

The Epistle

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My dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Last month our web site coordinator sent a link for a BBC radio interview of Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. I think the name of the radio program series is "Something Understood: Religion and Ethics". The Archbishop's presentation on prayer focused on that same phrase, "something understood" from one of George Herbert's poems.

Prayer (I)

Prayer the Church's banquet, angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;

Engine against th'Almighty, sinner's tower,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days' world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;

Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The Milky Way, the bird of Paradise,

Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

George Herbert

And so I found myself re-reading this poem/prayer and thinking about personal prayer and the prayer we share in this parish. It may be hard to name but there is a place within where our practices of prayer through our Rule of Life become something organic living within us – becoming "something understood", of being wholly known by God.

Soon we will have the opportunity to experience within our sanctuary praying with an icon. Bp. Alan Scarfe at his annual visit to the parish on November 22, will dedicate an icon of St. Paul, which was commissioned to be "written"/painted in memory of Dr. David and Kit Blaha. Icons are not art objects intended for museums, but exist as an aid to worship. There is a long tradition in how icons are made – which colors are used, how the figures are drawn in two-dimensions within the icon's wooden panel and are not three- dimensional. The figures do not show emotionality. Icons serve as windows, open spaces, between the human and the divine. "Icons are like the horizon between earth and heaven. When you pray in front of an icon it is like you are praying in front of a window into heaven." Dennis Bell. When I think about the spiritual streams

that come to us from the western and eastern strands of Christianity, the western branch might be summarized by St. Benedict's first word of his Rule, "listen", and from the eastern church the word is "gaze". In our day, we try to embrace the wisdom distilled from the whole church by both listening and looking to receive that "something understood", of God present with us and in us. Our first icon is of St. Paul, one whose life was claimed and transformed by the risen Christ. After his conversion experience on the Road to Damascus, he spent the rest of his days and energy living into and sharing Christ with others. I have only seen a picture of the icon at this point, but with that picture sitting in my office, I have glimpsed that openness of St. Paul to the Holy drawing us to something difficult to express in words, but "something understood". And, if you would like to learn more about icons, there are a number of resources available.

Faithfully,

Mary Jane+



DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 157th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa will be held in Des Moines on November 6 & 7. David Bursley will represent St. Paul's as Lay Delegate.

ICON OF ST. PAUL

The Icon of St. Paul is now completed and should be arriving here soon. Bishop Scarfe will dedicate the Icon during his visitation Sunday, November 22. The Icon is given in memory of Dr. David and Kit Blaha.

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will next meet Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, hosted by Betty Bradner and Pudd Handorf.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet on Friday, November 6, at Hope United Methodist Church, 2203 South 3rd Avenue. A salad luncheon will be held at noon.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD

We will meet Thursday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m. to prepare our love plates. At noon we will enjoy a soup luncheon with hostesses Freida McInroy and Nan Ryden. Mary Foley will present the program, "Madonna and Child of the 15th Century".

BIBLE STUDY

Our fall Bible Study of the Gospel of Luke continues Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will meet Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.



2009 COFFEE SCHEDULE

Nov 1	David & Karen Bursley
Nov 8	Rex & Nan Ryden
Nov 15	Tom & P. J. Colbert
Nov 22	Orlin & Sally Klinkefus
Nov 29	Don & Pam Campbell
Dec 6	Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Dec 13	Betty Bradner
Dec 20	Fred & Ce Hubbard
Dec 27	Mike Heaverlo

"Messiah" to be presented December 7

The Central Iowa Choral Society will present its 57th performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, at First United Methodist Church, 202 West Main Street. A featured program will begin the evening at 6:30 p.m., followed by a congregational carol sing at 6:45 p.m.

Rehearsals will be from 2 - 4 p.m. on November 8, 15, and 22, and December 5. There will also be a rehearsal from 6 - 8 p.m. Sunday, November 29.



**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT,
OCTOBER 31!**



ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

St. Paul's Preschool is sponsoring a "Family Halloween Chili/Soup Feed" on Halloween night from 6-8:00 p.m. This will be held downstairs in the Great Hall, and the cost is \$1.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend! Proceeds benefit the preschool.

Anyone who is interested in helping to make soups and/or breads for the supper, please contact Lori Gardea at 641-691-1839.

www.stpaulsmarshalltown.org

This is our new parish website!
Be sure to check it out!

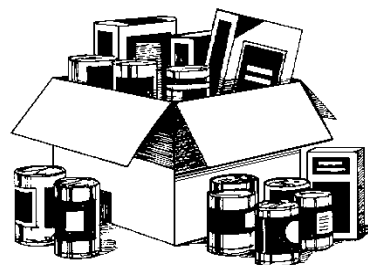
UTO SUNDAY

The United Thank Offering will be received Sunday, November 8. Blue cardboard box banks are available on the table in the back of the church. If you prefer, you could place your check in the offering plate, or mail it to the office. Specially marked envelopes are also available on the table for your use.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We still have an opening for Nov 29 - Dec. 6. If you would like to furnish flowers for those two Sundays, please sign up on the list on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

REMINDER: Please call or go to Renner's to order your flowers, so they know of your wishes. The cost is \$24.00 plus tax, and Renner's will then bill you directly.



