

# The Good News

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## Spring Greetings!

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church  
in Chittenango,  
New York exists  
to restore all  
people to unity  
with each other  
and with God in  
Jesus Christ.*

Greetings St. Paul's family!

Can you believe it is almost May? We certainly can't. After such a long and tedious winter it is wonderful to feel the warm breeze, hear the birds and watch the emergence of the spring flowers.

As some of you may know already Judy Olmstead and Ted Tedford took the Eucharistic Minister training that was offered recently. Thank you for taking on this ministry and joining the ranks of St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministers.

In the same spirit of ministry, Judy Montgomery renewed her Worship Leader training. Judy Olmstead and Robin Weisbrod have also been trained as Worship Leaders. Don and I wish to also extend our greatest thanks to Fr. Grover, Dorothy Saunders, Gloria Wilkins, our organist Charlotte Scharnweber and the choir, for all they do to keep our Sundays on track. We are blessed at St. Paul's with so many wonderful volunteers.

All of our members of the Vestry have taken Safe Church Training which is part of the requirements for being on Vestry. From the Diocesan: "We recommend and encourage all people, paid staff, parishioners and volunteers to consider being trained. We exist to train diocesan and congregational leaders in the principles of safe church ministry. If every adult could protect one child, each will change one life and together make a difference in this generation of children. We will help all members be clear about the standards which make the church a safe place. The more educated 'eyes' available, the safer our churches will be for all children, youth and adults. There are three aspects of the Safe Church Ministry: training; promotion of good standards, policies and procedures; and response to incidents that occur."

The budget is looking good since expenses are less. Brian Buyea under the capable tutelage of Jim Montgomery and Don Lee is doing a wonderful job as Treasurer. Thank you to all three of you, for making this work.

In keeping with the Bishop's wishes, Don and I met with Fr. Craig Swan, Rector of St. Luke's in Camillus. We had a very good conversation, and have set a date for the rest of the Vestry to meet with him. Topics of conversation will be:

- What/who is the Episcopal Church
- What is the Episcopal Church structure and polity (diocesan bishop's role) with a parish
- What is the job of the Vestry
- How are decisions made by Vestry/priest
- How to run a vestry meeting
- How does the vestry communicate with the parish
- What is mission of your church and how do you live this mission

**Warden's Message-Continued.**

- What does it mean to be the “Body of Christ” in Chittenango? In the Diocese of CNY? In the Episcopal Church?

We believe this will be a wonderful experience for our Vestry, not just for the newest members, but for those of us who have been on Vestry before. This is a strong step towards our healing. If we truly wish to heal, we must keep God first and foremost in our Church and personal lives. And that is easier said than done. As always, Don and I, as well as members of the Vestry, are available for any questions you may have. If you aren't sure who any of us are, pictures of the Vestry members are posted on the wall by the kitchen area. The only way we know that YOU know what is going on is the amount of interest that YOU show. The Vestry is always open for constructive criticism and suggestions of different ideas to try. So, please feel free to approach us with an idea.

Thank you for your support and patience,  
Don Lee, Sr. Warden  
Robin Weisbrod, Jr. Warden

**Vacation Bible School**

**When:** July 13—17. **Where:** First Presbyterian Church Chittenango. How can you help? Volunteer to help during the week. One day is gratefully accepted. Donate!! They always supply us with a list of items needed.

Need more information? Call Natalie at (315)381-3906 or email her at [gornat620@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gornat620@twcny.rr.com)

**IMPORTANT QUESTION**

**Attention All Parents:** Shall we do an Oz Float this year? I will need help with decorating the truck, costume planning, candy (for tossing). Also need to know how many kids will be participating. Thanks. Robin Weisbrod.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Attention all Sunday School Members!! The last day of Sunday School will be May 31st. We will have a small recognition celebration during Announcements. Thank you!

**Special THANK YOU**

**From Joan Grover:** *I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, and meals provided during my recent surgery and recovery. You showed once again that you are a caring and loving church.*

**From Charles Grover:** *I thank you for all the support that made it so much easier for me to care for Joan and also to help me when my vision was giving me problems. I am also most grateful for being able to celebrate the Eucharist with you and to preach about every other week, and I am amazed and thankful for all that the members of St Paul's are doing in this time of transition and transformation.*

**From the congregation:** Thank you Father Grover for coming out of retirement to assist us during a difficult time; and thank you, Joan, for letting him!

**MARK YOUR CALANDAR**

- Remember to wear Red on Sunday, **May 24th**, for Pentecost—celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit
- The National Day of Prayer Service will be at Crossroads Church on Thursday, **May 7—7:00 PM**. The theme will be “Lord hear our cry!”
- **June 7th** we will have a special Dedication of the cushions for the Pews, the Bishop's Chair, Priest's Chair and altar kneelers in memory of Arthur and Dorothy Norlander. Father Charles will lead the service that Sunday.
- We will be having a metal drive sometime in August. More information will be forthcoming.
- Work List posted on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall, with jobs that need to be done. Come at your leisure, pick a job (or two or three....), complete the job and cross it off the list!

