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Have you remembered St. Paul's Cathedral in your will?

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From The Desk of The Dean

The Spiritual Practice of Saying Alleluia, With our Lips and With our Lives

I've heard that it has been scientifically proven that when one says Alleluia it is virtually impossible for one's face to frown, if not smile outright. Recently a gentleman came off the street to talk to me about a crisis in his life. He asked me to pray with him and to lay hands on him for healing. I told him I would, but that the strongest pastoral counsel I could give to him was to start praying every day. I asked him when he last exercised. It had been a number of years. "How would it be for you to get up from here and run a couple of miles", I asked him. He said it would be impossible. I told him that prayer is not unlike physical exercise, the more one prays, the more it becomes an everyday practice, and the more prepared one is for the crises that we all face in life.



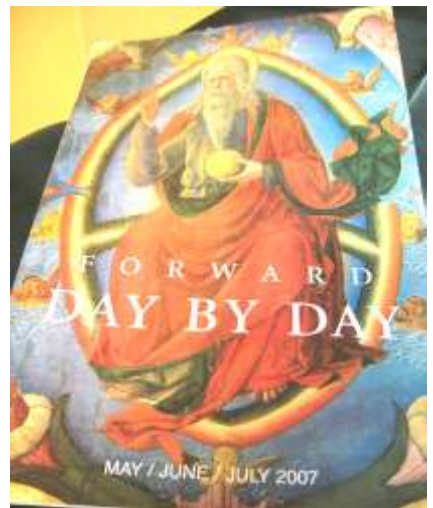
This understanding of prayer has a special meaning to us during Easter. We begin our liturgy with multiple Alleluias, and we end the liturgy with Alleluias as well. I have been especially struck during some Memorial Services we have had at St. Paul's this Easter Season with the power of saying Alleluia in the midst of grief over the death of a loved one. But I have noticed in my own life that when certain things begin to press in on me it simply helps to say Alleluia several times. It is actually uplifting to the soul to say Alleluia repeatedly. No, it does not take away all of life's problems, but the practice of saying Alleluia builds up the soul.

The real truth is that the more we say Alleluia with our lips, the more it will shape our lives, and the more we will say Alleluia with our actions. When we can say Alleluia in the face of grief with our lips, then it is also more possible to say Alleluia in our actions. We say Alleluia with our lives when we are generous towards others, when we work for justice, when we embrace the other.

So pray every day possibly using the little book of meditations called Forward Day by Day and the Bible as a help. And when you are not formally praying, say Alleluia until you smile.

Faithfully yours,

Thomas+



Equipping the Saints: Preparation for Baptism and Confirmation in the Episcopal Church



All people who desire to be Baptized or Confirmed in the Episcopal Church, and become full members of St. Paul's Cathedral, are invited to this three-session program of preparation.

We will discuss our own beliefs, discern our gifts, learn the history and traditions our church, and prepare to make a mature commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church.

All three sessions will occur on Sunday afternoons, 2:30-5:30 PM, May 2-May 16 and are led by Dean Thomas Luck. Bishop Adams will be coming to St. Paul's to perform Confirmations on Saturday, May 15. People preparing for Baptism will be baptized on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.



Easter Kudos!

Dear People of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral,

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter we had at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral! I wish to especially thank a number of individuals who put in countless hours to make the observance of our Savior's death and resurrection so powerful. I was so especially moved by the crowd and beauty of the 10:00 AM liturgy that I became choked up and could not sing the opening hymn.

Maundy Thursday-Joan Sammons who set up the Altar in the Cathedral for the 12:10 liturgy; Carol Decker and her amazing kitchen crew, especially dumb waiter Betsy Elkins, as they hauled food from the Samaritan Center kitchen up the stairs to the Dining Room; Jon Howell who did much to help decorate the tables for our celebration and who provided the music as well; Beverly Bolton for calling everyone; our Bishop for his gracious presiding and good sermon.

Good Friday-the Altar Guild, especially Jim Pecoy and Nancy Lambright; Jim Potts and the Cathedral Choir for a wonderful and profound musical presentation.

