

# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

October, 2011

## Faithful Sharing

*"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God."  
(Acts of the Apostles 2:44-46)*

As I write this letter to you, the sounds of children in the hallway are ringing through the parish office. They are the young people of St. Paul's Weekday Nursery School, who are learning some of the most fundamental lessons of life here in our church: how to focus on a task, how to be part of a classroom community, and most importantly, how to share. Sharing was not an easy trait for me to learn as a child. I also went to a pre-school at an Episcopal Church, and while there I spent a significant number of hours in time-out on "the green rug," as Mrs. Dunbar tried to teach me the art of sharing and the importance of cultivating a glad and generous heart.

Sharing was at the core of St. Paul's vision for the first groups of Christian disciples. The New Testament tells us that the earliest Christian communities held their goods together in common. While there was private ownership, the needs of the community were considered more important than the personal desires of individuals. For everyone, the highest priority of all was the common mission they shared as a church: to build up, nurture and sustain the gathering of believers in that place and time.

Today, we also engage this same mission in our place and time. Through the many ministries of our church in which we all share – teaching and learning, sending and serving, listening and caring, stewarding and planning, praying and dreaming – we are nurturing and sustaining the intergenerational community of disciples here at St. Paul's Church. Together we are working to build up and expand that community: welcoming newcomers who find us, inviting neighbors and friends to come and see what we're about, and most importantly sharing the joy we find in each other and in a life with Christ. And we do all of this in response to the incredible love that God has for each one of us, and for the whole world.

Later this month, we'll be asked to share in this mission in two important ways. First, we will gather to celebrate the ministries of our parish with Bishop Bud Cederholm at a special service on Sunday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m. This is a special occasion in the life of our parish, and, while it will include my installation as your Rector, it is above all a celebration of the ministry in which we all share together with Christ.

Second, we'll be asked by our Stewardship team to consider what resources we can each share through our pledging to support St. Paul's as we live the Gospel together. As you prayerfully consider how much you can contribute, I hope you will reflect on the value that your participation here at St. Paul's brings to your life. True, authentic sharing comes from "glad and generous hearts." And there is so much about our parish life right now for which to be glad.

Chris +



# Announcements from the Rector



## Parish History Potluck Night with the Rector Wednesday, October 19 6pm to 8pm

The past two months have been a wonderful beginning to our shared ministry together! I'm beginning to get to know each parish family and learn some of your stories, and you are beginning to come to know more about who I am. Now I'd like to invite everyone to an evening potluck where you all can begin to share with me some of the stories of the history of our parish. Using a few fun group activities from a resource called *Fresh Start*, together we'll share various perspectives about our own histories, the history of St. Paul's, and the history of our country. I promise it will be an insightful evening for all, and personally, I'm looking forward to learning more about the way that God has shaped this parish's life from 1958 to today. Whether you have been members of St. Paul's for three months or three decades, your voice and perspective is important in this conversation, so I hope you will make an effort to be there. If you can bring a salad or main dish for 6-8 people to share that would be wonderful! Please RSVP by signing up in the parish office, or letting Tracy know that you'll be attending ([info@stpaulsbedford.org](mailto:info@stpaulsbedford.org) / 781-275-8262).

-- Chris +

## Reminder

If you would like to be added to the **Weekly E-Meditation List**, please e-mail me at [chris@stpaulsbedford.org](mailto:chris@stpaulsbedford.org)

This list is open to anyone who wants to be on it: members of the parish, relatives, friends, neighbors, etc.

-- Rev. Chris Wendell

## Pastoral Emergencies

In a pastoral emergency (urgent hospitalization, death, or immediate crisis) if there is no answer at the office, please try and reach Chris at his home number (781)276-4064.

