

## Habitat Home Build begins

**Volunteers are still needed!** St. Paul's has committed to building a Habitat home this year. The build begins Sept. 8 and the home should be completed in mid-October.

You are encouraged to sign up for at least one 4 hour work session (morning or afternoon). If you cannot sign up on Sunday, Contact Melinda Sowers, 919.6592 or msowers@butler.edu to schedule your volunteer day(s).

## Communications Survey follow-up

The Communications Survey has closed and we would like to thank everyone who took time to participate. We value the input we received from you. While we may not be able to address all things publicly, we are looking into the concerns brought forth and will be taking steps in the next few months to begin action on them.

Our first step is to create a way for you to continue talking to us. Effective Oct. 1, there will be a link posted on St. Paul's website ([www.stpaulsindy.org](http://www.stpaulsindy.org)) that will direct you to a form that will allow for anonymous submission of questions or comments you may have for the Vestry, clergy and/or staff. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

Peace,

The Communications Strategy Team  
*Bethany Bockrath, Pam Douglas, Barbara Haberman, Ann Hinson & Erin Walls*

Contact our team at:  
[communications@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:communications@stpaulsindy.org)

## Green Fair & Bazaar

Sunday, September 13 • 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**T**o raise funds for the Spades Park Sanctuary, and help us learn how to live "greener" lives, there will be a Green Fair and Bazaar on next Sunday, Sept. 13 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Garth.



In addition to educational materials there will be a number of things for sell, some "green" and some just fun. We will have a book table, perennial plants, bird houses and bat houses for sale, as well as pies, scones, sweet breads, cheese straws and pecan tarts. No need to go out for breakfast or lunch, either -- we'll have both!

The Green Ministries from St Paul's and Trinity Episcopal are working together on this fundraiser. Neighbors in the area of Brookside and Spades Parks want to create a bird sanctuary, both as an attraction for birds and for people seeking a place of quiet. The initiative is a project of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

**New & gently used books are still needed for this event!  
Donations may be put in the box outside the church office.**

## Kenyan Culture Fest

Saturday, September 19 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**A** first of its kind, the Kenyan Culture Fest will be held in St. Paul's Garth and Parish Center this month! This fun and informative evening is sponsored by the Mission in Mombasa Committee.



Activities for the entire family are planned, including dress-up for kids, music, dance and entertainment. Dinner will be in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. and will include some Kenyan dishes.

The cost is \$5 per person, or a maximum of \$20 per family for this event. Advance RSVPs are appreciated. Sign up and pay by contacting Pamela Smith at ext. 25, or online at [www.stpaulsindy.org](http://www.stpaulsindy.org). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Barb MacDougall, 842.3847 or [drakemac@aol.com](mailto:drakemac@aol.com).

**Saturday, October 3 • 4:00 p.m. in Broad Ripple Park**

## Community Pet Blessing

**C**ome celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with our annual Pet Blessing. Give thanks for the pets that bring us so much joy. Children are encouraged to bring favorite stuffed animals, too! Broad Ripple Park is located at 1550 Broad Ripple Avenue, and the Picnic Nook is next to the playground. Refreshments for all God's creatures provided afterward. Special thanks to the Broad Ripple Pet Supplies Plus store for once again providing free doggie goodie bags. See you there!

# Rector's Column



The Rev. Alan  
Champ Mead

Meeting so many different people in a variety of connections over the summer has been, for me, a helpful and even essential part of beginning my time of leadership among you. We are a large enough parish with a complex array of issues, challenges and personalities that this can seem a daunting process. Rather than being overwhelming I have found it to be energizing and even holy. I have sought to become involved in such a way that I listen to people in the context of meetings as well as individual conversations. All are important and everyone is valued.

Last Wednesday night choir began with its first rehearsal of the season. At the conclusion of their rehearsal, before beginning a social time in the Lilly Room, we sat in a large circle with my oil lamp burning brightly in the center. There was a reading

from Scripture, a poem, an introduction to a brief time of silence with reflection on our hopes and fears for this coming year, an opportunity for anyone (without other comment or discussion) to share their thoughts, and then a time of prayer. It was a holy time and I observed the flame dancing around the rim of the lamp. As we moved into the social time the animated sounds of conversation and laughter as people enjoyed their common purpose and each other began to fill the room.

We are poised to begin a full schedule of ministries, events and activities this September. I am thankful for the variety of interests and the means people find to connect with others of similar interests at St. Paul's.