THANK YOU, Mike Furtado - Buildings and Grounds

### Mark Your Calendar—continued

- Mother's Day is **May 15th!!** Time for Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast following the 9:00 AM Service. All are Welcome! And Dads, please, we can use your assistance in the kitchen.
- Father's Day/Graduation Sunday is **June 21st**. We will have a Strawberry Shortcake Extravaganza after the 9:00 AM Service. Contact Sue Gerling at 687-3791 or see her at church to volunteer.
- United Than Offering Spring Ingathering is **May 17**. Always and everywhere give thanks.

### A VERY SPECIAL NEWS ITEM

Bishop Skip, more properly known as The Right. Reverend Gladstone B. Adams III, has announced his intention to leave his post effective October 31, 2016. This will mark fifteen years of service in what is sure to have been a very demanding position. A letter from the Bishop explaining his plans and intentions has been posted to the diocese website and can be viewed at <http://www.cnyepiscopal.org/>

#### May Birthdays

6~Kylie Clement	14~Brett Buyea
8~Trystyn Judd	16~Clayton Weisbrod
10~Julia McGork	21~Betty Pellenz
11~Joe Williams	27~Elyssa Judd
11~Bob Wilkins	30~Cate McGork

#### Anniversaries

8~Alan and Heather Clement  
 18~Ted and Joan Tedford  
 19~Woody and Jan Woodworth  
 22~Brian and Barb Buyea

#### June Birthdays

02~Ari Oviedo	13~Olivia Jackson
06~Margaret Getman	20~Cathy Boyle
07~Judy Montgomery	22~Michelle Rapp
08~Kaylee Kraus	27~Gerald Weisbrod Jr.
12~Justin Benjamin	

#### Anniversaries

3~ Joe and Ruth Williams  
 4~ Lewis and Julie Reals  
 6~ Scott and Megan Titus

### Prayer List

Eric Baker (Courtwright request), Ron Barber, Lynda Blaziaa (Gerling request) Jason Ceresoli (Furtado request), Patricia Chavanne (Barber request), Leisha Doherty (Tedford request), Billy Dougan (Montgomery request), Colleen Eggers (Tarbell request), Joanne Furtado, Joan Grover, Christopher Hartig (Grover request), Terry Hoffman (Hoffman request), Kaylee Kraus, Bob Kraus, Yurie Rosenfeld (Gerling request), Jessie Salisbury (Furtado request), Andy Stokes (Hilts request), Angela Stucker (Pokorny request), Joe Williams, Ruth Williams, Elsie Wright (Winters request), James Wyman (Gerling request) Zoey Zavodsky (Williams request)

### Our Parish Family

- Congratulations to *Scott and Meghan Titus* on the Holy Baptism of their daughter Grace Mary-Kate on Sunday, April 19. Father Charles Grover officiated.
- Congratulations to *Tiffany Saunders and Ryan Clark* on the birth of their son, Logan Ryan. Tiffany is the granddaughter of Dorothy Saunders.
- Sympathy to *Betty Every, Ray Every, Jr., Doug and Lena Brown and Fayann Hall* on the death of Raymond Every, Sr. Ray was a long time member of St. Paul's who served as an usher and worked on many building and grounds projects.
- Congratulations to *Dick Mathews*, Sullivan Leisure Time Club Senior of the Year.
- Sympathy to *Burt Luther, Sr.* and family on the death of his son, Burt Luther, Jr.

## Memories from the (fairly) Recent Past

Lead Article of the February 1993 *Good News* newsletter

Pam Raymond Hobbs, editor

Everyone who has been in the church lately has enjoyed the clean and trim appearance of our Sanctuary. The plaster-sagging or loose in places-has been firmed up and smoothed. Two coats of cream colored paint now match the side walls, as it used to be. For the time being the red curtains are down, and if we decide to put them back they will be extended and replaced.

Jeff Finch of Golgotha Restorations did the work. Many of you already know Jeff and his deep interest in historic preservation. So as he was stripping the walls Jeff was fascinated to discover on the bottom layer of paint some traces of the original stenciled decoration of 1865. Several of us were able to drop by and see it (The visitors included Dick Sullivan, the local historian) in the brief time it was exposed to view.

A pattern emerged of a lower section, up to the base of the window, patterned with an interlocking circle design. At the height of the window sill a stenciled band about eight inches across separated this from an upper section spotted with Jesus' monogram "I H S". The colors appear to have been a cream background stenciled with pale tan or beige, very soft in their effect. At some later time a wall paper with stronger colors was placed on top of the original decoration, but only a few tiny fragments remain, so we have no idea how it looked or what its pattern was.

Jeff will keep his photographs and line tracings in his own study collection for now. He reports that our decoration is similar to other churches of that date. Eventually these records will be given for storage to the Preservation Association of Central New York, so that if we ever decide to reconstruct them—maybe in 2065!—they'll be available.

But what touched and impressed us most was the loving care our forebears took to decorate God's house and fill it with harmony and beauty. We felt close to those builders who created a house for God right after the Civil War, in a rural village, on a canal, at a time with only a weekly newspaper for communication, and only a horse for coming to work. The early notes in our record book tell of the heroic struggles these builders undertook in establishing this building we inherit; they are inspiring. It goes without saying that a church consists not in a building, but in its people. Never the less we can be proud of our building and the devotions it embodies.

St. Paul's present prosperity springs from devout and loyal beginnings. Let's be worthy stewards in our generation so they can look down and be proud of us.

Submitted by Ida Goins