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Give the World a Present

by Kai Carrigan

This year on **December 4 and 5**, as we have for many years, St. Paul's goes to work to create a weekend market of beautiful, unique shopping opportunities to share our own gifts with the world. The majority of our congregation (and many of our friends) will put on an apron, roll up their sleeves, unpack stock, count inventory, put up shelving, make soup, bake, make copies, distribute posters, run registers, invite friends, and the list goes on ... Recognizing how blessed we are, even in these harsh economic times, we celebrate the season by helping others around the world who have even less.

Please sign up to work in one of the areas and on one of the dates we need to create this wonderful annual event. Many of our beautiful, original craft items are made from local natural or recycled materials: our purchases enable artisans to continue their traditional arts as well as provide an income for their families. The crafts come to us through fair trade cooperatives from virtually every part of the world, including sheltered workshops in the United States.

If you sign up to work from the Alternative Gifts Shopping List for the World, you can honor a special person in your life while helping victims of wars, political strife, famine, natural disasters, and long term poverty care for themselves. In the past the gifts have included solar ovens, school supplies, wells, medicines, and restoring habitats. The items are unique and personal, linking you to the interests of the person you are honoring. The list includes perfect gifts for an elderly friend, someone in a nursing home, co-workers, or anyone else that you want to remember but aren't sure what to purchase for them.

We will have representatives from Our Little Roses Home for Girls in Honduras and our mission in Haiti with information regarding their needs and displaying some craft items for sale.

Group I is disbanding and will not be having their traditional Bake Sale on Saturday morning to benefit St. Paul's kitchen needs. If you want to continue this tradition and are willing to chair it, please contact Jan or Jacquey to coordinate your plans.

The men of St. Paul's will be baking bread on Friday for sale and to accompany the homemade soups being served for lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Your money spent at the Craft Fair and Alternate Gift Market enables families and communities to be more self-sustaining. All profits from our fair are returned to the craftspeople and organizations to help them continue to make and market their original works of art.

Thank you for your help from the overall fair chairs: Jan Edwards, Jacquey Shellenbarger and Candy Conover (Alternative Gifts).

Relaxation/Meditation Mini-Retreat

Feeling stressed? Tired? Out of touch with what's important to you?

Come spend an hour with Melissa Eiben, certified yoga instructor, and participate in a guided relaxation/meditation mini-retreat. Leave feeling calm, relaxed, re-energized and clear-headed.

Afterwards you can expect the best night's sleep you've had in a long while!

Melissa will guide you through simple but powerful relaxation exercise that is easy to do and extremely nourishing to mind, body, and spirit. The mini-retreat takes place on Monday, **November 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Morgan Chapel.

Operation Christmas Child

by Bob Railey

We have been invited to join other churches in the U.P. in this project which provides shoeboxes, lovingly packed with a variety of items, to needy children all over the world. A display on a chapel hallway bulletin board provides information on appropriate items to include in the shoeboxes; the display will contain instruction sheets which you may take with you. The instruction sheets include shoebox labels to be marked with age-range and gender of intended recipient.

Any individual, family, or parish group may prepare one or more boxes. Bring completed boxes to St. Paul's by Sunday, **November 15**; the boxes will be delivered that week to Silver Creek Church, which is serving as a collection depot for all boxes prepared in the U.P.

Important note: The instructions for preparing boxes say to include an envelope containing a \$5 check made out to "Samaritan's Purse" —the national charity overseeing this project.

A statement posted as part of the display cautions that this charity has failed to comply with annual information requests from the National Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance. For this reason, we counsel against donating more money than the minimum required shipping fee.

Samaritan's Purse



Oil-Burning Candles

The Altar Guild of St. Paul's would like to purchase six oil-burning candles for the reredos in the church to match the ones at the altar table. The cost is approximately \$70 per candle. They burn more cleanly, eliminate waxy mess and do not burn down. If you are interested in making a donation toward the cost of these candles, perhaps in honor or memory of someone, it would be most welcome.

Please contact Marcia Franz, 226-2830, if you are interested or have any questions.

Change in Copy Machine Usage

Due to the service contract which assesses fees for copies over the contracted number, St. Paul's copy machine can no longer be used for unlimited personal copying. A limited number of copying can be done during regular office hours. If you have questions about the new policy, please contact Barb Carpenter, Pat Micklow, Kevin Thew Forrester or Kathy Lenten. Thank you.

