

Matching donations to Haiti due by Monday, February 8

The congregation has shown an overwhelming response to the Outreach Committee challenge for donations to Haiti relief through Episcopal Relief and Development. So far, \$6,330 has been donated and will be matched. If you've already contributed to ERD, let Ted Smith (ted@smithpost.net) know so we can apply your donation to the match. If you've yet to donate you may make your check payable to St. Paul's with a memo notation of "ERD for Haiti." NOTE: Due to new legislation, contributions to Haiti can be applied to either your 2009 or 2010 tax return.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. • 12:00 noon • 7:00 p.m.

Come for Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes.

Prayer & The Mountain

Thursday, February 25

6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Rev. Robin Myers applied for and received a study grant to explore the connection between mind, body and spirit. His "classrooms" were an easy chair (reading), Holiday Park with a 40 lb pack (training), and a climb on Mt. Rainier (the real thing). With slides and stories, Robin will share what he learned. A light meal will be served. RSVPs appreciated; contact Pamela Smith at ext. 25 or psmith@stpaulsindy.org.

Women's Downtown Fellowship

Thursday, February 18 • 12:00 noon

Women's Downtown Fellowship
St. Paul's women are invited to pack a brown bag lunch and come to this Bible study. We meet in the offices of KiThoughtBridge, 135 North Pennsylvania, Suite 1750. RSVP to Frances Barrow, 233.0555 or halebarrow1@gmail.com.

Introduction to Holy Listening

The Rev. Jean Denton, Senior Associate Rector

Do you seek a deeper appreciation that God is in love with you? Do you sense that God is inviting you into a closer relationship? Do you yearn for spiritual community?

In last month's newsletter, you *read* about "listening to the heartbeat of God" as a way to grow in your awareness of God in your life. Here's your opportunity to *participate*.

In Holy Listening, four to six people meet monthly to sit with each other in prayer, listening, speaking and silence. They look for God moving in their lives.

All who want to learn more are invited to a meeting on Thursday evening, February 11 at 7:00 in the Roberts Library. If you know someone who isn't part of St. Paul's but might be interested, please invite them to join you. This will be a chance for you to gather information, ask questions and prayerfully consider if Holy Listening is right for you. The Rev. Jean Denton, Senior Associate Rector, will present and facilitate.

RSVPs are appreciated for planning purposes (but not required); contact Pamela Smith, ext 25 or psmith@stpaulsindy.org.



Terrific Turnout!

Over 50 people turned out for Terrific Thursdays special presentation, "A Conversation with Thomas Jefferson." Professor and historian David Best did a masterful job as the third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence.

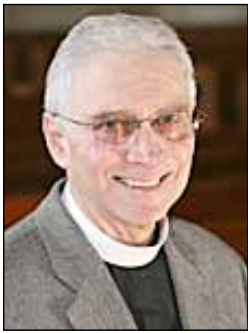
Thanks to John Harkness and Barbara Schubert for organizing the event, and to all who came and participated despite icy conditions that morning.

A Reminder: Terrific Thursdays meets weekly for a variety of programs. Turn to page 5 to see what's planned for February and March, and plan to join us!

Rector's Column

2009 Rector's Report

The following was published in *St. Paul's 2009 Annual Report* and distributed at the *Annual Meeting on January 31, 2010*. Copies of the Report can be found on the *Welcome Table in Burrows Commons*. A PDF is also available online, www.stpaulsindy.org.



The Rev. Alan
Champ Mead

What an inconceivable year 2009 was for the people of St. Paul's. To say that it was tumultuous and unsettling may be a considerable understatement! It was certainly challenging! I think the word "resilient" is one that may best apply to St. Paul's. The year began with the Vestry and Finance Committee wrestling with the harsh reality of a significant decrease in our draw from the Endowment, which in effect required changes at every level. Those changes included staff cuts, salary freezes, and a reduction in our Outreach budget. While the parish was still reeling from this, the Rev. Rich Winters and Bishop Cate Waynick met with Wardens Bill Tindall and Karen Turner with news that Rich was immediately being removed as Rector. This event set off a series of responses and emotions throughout the parish. Everything was further compounded by the Rev. Jean Denton's absence as she coped with her husband Tom's necessary move to a care facility in Richmond.

