
ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

Summer 2006

Dear Friends,

The smell of lilacs always brings me back to the beginning of the summers of my childhood. There were several lilac bushes growing in yards I passed on the way to school in May and early June. Last month I was walking near the Arnold Arboretum and smelled the lilacs in bloom there and thought that summer was coming and the routines of my life and those around me would be changing.

Our worship community changes during the summer. People are busy tending to families, friends and personal wellness in rest and relaxation. In so many ways these experiences are sacred and should be honored as such.

According to the story in Scripture, God's beginning of the creation lasted seven days. Six of them were work days and the seventh was a day of rest. What do you suppose God did on that day?

Since there was only what God made, I imagine God reveled in it. I imagine God took it in; blessed it; enjoyed it. In that day of rest that God made, I believe God gave us a model for the way we rest. Of course, we first take time on that day to thank God for the gifts we have been given in family, friends, work, church and community. We are also invited to revel in those gifts.

As these leisurely summer days enter into your daily routines, take time to reflect on God's love for you as you relish the gifts in your life. Notice that the love of God for you is evident in the faces of your loved ones, in the gardens you may see or create, in the sunsets you witness, in the long slow lazy days you experience. Notice, my friends, that God's love follows you everywhere you go. In those times of solitude, reflection and contemplation you carve out for yourself, hear the voice of God's gratitude for the work you do, the care you offer one another, the love you have for the broken world you constantly work to repair. Take time to listen to that loving voice; stroll places, paddle places; fish if you can. Hear concerts in parks, watch baseball games, eat ice cream or sherbet or frozen yoghurt. As hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage sandwiches, grilled steaks and fish become daily fare, know that your spirit is being nourished by the time you take to rest.

As you spend time away from us, know that we hold you in our prayers. Know that even though you are worshipping some other way in some other place, you are in community with the people at St. Paul's. We look forward to your return at the end of this season of rest and relaxation that God has made for you.

Blessings for a happy, healthy, safe and fun-filled summertime.

Frank +

Meet the Vestry

In an effort to make us more visible and recognizable to members of the parish, the vestry is pleased to introduce a new feature to the Epistle. Every month, two members of the vestry will be profiled. We hope you will feel comfortable to come to us or to the rector with any concerns or questions about St. Paul's.

In Christ's name,
St. Paul's Vestry

Carol Hokana
(interview by Bob Thomas)



It's hard to think of Carol Hokana without thinking of Bo and ShanShan. There are many other people who have influenced her life as well. Carol's father, who was in the military, and her mother started their family in Washington, D.C. They determined that Washington was not the place they wanted to raise their children, and moved to North Dakota. This is where Carol was born and grew up. She is the youngest of five children. Carol's parents were both active in a small Episcopal church in North Dakota, serving on the vestry and as senior warden. Carol served on the altar from second grade through high school and was also a reader. She attended the University of North Dakota and received a combined bachelor's degree in Math and Computer Science. She moved to Massachusetts to begin a career as a software engineer at Lincoln Labs, where she met her husband, Nick, also a software engineer. Nick and Carol have been married for 21 years.

In the mid-nineties two events took place that shaped their lives. In a span of a few months, Carol's father died of cancer and Nick's brother passed away from complications related to AIDS. They both found a