## "The Gospel According to Matthew"

### An Adult Education Forum on Sundays from 9am to 9:45am October 2011

Between now and the first Sunday of Advent, our weekly Gospel lessons will all come from Matthew's Gospel. But what makes Matthew's Gospel different from the others? Who was "Matthew" or whoever it was who wrote this Gospel in his name? How is Matthew's portrayal of Jesus' life, death and resurrection different than Mark's or Luke's? This October, we'll spend about 45 minutes before church each Sunday diving in to this text. Come and spend some time exploring the historical, social, and literary background of Matthew's Gospel, and reflecting more generally of how we read the Gospels and understand their meaning for us in the twenty-first century. You are welcome to come to one session, or all four! No RSVP necessary, just show up in the Parish Library on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

**October 2** – Introduction to the New Testament (historical, literary, thematic)

**October 9** – Matthew's Theological Lens: Jesus, the Jewish Messiah

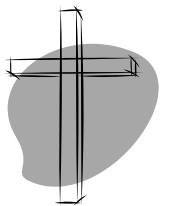
**October 16** – The Gospel in One Story: The Eschatological Wedding Banquet

**October 23** – Exploring Parallel Passages in Matthew, Mark and Luke

**October 30** – No Class (Celebration of New Ministry at 4:00 p.m.).

## Weekday Morning Prayer at St. Paul's Church

Tuesday, Wednesday  
& Thursday  
8:40 a.m.



## The Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 2 at 11:45 a.m.**

*In honor of the Feast of St. Francis*

On the parish lawn @ St. Paul's Church



## All God's Creatures are Welcome!

*Come one, come all, young and old, two-legged, four-legged, finned & feathered and join us for a brief service of songs & prayers, honoring our animal companions and remembering those who have died. Individual pet blessings available after the service.*

# Vestry Corner

## MEET-THE-RECTOR GATHERINGS

Dear friends,

October is when things really get moving at St. Paul's, as we ramp back up into the program year. Our Sunday School, Catechesis, and youth group programs are now underway, our fall pledge drive is about to begin, and our pews get fuller every Sunday as members return from their late summer sojourns.

The vestry has been busy with bishop business, meeting with Bishop Tom last month during his visitation, and making plans for Bishop Bud's presence during our Celebration of New Ministry at the end of this month. We hope you'll all be able to join us on October 30 at 4:00pm, as Chris is formally installed as our new rector.

The vestry will meet on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

With blessings,  
*Emily and Paul*

To help Chris get to know our St. Paul's family better, the vestry is hosting a series of "Meet the Rector" gatherings in October and November. There will be four opportunities to share light hors d'oeuvres and conversation for an hour or two. Please sign up on the church bulletin board for the date and location that are most convenient for you. They are:

Monday, 10/10, 7:00pm at John & Emily Mitchell's home

Sunday, 10/16, 3:00pm at Mary Curlew & David Woodward's home

Wednesday, 11/9, 7:00pm at Paul & Wendy Ciaccia's home

Sunday, 11/13, 3:00pm at Sharon & Jack Healey's home

## PARISH WEEKLY EMAIL TRANSITION

Beginning in October, our weekly parish emails will come from Tracy, instead of Emily, and will be sent on Tuesday mornings. Please make a note to send any information you'd like in the weekly email to Tracy, starting the week of October 3. (And make sure she has your current email address!)

## Stewardship Reflection: Supporting the Church Together By Alex Brough



I have just sent in my pledge form for 2012 and penned this note to share with you why I promised to donate to St. Paul's. My contemplation of an answer begins with the large wooden columns that form the arches of the Sanctuary. They are massive at their base: a combination of layered boards supporting each other as they rise to the apex of the ceiling. A single board would snap under the weight of the roof, but instead each one is united with another reaching across the church aisle to form an angled support. It is the series of these paired arches, covered and enclosed by the roof, that form the body of our church. Our belief in Christ brings life into that body.

In a way, we are all the boards that make up these columns. Each of our individual pledges blends with the pledges of others to support our congregation. Some of the contributions will be routed for maintenance of our physical structure; even strong arches need support. Beyond the physical plant, there is so much more to celebrate. Our contributions go directly to our spiritual development through sermons and adult education. Some money will be used to educate our children in our faith. Even beyond our Church, our ministry extends into our larger Bedford and regional community. A pledge is a promise of donation and is vital to maintaining our Church. I invite you to join me in caring for and supporting St. Paul's this year.

*If you would like to speak to someone about pledging at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact Alex, Stewardship Chair Paul Ciaccia or Rev. Chris Wendell at any time.*

## High School Youth

Thanks to all who came to the high school youth kickoff meeting last month! We're excited to have so many enthusiastic youth group members this year, especially our great crop of new freshmen. We're looking forward to planning a full year of spiritual, social, and outreach events, as well as fielding a large Confirmation class starting in January.

