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From the Deacon's Desk

It occurred to me while thinking about this article that this will be my last "From the Deacon's Desk" as I will be "priested" (to use a funny sounding, old term for ordination) before the next edition of the *Red Door Chronicle*. I shall have to come up with a new name for this column! It is one of many minor changes which will accompany the ordination: I will need new business cards, I can finally stop wearing my stole like Miss America's sash, and that picture hanger which I (perhaps presumptuously) put up next to the certificate from my ordination to the diaconate will finally hold something.

But there will also be a few significant changes, particularly with regard to Sunday mornings. We will no longer need to acquire the Sacrament from St. Paul's, Newport, and the truncated rite we have been using for the "Distribution of the Holy Communion by a Deacon" will be replaced by the Eucharistic prayers which we haven't heard for a few months. Particularly exciting to me is that we will be able to sing or say once again those two wonderful songs which flank the Canon (or Eucharistic Prayer) and which I've personally missed a great deal in recent months—namely, the *Sanctus & Benedictus* ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and the *Agnus Dei* ("O, Lamb of God"). Those of you who come to the 10:30 celebration will also hear *me* do a little bit more singing and will, I hope, learn some simple responses to things like the salutation before the Collect (BCP, 325 and 357), the Amen which follows it, the dialogue before the Canon (BCP, 333 and 361), and the aptly named "Great Amen" after the Canon. Life is awash with changes both small and great, and as a parish in transition these changes can seem significant. But thank heavens that amid all of the changes, that which is most important always stays the same. While aspects of worship may change slightly or significantly over time (as in the transition from the 1928 Prayer Book to that of 1979), the shape of our liturgy and its efficacy has remained unchanged for nearly two-thousand years.

While new ways of thinking have given us new insights into Christian truths over the years, the faith of the Apostles and of the Creeds has remained unchanged for as long. While the face of the church looks very different than it did even an half-century ago, while the power center of the Church has shifted from the West to the Global South, there is still "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, One God and Father of all." (Ephesians 4:5). So, let us be thankful both for transition and for constancy, knowing that in its essential character the Church will remain unchanged unto eternity, but in the specific expression of Her faith, She is, we hope, led by the Holy Ghost into all truth.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
The Rev'd John Drymon

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

We have managed to raise \$600 for Heifer Internationals' Noah's Ark Program. With that money, we bought a llama, a sheep, a pig, some tree seedlings, a trio of rabbits, a set of honeybees, and a flock of chicks. Thanks to the leadership of Pam Skinner and members of the Stewardship Committee.

POTLUCK

Our monthly Potluck Suppers will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Potluck Suppers are on the second Wednesday of every month. Bring some food and enjoy the fellowship of our wonderful St. Paul's family!



KNOW THY NEIGHBOR

Name - Carol Barnett Heringer

Place of birth - Conway, Arkansas

Where did you grow up? - Batesville, Arkansas

When did you become Episcopalian? - Officially, about two years ago.

Occupation/place of work - I am a literacy specialist with the Batesville School District and am lucky to have West Magnet as my home campus.

My favorite hymn is - "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Lift High the Cross."

My favorite Biblical character is - Moses.

The best season of the church year, as far as I am concerned, is - Advent.

The most meaningful church service that I've attended was - The baptisms of all of my children.

A book that I would recommend is - *One Foot in Eden* by Ron Rash (Thanks, Laura!). However, I have many others; just ask me sometime!

My most enjoyable movie or TV show is - Currently, "Mad Men" on AMC.

Guests at my fantasy dinner party would be - I would be invited to dine at Hogwart's with Harry, Ron, Hermione, and Albus Dumbledore.

My family consists of - Elmer, Nelson, Anna, Alex and my step-daughter Sarah and her husband Hunter who live in California.

Activities, hobbies, or interests that I enjoy are - Reading, cooking, and napping!

If anything were possible, what would you like to be doing now or in the future? - Own and live on a small, successful vineyard in France.

What is one thing you would like to see our parish accomplish or attain during the next ten years? - I would to see our parish continue to grow and nourish the spiritual lives of others as much as it has my family and myself.