Moving forward, the Vestry decided to begin a search process for an Interim Rector. I was called by the Vestry and began as Interim Rector on May 16, 2009. For my wife, Pat, and me the move was a whirlwind. The movers left Richmond, Virginia at 5 p.m. on Friday. We drove as far as we could and stopped in West Virginia to spend the night, arriving at our new home on Meridian Street about 4 p.m. on Satur-

day. We inflated an air mattress and camped out in the living room. We attended all four services that Sunday and were introduced to the congregation. We both focused on moving when the van arrived with our furniture on Monday and then I was in the office for my first official meeting with staff on Tuesday. Usually I take a week to share more of the moving-in chores with Pat, but this time she stepped up to do more of it herself as I began the process of lowering anxiety and establishing some sense of normalcy in the life of the parish.

The people of St. Paul's were very generous. During our entire first week in Indianapolis, members of the Interim Rector Search Committee, along with other parishioners, coordinated to bring us dinner each evening. People also brought us information about what was around us, which proved over time to be very helpful.

On Memorial Day weekend Bishop Cate attended our morning worship services and conducted a parish forum in the church. Parishioners met together with her in the church, broke into small groups and then came back together, sharing sorrow, surprise, outrage, confusion and denial. It was a time that felt very raw. It was also a time that marked a beginning of moving on for the congregation.

Our first task was to provide a sense of normalcy that would allow for a lowering of anxiety and a return to focus on mission. I worked with staff to understand and accept the things that had happened, and understand our individual and corporate response to those events and realities. I began working with a consultant, Dr. Karen A. McClintock, who advised me every step of the way in what was all too frequently unfamiliar territory. My work over the summer focused on staff. I arranged temporary disability for Jean, which enabled me to hire the Rev. Robin Myers and Deacon Tim Fleck to help with pastoral concerns. Jean's application for a Lilly-granted sabbatical came through and

the funding from that enabled me to keep Robin on staff functioning in that vital pastoral care role. Jean returned refreshed from her sabbatical and re-entered parish life fully on December 1. We celebrated her return with a special Eucharist attended by staff and Wardens, followed by a reception in the Lilly Room. It was a wonderful day!

During the summer and fall I worked with a variety of committees as they figured out how to move on and function. I worked at establishing relationships with other clergy, including the Meridian Street rectors, neighboring clergy, and our diocesan clergy and Deanery. I have attempted to connect with many of our committees and have worked intensively with some.

While attendance at worship has fluctuated, with the addition of Archway our Sunday average is consistent with 2008, and well ahead of 2007. Our giving for the year finished on a strong note. Our Vestry has appointed a Rector Search Committee. Christmas worship was simply beautiful and awesome. I think we finished a challenging year with many bright notes. Yes, St. Paul's is resilient and generous. St. Paul's is emerging into even stronger and more focused mission to our community and to the world.

I am thankful for the strong, consistent and faithful leadership of each Vestry member and especially grateful for our Wardens, Bill Tindall and Karen Turner, and for all that they have done for St. Paul's over this past year. I am thankful for a faithful job well done by our retiring members Pete Miller and Rose Scovel as they rotate off Vestry. We have been blessed by the knowledge and counsel of Michael Jack, who has served as Treasurer for one year now. I am thankful for the faithful service of our Clerk, Chuck Roemer, who served in that capacity since 2004. And lastly, I am thankful for the Interim Rector Search Committee chaired by John Pless.

Blessings on Thee, *New* St. Paul's!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 16

5-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall



St. Paul's youth will host this annual feast including regular, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes with all the trimmings. Come ready for fun and wear your Mardi Gras beads! The cost is \$8/adults, \$5/children 12 and under, or \$20/family. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors! This is a fundraiser for the youth pilgrimage.