The Easter Vigil and Easter Day-The Altar Flower Guild whose flower arrangements absolutely transformed the Cathedral with bright and wonderfully fragrant flowers; Laurie Sanderson for the post-Vigil reception; the Choir who outdid themselves every time they sang; D.J. Igelsrud for providing breakfast for the clergy and the choir between the services; the Altar Guild who were kept hopping all morning long; the Brass musicians provided for by our Bishop and his wonderful presiding and preaching at the 10:00 AM liturgy; Jim Pecoy and his artful swinging of the thurible; the wonderful treats after the 12:30 PM Dinka Liturgy, and especially the four children who were baptized and their families at that service, profoundly imaging the Risen Christ in our midst.

Holy Week Service Totals

<u>Service</u>	<u>Easter 2009</u>	<u>Easter 2010</u>
Maundy Thurs.	30	54
Good Friday	80	105
Easter Vigil	57	68
8:00 a.m.	57	48
10:00 a.m.	184	225
12:30 p.m.	<u>13</u>	<u>45</u>
Total	421	545

Christmas Totals 2008 - 255 2009 - 318

Alleluia Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Canon Jane Mondays at Crouse Hospital

If it's a Monday, I can be found at Crouse Hospital. For the last 2 years I have been working as the "Monday Protestant Chaplain", contracted through InterFaith Works, to provide services to the patients there.



As many of you know, I also work as the Protestant Chaplain at Van Duyn Home and Hospital other days of the week. My work at Crouse, though, is very different. The visits at Crouse are 'cold calls'. In other words, the patients are people I have not met before and chances are after Monday, I will not see again. Most people are discharged within a week of being admitted. At Van Duyn my visits become more relational. Over time I get to know the residents and also their families. But both places are sacred, holy ground.



So what is diaconal about my work? As deacon, I am to reach out to the world, to travel in the world, to meet the world in those places of pain and illness and to bring the peace of Christ to those in distress. But the journey is not done. I am to travel back from 'out there' into the community of St. Paul's Cathedral to bring those concerns to our parish. It is there where we all can bring Christ's healing through our prayers. Jesus said, 'when I was sick, you visited me'. When? Every time we enter a hospital room and every time we pray for those who are ill and in pain and suffering. Thank you for joining with me to Crouse and Van Duyn. I feel your presence when I visit, knowing you all join me in prayer.

Peace,
Canon Jane

A Message from the Senior Warden.....

by Senior Warden, Laurie Sanderson

Dear Friends,

The warmer sunny weather always energizes me to clean out what is no longer needed in my household. Last week cleaning my hall closet brought immense satisfaction! Last summer St Paul's held a garage sale during the summer, courtesy of much organization and hard work by Jonathan Howell and John Pizzi. Many were involved in the sale itself but Jon and John were our heroes.

This year we want to offer one again the same week end as the Arts and Crafts Festival. Last year we offered it a second week end , during the festival and found it very successful There are many people wandering around the festival and the sign "Garage Sale" draws them in! For several years we have kept the cathedral open with positive results and the garage sale just brought in more. So Jon and John will serve as our advisors and we will need a lot of helpers.

Soon we will create a place in the cathedral to store items for the garage sale and we will be happy to do pick ups, (need volunteers for that!) On the next page is a sign up list and we will be circulating it on Sundays as well. Do consider taking a shift and share in the fun. If you can help please contact the office and be asked to put on the Garage Sale helper list.



The Peace of God Be With You All!
Laurie Sanderson

St. Paul's Garage Sale

Friday July 30 through August 1, 2010

The annual arts and crafts festival

Needed:

Friday: coordinator

2-3 volunteers for the sale (at one time)

2 for cathedral open house

Saturday: coordinator

2-3 volunteers for the sale (at one time)

2 at a time in the cathedral

Sunday: coordinator

2-3 volunteers for the sale (at one time)

2 at a time in the cathedral

Volunteers to pick up items and organize before sale

The Junior Warden Report.....

by Junior Warden—Julie Gedro

St. Paul's and Sustainability

Greetings, St. Paul's Family! First of all, we must be having a great time, because time is certainly flying! Hard to believe it's time for another Courier!