Our next event will be a Movie and Discussion Night on Sunday, October 16, at 5:30pm at the Wendells' house. Watch your email for more details in the next week or so.

And watch this space in the months to come for new "Meet Your Youth Group" entries!

*-Emily and Arthur*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

We had a great kick off to the year at our first meeting! We welcomed Matt Skavenski, my new co-leader, and Rev. Chris Wendell our new rector. We played games, discussed Bishop Tom's upcoming visit, ate pizza, and planned some activities for the upcoming year. Our next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

Some activities we are planning are:

1. Trip to the Corn Maze – after church Sunday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. (drivers needed)
2. Operation Christmas Child – an outreach program to send gifts to children around the world. Collection date is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. An overnight in the church – Possible dates all Fridays: Nov. 18, Jan. 6, Jan. 27
4. Baking dessert for the Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Community Table – Either 10/9 or 10/10

Thanks for all the great ideas and we'll see you on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>!

*-Mrs. Baker*

## Elementary Sunday School

How wonderful to see all the children last Sunday.

Elementary classes begin with singing each Sunday at 9:45 in the parish hall. After singing, children split; our 4-5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the classroom in that back of the parish hall just to the left of the catechesis rooms, and our 1-3<sup>rd</sup> graders meet in the classrooms along the right side of the hallway that leads to the parish hall.

Session one focuses on community and the Episcopal Church. We gathered last week to build our classroom communities, explored our St. Paul's community, and the larger communities St. Paul's is a part of. The children enjoyed sharing insights about our past leaders, Rev. Frank and Rev. Margaret as well as our current leaders Rev. Chris, Bishop Shaw, Bishop Cedarholm and Bishop Harris. One child thought it was particularly cool that a bishop wears a "stamp ring".

**On October 16, after church, we will have our first meeting of the year.** We will begin jointly with the Catechesis teachers and Rev. Chris, then splitting off to discuss upcoming lessons etc. in more detail.

*-Cathy Presti*

## Notes from the Nursery School

The halls of St Paul's are now filled with the chatter and laughter of children as the 2011-2012 school year has started. Our enrollment is almost filled in our 3/5 day program. Our Wednesday afternoon program is also filled. Our 2-day program still has openings. If anyone knows of a three year old looking for a nursery school, please send him/her our way.

Our program is starting with "all about you" as we learn about the children and their families and friends. Then we will move into a week about fire safety. The children always enjoy making fire hats and fire engines. We will try to get the fire department to stop by so the children get a close up look at the truck and equipment. We will round out the month with activities marking the fall season.

The weather is beautiful. The children are happy to be riding their bikes in the big room. It looks like we are off to a great start at nursery school.

*-Lee Frank*

# CATECHESIS CORNER



Welcome back, to new and returning children and their families!

The “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” program has restarted, with our two lovely, sunny Atria and their materials all clean and shelves relatively bare. We have a few newcomers, and many continuing children. For those new to St. Paul’s or to the program, this is a Montessori-based curriculum which we offer to children from about 3 years old through Kindergarten. It features very short presentations of materials from church, and basic parables and narratives, and many hands-on materials children can use on their own, for as long or short a time as they wish. We have found in over ten years that it appeals to quiet and active children alike, and in particular to the youngest.

Those familiar with the program will know that we didn’t invent it – it was developed in Italy by Sofia Cavalletti, along with Gianna Gobi, beginning in 1954. They developed the materials and curriculum by observing what children most responded to, based on the belief that they already share a special relationship with God. Sadly, Cavalletti passed away this summer, at the age of 94. We have some of her books available to borrow, for those who would like to learn more.

On most Sundays, the children begin by gathering with others in the Parish Hall for music at 9:45. We begin Catechesis at 10:00, and join families in church for Communion. On **Family Sundays (first Sunday of the month, beginning Oct 2)**, all join the service in church. Catechesis I children (the younger group) have the option to go back to the Atrium following the Children’s sermon if they wish. Please let us know if there are any questions or issues – separation is often tricky at this point in the year.

Many thanks to Carol Hokana, who is putting together the schedule this session, and to those adults and youth who have volunteered to lead classes (as “Catechists”) or to assist with that essential extra pair of hands. We could really use more adults – parents or others. Please let Carol, or either of us, know if you can help. Assisting takes little time and no preparation, and is a great way to be with the children and see what we do.