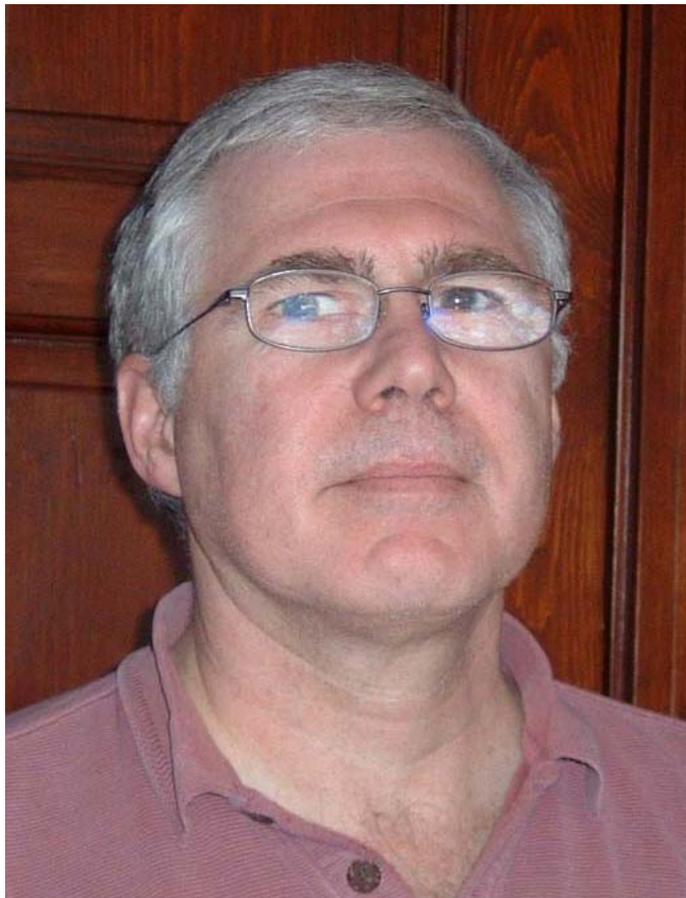
desire to have time to reflect on their lives. Carol and Nick took a year off from work to travel, read, do volunteer work, and connect with family. They spent six weeks in Italy and visited the Southwest. Carol, who had long held an interest in genealogy, included this study in her travels. One of the realizations was her desire for a new vocation. She selected Harvard to secure a Master's in Education. Carol then taught sixth grade in Gloucester.

It was during this time that Carol and Nick decided they wanted a family. Starting a family included more travel, when in April of 2000 they traveled China to adopt ShanShan. ShanShan's name means "coral." It was ShanShan who sparked their connection with St. Paul's. Carol's initial visits to St. Paul's were in late summer, when services were quiet in comparison to the post-Labor Day reunion. Carol and her family continued to attend St Paul's, where Carol now serves on the vestry.

In September of 2003 Carol and Nick adopted Bo, whose name means "treasure" or "precious red stone." Both girls now keep Carol very busy with their energy, curiosity, and creativity. They have all found a warm and accepting place at St Paul's.

Bob Thomas

(interview by Carol Hokana)



Meet Bob Thomas!—sounds a bit like a movie title. But this is no movie—Bob Thomas is not a fictional character. He is a congregant of St. Paul's and a member of its vestry. He is the husband of Linda, the father of 12-year old Ailin, and the friend of many. He is an employee of Draper Labs (an engineer: software, hardware, electrical, he does it all), and brother to his seven younger siblings.

But if there really WERE a movie called *Meet Bob Thomas*, which actor would be appropriate to portray him? To answer that question, one needs to know a little more about him.

Born in Colorado, Bob grew up in upstate New York, near Syracuse. When he was a high school sophomore, his family moved to Winchester, MA. He later attended and graduated from Northeastern University. He married the lovely and personable Linda Kuramoto (played by ...who?—that’s another interview!). After some years, they wanted to have a child, and because this is a movie, Poof! Magically the wonderful Ailin entered the world (*ai* meaning *love* in Japanese, and *lin* from the beginning of her mother’s name, Linda). An up-and-coming actress will have to be found to play Ailin, someone with the same beauty and grace that she possesses, someone that brings joy to the screen as Ailin does to her parents. That may be hard to do.

In the late ’90s Bob and Linda—Ailin was a toddler—had been attending an Episcopal church in a town near their hometown of bucolic Carlisle. They began to feel that their church was too big, and were hoping to find one that was more open and accepting of minorities. So they went church shopping. One Sunday they visited St. Paul’s, and almost immediately felt that this was the type of church they were looking for. Bob mentioned that the two Jans—Jan Gurley and Jan Blake (they would have to play themselves in the movie!)—greeted them and made them feel very welcome at St Paul’s. Bob and Linda have been members ever since, and for about five years now, Bob has served as a vestry member and as an usher.