Craine House Holiday Boutique a successful venture

Barbara MacDougall, Parishoner & Boutique Event Chair

The Holiday Boutique held at St. Paul's on December 6 to benefit Craine House was a huge success! Hundreds of donated items arrived, from members of our parish, throughout the diocese and state, and even from other states (Maryland, Arizona, Montana, New York and California)!

Offerings included homemade jams, baked goods, candies, quilts, knit and crocheted goods, jewelry, stationery, toys, holiday decorations, and gently used goods.

The sale brought in \$5100 from its day at St. Paul's, and an additional \$1000 from sales at Trinity and the Cathedral the following Sunday. A total over \$6100 went directly to the programs that benefit the women and children who live at Craine House. Many, many thanks to St. Paul's parish for hosting the event. We plan to repeat it next year, so get your creative juices flowing!

Vestry Meeting Summary

The Vestry met on January 21 and began their time with an opening prayer led by Laura Taylor. This meeting included dinner and conversation prior to the start of business.

Action items were approval of the December 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes, approval of the December 2009 Financials, and Ratification of Written Consent regarding Clergy Housing and the Flexible Benefits Plan.

Discussion items included: Mutual Ministry Review (Alan Mead), the Mission Development Project (Rose Scovel) and a Heritage Forum (Alan Mead). Committee Reports discussed were: Building and Grounds (John Pless), Personnel (John Walls) and Adult Education (John Pless).

Laura Taylor closed the Vestry meeting with prayer.

NOTE: Publishing this report is a direct result of the feedback received by the Communications Strategy Team through the Fall 2009 Communications Survey.

The complete Vestry Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board just outside the Conference Room II (Parish Center Building), and are available in to read in the Church Office as well.

Alternative Christmas Market raises over \$1,000

Thank you for your "shopping" & support!

Dayspring Center Homeless Shelter	\$390
Craine House	\$100
Julian Center	\$320
Dickson Center (Mombasa)	\$130
Habitat for Humanity	\$140
Total raised	\$1080



The Prayer Alcove, a small room to the left of the lectern, offers a private place to pray, meditate and be still.

Contemplative & Centering Prayer

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46:10

*Thoughts on Contemplative and Centering Prayer,
by Thomas Keating.*

We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing – closer than consciousness itself.

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier times in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer: rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

St. Paul’s has a Centering Prayer Group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month (7:00 p.m. in CRIII). These meetings are open to all. If you would like more information you may contact Jan Johnson, 257.6178 or jjohnson1650@yahoo.com.

Lector, Intercessor & Prayers of the People training

Saturday, February 20 • 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
in the Lilly Room

Katherine Tyler Scott, Intercessory Prayer Group

St. Paul’s beautiful worship experience is a time of spiritual feeding and renewal. The preaching, music, and prayers all come together in a rich tapestry that enfolds and warms this wonderful community of faith, and prepares us to share our gifts with the wider world.

The prayers and the reading of the Word are part of our spiritual practice and discipline. In our participation we are being formed and transformed in order to do God’s work. If you feel called to the ministry of praying for the community, participating in the liturgy by reading the Word or offering the Prayers of the People please plan to attend a special meeting Saturday, February 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Rev. Alan Mead, assisted by Davy Kneessy and Katherine Tyler Scott, will facilitate the training. Current members of The Intercessory Prayer Group, the Lectors, those reading the Prayers at the service, and anyone else who is interested in this important ministry are all encouraged to attend. We especially need more members who feel called to offer intercessory prayers.

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Pamela Smith, ext 25 or psmith@stpaulsindy.org, by February 12.



Archway Pizza Dinner

Sunday, February 14 • 7:00 p.m. in the Lilly Room

All are invited to attend a Pizza Dinner after the Archway Eucharist.

Archway Anniversary Potluck

Sunday, February 28 • 7:00 p.m. in the Lilly Room

Come celebrate the one year anniversary of our new service! All are invited to a Potluck Dinner immediately following Archway. An RSVP sheet is on the Sign Up Table in Burrows Commons, or you may email Kristin Carpenter, kristinscarpenter@hotmail.com.