I am thankful for Deacon Tim Fleck's time with us over the summer. Thank you to everyone who worked on the wonderful reception on August 30 that gave us an opportunity to say goodbye. I will miss Tim and trust that he will thrive at St. Martha's in Lexington.

Robin Myers is probably nearing the

summit of Mt. Rainier as I write this. Robin's presence at St. Paul's has already brought much blessing. When he returns from this challenge of climbing a mountain, he will be ready for continuing a careful and hopeful ministry of pastoral care among the people of St. Paul's. The strength and perseverance that enable Robin to vision success at climbing a mountain, spend countless hours training and preparing to climb the mountain, and then actually doing it, will become focused on helping each of us to know the presence of Christ.

I have much to say to you that is good news. There really is good news about almost every facet of St. Paul's and I will be sending a letter (yes, a real letter) that you can open immediately and read with anticipation. A teaser: can you guess the average attendance during July and August? Would you guess it to be higher or lower than last year? If you guess higher you would be correct. Look for my good news letter next week to learn much more about this and other questions that are on people's minds.

Blessings,  
Alan

## Pastoral Care at St. Paul's

The Rev. Robin Myers, Associate for Pastoral Care

First of all, thanks to all of you for your warm and gracious welcome back to St. Paul's. Evelyn and I are glad to be with you.

Guess God wasn't as ready for me to retire as I was! My first week of retirement brought the hail storm and with it new meaning to the words home ownership 101. My second week of retirement brought a phone call from St. Paul's, Columbus, asking if I could fill in until September of 2006, while Bishop Smalley recovered from a broken foot. After serving as supply in various congregations that fall, I could see that a pattern was developing. Not wanting to be on the road (outside Indianapolis) in the winter, I spoke with the Senior Warden at St. Timothy's. My first Sunday was Advent 1 of 06 and I served there until returning to St. Paul's this summer. I was truly blessed to serve there, and now I'm glad I can be here for Jean during her well deserved leave and sabbatical time.

I'm in the office Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday, and in church on Sunday. Believe it or not, I've found one

or two things to keep me busy. It has been my pleasure to get to know the folks in the Community of Hope (COH) and learn about their ministry, and reconnect with the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV) ministry. To that end, we've revised the Homebound List and made assignments for these groups to regularly visit our homebound parishioners. The COH will visit their folks monthly. Folks on the LEV homebound list were asked whether or not they wished to receive Home Communion. Those who said yes will be receiving Home Communion on a monthly basis. My personal goal is to visit all of our homebound parishioners before the end of November.

The following I've written before, but it bears rewriting. **The only way we can know for sure that you or someone you care for is in the hospital is to let us know.** Please call the church office at 253.1277. Even when the office is closed, through an on-call system we are available to you 24-7-365, and ready to serve in anyway that would be helpful to you and yours. God's peace to all!



The Rev. Robin Myers,  
Assistant Priest

# Sunday morning Adult Formation offerings

Regular Fall Term begins Sunday, Sept. 13  
Classes held from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

**A**dults can choose from two thought-provoking classes for Sunday fall term formation offerings. Both meet from 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center building. A great thing about our Sunday schedule is that you can worship first (9:00 a.m. service) and then attend formation, or attend formation and then worship (11:15 a.m. service).

## VIDEO VISIONS (in Conference Room I)

This popular offering has the class watch a 15-minute video followed by a facilitated discussion. The fall term begins with a Robert Bell series called "NOOMA." Each video topic is a modern day parable asking the viewer what is today's practice and what would Jesus have us do. The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word "pneuma," meaning *wind, spirit or breath*.

Facilitators for this series are Richard Griffith (251.3950), Ted Randall (259.1841) and Linda Smith (849.0387).

## ADULT FORUM (in the Parish Hall)

This fall the Adult Forum will study the series "Christ and Culture," lead by the Rev. Bill Novak (251.1770). In order to accommodate the series, it begins Labor Day weekend; if you are unable to attend on September 6, the related handouts will be provided on September 13. Interspersed among the series will be special presentations and Q&A sessions with our leadership.

**September 6** — Christ and Culture: Another way to view Jesus

**September 13** — Christ and Culture: The enduring problem

**September 20** — The Rev. Alan Mead will give a 15-minute presentation on Interim Ministry, followed by time for a Q&A session. Come with your questions ready, and get to know our Interim Rector better.