Swimming figures prominently in Bob’s life; when not swimming in their pool at home, he often can be found at a swim club in Concord. He also likes to garden, but as is true with most gardeners, feels he doesn’t have enough time to do what he would like to do.

Bob’s family is very important to him, and he loves to spend lots of time with them, playing games at home, watching movies, or, again, swimming in their pool.

We’re learning more of who Bob is, and so a suitable actor to play Bob is getting closer to reality. Okay, not reality in the reality sense, but in the movie sense. To be true to the real Bob, the ideal actor would be one who can say a lot without saying a lot. He would have to be physically fit, intelligent, loving, and caring. One last thing: he would have to learn karate because Bob earned a third degree black belt.

So which actor could play Bob Thomas? Harrison Ford is too old, Brad Pitt too glitzy, Tom Cruise too ditzzy. Hmm, perhaps nobody can portray Bob better than he? Ladies and gentlemen! Meet Bob Thomas, the actor in his new biopic.

Catechesis Corner

We are wrapping up the year in Catechesis, which will always be special as our first in our new atria. The final class will be on June 11th. Parents, please try to bring your children that day as we will be handing out certificates and it is important for the children to say goodbye and understand about the summer break. We will especially miss our Kindergarten children who will be moving on to other church school classes next year, most after several years with us. Others will remain and will be divided into Catechesis 1 and 2 classes. It will be very helpful if parents could complete their registration forms early as information on birthdays and school plans will help us balance the classes. We would also like to hear from families with children who will be starting Catechesis in the fall - all who will be three by or near September are very welcome. We find

three-year-olds particularly like the hands-on activities we offer. Classes will resume in September on the same schedule as the rest of the church school.

As the year ends we want to thank the many people who have made the program possible. The main lead teachers who have worked all year include Chris Thompson and Louisa Saladino-Kuhl in Catechesis II and Sharon Keane in Catechesis I. A strong team of other teachers and assistants includes Jan Blake, Lisa Hafer, Andrea Hayes, Helen Kissel, Suzanne Laffely, Lori Murphy, Barbara Perry, Ron Presti, Deborah Regan, Andy Saladino, Elle Thompson, Tommy Waghorne and Valerie Wolfe. We have had help from many on the rooms and furnishings, particularly Paul Kruger. We now have basic furnishings (chairs, tables, prayer tables and altars) complete and can focus on decorations and other materials for next year. A particular need is for linens to fit the new tables - is there anyone in the congregation who sews and would be willing to help with these?

We hope all in the team will ponder, and let us know, whether and how they would like to continue next year. It would be great if some assistants were willing to try a little lead teaching. We offer a special invitation to all who will be in Middle or High School next year to consider helping out with Catechesis (or the nursery or older classes). Our youth have been a huge help and the young children love them! Wishing everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Amanda Hubbard & Ellen Ryan

St. Paul's Christian Education

Elementary School

It's hard to believe the end of the year is upon us. Wonderful things have been happening in the Sunday school rooms as we celebrate the Easter season. Through butterflies, flowers, vines, cookies, and puppets we learned the glories of Jesus.

Our last day of Sunday School is June 11th and volunteers are needed to scoop, set-up, clean-up and provide supplies. If you can help please, contact Karin Baker.

The joyous rewards of working with our Sunday school children are great. We'd like more teachers, assistants and nursery helpers for the classrooms next year. If you'd like to like to teach, assist, or learn more about our Sunday school program please contact Cathy Presti.

A great big THANK YOU to the many people who have contributed throughout the year making our Sunday school program so wonderful.

Upcoming Sunday School Dates:

May 28 th	Memorial Day (no Sunday school for grades 1-5)
June 4 th	Family Sunday - Pentecost (don't forget your red!)
June 11 th	Last day of Sunday school – Ice Cream Social
June 18	Teacher Appreciation Sunday/Teacher's "Thank-you Brunch"
Sept. 11 th	Registration for 2006-2007 Sunday school year
Sept. 17 th	First day of Sunday school

Cathy Presti

Sunday School Teacher "Thank-You Brunch"

All teachers and helpers for the Nursery, Catechesis, Sunday School and Youth Programs are invited to join us on **Sunday, June 18th, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** for a year end "Thank-You Brunch". Look for an invitation in the mail and please RSVP to me if you can attend so we can get a head count. Children are welcome and we will hopefully have a video for them.