You are invited to the 2010
**BRITISH
 SOIRÉE**
 Silent Auction
 Mark your calendar!
Saturday, May 1

We need you to help us secure donations

Be creative! Think of items you would enjoy bidding on, such as your favorite restaurant or any business, service, or hobby that you use regularly. We also hope to acquire a few large ticket items such as a week vacation or a timeshare. If you have questions, contact Becky Stoner (bstoner727@gmail.com). This fundraiser is sponsored by St. Paul's Music.

Sacred Bridges:
 Our Neighbors' Experiences
 with Worship & Prayer

Wednesday, March 10 • 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Senior University is a one-day, interfaith workshop geared toward retired individuals or anyone who seeks a better understanding of faith communities. This year's program explores how music is used to enhance and further spirituality. Attendees from a variety of denominations will come together to study, worship and share lunch.

St. Paul's will host Senior University. Other participating organizations include Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Northminster Presbyterian, Northside New Era Baptist Church and St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

There is a registration fee of \$12.50/person, which covers the cost of workshop materials and lunch. Registration is limited to 150, and early reservations are recommended.

Register online at www.stpaulsindy.org/su2010. To charge by phone, call the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation at 255.6647. Checks should be made payable to IHC and sent to 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46260.

Terrific Thursdays

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meets weekly in St. Paul's Parish Hall

Terrific Thursdays seniors' group meets weekly for engaging programs and lunch for only \$6.

Friends and visitors welcome! Terrific Thursdays is a senior's ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for ALL people of ALL faiths, not just members of St. Paul's!

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to conduct a program for Terrific Thursdays, contact John Harkness (253.5136 or hark1629@gmail.com) or Barbara Schubert (705.0257 or baschubert36@yahoo.com).

FEBRUARY 4

Both hours: Dr. John Pless, coroner, is back by popular demand! Dr. Pless will present an interesting potpourri of cases.

FEBRUARY 11

10:00 a.m. BINGO! Bring a wrapped prize.
11:00 a.m. Dr. John Pless, coroner, on a potpourri of his cases.

FEBRUARY 18

10:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Adam Tyler, from Feeney-Hornak Mortuaries, will speak on funeral and cemetery planning. He'll suggest how to "get your house in order." Find out what information you need to have "in hand" when the need arises.

FEBRUARY 25

10:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Christine Gordon will speak on the history and disaster response of the Red Cross.

MARCH 4

10:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Chris Wynn will speak on the history and various aspects of the Salvation Army.

MARCH 11

Both hours: Chris Hemphill will give a presentation on the Alaskan Iditarod. He will show both a DVD and a power point.



The February items for our collection are: Laundry Soap, Clorox Clean-Up Wipes & Disinfectant Spray. The Dayspring Donation Basket is in Burrows Commons, near the Cloister doors. To better serve its residents, we ask for items most often requested and used at the shelter. As you shop each week, consider picking up an extra item to bring with you on Sunday.

St. Paul's & Dayspring Center

Donna Zierdt, Parishoner & Dayspring Board Member

Since its founding in 1986, St. Paul's has been a strong supporter of the Dayspring Center Homeless Shelter for families. We have been generous with our outreach grants and generous with the giving of ourselves in so many ways. We have helped cook and serve meals, plant gardens, paint rooms and organize fund raising events. Why do we do all of this? I don't believe we do this out of a sense of "duty." I believe St. Paul's commitment to the Center comes from our deep desire to reach out to others in need. We have been blessed and want to share those blessings with others.

In the past year Dayspring has offered emergency housing for 153 people. Most of those people were children who immediately assessed for needs, enrolled in school and offered the support of a caring staff. While children are in school their parents are looking for work and housing with the assistance of a case worker.

The stay at Dayspring is brief, 45-60 days, so there is a sense of urgency to move forward to help people get on their feet. As you can imagine in the past year the need for emergency housing has been especially acute. There are few options for families and the Center has worked hard to meet the needs.