**September 27** — Christ and Culture: Which Christ?

**October 4** — Storytelling session. Adults, youth and children in 2nd grade and above meet in the Parish Hall for a special offering this day. An alternate activity will be provided for younger children.

**October 11** — Come for a Q&A session with our Vestry! Meet Vestry leadership and members, and enjoy an honest discussion about our parish in this time of transition. A list of Vestry members can be found on page 11 of this newsletter.

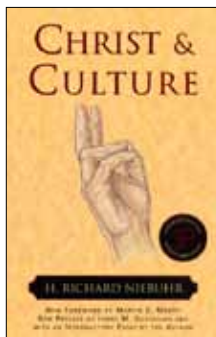
**October 18** — Christ and Culture: Culture defined

**October 25** — Christ and Culture: Series finale

**GET INVOLVED!** If you would like to be a part of the Christian education planning process, consider joining St. Paul's Adult Formation Committee. Those interested may contact the Rev. Alan Mead, ext. 14 or [amead@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:amead@stpaulsindy.org).

## Learn more about the first course presented at the Adult Forum "Christ in Culture" supports parish mission

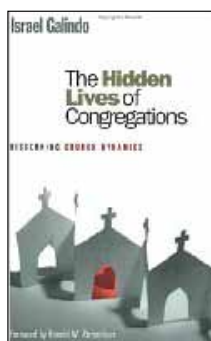
The Rev. Bill Novak, Adult Formation Facilitator



**B**eginning September 6 (yes the day before Labor Day) the Adult Forum will kick off a new program entitled "Christ and Culture." If that name sounds familiar, you're right. It was the title of H. Richard Niebuhr's 1950s religious classic. However, this forum series isn't merely a review of a dusty old book. Rather, it is

an attempt to use recent tradition to understand why the Church must be constantly adapting its mission to the ever-changing world in which it lives.

Israel Galindo, a member of the faculty at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia has recently written a book, *The Hidden Lives of Congregations: Discerning Church Dynamics*, in which he demonstrates how Niebuhr's classic helps to facilitate congregational change. He writes: "One important and informing cultural orientation for congregations has to do with their stance toward the Church and society. H. Richard Niebuhr's classic typology of



images that reflect these particular orientations between 'Christ and Culture' remains a helpful way to understand how culture shapes a congregation's expression of mission. Niebuhr identified five orientations that congregations take toward their surrounding cultures: rejecting, accepting, leading, living in paradox, or transforming."

It's Galindo's firm belief that congregational leaders must appreciate, that in the hidden life of congregations, members make commitments to their local congregation's mission based on their images--their latent theological understanding--of the Church and on their contextual stance toward the relationship between Church and culture. Because this stance forms part of the congregations' identity, attempting to change a church's response to the call of God to mission by addressing the congregation's practices, habits, and traditions (what it does and how it does it) directly will tend to prove fruitless.

An interesting thesis! Join us as we explore its consequences. Dates are: 9/6, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11 & 10/25.

# The Discovery Series

Back by popular demand! Five short courses for the Christian Journey facilitated by St. Paul's clergy.

## EPISCOPAL WORSHIP

Tuesdays, September 15, 22 & 29

6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lilly Room

Especially for persons new to the Episcopal Church, this course looks at the history, traditions and unique practices of the branch of Christ's Church we call the Anglican Communion. An instructed Eucharist is a part of this course. We will meet on three consecutive Tuesday evenings. A light dinner is served.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

Tuesdays, October 27, and November 3 & 10

6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lilly Room

for the inquirer or someone who wishes a refresher course on understanding the basics of Christianity, not only what we believe, but why we believe and how a community of faith supports us on our journey. We will meet on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. A light dinner is served.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Dates to be announced

The focus of this course is on gaining perspective for how God wants us to live our lives, looking at our God-given talents, our personality and our experiences. We will meet on two consecutive Tuesday evenings. A light dinner is served.

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

Dates to be announced

This course will help participants learn how with respect we reach others with God's good news, something all Christians can do. Participants will experience a variety of exercises designed to help recognize, approach and communicate with those seeking a closer relationship with God. We will meet on three consecutive Tuesday evenings. A light dinner is served.

## A PATH TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Dates to be announced

This course encourages a way of life that includes prayer, Bible Study, and action and is meant for someone who wants to learn more than the basics of Christianity. It's also a good course for someone renewing their faith. We will meet on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. A light dinner is served.

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**Please register in advance for these courses.** Contact Pamela Smith, [psmith@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:psmith@stpaulsindy.org) or ext. 25. Please advise if you have dietary restrictions, and whether you need childcare. (Childcare is free, but requests must be made at least one week in advance.)