Karen Baker

High School and Middle School Youth

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for another magnificent Youth Sunday! We are always proud and grateful to see you all do such a great job. Special kudos to Andy Saladino, for bravely tackling the sermon for the **THIRD** year in a row, and to Heather Marasa, for ably leading the service (as a freshman, no less!).

And thanks to all for a great year!

John & Emily Mitchell

Liturgical Trainings



ALTAR SERVERS

St. Paul's appreciates the commitment and faithful dedication of those who assist at our altar. Please join us if you are interested in participating. Children and adults serve on a rotating schedule with specific roles in the service. Training is provided each fall including updates for experienced servers.

Torchbearers

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.

Acolytes

There is a Crucifer and Gospeller at each service. The Crucifer carries the cross in the procession and assists at the Altar. The Gospeller lights and extinguishes the candles, carries the Gospel and assists as necessary.

Both Acolytes help the younger Torchbearers. Youth may serve as Acolytes beginning in grade 6. Adults are always welcome.

New Acolyte and Torchbearer Training – September 17

We will meet after church to welcome and train new youth and adults who wish to be trained as acolytes or torchbearers. Robes will be fitted and there will be pizza! Please call Caroline Larson if you are planning to attend.

Acolyte and Torchbearer Update – September 24

Acolytes and Torchbearers who have served in the past are invited to a short update meeting following church to review tasks and go over new procedures. Gospellers who would like to serve as Crucifers this year should be sure to attend this training. Robes will be re-fit and there will be pizza! If you cannot attend, please contact Caroline Larson to set up another date.

Questions? Contact Caroline Larson.

Caroline Larson

Choir Wrap-Up

The Choir has had a busy year of regular and special services, and the performance of the Faure *Requiem* in March. Their last Sunday for the Spring will be June 11th. Please thank them for their great contribution to the worship life of the church. During the summer we will have some vocal solos, duets, and perhaps some instrumental solos.

We are always looking for new members, and especially need male voices. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Please join us. We have a lot of fun as well as work! There is help with learning to read music to sing.

The Children's Choir continues to thrive. They will conclude their Sunday morning presentations with an anthem at Pentecost, June 4th, this year. There also seems to be some interest in forming a small group of older girls (and boys?) to sing part music. If you are interested, please speak to me this summer.

Joan Reddy

Women's Group

Calling all cooks!

We need your recipes! The women's group is putting together a new cookbook to sell at this year's Advent Fair, and we still need more help. Thanks to early submitters, we've got over 50 recipes collected so far. We are hoping for a final total of 150-200, though, so dig out those cookbooks and send in your favorites!

Recipes can be submitted via email to Emily Mitchell or Dori Sutton, or dropped off at church in the basket in the narthex.

Please have all your recipes submitted by JULY 1!

Dori Sutton & Emily Mitchell

Craft Night Schedule

Over the course of the Spring and Summer the craft preparations continue! Please join the “crafty ladies” during any of the dates/times below:

Wednesday, June 7 th	7:30 p.m.	Home of Betsey Anderson
Wednesday, June 28 th	7:30 p.m.	Home of Chris Anderson
Wednesday, July 12 th	7:30 p.m.	Home of Betsey Anderson
Wednesday, August 9 th	7:30 p.m.	Home of Betsey Anderson
Wednesday, August 23 rd	7:30 p.m.	Home of Betsey Anderson

*Betsey Anderson
Christine Anderson
Roberta Valday*

Advent Fair Reminder

EVEN THOUGH SUMMER IS COMING, PLEASE THINK AHEAD TO DECEMBER AND ST. PAUL'S AWESOME BASKETS FOR THE ADVENT FAIR!!