At any rate, I wanted to share some thoughts about my latest work, and relate it a bit to our community here. For the upcoming 11th International Conference on Human Resource Development Research and Practice Across Europe, held this June at the University of Pecs, Hungary, I wrote a theory development paper on Human Resource Development and Sustainability. It's called: HRD and the Triple Bottom Line: Creating and Sustaining Equitable Practices.



There are several different definitions of sustainability, and perhaps the most prevalent one used in business literature today is the one articulated in the 1987 Brundtland Report as: “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (United Nations World Commission on Economic Development, 1987). In the interest of space, (though I’m happy to share the entire article with anyone who would like—just let me know) I will share only the abstract here:

The triple bottom line of economics, environment, and equity has become a ubiquitous conversation in the business literature and related venues. This paper will discuss the relationship between the triple bottom line and human resource development. While effective HRD practices certainly impact the economics, or the financial performance, of an organization, and while there is clearly a relationship between HRD’s efforts to provide training and education to help create environmentally conscious organizations, this paper focuses on the *equity* component of the triple bottom line. HRD efforts, I will argue, must be factored into the discourse on the triple bottom line, since it is often HRD practices that enable or prohibit access and mobility for employees. HRD efforts can also shape workplace cultures and environments that are inclusive, welcoming and civil, which contribute to sustainability.

St. Paul's, I have directly experienced, is a profoundly welcoming and inclusive organization. I have written in previous Couriers about various ways that folks are contributing their time and talents and we are, in the Ministry Teams, continuing to identify opportunities, needs, venues, and people to move these efforts forward. The recent Women of St. Paul's Benefit Tea was a marvelous example of the diversity and inclusion of our organization. We have experienced, too, the pain of parishioners feeling disenfranchised, some to the point of exit.

Attrition is not a sustainable proposition. Particularly if a departure is based upon a feature, function, or other characteristic of our parish that can be transmuted. I assure you that my magnanimous disposition and love of laughter should not belie the seriousness that I take my role as a leader at St. Paul's, and that I am open, willing, and able to have difficult conversations on sensitive topics. I am open, willing and able, to imagine ways to respond with empathy, but also, with appropriate action. Part of this is attributable, as you might imagine, to my own 'diversity demographic' but a larger part is due to my experience both as scholar as well as practitioner of Human Resource Management and Development.

The Spring semester at school is winding down, and I look forward to taking a deeper dive into some of the opportunities and challenges at the Cathedral as we approach Summer. Part of my work will be done in my own head on my distance runs through the University hills, part of it will be done (with many of you, hopefully) on the golf course, and I also look forward to extemporaneous conversations with you of varying degrees of intensity and length anywhere, anytime. I love this place. Thank you, again and again, for the opportunity to serve. *See you at The Peace.*

The Jazz Mass

by Canon Jazz Musician John Rohde

First things first. I am a cradle Episcopalian. I think we (Episcopalians and St. Pauls) do liturgy very well. My favorite way to experience the liturgy is “bells and smells”, choir and organ, etc.



That being said, I have felt a calling, for a long time, to put my musical gifts to use in the church. My musical experiences are largely informed by my studies in jazz music and, to a lesser extent, the popular music of my youth.

There were a couple of events that helped push this along. Dick Bower happened to be in Pascales one night having dinner while I was playing with the very group that we now do the Jazz Masses with. He made some people aware of my musicianship. The first time I played at St. Paul's was with Jim Potts. We played a piece that saxophonist Paul Winter had played at St. John The Devine in NYC called “The Lake”. Then, Paul Kowaleski and I put together a service for the Diocesan Formation students called “Experiencing the Holy”.



This has led to many liturgies, at a number of parishes in the Diocese and for the Diocese.

Which leads us to the Third Thursday Jazz Mass at St. Paul's.