**Confirmation & Reception:** Adults who would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church must take Episcopal Worship and either Journey in Faith or A Path to Spiritual Maturity.



## 5th Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, September 27 • 1:00 p.m.  
Eagle Creek Golf Club

**J**oin in a great day of fun, fellowship and prizes at Eagle Creek Golf Course, located at 8802 West 56th Street in Indianapolis.

This event begins at 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$50 per player. You may also sponsor a Hole or a Contest for \$50. Contests include longest drive, longest putt, closest to pin and most accurate drive. An award reception follows the event.

Eagle Creek Golf Club served as host to the prestigious USGA Public Links Championship in 1982 and is consistently ranked as one of Indiana's top public courses by Golf Digest Magazine. Check out the golf course online at [www.eaglecreekgolf.com](http://www.eaglecreekgolf.com)

So come, support our youth and have a great time with friends. Sign up to golf and/or be a sponsor on Sundays after services, or online at [www.stpaulsindy.org](http://www.stpaulsindy.org). You may also contact Monica Kozlowski at ext. 18 or [mkozlowski@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:mkozlowski@stpaulsindy.org). See you there!

*The Golf Outing is an annual fundraiser to support St. Paul's Youth Mission Trips.*



Don't miss Storytelling Sunday, Oct. 4!

## Storyteller provides for intergenerational, all-parish formation

It is with great excitement we announce that renowned storyteller, Tracy Radosevic, is coming to St. Paul's. On Sunday, October 4, Tracy will present a special intergenerational Christian formation offering at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This offering will replace all Christian formation offerings normally held on Sundays. Tracy will also join us for special story sermons at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services.



Tracy Radosevic

Tracy Radosevic is a dynamic, energetic, internationally-acclaimed storyteller, educator, and retreat facilitator. She has traveled all over the United States, as well as to several foreign countries, bringing her special brand of humor, insight, and faith to audiences of all ages through the power of narrative. She particularly enjoys telling stories that provide food for thought, encouraging her listeners to look at usual occurrences in unusual ways.

Tracy's favorite stories are biblical. Working across denominational lines, she puts to good use the real-life experience she's received as an adjunct professor at East Tennessee State University and an Artist-in-Resident at Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Baltimore, as well as from degrees that include a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries; Master of Religious Education; Master of Arts in Storytelling; and a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Tracy hails from Canton, Ohio but currently lives in Baltimore, MD. She is a member of the National Storytelling Network, the Network of Biblical Storytellers (NBS), and is now the Dean of the Academy for Biblical Storytellers.

For more information about Tracy, please visit her website, [www.tracyrad.com](http://www.tracyrad.com).



## Evensongs & Concerts

St. Paul's Music begins its 2009-2010 series, "Inspiring Music in a Sacred Space."

We invite you to attend another exciting and diverse season of musical events at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Come, join us as we continue to celebrate our newly renovated worship space and glorious ninety-rank Casavant Organ.

St. Paul's Music is a self-supporting organization. All monies come from generous patrons, grants and our annual fund raising event, the British Soirée. Should you choose to make a donation, your financial gift will support not only our concert series, but our Choral Scholar program as well. With your assistance, St. Paul's Music will be able to fulfill its mission: providing an array of musical programs and opportunities to people of all ages. For more information, please contact Frank Boles, ext. 30 or [fboles@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:fboles@stpaulsindy.org), or visit [www.stpaulsindy.org/concerts](http://www.stpaulsindy.org/concerts).



### CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m.

This beautiful service dates back to 16th century England and has flourished in America for more than two centuries. Prayers, choral music and hymns led by St. Paul's Choir bring us to the close of the day in a serene, aesthetically pleasing atmosphere.

### ORGAN CONCERT

The Six Organ Sonatas of Felix Mendelssohn

Friday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

This concert will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn's birth. Mendelssohn's sonatas contain a wide variety of beautiful and engaging movements. Featuring local organists: Frank Boles, Michael Bennett, Edie Johnson, Michael Messina, Lisa Johnson Mott and David Sinden.

### CHORAL EVENSONG

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment, took the gospel seriously and became a devout brother of the poor. St. Paul's Choir sings music of Benjamin Britten.

## Invitation to join the Women's Bible Study

St. Paul's longest running Bible Study will launch its 31st year on Thursday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in CRI.