Group “I” Retires *by Olive Sain*

At our “All Saints Day” liturgy on Sunday, November 1, we will honor the members (living and departed) of Group “I,” the last remnant of (what was at one time) a very large Women’s Guild/Women’s Auxiliary (later considered St. Paul’s branch of the Episcopal Church Women—a national church affiliation that still meets in “Triennial” at the same time as the Episcopal Church’s national convention. Olive Sain was invited to write a “memorial” statement on the occasion of the group’s formal disbanding. – Bob Railey

Group “I” was one of 14 Guild groups, each designated by an identifying letter (A through N). As women joined St. Paul’s, they were invited to become members of groups of like age, interest, etc. These groups served as a resource to the rector, vestry and Guild officers to carry out projects such as hospitality, food service, fund-raising for church maintenance projects, etc. These small groups established lasting friendships while working together.

Then came a time when a new rector felt a lesser need for such groups; as a result, our one remaining group was left to be called on to carry a wide variety of requests such as serving food at regional meetings, funerals, etc.

Group “I” has always kept St. Paul’s as our church home, and our projects reflected that interest. St. Paul’s has been our spiritual and social home.

The following are some small and large projects accomplished over the years:

- We took on the task of repairing our badly worn prayer books and hymnals after getting instructions from the librarian at Peter White Public Library; this prolonged their use for several years.
- We purchased fire-proof cases for St. Paul’s historical papers; a vacuum cleaner for our sanctuary; and many coffee urns.
- We made the white & gold Chrismons (Christian monogram symbols) for the Christmas tree.
- Our major project was planning the new kitchen and purchasing all of the equipment, cooking utensils, silverware, dishes, and a serving cart, and refinishing the old metal carts (this was all done as part of the facility retrenchment & construction upon having to tear down the old Guild Hall in 1988).
- Our “White Elephant” and “baked & canned goods” sales have been part of St. Paul’s annual pre-holiday sales for many years (originally in conjunction with the annual “Holiday Bazaar”, then in conjunction with the “Third World Gift Fair”); this brought out our baking and cooking talents.
- We have served at numerous special teas, soup suppers, and coffee hours; we have purchased many consumables such as paper goods and coffee.

Finally, our members became too few, and our strength diminished to where we had to say, “It is time to retire to the side lines.”

Sundays:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Preside</u>	<u>Preach</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
November 1	All Saints	Kevin	Kevin	Coralie
November 8	Pent 23/Pr 27	Jim S.	Jim S.	Suzanne
November 15	Pent 24/Pr 28	Kevin	Vince	Pat
November 22*	Pent 25/Pr 29	Rise	Rise	Coralie
November 29	Advent 1	Jim S.	Jim S.	Suzanne

*Youth Sunday

Note: there are no Wednesday Eucharists during November.

All Saints is celebrated on Sunday, November 1, and Andrew will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 2.

Liturgy meeting

The next (irregularly scheduled) liturgy meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, at noon in the parish office.

**Liturgical
Leadership**

Do You Have a Key for St. Paul's?

St. Paul's is experiencing a problem with various doors left unlocked. If you have a key for the church and you use it to open the building, please accept the responsibility to ensure the doors are locked when you leave. Please take note of the following:



Main Entrance: East doors off of the Atrium must be locked and checked from the outside. Make sure the doors are pushed firmly closed.



Ridge Street Entrance: Front doors in Narthex can only be locked from the inside but should always be checked from the outside. Make sure the doors are firmly closed.



Arch Street Entrance: The north back door and the single door entrance (off of the south side of the Atrium) must have the center knob of the lock pushed in and turned to the right. When the door is locked, the knob will remain pushed in. Check the latch from the outside and be sure each door is firmly closed.

If we all work together and take responsibility to check all of the doors each time we leave whether we have used them or not, we can correct this problem and make St. Paul's a safe place to enter and visit.

New Handrails Installed

Many thanks to Dan Carpenter and Elmer Hollinshad for the hours they spent designing, painting and installing the new safety handrail at the north entrance to the church. We all know how icy that particular spot is in the winter...the new rail will make navigating that step easier and safer. Speaking of handrails, have you noticed or used the new railings on either side of the altar? Also, if you look carefully, you'll notice a new metal railing that extends the height of the wooden rail of the balcony in the back of the church. Each of these projects took some thought and planning to make safety the priority but also to keep the railings visually pleasing. We think they succeeded. Thank you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you

For many months Jon Webb and Jeff Hendricks have been hard at work "sprucing up" the exterior of St. Paul's. You might have seen them mowing the grass or pruning the bushes or painting the shed to make the outside of our building as beautiful as the inside. The bell tower doors have been refinished and the trim around them painted. The light fixtures are being refurbished and repaired. Our outside face is glowing now with the care these men have given. Thank you Jon and Jeff, for giving of your time and talents to St. Paul's.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Distribution

by Barb Carpenter

The Superior Watershed Partnership has joined with its EarthKeeper Partners to distribute compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) free, as an energy conservation project. Anyone who has been in the church office recently has probably noticed the mountain of boxes of light bulbs. St. Paul's has received 84 6-pks of bulbs. If you are interested in a box, you are just asked to sign an information sheet (name, address, etc) and pick up a green fact sheet. Each family is requested to fill out and return the small amount of data requested on the back of the fact sheet. You can pick up your bulbs in the office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 – 1 or after the service on any Sunday in November. Questions? Contact Barb Carpenter, June Davis, or Kathy in the office, 226-2912.