I decided to do these with the musicians I work with the most for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, their excellent musicianship. As well, rehearsal time is minimal at best and it's much more efficient to get things together with people with which you have a rapport.



Inspiration about the musical selections comes from a few places but is mostly informed by the season of the church year and readings for the day. Once the music is chosen I give recordings to the vocalists and transcribe music for the instrumentalists. Transcribing music is frequently a very time consuming task.

We typically arrive at St. Paul's about 90 min. before the Mass, set up equipment, and run thru the music. This is the only rehearsing we do. We try to stop playing so there can be a few minutes of quiet before the Mass.

The act of making music for these services has evolved for me. I've tried to be less self-conscious over time. This has helped me treat the music more like a prayer than a performance. As well, I'm more aware than ever of how intimate an act it is to make music with other people. There is intense listening, constant adjusting and great care taken with each other. This all leads to what has become a very gratifying experience for me. It's my hope that it is for others as well and helps us spread the "Good News" at St. Paul's.

They Did it Again!

By Beverly Bolton



Again, Jim Potts and the Cathedral Choir have provided us with their beautiful music throughout the Easter Season.

I got to enjoy so much beautiful music. Jonathan Howell's singing and playing at the Maundy Thursday Dinner service, The Requiem of Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and both services Easter Morning were all outstanding performances. My thanks to all of you for making Holy Week so special.

And Jonathan, thank you for all the music you have shared with us over the past 8 years. Best wishes in your new ventures. We will miss you.

The Cathedral Bulletin Board

Birthdays in May

Happy Anniversary!

**Douglas & Judy Morris
Thomas & Jane Luck
Edward & Gladys Cooper**

Reminder

No First Friday for May –
St. Paul's will not be hosting a
may First Friday Dinner.
Instead you are encouraged to
contact the Samaritan Center
and place your reservation to
attend the Samaritan Center's
Annual Fund Raising Dinner.
In June First Friday Dinner will
be back followed by a hiatus
until September.

Ross Barton 05/01
Letty Murray 05/01
Nancy Schimmel 05/02
David Lawrence 05/03
Kathryn Boniti 05/09
Christopher Eastman 05/10
Margaret Owens 05/10
Amy Vorchheimer 05/10
Harold Brown III 05/12
Mary Powell 05/14
Garrett Enzerillo 05/15
Brenden Lawrence 05/16
James Pecoy 05/16
Mary Buske 05/18
Rebecca Livengood 05/18
Erin Fox 05/19
Caroline Owens 05/20
Richard Coursen 05/22
Emily Tripodi 05/22
Harold Boggs 05/24
Robert Frye 05/24
Patrick Dorr 05/26
Mary Pickard 05/28
Leslie Shaul 05/29
Jessica Britschge 05/30
Douglas Morris 05/30
Margaret Hastings 05/31

Happening in May

Note: for a listing of prayer schedules, check the Fall schedule on page 19

May 1	All Day	Vestry Retreat	Brewster Room
	10:00 a.m.	Flower Workshop	Sacristy/Kitchen
May 2	11:45 a.m.	Adult Formation	Hansen Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	Equipping the Saints	Brewster Room
May 3	5:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds	Brewster Room
	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
May 4	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
	5:15 p.m.	Finance Committee	Brewster Room
May 6	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
	5:30 p.m.	Formation Ministry Team	TBA
	5:45 p.m.	Community Fellowship Team	TBA
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Chase Music Room
May 7	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
	7:00 p.m.	Samaritan Center Dinner	Double Tree Hotel
May 8	11:00 a.m.	Kathryn Springer Memorial	Cathedral
May 9	11:45 a.m.	Adult Formation	Hansen Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	Equipping the Saints	Brewster Room
May 10	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
May 11	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
May 12	6:00 p.m.	Feminist Theology	Brewster Room
May 13	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Chase Music Room
May 14	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
May 15	10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m.)	Syracuse Area Confirmations (confirmands meet with Bshp.)	Cathedral
May 16	11:45 a.m.	Adult Formation	Hansen Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	Equipping the Saints	Brewster Room
May 17	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
	5:45 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team	Brewster Room