**On October 16, after church, we will have our first meeting of the year.** We will try beginning jointly with the Elementary teachers and Rev. Chris, then splitting off to discuss upcoming lessons etc in more detail. We’ll also be looking to arrange some convenient training for newer Catechists and a meeting for church school parents – watch the St. Paul’s email for details and let us know if you may be interested so we can pick good times!

Sincerely,

*Amanda Hubbard and Ellen Ryan*

## Save the Date!

The Women’s Group at St. Paul’s has planned the following *tentative* dates for fellowship and fun. Please save the date for one or all of these events. Also, we are in need of someone willing to host the potluck brunch in March of 2012. If you are interested in hosting this event, organizing or leading any of the other events, or have any questions, please contact Mary Curlew.

November TBA, 2011

December 6, 2011

January 7, 2012

February 27, 2012

March 18, 2012

April TBA

May TBA

Book Group: Death and Life of Charlie St. Cloud

Bible Study with Rev. Chris Wendell

Potluck Breakfast

Book Discussion or Guest Discussion

Annual Brunch

Trip to Tower Hill to see the daffodils

Community Theater Outing

## Bedford Day

The weather cooperated, and we were provided with a beautiful day this past Saturday for Bedford Day. We are indebted to Nick Bonifanti for repairing our Spinner Art machine. It worked well, and was in high demand all day. Chris enjoyed meeting many people and answering inquiries about our church. The rest of us had fun chatting and greeting many Bedford Day visitors.

Special Thanks to: Ron, Cathy, Nate, Sonya, and Andrew Presti, Shanie George and Allen K., Jan Gurley, Mary Curlew, David Woodward, Ginny Draper, Jan and Donald Blake, Daisy Girifalco, Katie West, Nancy Kupfrian, and Lisa Hafer.

*-Sima and Bruce Seymourian*



## Gift Baskets for the Advent Fair



We have started our gift basket meetings after church in the loft, and we invite any and all to join us after church for as long as you want to stay. We are in need of non-perishables at this point. A list will be posted at church of specific items. Thank you for the contributions we have already received. We will be asking for more help, including money, as time goes on. You will find a basket in the narthex for your donations.

Our basket meetings are being held after church on Sundays & Thursday mornings between 9:00-9:30.

Please join us! And thanks for your support!

*Jan Svendsen and Lisa Hafer*

### Some items still in need of:

Mugs, Individual pkgs. of coffee & cocoa, dry soups, crackers, dip mixes, tea bags, linen items (napkins, place mats & tea towels) and ice-cream items.

### Usher/Greeters

If you are interested in serving as an Usher or Greeter, please let me know. It's an important job and training will be offered.

*-Paul Ciaccia*

## Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfasts will begin again on Saturday Nov 12 at 7:30 am. We will meet the second Saturday of each month to cook and eat a hearty breakfast and enjoy each others company.

## Fall Clean Up



Come one come all on Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We will be doing our fall clean up of the church interior and grounds. Some of the tasks this year include, leaf raking, last grass mowing, preparing the garden beds for the winter, putting out the deer fencing and many more outside and inside jobs.

We will have bagels, coffee and juice at 8:30 and expect to be completed by noon. A signup list will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall. We will need rakes, shovels and many hands so please sign up.

Thanks!

Thanks to all who continue to participate in the "Tab" program, which supports the Shriners Burn Hospital.



**Keep those tab tops coming!**

## Community Table

St. Pauls' will be serving at the Community Table on October 13th. We will meet on October 12th to prepare the food. Please contact Rene Seaton for more information and exact times.

### Community Table Dates

October 13th

February 9<sup>th</sup>

April 12<sup>th</sup>

## Gratitudes

### Thank you from the Kponou Family

Last month marked the one year anniversary of my family and I coming to Bedford. My family and I want to take a moment to say a very heartfelt thank you for all the support and help that many of you at St. Paul's have shown to us. If God does something good for you, I think it is important to tell the people who made it happen thank you from the bottom of my heart. First, when I came here last year at the end of September, I didn't know anybody here. I met Ken and Caroline, and they came to my house, met my family, and helped me get to know St. Paul's. In December, all of the church came to our house and sang and brought many gifts that were very helpful for our family. After that, I was so glad to be part of St. Paul's and to begin bringing my family to church. Everyone was nice to us, and especially all the volunteers who helped us with rides to church and to work during the snowy winter. I am so glad to tell you that after almost a year, I now have passed my drivers license test and have a car, thanks to the very kind support of many of you. St. Paul's is a great church. I know that God moves in this place, through the generosity of this community. I hope that in the future, God will bless me to help and welcome others in the way that I have been welcomed and helped by St. Paul's.