Annual Convention

by Barb Carpenter

The 114th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan was held at St. Stephen's Church in Escanaba, beginning on Friday, October 30 and concluding on Saturday afternoon, October 31.



The delegates elected by the Vestry to represent St. Paul's were Sue Micensky, Sandy Purrington, Judd Spray and Kevin Thew-Forrester. Alternates were Coralie Hambleton, Jim Jajich, Kay Payant and Vince Reed. Fredricka Harris Thompsett, retired professor of Church History at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts served as Chaplain. More news about the convention will be included in the December newsletter.

November

Sunday	1	Ministry Support Team Meeting Holy Eucharist: All Saints Day Group I Recognition <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am
Tuesday	3	Mindfulheart Meditation Yoga Faith Explorations “The Gospel of Mary Magdala”	7:45 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm
Wednesday	4	Liturgy Planning Evening Prayer	12:00 pm 5:30 pm
Thursday	5	Mindfulheart Meditation Yoga	7:45 am 7:00 pm
Saturday	7	Ballroom Dance Class Epis. Ministry Support Team (offsite)	1:00 pm 10:00 am
Sunday	8	Holy Eucharist: 23 Pentecost	10:30 am
Monday	9	Stress and Relaxation Presentation – Melissa Eiben - Chapel	7:00 pm
Tuesday	10	Mindfulheart Meditation Church Secretary Luncheon Yoga	7:45 am 12:00 pm 10:00 am
Wednesday	11	Evening Prayer Choir	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	12	Mindfulheart Meditation Yoga Scottish Folk Dance	7:45 am 7:00 am 7:00 pm
Friday	13	Diocesan Goal Setting meeting	6:30 – 9:30 pm
Saturday	14	Diocesan Goal Setting meeting Ballroom Dance Class	8:30 am – 3:30 pm 1:00 pm
Sunday	15	Holy Eucharist: 24 Pentecost <i>Fall UTO Ingathering Sunday</i> Shoebox Deadline	10:30 am
Monday	16	Chapel closed – Craft fair preparations begin, help needed	
Tuesday	17	Mindfulheart Meditation Yoga Finance committee Faith Explorations “The Gospel of Mary Magdala”	7:45 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm
Wednesday	18	Evening Prayer Choir	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	19	Mindfulheart Meditation Vestry Yoga	7:45 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	20	Ladies Luncheon	11:30 pm
Sunday	22	Holy Eucharist: Last Sunday after Pentecost Youth Sunday <i>Outreach Sunday: Bishop’s Discretionary Fund</i>	10:30 am
Tuesday	24	Mindfulheart Meditation Yoga Habitat for Humanity Meeting – Gr. Room	7:45 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm
Wednesday	25	Evening Prayer Soup Supper (no group designated, help needed) Choir	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	26	Thanksgiving Day	office closed
Friday	27	Youth Group	3:00 pm
Sunday	29	Holy Eucharist: 1 Advent Fifth Sunday Outreach: Care Clinic All Parish Brunch (after the service)	10:30 am

November Birthdays

Janet Edwards	4
Elmer Hollinshead	5
Judd Spray	5
Alice Steinberger	5
Geoff Smith	6
Katie Edwards	11
Suzanne Sorenson	13
Michael Edwards	15
Marcia Franz	15
Alice York	18
Jolie DeMay	19
Pat Micklow	20
Kate Rose	21
Ramina Mikhael	23
Bill Mudge	23
Ashley Johnson	26
Mary Sullivan	30


Our

Condolences
 to
Martha
Burt
 and
Family

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Late Breaking News

*Godspeed,
Mary Kelsey
on your
new
journey
in Iowa!*

November

Ladies'

Luncheon

by Barb Carpenter

The November Ladies' Luncheon will be held at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Marquette on Friday, **November 20**, at 11:30 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Barb Carpenter by e-mail (bandcarpenter@charter.net) or phone (226-7571) by Thursday evening, November 19. All are welcome!

The deadline for the December Messenger is Friday, November 20.

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