MAGNETIC CHURCH

Trinity Cathedral and the Episcopal Church in Arkansas are hosting **The Magnetic Church: An Evangelism Conference with Andrew Weeks**. The conference will take place at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12. Everyone is invited to attend. The registration fee is \$25 and forms can be found at the Cathedral's website: www.trinitylittlerock.org.

USHER SCHEDULE September 2009

6- Gary Perkey & Kirk Warden
13- Pat Mulick & Tim Lindblom
20- Lee Conditt & Anthony Milam
27- Martha Sue Smith & Scott Lien

HOW ARE WE DOING?

**Average Cost Per Week
to Operate St. Paul's:** \$4,645.19

Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:

July 26-Aug 1.....\$3078.15
Aug 2-Aug. 8\$5573.15
Aug. 9-Aug. 15.....\$1952.15
Aug 16-Aug 22.....\$3179.15

Average Giving Per Week: \$3445.65

YOUTH PROGRAM

The youth at St. Paul's are busy making plans for the 2009-2010 school year!

Our first big event will be a "Kick-Off Cookout" held at the Barnett Farm on Sunday, September 13 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. New 7th graders (those currently in the 7th grade) and ALL youth (grades 7-12) are welcome to attend.

On September 20, our regular youth group meetings will begin at 5:00 in the Parish Hall. We are so fortunate to have our two youth leaders, Lyon College students Josh Looney and Maggie Alsup returning to lead our youth group meetings during the school year. Even if you don't have a child in the youth group, please consider helping out with this important ministry by offering your talents as a cook! Last year, church members provided meals for our youth group meetings and the efforts were VERY much appreciated by the teens and youth leaders. A sign-up sheet along with "Instructions and Hints" on preparing and providing meals will be available in the Parish Hall for anyone interested in helping the youth in this way. Please contact Laura Hance or Carol Heringer for information about meals.

A big thanks goes to the members of our Youth Council Dianne Fry, Evan Fry, Carol Heringer, Anna Heringer, Bill Olson, Susan Lindblom, Ethan Lindblom, Laura Hance, Ansley Hance, Molly Magourk, and Kevin Jackson for all their efforts in making the youth program a success. Thanks also to Father John for being a part of our first Youth Council meeting and providing us with ideas and guidance as we plan a great year for the young people of St. Paul's!

(Submitted by Susan Lindblom)

ORDINATION PLANS

Plans are underway for John Drymon's Ordination service and reception which are planned for Tuesday, Sept. 22. The Rt. Rev. Larry Benefield, Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas will conduct the service which will begin at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. The menu will consist of a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine and punch. Lynne Schmidt is heading up plans for the event and anyone who would like to contribute to the refreshments is asked to coordinate with her. Royce Haigwood will be in charge of decorations.

(Please note: help will be needed following service Sunday, Sept. 20 to set up tables for the reception.)
(Submitted by Jo Cargill)

PARISH HALL KITCHEN

Dear Parishioners,

We at St. Paul's are quite fortunate to have a very nice commercial kitchen. Unlike many church kitchens, it is not locked but is available to all parishioners.

As with all privileges, there is an equal element of responsibility that goes along with the use of the kitchen.

Recently, upon entering St. Paul's kitchen, some of the members who were setting up for a luncheon following the funeral of Larry Sevier were startled to see the mess that someone had left. Something had exploded or had been thrown leaving big brown splashes on wall, cabinets and ceiling.

Please, if you use the kitchen, be thankful for the opportunity and then be responsible for leaving it as clean, or cleaner, than you found it.

(Submitted by Laura Parks)

HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to extend to my St. Paul's family a sincere and heartfelt thank you for all of the care and concern shown me and my family during my recent hospitalization. The prayers, visits, notes, and words of encouragement that were sent our way were greatly appreciated.

When Laura and I became members of this parish, we quickly realized it is a very special place filled with very special people. Your thoughtfulness and kindness during my illness reinforces just how special you are, and your acts of benevolence will always be remembered and cherished.

Faithfully
Paul Hance