
St. Paul's Red Door Chronicle

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From the Rector:

September is always an awfully busy time here at Saint Paul's. Sunday School resumes, as does our normal schedule of choir rehearsals. On the 9th and 10th we will be taking photographs for the forthcoming pictorial directory. On Sunday the 11th we will be supplementing our normal liturgical schedule with a special service of prayer and remembrance, marking the tenth anniversary of the attacks which shocked our nation and continue to bear consequences for our commonweal. This will take place here at Saint Paul's and is being jointly planned with First Presbyterian Church. I hope as many who can attend this will.

In all events, life will begin getting busier here in the parish. Add to this all of the commitments that individuals and families resume this time of year (extracurricular activities at school, the prospect of long stretches of work without vacation between Labor Day and Christmas, &c.) and one can get overwhelmed. I have two copies of that rather famous English World War II poster which reads "KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON" (one in my office and one in my study in the rectory), and I find myself having to glance up at them a lot more this time of year!

This being the case, I thought it appropriate to repeat a suggestion which was the topic of a sermon I preached here last month: make time, in the midst of your quotidian running about, for silence and prayer. It is, as I have said before, in silence that God can speak to us most clearly. Just as Elijah heard God's voice neither in the earthquake nor in the wind nor in the fire, but rather in the sheer silence which followed them, even so will we be able to hear God when we quiet ourselves and listen.

I will repeat an invitation which I made in that sermon, and which I hope some may take me up on. I have found no place better to pray silently than in our own church. In the rectory I can always get sidetracked by a chore I need to do or a book I've put off reading too long, and kneeling at the altar rail by myself for a bit every day has been a blessed escape from these distraction. If any of you wants to have such an escape, let me know and I can make certain you can get into the church to do so. Otherwise, please consider how you might be able to create the opportunity for silence in your own daily practice of prayer. It not only goes a long way to helping one "keep calm and carry on." More importantly, it gives God an opportunity to speak to us and through us in ways we've not expected.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John+

SEPT. 11th SERVICE

To mark the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, we will be co-hosting a special service with First Presbyterian Church. The service will be **Sunday, September 11, 5:00pm** in the Church. All are invited.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 2011-2012

This summer the Adult Sunday School class has tried to develop a program for this year. If you haven't been coming to Adult Sunday School, plan to join us this year. Your mind will be stimulated, and it is a good way to get to know others.

We will begin classes on September 11 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.

Here is the schedule as it currently stands, we still have a few openings for the year. If you'd be interested in teaching a class, you can contact Sally Fitts at fittsizer@hotmail.com. You can also contact the church office.

Sept 11- Sept 25 - Anthony Milam: The Book of James

Oct. 2- Oct. 9 - Pam Skinner: Women of the Bible

Oct 6- Oct 30 - Fr. John: Development of the Denominations

Nov 6- Nov 13 - Scott Lien: Charity

Nov 20- Sally Fitts: Gratitude

Nov 27- No class (Thanksgiving)

Dec 4- Dec 18 - David Wade: Advent

Dec 25- No class (Christmas)

Jan 1- Jan 15- Virginia Wray: Flannery O'Connor

Jan 22- Feb 12- Gail Harley: Great Religions of the World

Feb 26- Mar 18- Kevin Jackson: Book of Job

May 6- May 13- David Wade: Parables

SEPTEMBER 2011 LECTOR SCHEDULE

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Sept 4: Betty Bess	Ansley Hance
Sept. 11: Ann Rhodes	Pamela Okolo
Sept. 18: Cindy Allen	Mary Lou Kent
Sept. 25: Jim Johnson	Robin King

USHER SCHEDULE September 2011

4- Amy & Darren Plaster
11- Alan Bufford & Dwight Ford
18- Paul Hance & Tim Dunlap
25- Kirk Warden & Gary Perkey



HOW ARE WE DOING?

**Average Cost Per Week
to Operate St. Paul's: \$4590.35**

Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:

May 29-June 4.....	\$3057.09
June 5-June 11.....	\$4408.83
June 12-June 18.....	\$2520.50
June 19-June 25.....	\$3743.66
June 26-July 2.....	\$2787.98
July 10-July 16.....	\$7266.33
July 17-July 23.....	\$3939.83
July 24-July 30.....	\$2040.83
July 31-Aug 6.....	\$4533.06
Aug 7-Aug 13.....	\$5190.53
Aug 14-Aug 20.....	\$2814.53

Average Giving Per Week: \$3845.75