*-Jean Marie Kponou and Family*



## A THANK YOU NOTE FROM JOAN REDDY TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. PAUL'S

**I wish to express my true appreciation to everyone for the thoughtful and touching celebration of my tenth anniversary as the Music Director of St. Paul's last Sunday.**

**I will cherish your kind words and beautiful gifts, Saint Julian, and the wonderful prayer shawl have already become part of my morning prayer. I am especially grateful to the Choir for the donation to Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation in my name, and for all their skill and dedication to our music making to the glory of God together. Thanks, too, go to those who have shared their instrumental skills with us over these years and we can't forget the children, who are joining the cloud of singing witnesses! Thank you all for encouraging and aiding us in bringing sacred music to our worship and life together.**

**Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Chris Wendell for orchestrating and leading the observance so well, and preparing the very moving closing prayer.**

**-Joan Reddy**

## *Celebration of New Ministry*

The wardens, vestry, and parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
100 Pine Hill Road  
Bedford, Massachusetts

Request your prayers and presence for a

**CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY**

at which

The Right Reverend Roy F. "Bud" Cederholm Bishop Suffragan of  
Massachusetts

will institute

the Reverend Christopher Scott Wendell  
as the fifth rector of St. Paul's  
Sunday, October 30, 2011  
four o'clock in the afternoon

Reception to follow

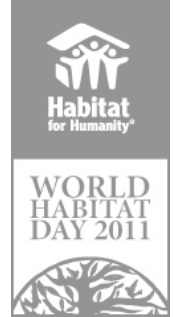
Please RSVP to the parish office by October 12

[781-275-262/info@stpaulsbedford.org](mailto:781-275-262/info@stpaulsbedford.org)



## OUTREACH AT ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: Habitat for Humanity

**October 3 is World Habitat Day**



The United Nations has established the first Monday of October (10/3) as "World Habitat Day." The purpose of this international event is:

- To call attention to the current global state of the human habitat
- To push toward adequate housing for all
- To dismantle and alter the systems that reinforce and entrench poverty housing
- To make an affordable, decent place to live a reality for all

Habitat for Humanity International, as well as its local affiliates, will mark the event with both action and prayer, beginning on October 3rd and running for six weeks, culminating with the annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, taking place this year in Léogâne, Haiti from November 5-12. Léogâne is regarded as the epicenter of the catastrophic earthquake that struck the impoverished island nation in January 2010.

As a Covenant Church partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell, St. Paul's will focus its October outreach efforts on ways we can fulfill our obligation to support to the construction of affordable housing in our local area. Among our scheduled events, we will:

- Say a special "Prayer for Community" on **Sunday, October 2nd**, asking God to forgive our blindness to the basic human need for shelter, and to strengthen our resolve as we work to make decent housing a reality for all
- Volunteer as a group at the Carter Way work site on North Road, on **Saturday, October 15th** (spots are limited)

Please contact **John Mitchell** for more information on how you can get involved.

**Habitat for Humanity International** is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than two million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell (HFHGL)** is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that works to strengthen families and communities through affordable homeownership opportunities. HFHGL works in partnership with corporations, like-minded community groups, faith-based organizations, and individual volunteers to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating simple, decent, energy efficient, affordable homes. Since its founding in 1991, HFHGL has built or renovated a total of 24 homes in Bedford, Billerica, Concord, Lowell, Reading, and Westford. To date, HFHGL's largest completed project was a 3-duplex, located at Harmony Way in Lowell. HFHGL projects have placed more than 80 people into quality housing. In addition, HFHGL has funded the construction of 38 homes globally through HFHI's Tithing program.

## REMEMBER YOUR UTO BOX!



As you count the blessings in your life, please remember to fill your UTO boxes. Grants from UTO funds are used around the world to help alleviate poverty. For example, thanks to a UTO grant, this summer St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Talladega, Alabama, built a new playground with a special feature—it's open for kids who live with physical disabilities.