Currently there are two members of St. Paul's serving on the Board of Trustees, Donna Zierdt and Chris Johns. Chris is President of the Board. If you would like to know more about Dayspring or want to be involved, please contact Donna at dzierdt@indy.rr.com or Chris at cl_johns@hotmail.com.



Upcoming Evensongs & Concerts

February 14, Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Last Sunday of Epiphany
St. Paul's Choir sings this service to mark the end of Epiphany.

February 16, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
Adults \$15, Students w/ID \$10. Tickets at the door.
Internationally acclaimed Baroque flutist and conductor Barthold Kuijken, the IBO's new artistic director, leads a performance of Baroque music.

March 14, Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

THE PASSION WITH LESSONS & CHORAL MUSIC
Indianapolis Pro Musica sings this poignant Lenten Service that originated at St. John's College, Cambridge, England. The Passion gospels are sung to ancient, traditional plainsong with Lenten carols and anthems responding to this journey of Christ. This service will enhance our Lenten journey as we proceed toward the Feast of the Resurrection.

Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16 & 24
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in CR11

Three great religions of the world, Islam, Judaism and Christianity, often find themselves at odds with each other in claiming Abraham as their father. In *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, author Bruce Feiler offers the mesmerizing story of Abraham's life as portrayed in each religion.

Come join in the reading and discussion of Abraham during a 4-week program. Books are available for purchase at the first meeting. RSVPs appreciated; contact Pamela Smith at ext. 25 or psmith@stpaulsindy.org.

Parish Newcomers & Transitions

February 2010



We welcome those who have visited and registered their baptisms and/or transferred their membership to St. Paul's:

- David A. Snider, BR
- Jon H. Mayo, TF from St. Christopher's, Richmond, Virginia
- Stephen & Linda Segebarth, TF from Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis
- David A. Snider, BR

We welcome the newly baptized:

- Hope Keilani Durham
- Rowan Anthony Zabel

Abbreviations

(TF) transferred from • (BR) baptismal registration • (R) membership reactivated

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The Rev. Alan Champ Mead, Interim Rector
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Connections

Submission deadline for the February 2010 issue is January 14

This print newsletter is a bi-monthly publication compiled and printed in-house by St. Paul's. It is prepared for the post office with the help of volunteers and sent bulk mail. In lieu of a paper copy, *Connections* recipients are invited to receive the newsletter electronically as a pdf. The current issue, as well as 12 months of back issues, can also be found on our website, www.stpaulsindy.org.

e-Connections

Submission deadline: Tuesdays, 12 noon

This weekly e-newsletter acts as a supplement to the monthly *Connections*. It is designed to be a quick read and features timely news and announcements, St. Paul's-related links and photos, intercessions, member news and more.

Announcements

Submission deadline: Tuesdays, 12 noon

This weekly printed news supplement accompanies Sunday's worship bulletin. Features typically include the day's news/events, a calendar for the coming week, announcements for approximately the next 30 days, intercessions, and a leadership and staff list.



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Worship Services at St. Paul's

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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Sunday Worship & Formation

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (approximately 45 minutes) This spoken Eucharist uses traditional language from The Book of Common Prayer.

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (approximately 1 hour) This sung Eucharist features our Intergenerational Choir. Many children and youth attend this service, and its pace and energy help keep them engaged. For children ages 3-8, **Kids' Word** is offered as an alternative to the sermon. Sunday School and Adult Formation classes begin shortly afterward at 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Christian Formation for all ages (45 minutes) All classes are held in the Parish Center.

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist (just over 1 hour) This sung Eucharist is led by St. Paul's Adult Choir. The liturgy has a contemplative quality and reflects the tradition of fine choral singing. Sunday School and Adult Formation classes are held prior, from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. Archway (approximately 45 minutes)
This new evening Holy Eucharist is an experiential worship service, highlights of which include a conversational sermon and individual time for reflection. For more information, contact the Rev. Les Carpenter, ext. 15 or lcarpenter@stpaulsindy.org.

