

Serving today

Interim Priest	The Rev. Bruce Jacobson
Interim Associate Priest	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
Assisting Clergy	Br. Charles Edward LeClerc BSG
Music Minister	Mark Pace
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am	Ranee Washburn Alice Carey
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am	Katie Solter June Novo Jerry Tepe Marilyn Watson
Greeter – 8:00 am	Cherie Foote
Ushers – 8:00 am	Kristin Dunklee
Ushers – 10:00 am	Randy Roberts, Tamar Roberts Martha Mitchell, Geoff Forester Andrew Hardister
Vestry on Duty	Bob Fenton
Acolyte – 8:00 am	Jared Roberts, Emily Johnson
Acolytes – 10:00 am	Kate Johnson, Becky Weld Ethan LaFrance, William Coles
Soloist	Holly Tepe
Cantor	Winthrop Buswell
Altar Guild	Kristin Dunklee, Cherie Foote

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of

Dorothy La Clair by The Ken Taylor Family

and **Victor Yuconis** from his daughters Penny Halvorsen and Sarah Nyhan

**The loose plate offering this Sunday
will go to support the activities of the Garden Committee.**

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**21 Centre St.
Concord, NH**



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ROGATION SUNDAY**

**May 17, 2009
8:00 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)	Rondeau from <i>Sinfonies De Fanfares</i>	Jean J. Mouret
Opening Hymn – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 705
The Word of God		The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355
A Song of Creation		BCP p. 88
The Collect of the Day		See Insert
The First Reading		Acts 10:44-48
The Psalm – 98 (8:00 am)		See Insert
(10:00 am)		*See Music Insert
	<i>*Please join in singing the Antiphon.</i>	
The Second Reading		1 John 5:1-6
Anthem – (10:00 am)		
	The Tree of Life	K. Lee Scott
The Gospel		John 15:9-17
Homily		Stephen Blackmer
The Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
The Prayers of the People - Form V		BCP p. 389
The Peace		

Offertory Music - (10:00 am)	Sound the Trumpet! Praise Him!	Haydn/Hopson
Hymn (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 204
The Great Thanksgiving A		BCP p. 361
	<i>The congregation may stand or kneel as instructed in The Prayer Book</i>	
Sanctus (10:00 am)		The Hymnal S 125
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal S 154
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)		
	Fairest Lord Jesus	Arr. Hal Hopson
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Dismissal		
Rogation Procession to the Memorial Garden		
Hymn – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 291

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

This Afternoon – 4 PM Adult Inquirers Class

This Afternoon – 4:30 PM Confirmation Class

This Evening – 5:30 PM Craft and Potluck

This Evening – 7 PM Taizé Service

Tues. May 19th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Tues. May 19th – 5:30 PM Parish Potluck

Wed. May 20th – 12:15 PM Heavenly Lunch – Mark Frazier, Organ

Wed. May 20th – 4:30 PM Friendly Kitchen

Thurs. May 21st – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist – Ascension Day

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

Announcements

Rogation Sunday – Rogationtide, which falls on the sixth Sunday of Easter and the days leading up to the Day of Ascension, is a celebration of God's bounty and fruitfulness of the earth. Rogation (from the Latin, *rogare*, to ask) has been, since the 5th century, the time to ask for God's blessings of the fields for a bountiful harvest. At the conclusion of the 10 AM service today please join us for the blessing of the church gardens.

Today's preacher, Steve Blackmer, is a forest ecologist and conservation leader who has worked with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Appalachian Mountain Club and Northern Forest Center. He Founded the Five Rivers Conservation Trust in Concord and served on the Concord City Council. This fall, Steve will be starting a new life as a seminary student at Yale Divinity School to link his ecological work with a call to ordained ministry. He lives in Canterbury with his wife, Kelly and their college-age children, Alex and Emily.

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

Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm

Vestry Notes - The regularly scheduled Vestry meeting on Tuesday, May 19 will not be held so that the Vestry may focus its attention on interviewing the candidates for Rector. The next scheduled Vestry meeting is Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 PM. To view minutes from any prior meetings, please visit www.stpaulsconcord.org.



Vestry candidates needed - Are you one? As we [near the much prayed for successful conclusion](#) of our rector search process, [it is time to think about holding Vestry elections that were deferred from the January Annual Meeting](#). There are four open regular vestry positions to serve a shortened three-year term ([shortened by our having held over the current Vestry until the successful conclusion of the search](#)).

- We would like to have a competitive election [and we need you to run](#).
- You will have the privilege of working [on the Vestry that will help](#) our new rector plan the future [direction](#) of St. Paul's.

If you are interested [in running](#), or would like to suggest a possible [vestry candidate](#) name, please contact the church office or Valerie Blake, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at vblake@concordnhchamber.com, by May 24. The election is scheduled for June 21 and absentee ballots will be available starting June 14 at the church or www.stpaulsconcord.org.

Christian Education –Sunday School today, classrooms open at 9:30 AM. Nursery care is available for children to age 4 from 9-11:30 AM. Sunday School will continue through Pentecost, May 31st. We will celebrate that day with an ice cream social. We'll need scoopers – got a strong arm and don't mind getting messy – please volunteer.

Confirmation/Adult Inquirers - There will be no confirmation class or Adult Inquirers class on Sunday, May 24th because of the Memorial Day weekend.

Craft and Potluck – The next Craft and Potluck Meeting is tonight at 5:30 PM. Any questions please contact Florence McAllister, 224-0065 or Joyce Thorpe, 225-0932.