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study provides a mid-week spiritual boost through the reading of God's word and learning how to apply it to daily living. Each lesson is basically self-contained and requires no homework; nor is previous Bible knowledge necessary.

For more information, contact Flo Miller at 253.5313, or Alice Roettger at 253.8840 (roettger@iquest.net) -- or simply come on September 10!

## Hands to God Knitting Circle welcomes you

The Knitting Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Roberts Library from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All are invited to join this special ministry and knit with us. We create some wonderful garments, learn from each other, enjoy fellowship and cultivate friendships.

So come, bring your needles and we will put them to good use. If you don't know how to knit, but would like to learn, let us teach you!

For questions or more information, please contact Aline Eldridge at 280-1029.

## Keep in touch!



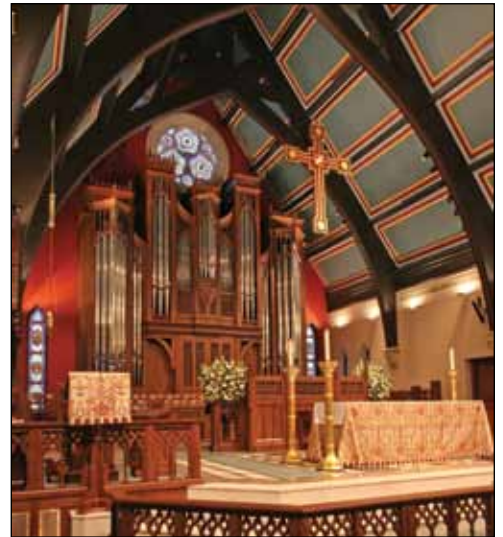
The Rev. Tim Fleck, Deacon

On Sunday, August 30, we celebrated the Rev. Tim Fleck's ministry at St. Paul's with a special reception. Tim has accepted a call to an Episcopal Church in Kentucky. If you wish to keep in touch, his new contact information is:

**The Rev. Tim Fleck**  
St. Martha's Episcopal Church  
1390 Trent Boulevard  
Lexington, KY 40517

## Stewardship Task Force seeks volunteers

**Is Stewardship about more than balancing the budget?** Is it a spiritual issue? If so, does that mean that it is more than just a once a year activity? These are some of the questions and issues that the Stewardship Task Force has been studying for the past four months. The members of this task force—Matt Ellis, Nichole Heilbron, Lori Price, Tom Sams, Mary Stanley, Mark Stoner, Bob Strange and Alan Mead—would like to hear your thoughts and ideas.



If you are interested in helping with this year's pledge process, please contact Bob Strange, 504.5844 or rstrange@gmail.com.

## Acolyte & Lay Eucharistic Minister training

Saturday, Sept. 19 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Pitch-in lunch to follow training

Larry Krauser, Acolyte & LEM co-Coordinator

Our annual refresher training for all current Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and Acolytes will be Saturday, Sept. 19. Youth and adults who have an interest in learning more about or being trained to serve at the altar are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Since the arrival of our Interim Rector, there have been several refinements to our liturgy. These will be highlighted during the training. The Rev. Alan Mead and the Rev. Robin Myers will join us for the training session.

A new ministry to be offered to lay adults will be "unvested" chalice bearers. These will be parishioners who sit in the congregation and help at communion time only. They will not need to wear vestments.

If you are interested in participating in any of these special ministry opportunities, please plan to attend the training session. We also ask that you bring something to share for a pitch-in lunch that will follow at 12:00 noon in the Lilly Room.

If you have questions about becoming an Acolyte or LEM, or want to RSVP for the Sept. 19 training, please contact Joe Burrage, 222. 1940 or joeburrage@aol.com.

# St. Paul's Choir plans tour

Parents' reflections & experiences, in their own words

Frank Boles, Organist & Associate for Music

**S**t. Paul's Choir has been blessed to participate in many choir tours since 1984. In our day, a pilgrimage of this type is a very unique experience for those who participate because the singers are from all ages (nine to 80). For several centuries, cathedral and parish choirs have included children with adults in leading worship while performing great sacred choral music. Most of the choral music we have through the ages was written for this genre. This intergenerational choir-family literally lives, breathes, eats, works, as they sing and worship together in community. The singers have the special opportunity to lead services in Anglican cathedrals, thus experiencing much more than the typical tourist. The adult mentors and youth are totally immersed daily worship and in the life of the local people.

