking for men’s warm clothing (used or new) for the upcoming cold winter months. Also new underwear and socks are always in short supply. Please bring clean or unused items to church office by October 27th.

Christian Education

Welcome- **Sunday school** classrooms are open at 9:30 am – children join their families at communion during the 10am service.

Look for classroom news updates on the Christian education bulletin board, or in your e-mail inbox if you have registered for Sunday school. If you would like to be added on to the list to receive announcements about upcoming children's programs, please contact Sarah Nyhan via e-mail.

*****We are looking for 4th/5th graders currently not attending Sunday School who would be interested in gathering together on Sunday mornings for a special class designed for them. Come learn and grow together – help to lead the youngest members of St. Paul's, and prepare for youth opportunities. Families – contact Sarah Nyhan for information.*****

Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9-11:30 for children to age four.

Mustard Seed Enrichment program offers a parent/child class on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 am for children aged 2-5 with a caregiver. Fun preschool activities, faith time and snack – parenting tips too! Donations are great, and pre-registration is needed. Contact Sarah Nyhan

Could you be called to work with our Middle school youth? Contact Sarah Nyhan for details.

Our annual church fair, **the Autumn Festival**, will take place Saturday, November 1, 2008. It's the first fair of the season and, with your help, it's possible to raise nearly \$4,000 for St. Paul's in one day.



We need members and friends to help on that Saturday.

If you make small presents for friends at Christmas, would you make 1-3 extra for the Fair?

Christmas ornaments, placemats, runners, aprons, stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, mittens, scarves, etc. will sell.

Cleaning out your book, game, music and movie collection?

Bring items in good condition as your contribution. Sorry, no textbooks, condensed books or magazines. We have space at the church to store donations before the Fair.

Calling all bakers and candy-makers...

The baked goods table will sell cakes, pies and coffeecakes. Cookies and bars are great. Cupcakes disappear quickly. We want to offer coffeecakes that could be frozen, quick breads, items to be sold individually and by the dozen. If you make chocolate lollipops for Thanksgiving, would you donate a dozen to the fair?

Are you downsizing or relocating or cleaning for the holidays?

The famous White Elephant table looks for small appliances, china, mugs, glasses, silverware, tablecloths and household items. Knick-knacks and other decorative items are welcome.

The Fair includes a silent auction. It's a chance to buy a gift certificate, a small decorative item, jewelry, etc.

Would you donate an item? Or a gift certificate?

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Mrs. Richard H. Soule, along with Julia Emery, co-founded the UTO in 1889. Mrs. Soule's grandson, Dick Soule has many fond memories of his grandmother. "Grandma, as I called her, was the most inspirational person in my life. She had a deep love of God, which was reflected in her giving to others. Grandma was a "woman's libber" in the positive sense before these words were invented. She and Mrs. Emery brought the Episcopal ladies from semi-subservience in the "back of the church" up to the front with the birth of the UTO. She was strong, but gentle and loving and her need to help others lead her to her love of the UTO's worldwide missions."

On **Sunday, October 26th**, we honor these two incredible women, Ida Whittemore Soule and Julia Emery by collecting for the UTO. That Sunday will produce a single check from our congregation to be presented during the offertory at our 206th Diocesan Convention.

Keeping active with UTO Blue Boxes is still recommended. The National UTO Committee was able to make grants nationally and worldwide that totaled \$2,401,906. These outreach grants are the results, not the purpose of the UTO in expanding its mission and ministry and meeting compelling human needs. One grant was given to the Alaska for an airplane so that their Bishop could visit all the parishes of that diocese.

The UTO is both ***Inreach*** – a gift to ourselves through daily communication with God and ***Outreach*** as we understand God's love in our lives, the visible and outward signs of our gratitude fill our Blue Boxes and prepare us for giving. Your personal donations are greatly appreciated in helping to provide another excellent UTO grant.

Envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the UTO. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Church with a note for UTO.

Keep peace in your soul. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Episcopal Relief & Development Responds to Civil Unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Episcopal Relief & Development is providing critical emergency assistance to more than 200 displaced people from the Province de L'Eglise Anglican in the north-east region of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Bishop Isingoma and delegates of the Diocese of Boga were forced to flee their homes last week after a recent upsurge of rebel violence. They were able to circumvent the rebels by traveling for two days through the forests to seek refuge in Bunia, the capitol of the Ituri province.

Now, about 40 families are temporarily living in church buildings in Bunia. United Nations peacekeepers have been stationed around Bunia to quell the violence but tensions remain high as government troops clash with rebels in neighboring regions only 6 miles away from the Bunia. As the threat of attack persists outside of the town, displaced people are continuing to seek shelter in Bunia churches. It remains unclear when the rebel groups will disperse and allow the families to securely return home. Episcopal Relief & Development is providing funds for the churches to feed and shelter the refugees until they can safely relocate.

Janette O'Neill, Senior Program Advisor for Episcopal Relief & Development, met with the Congolese representative in Uganda last week about the Bunia situation then traveled to visit program sites at the Diocese of Aru, Congo.

To make a donation that will directly support people displaced by the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo contact Episcopal Relief & Development and make a contribution to the "Disaster Response Fund." These emergency funds allow Episcopal Relief & Development to immediately assist people and stay in the community to help rebuild. Visit us online at www.er-d.org, or call 1.800.334.7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development "Disaster Response Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. As an independent 501(c) (3) organization, Episcopal Relief & Development takes its mandate from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25. Its programs work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Together with the worldwide Church and ecumenical partners, Episcopal Relief & Development strengthens communities today to meet tomorrow's challenges. We rebuild after disasters and empower people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

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.