St. Paul's ingathering, when you'll bring your UTO box to church, will be on Trinity Sunday— June 3, 2012.

If you have any questions, please see St. Paul's UTO coordinator Carol Hokana.



# ***Calling all Torchbearers, Gospelers and Crucifers!***

IMPORTANT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Sunday October 23



Our new rector, Chris Wendell, has lots to share with us, so make sure you attend this important training for ALL SERVERS – including new recruits and those who are already trained. We have some changes to make in altar roles and responsibilities. And just to mix things up, we will start with PIZZA and a discussion and then break into groups for training or practice.

## Attention New Altar servers!

Two Torchbearers serve at each service. They follow the cross, carrying lighted torches in the procession and they bring the torches to the reading of the Gospel. Children grade 2 and older are eligible to be Torchbearers. Adults are also welcome. There is a Crucifer and Gospeler at each service. The Crucifer carries the cross in the procession and assists at the Altar. The Gospeler lights and extinguishes the candles, carries the Gospel and assists as necessary. Both the older servers help the younger Torchbearers. Youth may serve as Gospelers beginning in grade 6. Adults always welcome.

## Experienced Altar servers

Please join us for the training as there are some changes and we would also like your help in training younger servers.

Please contact Caroline Larson to confirm your attendance.

## **Attention All Liturgical Ministers**

If you are assigned to serve on the altar for a particular Sunday and need to make a change with someone, please remember that it is your responsibility to find a substitute. When you have found a substitute, please either write their name on the grid in the library, or call the office and let Tracy know by noon on Friday. Also, please know that the calendar is available on the parish website if you need to check when you are assigned.

Thank You!

# ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL ADVENT FAIR



St. Paul's will hold its 2011 Advent Fair on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 2:00. This is an all Parish event that provides a major portion of our annual fundraising revenue and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

## ONLY TWO MONTHS TO GO ... WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?????

Attend a **BASKET WORKSHOP** in the loft at church on Sundays. No experience or big time commitment necessary!! Check with Jan Svendsen for additional dates and times.

Spend some time with the **CRAFTS GROUP** and go to one of their get-togethers. Or work on a craft project at home to donate for the fair. The Craft Group could use some new help this year – watch for weekly announcements of dates and locations, usually Tuesday evenings.

Please consider a **DONATION** to offset costs of supplies for baskets, crafts, and the snack bar. We really appreciate your help! Watch for a basket for donations at coffee hours.

Keep us in mind if you are making jams, jellies, relishes, etc. and donate these food items to the ever-popular **COUNTRY KITCHEN**. And, if you love baking, remember we'll need breads, pies, cookies, and sweet treats to sell for the holidays.

Dust off your cookbooks and plan to make delicious homemade soup for our **SOUPS-TO-GO** section of the Country Kitchen. Containers are available in the kitchen. Make and freeze!!

Save good quality new or gently used items you don't need for our **WHITE ELEPHANT** sale. Also, donate any **BOOKS** (in good condition) you may not need/read anymore for our book sale. Check your jewelry box for **VINTAGE JEWELRY**. All of these are a great way to recycle and help St. Paul's at the same time.

**CONTRIBUTE** an item or service to our **SILENT AUCTION**. Use your creativity and/or your connections around town. We can use gift certificates, services, tickets to sports events, a special antique or gift item, a weekend at a cottage – the sky is the limit! See Louisa Saladino-Kuhl if you have any questions.

**VOLUNTEER** to work the day of the fair, to help set up or clean up. The more the merrier!! Sign up sheets will be available in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

Any questions, **PLEASE** contact **Betsey Anderson**. We appreciate your help and support.

Craft workshops continue **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at Lynne Wolf's home, **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at Joanna Nickerson's home, and **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at the church for jewelry making. Come and lend a hand – you don't need to be an expert and you will have fun!

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** there will be a children's craft workshop at the church after service.