Choir parents hold a very important part in the life of our choir program. When a child becomes involved in our weekly worship, it is because the parent sees the value this experience and sees the spiritual rewards. When the choir goes on a pilgrimage, the parents are always amazed when their youngster returns a different being. The following comments come from former choir parents whose children were changed. Some parents actually heard and saw their child lead worship in the great cathedrals. Here are some excerpts from parents:

*Of the most meaningful experiences my daughters had while growing up, I would place the 1997 choir tour near the top of the list. Both girls worked hard to fit choir into their busy schedules. They realized when they got to England it was well worth the sacrifices with the reward of singing in the magnificent cathedrals in Great Britain. I remember being overcome with joy and tears the first time I watched them process into York Minster to sing an Evensong service. The pride and self-assurance that shone from their faces as they took their places among their fellow choir members could have been earned only through hard work and dedication. It was not something that I or anyone else could have given them. Going on tour not only helped them grow spiritually, it enabled them to gain the feeling of accomplishment of a job well done.*

*I sent away a young boy who matured amazingly during the two weeks. He returned as a sensitive young man who cared about others, not just his age group. My son returned with a greater appreciation for his own world, his own family, and his own ability to give to others. I readily saw a stronger sense of discipline and appreciation for his purpose in life.*

*On our son's first tour, we (the parents) visited his dorm room. Our son's roommate had torn the ear of his stuffed pet, "Mousie." It was so touching to see our young son helping his young friend by repairing a beloved stuffed animal and sewing it up! These are the moments that parents live for.*

*We saw our daughter become a mentor to a younger girl in the choir. She had the good example of many adult mentors helping her throughout her many tours. To this day I have the fond memory of taking 3 teens and one young preteen to dinner in Edinburgh. Those teens were so protective of their young friend. Our children learned how to iron their own clothes and keep track of their music, but even more importantly they learned to care for and share with others. These are life lessons that have held them in good stead today.*

## Jean Denton begins her Sabbatical

The Rev. Jean Denton has left the country to begin her sabbatical. Follow Jean's travels -- spiritual and geographical -- through her online blog: [www.gettingrenewed.blogspot.com](http://www.gettingrenewed.blogspot.com)

## Ladies Downtown Fellowship

All St. Paul's women are invited to pack a brown bag lunch and come to the next gathering of the Ladies' Downtown Fellowship, which will be Wednesday, September 9, at 12:00 noon. The group will meet in the offices of Ki ThoughtBridge, 135 North Pennsylvania Street, Suite 1750. RSVP to Frances Barrow, at 233-0555 or halebarrow1@gmail.com.

## Terrific Thursdays Schedule

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Parish Hall

**Terrific Thursdays seniors' group meets weekly** for engaging programs and lunch for only \$6. Friends and visitors welcome! 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).

### SEPTEMBER 10

First hour: Fun & fellowship. Second hour: Steve Freeze, Computer Doctor.

### SEPTEMBER 17

First hour: Colela Bouye, Exercise & Nutrition Coach. Second hour: Robin Tate, Cancer Awareness.

### SEPTEMBER 24

First hour: H1N1 Flu Discussion with R.N. Second hour: Langdon Kumler, Trip to Dubai.

## Adult Euchre Group

Friday, September 25 • 7:00-9:30 p.m.

All adults are welcome! The main purpose of is fun and fellowship, with euchre and other games (boardgames included) serving as our excuse to get together! Experienced players are glad to teach rookies the game, or you can just come to socialize. We meet next on Friday, September 25, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own beverage of choice, and a snack to share.

# Listening and healing

A summary of St. Paul's last meeting with the Bishop

Rose Scovel, St. Paul's Vestry

**O**n May 31, Bishop Cate Waynick met with people at St. Paul's to listen to ongoing concerns about the events of this year, primarily the circumstances surrounding the resignation of Rich Winters as St. Paul's Rector. She welcomed questions those who gathered on a variety of topics.

**The group then split into small groups to discuss three questions:**

- **How are you feeling today about events that happened earlier this year?**
- **What has been the impact on the congregation?**
- **Please share any suggestions for moving forward in healthy ways.**

The small groups were facilitated by parishioners at St. Paul's and recorded by volunteer scribes from the parish. The purpose was to share feelings and listen as a part of our shared healing process. After the small groups met, they reconvened for summary discussion. The following is a summary of the key responses and themes in the small group discussions.