Forever Young – Potluck Lunch and Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 19th at 11:15 AM. A sign up sheet is posted on the Parish Life Bulletin Board – Fellowship Opportunities in upper parish hall.

Parish Potluck Dinner – Fast becoming a popular social gathering – join with other members of the parish for a relaxed potluck dinner on Tuesday May 19th at 5:30 PM.

Ascension Day – On Thursday, May 21st at the 12:10 PM Eucharist there will be a celebration of Ascension Day. All are invited to attend.

Wear Red – Sunday May 31st is The Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who began to speak to each other in tongues. It is a celebration of the start of the Christian church. We wear red because it is the liturgical color to represent the Holy Spirit. It is commonly called Whitsunday because it is a traditional day for baptisms where the candidates wear white.

Got a question? – Don't know whom to ask? Find one of our Greeters – that friendly-faced person wearing a large flower pin. He or she should be able to give you the information you need. Anyone interested in becoming a Greeter can contact Robin Broadbent at robinbroadbent@comcast.net.



Jamaica Mission - During the month of May, the St Paul's Mission Committee will have a fund drive for the Chantilly Basic School in Chantilly, Jamaica. The funds help to offset the cost of this primary school for 3 to 5 year olds. The cost for one student to receive a hot lunch and educational services for 10 months is \$300 but any amount would be appreciated. Please contact a member of the Mission Committee if you have any questions.



Directory –Copies can be picked up at the church office during the week or in upper parish hall on Sundays. Suggested donation is \$5/copy.

Heavenly Lunch Series

Bring your lunch to St. Paul's Church on Wednesdays in May, and enjoy a mini-recital from 12:15-12:45 PM in the church sanctuary.

May 20th – Mark Frazier Organ

May 27th – RP Hale, Organ

All recitals are free and open to the public.

Spring grounds cleanup – *And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, "This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden;..."* Ezekiel. On Sunday, June 7th wear your jeans or other appropriate outdoor work clothes and bring your yard tools to the 10 AM service. After the service we will have a church grounds cleanup followed by a potluck lunch. Many hands make light work so get ready to get dirty and have some fun.



No More Winter Clothing! - Chapter II reports that they are all set for winter clothing until the fall – they have no more room store them. They will still accept spring and summer clothing. Donations can be brought to the thrift store Mon.-Fri. 10AM – 2PM.

****Food Pantry Needed Items of the Month**** **Canned Fruit and Plastic Shopping Bags**

Thanks to all who are involved in any way with the Food Pantry.

*We thank you for your time and treasure.
We thank those who give us food throughout the year,
who pick up from our suppliers,
who shop,
who sort
and pour
and stock the shelves.*

*We thank those who maintain our space,
defrost our freezers,
keep our records and
schedule our staff.*

*We are grateful to you for your good nature,
your kindness and understanding.*

*Without your assistance we could not continue this important ministry of
15+ years, to serve the
125 households who come to us each week,
from near and far.*

*As a team we are very good at what we do –
and we have a fine support system.*

Thank you, one and all!!!

Needed

Greeters - Please join us in our ministry, wear a big flower, smile and be available to answer questions, give directions, or just a warm handshake. Our mission: to let everyone know *We Are So Glad They Are Here*. Sign up sheet in the upper parish, or contact Robin Broadbent at 226-9149 or robinbroadbent@comcast.net with any questions.

Coffee hour hosts - We need members to host the coffee in the upper parish hall each Sunday after the 10 o'clock service. Job description: make and serve coffee, keeps supplies filled, and SMILE. We provide you with a nice little cubby to stand in with all supplies readily available. It is a nice way to meet and greet. Do it as a family or a group, a month of Sunday's or a few. Sign up sheet in the upper parish located right next to the coffee cubby. Any questions please e-mail me robinbroadbent@comcast.net or call 226-9149

Newcomer Committee Members - Bring your ideas, share your newcomer stories, help us help new members and visitors feel welcome. We are looking for help in spreading the word that St Paul's is truly a great place to be. We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Any questions feel free to contact Robin Broadbent at robinbroadbent@comcast.net or 226-9149.

Flower Delivery People – To deliver flowers from the altar after Sunday services (Sunday or Monday) to parishioners in the area who are shut-ins or ill. Contact Christine Rice of the Flower Committee at christinelrice@comcast.net to help or for more information.

Bakers - We need baked goods for coffee hour on June 21st, which is Confirmation and the Bishop's visit. Everyone is invited to attend coffee hour, congratulate the confirmands and enjoy fellowship with our Bishop. If you are interested in baking for this event, or any other event, please contact Robin Broadbent at robinbroadbent@comcast.net

Flower Vases - Do you have any old inexpensive vases cluttering up your house? The Flower Committee needs them to bring flowers to our parishioners who are ill or shut-ins. Bring unwanted vases to the church office during regular office hours.

Grounds workers- Can you spare a few hours during the summer to help maintain the grounds (other than the Memorial Garden) around the church. Light weeding, raking, etc. are needed to keep our exterior looking neat and clean. Contact Gene Blake 228-1284 if you can help.

WANTED: LAY WEEDERS - The garden committee can always use additional help in maintaining the beautiful Memorial Garden around the church. If you are able to give some time on basic cleanup and maintenance, including weeding, pruning and other basic gardening duties, we would love to have you join us! Training is provided. Please be in touch with Becky Cawley (225-3381 or cawleybecky@comcast.net) or Susan Leidy (226-2278 or jkalf@aol.com)

