

Serving today

Interim Associate Priest

The Rev. Celeste Hemingson

Assisting Clergy

Rev. Deacon Will Ottery

Music Minister

Mark Pace

Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am

Keith Giles

Carolyn Hartnett

Doug Black

Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am

Richard Soule

Tamar Roberts

Bob Cotton

Greeter – 8:00 am

Ginnie Schartner

Ushers – 8:00 am

Marilyn Watson

Cherie Foote

Ushers – 10:00 am

Kristin Dunklee

Lisa Wylie, Jeff Trombly

Mark Carney, Gene Blake

Vestry on Duty

Barb Wanner

Acolyte – 8:00 am

Phil Denoncourt

Acolytes – 10:00 am

Zack Sheehan, Ben Denoncourt

Phil Denoncourt, Bret Bamberger

Emma Nelson, Max Broadbent

Cantor

Susan Papinsick

Altar Guild

Kristin Dunklee, Cherie Foote

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21 Centre St.

Concord, NH



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 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)
Choral Prelude Max Drischner

Opening Hymn – (10:00 am)
The Hymnal 214

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
See Insert

The First Reading
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

The Psalm – 1 (8:00 am)
(10:00 am)
*Please join in singing the Antiphon.
See Insert
*See Music Insert

The Second Reading
1 John 5:9-13

Anthem – (10:00 am)
Hymn of Promise Natalie Sleeth

The Gospel
John 17:6-19

Sermon
The Rev. Celeste Hemingson

The Nicene Creed
BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People - Form IV
BCP p. 388

The Peace

Offertory Music - (10:00 am)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Calvin Hampton

Hymn (10:00 am)
The Hymnal 603

The Great Thanksgiving A
The congregation may stand or kneel as instructed in The Prayer Book
BCP p. 361

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
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.

Music during Communion (10:00 am)
Nocturne in E Flat Major Frédéric Chopin
Holy Manna Kenneth Lowenberg

The Post Communion Prayer
BCP p. 365

Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)
The Hymnal 719

Dismissal

Postlude – (10:00 am)
Prelude in D Minor Johann S. Bach

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Mon. May 25th – OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day

Tues. May 26th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. May 27th – 12:15 PM Heavenly Lunch – RP Hale, Organ

Thurs. May 29th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

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

Announcements

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.

Do you speak (or read) a foreign language? – We need foreign language readers for the gospel reading (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15) on Pentecost. Contact church office if you would like to read.

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

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 is no confirmation class or Adult Inquirers class today, Sunday, May 24th because of the Memorial Day weekend. Classes resume next week May 31st at the regular time.

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.

Trinity Sunday – Sunday, June 7th is the start of our summer schedule. There will be no Sunday School however childcare will continue to be available from 9:30 AM until end of 10 AM service. There will be children's chapel service offered during the 10AM service. Children will depart the church for the chapel after the Collect and return for communion. The Church Choir will continue at the 10 AM service until June 21st (the Bishop's visit).

Church Picnic – On Sunday, June 14th the 10 AM service will be held at Rollins Park. More details to follow. Contact Phil Denoncourt III at 226-9113 if you would like to help out.

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 – Last of the Series

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

May 27th – RP Hale, Organ

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 to 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

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, May 31st, 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.

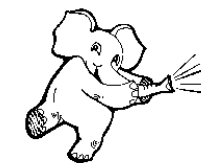
Keep peace in your soul. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

*****Blue Boxes and Envelopes are available at both church entrances*****

Fall Fair - Preparations for the fair have begun! A small group of volunteers have been meeting each month discussing fair ideas and putting together craft projects to sell. We continue to look for additional volunteers in this endeavor - no experience necessary! You may join us with your own craft projects to share, as well. The next potluck/craft night will be held Sunday, June 14th, 5:30 p.m. at the church.



Please search your attic, basement, back of closets/cupboards, in the garage and storage shed for items you no longer use. We can use them to sell on our White Elephant tables and throughout the fair! We're looking for jewelry, crafts, books, movies, CD's, games, holiday items, knick-knacks, etc. (We are unable to accept toys and stuffed animals. Any clothing should be donated to the Thrift Shop.) All donations must be clean, in good condition and in working order. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during business hours, or Sunday mornings in the corner of the coffee room near the closet doors.



Thank you in advance for donations and assistance with craft projects! We need your help in order to make this fair a success. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Florence McAllister, 224-0065, or Joyce Thorpe, 225-0932.

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)