**How are you feeling today about events that happened earlier this year?**

- The staff cuts hurt.
- We haven't had stability in a long time.
- Rich made a very stupid decision.
- We are in a better place as a congregation than we were last time.
- The remaining staff and clergy have done a great job.
- Some wonder about the pressures of being rector of an endowed parish.
- Still angry that there aren't consequences for the "other woman."
- Sadness, anger, and betrayal common themes.

**What has been the impact on the congregation?**

- Concerns about attendance numbers for the various services.
- The congregation seems to be coming together and helping.

- It's our church.
- Don't cut short the grieving process.
- We have got to move on.
- Worship continues.

**Please share any suggestions for moving forward in healthy ways.**

- The Rev. Alan Mead seems to be a "let's do it together" kind of guy.
- Bring back social activities.
- Volunteers in the office are making a difference.
- Make vestry minutes more accessible.
- What is the process to select a new rector? How will the search committee be chosen? Do we have a search committee already?
- Community of Hope can assist with pastoral care.
- Move on.
- Small group discussions.

The vestry, wardens and clergy are working to address the issues raised. If you would like a raw summary of the small group discussions, please contact Barbara Haberman, bhaberman@stpaulsindy.org or ext. 26.



## Outreach fundraiser Holiday Boutique

Craine House is a residence providing alternative sentencing for non-violent female offenders with young children. It serves them by keeping the family intact, and providing the women with training, counseling and education.

A Holiday Boutique fundraiser for Craine House will be hosted at St. Paul's on Sunday, December 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We need donations of homemade items: knitted, crocheted, stitched or quilted, jewelry, artwork, stationery/notecards, painted or sculpted items, ornaments, jams, fudge, baked goods, craft items, etc. Monetary donations to purchase craft supplies are also needed.

Items will be collected on Saturday, Dec. 5 in the Parish Hall. To help with our list of expected inventory, if you plan to participate, please contact Barb MacDougall, 842.3847 or drakemac@aol.com.

## Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King is a group of women striving to fulfill the promises of our baptismal covenant through prayer, service, a personal rule of life, and a deepening sense of community. The next new member introductory class will meet **Saturday, September 12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.** Anyone who is interested in learning more about DOK and preparation for membership is welcome to attend.

If a woman feels called to become a Daughter, she will begin to study the DOK guide. It will be discussed during alternating Saturday morning sessions, finishing before Thanksgiving. Studying, discussing and praying together provides an opportunity for deepening spiritual growth and community building. If you prayerfully consider becoming a Daughter of the King, please contact Sandy Hudson at 690.8175 or slh061948@aol.com so that a candidate's study guide (\$5) may be printed for you. Study mentors will be members of St. Paul's Joy Chapter of DOK.

Potential members are welcome to attend any regular monthly meeting, the second Saturday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1. Come see how DOK is a safe place in a busy world to be together and support each other in Christ's love; a time to grow closer to each other, strengthen spiritual practices, and feel the presence of the Lord.

Thanks to the support of St. Paul's, great things are happening at IPS 15 and East 10th UMC

## Local outreach update

Jean Casmir Hill

**S**ummer Days for Youth serves school-age children K-6th grade from IPS 15 for the 10 weeks of summer. We have an enrichment program that educates the children in fun and inventive ways.

In an effort to reinforce what the students are learning in the classroom, we take a weekly field trip to create the opportunity for experiential learning. This summer field trips included: Southside Sanitation to learn about pollution and waste; White River Recycling; the Indiana Dunes to experience an arid environment; and Garfield Park Sunken Gardens and Conservatory to learn more about plant life. We also swam at two parks, Brookside and Willard, did gymnastics with Jireh Sports and tennis with National Junior Tennis League.

In the afternoons, students chose a club to join based on their interests. We are offered an Adventure Club that canoes, climbs rock walls and tests fears; Sports; Gardening which cares for our garden, works with Butler University's Center for Urban Ecology and completes service projects for the Franklin Township Historical Society and Arsenal Technical High School; and Cooking that teaches students easy to make snacks, budgeting, measuring, multi-step instructions and menu planning.

With your support, East 10th Street United Methodist is able to provide low-cost to free childcare for the families on the near eastside, allowing parents to continue working and supporting their families while providing wonderful opportunities for their children. We were also able to send 11 IPS 15 children to Waycross Camp thanks to scholarships. Parents were greatly involved and joined us on the bus ride to and from camp and enjoyed the wonderful presentation by the children and staff on the last day.