May 18	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
May 19	7:00 p.m.	Common Threads	Deanery
May 20	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Chase Music Room
	8:00 p.m.	Jazz Mass	Cathedral
May 21	Noon	Women of St. Paul's Luncheon	Dining Room/Brewster
May 22	9:00 a.m.	Altar/Flower Guild Prep	Cathedral/Chapel
May 23	All Services	Baptisms for Pentecost	Cathedral/Chapel
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Formation	Hansen Dining Room
	Afternoon	St. Paul's Serves at Sam Ctr.	Samaritan Center
May 24	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
May 25	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
	Noon	Samaritan Board Meeting	Brewster Room
	1:00 p.m.	Diocesan Board Meeting	Brewster Room
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Committee	Deanery
May 27	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Chase Music Room
May 28	7:30 a.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Hansen Dining Room
May 29	9:00 a.m.	Altar/Flower Guild Prep.	Cathedral/Chapel
May 31	All Day	Offices Closed	Memorial Day
	5:00 p.m.	Vera House Alternatives	Hansen Dining Room



**THE ALTAR GUILD
FLOWER COMMITTEE PRESENTS:**

A FLOWER WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 2010
10:00 A.M.,
IN THE SACRISTY**

**We are in need of some new members
to help carry on our tradition.**

**If you are interested in learning about flower
arranging and helping to beautify our
Sunday Services, please join us!**

**All are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch
we will serve coffee and dessert.**

**Please call Jeanne Greenhalgh (636-8269)
or Sandy Wiley (677-3167)
to let us know you are coming.**

Saint Paul's Schedule

The Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Meditation Mass (Cathedral)

9:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults

Lectio Divina – Prayer and Meditation covering
Sunday Lessons (Dean's office)

9:15 a.m. Cathedral Choir Practice
(Chase Music Room)

10:00 a.m. Choral Mass (Cathedral)

11:45- 12:20 p.m. Christian Formation for

Children Kids Own Worship – A worship and
educational experience for children of all ages,
led by Dean Luck (2nd Floor)

11:45 Adult Formation: The View From Easter

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Mass

2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Equipping the Saints

Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:10 Noonday Prayer (Chapel) (accept Thursday)

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Chapel) (accept Friday)

Thursdays

11:00 Lectionary Study (Dean's Office)

12:10 p.m. Healing Service (Hadley Chapel)

8:00 p.m. Jazz Mass (Cathedral—3rd Thursday of the month)

Vestry Notes for the Courier

Highlights from the Vestry Meeting held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Community Ministry Team, Julie Gedro – Discussions took place concerning the process by which members transfer from St. Paul's to a different parish. Various suggestions were made for how St. Paul's can reach out and maintain a relationship with those who chose to transfer their membership elsewhere. A motion was carried to create an ad hoc committee that will implement and interview process.

Formation Team, Dick Pilgrim - There has been positive feedback to the adult forum series begun in Lent and continuing through the Easter season.

Worship Team, David Morgan - Discussion of the success of Holy Week.

GOVERNANCE

Budget and Finance Report, Jim Pecoy - The budget verses actual for January through March, 2010 was reviewed. The actual income was slightly lagging at 22%. Compared with the expenses at about 25%. Excellent review of projects presented by Bill Pitcher for Buildings and Grounds. Finance approved the bid for pointing of masonry at the cathedral and the deanery. The Stove project was approved.

Buildings and Grounds, Tom Cantwell - no decisions re: the windows in the deanery. Still under review. Discussion of renting 3rd flr apt. for income.

DEAN'S REPORT, Tom Luck – The Dean has created a new Facebook Account for parishioners. Vestry retreat, Friday evening and Saturday, April 30th and May 1st at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted

(and with ever increased respect for Wendy Jones!)