The Basket Committee would greatly appreciate it if parishioners could think of them during the summer months when doing any sort of "bargain shopping." We can always use items for our beautiful baskets and often times the summer months are the time to find great deals on things like:

decorative napkins
hand towels/kitchen towels
candles/candle holders
baby gifts
cookbooks/kitchen ware
Christmas/holiday ornaments
gardening gloves/bags
picture frames
vases
plates/platters/serving pieces
ice cream bowls/scoops

If you have any questions please speak to Jan Svendsen, Natalie Wicks, or Lisa Hafer. Thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity. All items will be put to good use in the fall as we assemble baskets for December!!

Lisa Hafer

Thrift Fair

The Thrift Fair is Coming; the Thrift Fair is Coming!!!!

Mark your Calendars with these important dates:

Thrift Fair:	June 17 th	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thrift Fair Organizational Meeting	June 4 th	After church services - Library
Thrift Fair Set Up days	June 14 th -16 th	Afternoon/Evening (more to come)

Many, many thanks to all of you who've offered to assist with the Thrift Fair. We can still use more help though, particularly with adult and children's clothes. See Janice Young or the sign up sheets in the hallway bulletin board.

Now, we also need stuff to sell, so start or continue collecting.
Here's the basic list:

1. Clothing All sizes and for all ages
2. Household goods "White elephant" type objects
3. Children's toys Good condition with most or all of their pieces.
[Please avoid stuffed animals and give away toys (Burger King/MacDonalds). They just don't sell.]
4. Books, CDs, Videos, etc.

If you have any questions about donations, just call me.

Thanks again to all. I can see all of you basking in later summer by the pool, pond, lake, ocean with the happy memories of a Thrift Fair job well done :)

Janice Young

Knitting Ministry

ON SUNDAY JUNE 4TH THE LINUS PROJECT COMES TO ST. PAUL'S



We have a magnificent collection of blankets and quilts to contribute to the Linus Project this year. On Sunday, June 4th, we will display our blankets and present them to Kathie Interest, a member of the Boston Chapter of Project Linus. Over 2000 needy children receive blankets from the Greater Boston Chapter each year.

Caroline Larson

Parish In-Reach Committee

The In-reach Committee helps support the St. Paul's community in celebration and in need. If you or someone you know would like personal contact in the form of cards, meals or phone calls, please call Sue Marasa or contact any member of the In-reach Committee for requests.

In-Reach Committee Members: Jan Gurley
 Linda Kuramoto
 Sue Marasa
 Louisa Saladino-Kuhl

Linda Kuramoto

News from St. Paul's Weekday Nursery School

Our last few weeks of school seem to be “theme-based”. On May 2nd we held “*Everybody's Birthday Party*”, extending the day to make up for the January 3rd date when school was cancelled. Games, party hats, goodie bags, balloons, cupcakes (we made ‘em) and ice cream were requisites. Interestingly, just 30 children’s actual birthdays covered every month of the year (August being the most popular...).

Next we conclude the regular year with two picnics by having a “*Mexican Fiesta*”. Sombreros and the Mexican Hat Dance, a beanbag Cactus Toss, a Jalapeño Hop, colorful flowers and serapes for wearing, making paper Tacos, and eating salsa and chips along with lunch – just some of the fun planned. “Room parents” organized much of the activity.

Our June R & R weeks are also coming together as the teachers keep adding ideas to our schedule. Everyone is very excited about the new venture. Week I (June 5th) is called “*A Camping Trip*” and Week II (June 12th) will be “*Water World*”.

As the summer approaches, we continue efforts to increase enrollment for next year. If you have the opportunity to talk with parents of pre-school children I hope you will promote St. Paul's Weekday Nursery School. I can always be reached at my home and am happy to answer questions and provide information. Thanks for our terrific home.

Beth Taylor

Parish Hall Feedback

What? I Can't Hear You!

We are all thrilled with our new parish hall, paid for through your generous contributions to our Capital Campaign. But there's one problem: the acoustics in the new hall are not really conducive to chatting and visiting during coffee hour. The vestry is aware of the problem and is actively seeking out solutions. We hope to have some kind of soundproofing installed over the summer.

Emily Mitchell, Junior Warden

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