HOUSE OF COMPASSION

Tuesday, October 13, St. Paul's served the evening meal at the House of Compassion. 44 people enjoyed a meal of beef and noodles, green beans, hard-boiled eggs, and bread and butter. Raisin bars were served for dessert, along with coffee, milk and fruit juice. A big THANK YOU to our team: P.J. and Tom Colbert, Ce and Fred Hubbard, Don Crowley, and Kay Beach.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Nov. 25 Pam Campbell and
Kay Beach

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

Barb Baltisberger 753-7494
Marjorie Cook 753-7848
Nan Ryden 753-3788

One Sunday after church, a mother asked her very young daughter what her Sunday School lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt". Needless to say, the mother was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea. The mother asked him what that morning's Sunday School lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, Thy comforter is coming."

HELP SERVE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY FOOD BOX!

The Emergency Food Box needs your help now more than ever. The items that are most needed at the present are **macaroni & cheese, noodles, pork & beans, and canned peas, corn, and tomatoes.** (please check the dates on the cans) These items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.

Cash donations are always welcome. These funds are used to buy needed items locally, and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa. Please make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box**, and mail to: **EFB; P.O. Box 391; Marshalltown, IA 50158.**

Thank you for your past contributions! Please continue to take into consideration the increasing need for food and/or contributions in our area.

St. Paul's next opportunity to bring food items is Sunday, November 8.

"Walk for the Hungry"

The annual Crop Walk was held in Marshalltown Sunday, October 18. Kay Beach walked the 10K route to represent St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Kay collected \$235.00 for the Crop Walk.

I Have Fallen and I CAN Get Up

Answers in Health Care Options as We Age

This free community workshop is designed to provide information and resources for the aging person and their families related to different health care options and how these services are paid for and accessed.

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 10, 2009

1:00-4:00 PM – information for the aging person. Light refreshments will be served

5:00-8:00 PM – information for the adult children who are assisting with aging parents. Light refreshments will be served.

Location: Iowa Valley Continuing Education, 3702 S. Center St, room 808, Marshalltown

Agenda/ Presenters:

1:00-1:15 PM- State Representative Mark Smith

1:15-2:15 PM – General topics to include

- Long term care, assisted living, hospital; Tom Hoskins, Administrator, Grandview Heights
- Hospice, home health, comfort; Connie Perry, RN, Hospice Care Consultant, Iowa Hospice
- Community Resources; Doug Shepard, Elder Abuse Initiative-Regional Prevention Coordinator

2:15-4:00 PM open house, visit the vendor booths, ask questions, get answers, discover resources, win door prizes, and enjoy free refreshments.

5:00-5:15 PM – State Senator Steve Soddors

5:15-6:15 PM – General topics to include

- Long term care, assisted living, hospital; Tom Hoskins, Administrator, Grandview Heights
- Hospice, home health, comfort; Connie Perry, RN, Hospice Care Consultant, Iowa Hospice
- Community Resources; Doug Shepard, Elder Abuse Initiative-Regional Prevention Coordinator

6:15-8:00 PM open house, visit the vendor booths, ask questions, get answers, discover resources, win door prizes, and enjoy free refreshments.

In our efforts to have enough materials and refreshments please call Iowa Valley Continuing Education at 641-752-4645 or 1-800-284-4823 to let us know that you are planning to attend.

The course number for the 1:00-4:00 PM session is FAM 2700-001.

The course number for the 5:00-8:00 PM session is FAM 2700-002.

We look forward to seeing you on November 10, 2009.

Iowa Valley Continuing Education

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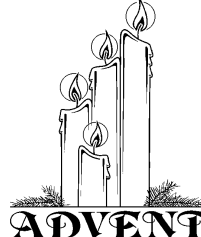
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NOVEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 9:30 AM Worship All Saints' Day	2 Happy Birthday! Roger Halleck Mac McInroy	3 Happy Birthday! Marjorie Cook	4 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Happy Birthday! Fred Hubbard	5 6:00 PM St. Margaret's Mission Happy Birthday! Michael Carter	6 12:00 noon CWU - Hope UMC - salad luncheon No Preschool	7
8 9:30 AM Worship Emergency Food Box Sunday	9	10	11 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	12 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Guild prepare plates 12:00 noon St. Paul's Guild soup luncheon	13 No Preschool	14 
15 9:30 AM Worship	16 	17	18 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	19 7:00 Vestry	20	21
22 9:30 AM Worship	23	24	25 NO Bible Study Meals on Wheels	26 	27 No Preschool	28
29 9:30 AM Worship FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	30 Happy Birthday! Nan Ryden					

Lay Participants for 2009

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

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

Date: November 1 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Kay Beach
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Fred and Ce Hubbard
Altar Guild: Pam Campbell and Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: P. J. Colbert
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: David and Karen Bursley

Date: November 22 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Ce Hubbard
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Rex and Nan Ryden
Altar Guild: Nan Ryden and Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: P. J. Colbert
LEV: Freida McInroy
Coffee: Orlin and Sally Klinkefus

Date: November 8 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons: Nan Ryden
Prayers: Audrey Hafar
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Don and Pam Campbell
Altar Guild: Marsha Eppert and Freida McInroy
Lock-up: P. J. Colbert
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger and Mary Harvey
Coffee: Rex and Nan Ryden

Date: November 29 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Bill and Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Marsha Eppert and Marjorie Cook
Lock-up: P. J. Colbert
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Don and Pam Campbell

Date: November 15 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Sheryl Readout
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Don and Sandy Crowley
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout and Pam Campbell
Lock-up: P. J. Colbert
LEV: Sandy Crowley
Coffee: Tom and P. J. Colbert