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible! If you would like to come out and visit, or want to volunteer to help, please contact Jean at 339.4102. or [jcasmir@east10th.org](mailto:jcasmir@east10th.org)

## First Professional Recording on our new Casavant Organ



Dr. Marilyn Keiser completed the first professional recording on our Casavant Organ, Opus 3856. Dr. Keiser recorded the organ music of American composer, Dan Locklair. Dr. Locklair is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

St. Paul's Choir has also recorded his choral music. The recording sessions occurred during the last four days of July between thunder storms, and Meridian Street traffic! This recording will be released in 2010.



## Driving Safety Course

Tuesday, Oct. 6 • 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Parish Hall

### Why take a driver safety class?

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads.

You can expect to learn about current rules of the road, how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment, and some adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. You will learn:

- How to tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road.
- About normal age-related physical changes, and how to adjust your driving to allow for them.
- How to reduce your traffic violations, crashes, chances for injuries, and drive more safely overall.

After completing the course, you'll develop a greater appreciation of driving challenges and how you can avoid potential collisions and injuries to yourself and others. You may also be eligible for [an insurance discount](#). Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multiyear discount to AARP graduates! Contact your insurance agent for details.

Though geared for drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of any age. AARP membership is not required to take the course. There is no final test to pass.

### Registration & Cost

To register for this course, please contact John Harkness, 253.5136 or [hark1629@gmail.com](mailto:hark1629@gmail.com). The cost is \$12 for AARP Members and \$14 for non-members.

Class size is limited, so if you are interested don't wait to sign up!

# Summer fun with St. Paul's Young Adults

## Did you know...

St. Paul's Young Adult Ministry is on Facebook. Find us and "friend" us!



## Young Adult Retreat at Waycross

On the last weekend in August, 17 young adults (20s-30s) attended the first-ever Young Adult Retreat for the Diocese of Indianapolis. The two-day retreat included worship, discussion, times for reflection, socializing and Waycross Camp's low ropes course!

St. Paul's Associate Rector, the Rev. Les Carpenter, co-led the retreat with Hilary Cooke, St. John's, Lafayette.

If you are interested in an active role in our Young Adult Ministry, please contact Les Carpenter at ext. 15 or [lcarpenter@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:lcarpenter@stpaulsindy.org).



## ← Piñata Fest

On July 18, St. Paul's young adults (ages 21-35) enjoyed food, fellowship, beautiful weather, and the opportunity to swing away at a plethora of piñatas (each filled with unique prizes). A challenging team piñata-smashing competition was also held. Thanks to all who helped make this a great event. A special thank you goes to David and Rose Scovel, who hosted Piñata Fest at their home.



## MOPS: Together on Planet Mom

This upcoming meeting dates are **Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & 23** at St. Paul's. The NEW theme is: Together on Planet Mom. Visit [www.stpaulsindy.org/mops](http://www.stpaulsindy.org/mops) for more info, or contact Dawn Auch, 842.9949 or [dawn.auch@comcast.net](mailto:dawn.auch@comcast.net).

### Flu, pneumonia & tetanus shots available

## Fall Flu Clinic at St. Paul's

Thursday, October 8 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Marion County Health Department will set up a Fall Flu Clinic again at St. Paul's this fall, providing flu shots, pneumonia vaccine and adult tetanus boosters for the community.

Shots will be given in the Parish Hall, on Thursday, October 8 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. This year's flu vaccine is appropriate for ages 6 months through 100+. The costs are covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Costs are \$20 for the flu shot, \$40 for the pneumonia shot and \$20 for the tetanus booster.

No appointment is needed, and the Flu Clinic is open to the public.

For more information on Marion County's Flu Clinics, as well as the latest information on the H1N1 virus and vaccine, call 221.2000 or visit [www.mchd.com](http://www.mchd.com).

Note: At this time, the H1N1 vaccine is not available.

## ONLINE PARISH CALENDAR

[www.stpaulsindy.org/calendar](http://www.stpaulsindy.org/calendar)

## St. Paul's Publications

Contact: Barbara Haberman, ext. 26 or [bhaberman@stpaulsindy.org](mailto:bhaberman@stpaulsindy.org)

### Connections

**Submission deadline: third Wednesday of the month**

This print newsletter is a 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.

### 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.

## St. Paul's Leadership, Clergy & Support Staff

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# Worship Services at St. Paul's

## Wednesdays

**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. The Eucharistic prayer is from Enriching Our Worship, the newest of the Episcopal Church's communion prayers. 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](mailto:lcarpenter@stpaulsindy.org).