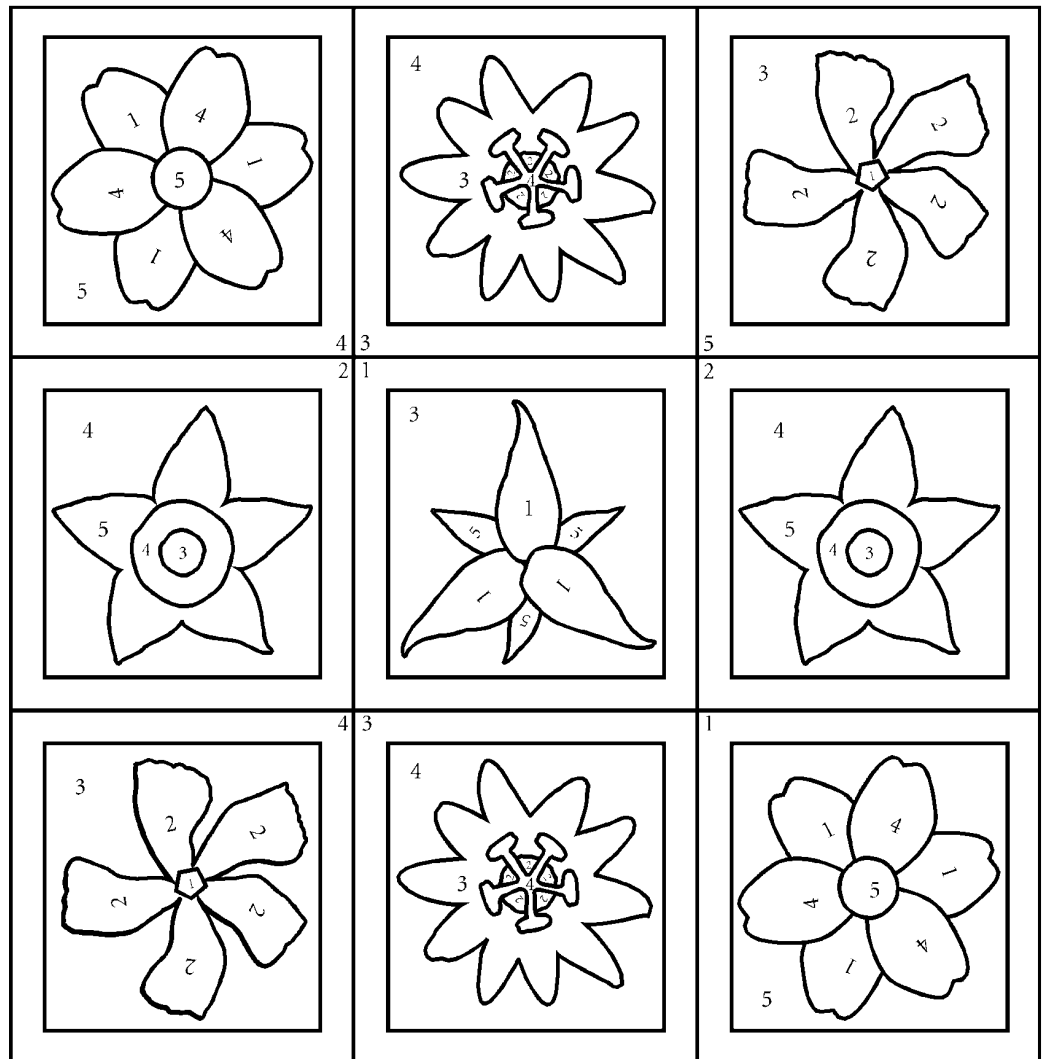
## Kids Challenge

All children of the parish are invited to complete these puzzles. If you return them to the church office completed as best you can so we can display them, you may then collect a small prize from Rev. Chris!

## A Warm Quilt

A warm quilt would be a nice thing to give someone who is in need. Color the areas in the quilt with the color numbers listed below.

- 1 – orange
- 2 – blue
- 3 – purple
- 4 – yellow
- 5 – green



## Something's Missing

The sentence below is from Acts 2:44-45. Some of the letters in the words are missing. Use the parts of the words from the key at right to fill in the missing parts.

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Acts 2:44-45

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## ***A Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila***

*Christ has no body now but yours.*  
*No hands, no feet on earth but yours.*  
*Yours are the eyes through which He looks*  
*compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet*  
*with which he walks to do good.*  
*Yours are the hands*  
*with which He blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands,*  
*yours are the feet.*  
*Yours are the eyes,*  
*you are His body.*

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