

The Epistle

August 2010

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Feast of St. James (tr.)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

James and John, the fisherman sons of Zebedee, were called the Sons of Thunder. And Jesus must have had his reasons! James was the killed by King Herod as the first martyr among the apostles (Acts 12: 1-2), and his feast is commemorated on July 25. By the time of his death he was known as “camel-knees” according to ancient tradition. We tell the stories of the saints and martyrs to find ways to connect with the liturgical year the stories of those who have gone before us on this journey. James’ camel knees indicate how praying became the focus of his life after Jesus’ death, rather than the jockeying for position for which he, John, and their mother are remembered in the Gospels.

This summer has sped past! It seems like the preschoolers just had their graduation, and now we are getting ready to welcome new groups of children and teachers! We hope to have a celebration on a Sunday morning a little later this fall, and will let you know as soon as that is scheduled. Thanks to Kay, Lori, Lori and others working on the changes in the undercroft, and to those of you who have contributed.

Hope you have had some time to get outside and to reconnect with friends. Supply clergy are quite rare in central Iowa right now, but The Rev. Mel Low, retired priest living in Cedar Rapids, plans to celebrate at St. Paul’s on August 8, when we are attending an Oakland reunion in NE Iowa. Dave and I are waiting to vacation in the fall and plan to be gone from Sept. 13-25 visiting friends in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

I try to find a good management/leadership book each year. And I have now read and re-read The Art of Possibility by Rosamund and Benjamin Zander, 2000. She is a therapist; and he, an orchestra conductor. He talks about how the drive to be successful and the fear of failure are linked together like two sides of one coin. He tells about needing to find another way to live when his marriage and life were in shambles. And, he called this new way to live the game of life, *I am a contribution*. “Unlike success and failure, *contribution*, has no other side. It is not arrived at by comparison. All at once I found that the fearful question, ‘Is it enough?’ and the even more fearful question, ‘Am I loved for who I am, or for what I have accomplished?’ could both be replaced by the joyful question, ‘How will I be a *contribution* today?’ He goes on to explain how this changed his life paradigm of success/failure, and then he asked his students to jot down how they have contributed over the past week. He has used this way of changing the way people see their lives with people from ages 15-103 (p. 56-65). When you say your prayers before the service begins, think about how you have been a contribution to God and others over the past week. Together, let’s see what contribution we collectively at St. Paul’s can make toward God’s mission in this community during this coming year.

Faithfully,

Mary Jane+

CHURCH NEWS

Sep 26 Don & Sandy Crowley

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION will meet Thursday, **August 5**, at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Mary Lou Tappe.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD will not meet until September 9.

ST. PAUL'S VESTRY will meet Thursday, August 19, in the Conference Room.

THANK YOU to those who made special contributions for the reclaiming of the undercroft as preschool space and for the structural work on the church. Your gifts are always greatly appreciated!

FALL PROGRAM PLANNING

Look for more Sunday morning interviews with St. Paul's greatest generation.

Are you interested in Bible study or learning more about prayer and spiritual practices? Anything else seem interesting? Please talk to Pr. Mary Jane or P. J. Colbert, as we are planing opportunities.

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Aug 1	Don & Pam Campbell
Aug 8	Tom & PJ Colbert
Aug 15	David & Karen Bursley
Aug 22	Mary Lou Tappe
Aug 29	Audrey Hafar & Mary Jacobson
Sep 5	Pat & Dorothy Apgar
Sep 12	Kay Beach
Sep 19	Mary Harvey

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HOUSE OF COMPASSION

St. Paul's will serve the evening meal at the House of Compassion, Tuesday, August 10. If you would like to help, please sign up on the green clipboard on the table at the back of the church.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Aug 25 Mary Lou Tappe and Pam Campbell
Sep 22 Barbara Baltisberger and Kay Beach

If you cannot serve when scheduled, trade with someone or use the following members in emergency only:

Bill or Barbara Baltisberger	
753-7494	
Pam Campbell	753-8064
Nan Ryden	753-3788
Mary Lou Tappe	752-5833

EMERGENCY FOOD BOX

Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the grocery cart at the back of the church, or a check may be sent at any time to: **Emergency Food Box; P.O. Box 391; Marshalltown, IA 50158.**

St. Paul's next opportunity to help restock the Emergency Food Box will be Sunday, August 8.




STUFF THE BUS!

House of Compassion is collecting school supplies for students again this year. Items needed are: Wide-line notebook paper; glossy pocket folders; erasers (pencil tip & regular); blue and black erasable pens; colored pencils; large boxes of facial tissue; plastic school boxes; 3-ring notebooks; scissors; water color paints; spiral notebooks; colored pocket folders.

St. Paul's members may bring their supplies here; deadline is Sunday,

August 8. All school supplies should be newly purchased. The supplies will be handed out Sat, Aug 14, 10-3, and Mon, Aug 16, noon-5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Worship	2	3	4	5 6:00 p.m. St. Margaret's Mission	6	7 
8 9:30 AM Worship Emergency Food Box Sunday	9 Happy Anniversary! Don & Sandy Crowley	10 SOUP KITCHEN Happy Anniversary! David & Sheryl Thomas	11	12	13 Happy Anniversary! Dave and Mary Jane Oakland	14 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. School Supplies Give- Away
15 9:30 AM Worship	16 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. School Supplies Give- Away	17 Happy Birthday! Mary Harvey Happy Anniversary! Bill & Barbara Baltisberger	18 Happy Birthday! Lori DeSaulniers	19 7:00 Vestry	20	21 Happy Birthday! Don Crowley Happy Anniversary! Marshall & Lou Jones
22 9:30 AM Worship	23	24 Happy Birthday! Colleen Harmon	25 Meals on Wheels	26	27	28
29 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Sandy Crowley	30					

Lay Participants for 2010

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All lay participants are to meet in the choir room for prayer 5 minutes before service time.

Date	Time	Lay Readers/Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers
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Each person is responsible for finding a replacement when needed and reporting the change to the church office.

Date: August 1 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Marjorie Cook
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Freida McInroy
Coffee: Don & Pam Campbell

Date: August 22 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Sheryl Readout
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Don & Sandy Crowley
Altar Guild: Pam Campbell
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Sandy Crowley
Coffee: Mary Lou Tappe

Date: August 8 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Sheryl Readout
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Don & Pam Campbell
Altar Guild: Nan Ryden & Freida McInroy
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Tom & P. J. Colbert

Date: August 29 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Bursley
Chalice and Acolyte: Ce Hubbard
Ushers: Tom & P. J. Colbert
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Freida McInroy
Coffee: Audrey Hafar & Mary Jacobson

Date: August 15 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Ce Hubbard
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Nancy Stone & Mary Lou Tappe
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout
Lock-up: David Bursley
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger & Mary Harvey
Coffee: David & Karen Bursley