Laurie A. Sanderson, Senior Warden

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St. Paul's Cathedral
Budget vs. Actual
 January through March 2010

	<u>Jan - Mar 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledge & Plate	37,979	171,900	22%
Donations	4,996	21,000	24%
Rents	20,893	89,225	23%
Total Income	<u>63,868</u>	<u>282,125</u>	<u>23%</u>
Expense			
Personnel	66,214	272,068	24%
Retirees	1,433	5,902	24%
Communications	4,795	24,950	19%
Building & grounds	34,152	132,218	26%
Travel conferences	507	2,000	25%
Diocesan support, programs	20,640	81,032	25%
Total Expense	<u>127,741</u>	<u>518,170</u>	<u>25%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(63,873)	(236,045)	27%
Other Income/Expense			
Investment income	69,214	263,738	
Special collection exp	4,584		
Capital Expense	2,300	27,693	8%
Total Other Expense	<u>6,884</u>	<u>27,693</u>	<u>25%</u>
Net Income	<u>(1,542)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100%</u>

Ministers—All Baptized People

The Vestry of St. Paul's Cathedral

The Very Reverend G. Thomas Luck, Dean and Rector

2010	2011	2012
Wally Francis	Jeffrey Averill	Betsy Barker
D.J. Igelsrud	David Morgan	Tom Cantwell
Marilyn Sharron	John Shaffer	Dick Pilgrim

Officers – Laurie Sanderson, Sr. Warden

Julie Gedro, Jr. Warden

Clerk—Wendy Hoblyn Jones

Treasurer—James Pecoy

Staff

The Right Reverend Gladstone B. Adams III, Bishop of CNY

The Very Reverend G. Thomas Luck, Dean & Rector

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Reverend Canon Deacon Jane A. Luck, Canon Pastor

James L. Potts - Canon Musician

John Rohde—Canon Jazz Musician

Ellen Grapensteter - Accounting Assistant

Office Hours: Mon. 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.,

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Wednesday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Jonathan Howell – Office Coordinator

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 10:30-5:15 p.m.

John Pizzi – Building Manager

Office Hours: Mon-Friday 7:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

(St. Paul's Office is closed on Fridays)

Office Volunteers

Beverly Bolton, Wendy Jones, Mary Hastings

Bob Tyldesley, Sue Hofmann, Ginger Merrill,

Ruth Brown, Patrick Dorr, Debbie Bogan

Adult Formation The View From Easter:

St. Paul's People Share Perspectives, Pursuits & Passions

The Christian Formation Ministry Team offers a series of personal presentations on Sunday mornings at 11:45am. Bring your coffee and refreshments to the Hansen Dining Room for any sessions you can attend.

May 2 -- Richard B. Pilgrim Christianities for the 21st Century

This presentation will explore the multiple types of Christianity going on all around us now and into the future by exploring the work of the Sociologist of Religion Peter Berger in his book *The Heretical Imperative*. From fundamentalism to the "emerging church", and from the old to the "new contestation", Berger helps us understand why and how things are changing across global contexts and right here in America.

May 9 - John Philip Jones The Great Gray Spire

While several histories of St. Paul's Cathedral have been written during the church's lifetime, the most recent and insightful was written in 1985 by John Philip Jones-- who brought the fresh perspective of a recent arrival from the Church of England! John (and co-researcher Wendy) join us to review the "chances and changes" that shaped our parish. Valuable for newcomers and a welcome refresher for longtime parishioners.

May 16—Doug Mouncey

Millennium Development Goals: Both Global & Local

Utilizing his personal and extended family international experiences, coupled with his work in the Community Impact Division of United Way of Central New York, Doug Mouncey reviews the status of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and offers his perspective on the related human services needs of people here in Onondaga County. While often considered in global terms, the MDGs aren't either/or!

May 23—Laurie Sanderson Simple Gifts: Our Stories of Faith

Several years ago our former dean, Dick Bower, wrote a book called *Cuentos Panamenos: Stories of Struggle and Hope in Rural Panama*. He inscribed Laurie Sanderson's copy, "To Laurie, who has her own special stories of struggle and hope." We all have such stories; some of us are simply more aware of them than others. Laurie will share a little of her personal narrative and offer easy tools for exploring and comfortably sharing one's own-- an important gift you can offer to others.

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