

The Courier

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From The Desk of The Dean

New Fall, New Times, New Start and New Friends



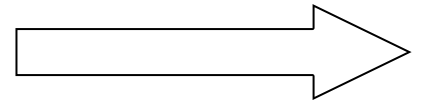
I know that with the kind of winters we have in Central New York most of us look forward to summer. Yet, with temperatures and humidity soaring lately I've heard more than one person say they are looking forward to fall. I am among them. I love living in a place which has all of the four seasons and I particularly look forward to the beginning of the fall. It has partly to do with the weather, but it has much more to do with the return of a fuller life of activities at St. Paul's Cathedral.

This Courier is full of many different programs and activities that will be taking place at St. Paul's this fall, and reveals that during the summer many people have been busy planning. Most notably, we are beginning a new Sunday schedule on September 9th.

The 8:00 a.m. liturgy will continue as a quiet Meditative Holy Communion. New this year at 9:30 a.m. is the Discovery Mass. Designed as an informal liturgy with much greater participation by all of those attending, the Discovery Mass will include new sights, sounds and physical movement, and end by 10:10 am. Christian Formation for adults and children will be 10:15-10:45 a.m. **Jeanne Avery and the Children's Enrichment Committee have prepared a great program for the children, and Sue Wright has prepared a very innovative program for adults.** There is more information about our Formation programs in this Courier. The Youth Choir will gather under the leadership of Kerri Aitken to rehearse at 10:45 a.m. They will sing in the liturgy about once a month and will participate in both the Discovery Mass and the Choral Mass. At 11:00 a.m. we will have a Choral Mass, a more formal and traditional liturgy that will have chanting and feature the Cathedral Choir. At 12:30 p.m. we will continue with our Sudanese Morning Prayer service in the Dinka language, featuring African singing and drums. Also new this fall will be a 5:00 p.m. Evensong every Sunday that will also draw from a great variety of musical genres. All of these services, including their names, have been designed and planned by our Worship Committee in collaboration with me and anyone is welcome to be part of the Worship Committee.

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September



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2	3 Labor Day Office is Closed	4 B&G	5	
9 touch base @ 9:00 New Services begin Picnic (for more info see the Dean's article on page 1)	10	11 Finance 4pm Vestry 5pm	12	
16 Christopher Ames Concert	17	18	19	
23 30	24	25	26 Jon Howell Recital of Opera Aria's 7pm @ Corinthian Club	

From the Desk of the Dean Continued

I suspect that all of us know people who are disaffected from church or “organized religion.” Let’s start this year off with a bang and *please* each one of us invite a friend or family to church with us on September 9th. Most people join The Episcopal Church because they have been invited, **so let’s invite!**

I have been asked more than once which service I really prefer. The truth is that just as I enjoy the variety of weather that comes with having four seasons, I also enjoy a variety of liturgical expressions. I am truly looking forward to all of them and believe that each in its own way will be a wonderful experience that is appropriate to the time of day.

Whatever service you attend, I am looking forward to all of us returning from our summer sojourns and gathering together again as the people of St. Paul’s Cathedral as we Worship God, Learn Compassion and Build Community.

Yours in Christ,

Tom+

The Very Reverend G. Thomas Luck, Dean and Rector

First Friday Feast

September 7th

All Proceeds to Benefit the MDG’s

6pm Approximate Start Time

Sign-up: call the office or look in the back of the Cathedral.

Menu: Caesar Salad with grilled chicken, sliced tomato and cuke salad, fresh Italian bread from Columbus Bakery and Klondike Bars for dessert



The Bulletin Board Cathedral News
















 Attention all women! We will be holding our 
 annual retreat from September 21 through 
 23 . Once more we will be at the beautiful 
 home of Cindy Coursen on Saranac Lake . All 
 women are invited, we have room for about 
 14. Watch for more details. let the office 
 know if you are interested. Thank you. 

















Birthday's in September

Walter Rogers	1st
Rachael Thomas	2nd
Sandra Wiley	2nd
Lou Enzerillo	6th
Alana Murphy	6th
Rev. Barry Pickard	6th
Rebecca Lilich	7th
Newton Bartle II	8th
Walter Rogers, Jr.	8th
Adrienne Hloderwski	9th
Richard Apps	10th
Nardy Harland	10th
Robert Lewis	10th
Helen Reed	12th
Alexander Hloderwski III	14th
Mackenzie Bell	15th
Caroline Rung	17th
Katie Matthews	18th
Jane Reifenstein	18th
Luis Becerra	19th
Wendy Jones	19th
Margaret McLaughlin	21st
Dale Johnson	24th
G. Thomas Luck	24th
Adam Weekley	24th
Elisabeth Barker	25th
Kim Vorchheimer	26th
Allison Blanchard	28th
John Hancock	28th
June Gale	29th
Betty Murphy	29th















 September 9 th is Welcome back Sunday with the 
 beginning of our new schedule. we will also 
 celebrate that day with a parish picnic right after 
 church. This year we will be picnicking at the 
 Erie canal Park in Camillus. We have the 
 covered pavilion available. The canal boat will be 
 available for a guided tour for a small fee. Stay 
 turned for more details. We hope to have all 
 come and will make transportation 
 available. Please let the office know. Thank you. 











 Needed for refugee children from 
 Summer camp: 
 Halloween Costumes, 
 Winter Clothing/Coats/Gloves etc. 
 Drop off at the Office. 











ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

IN SUPPORT OF
OUTREACH AND MINISTRIES



The 4th Annual Fund Raiser on Friday Evening, October 16, 2007, is fast approaching.

A mailing after Labor Day will have details on dinner choices and reservations. Carol Decker is planning another sumptuous feast. Our dining room has limited space, so I suggest you return your reservation card asap with payment to ensure your place at the dinner.

In this Courier is a letter that can be given to businesses as requests are made for auction donations. Additional copies will be available at the church. We are requesting donations with a value of \$20 or more. Intake of these items will be every Sunday starting on September 9, 2007, "Welcome Back" Sunday. Please put your name and estimated value on the contributions you turn in. Special arrangements can be made if you contact Doreen at her home # 471-7932.

This event can be another fabulous success with everyone's help.

EVENTS And News! Children & Family

The Church School News

We are so excited to be starting the 2007-2008 program year with all the excitement that it brings!

The Discovery Mass is at 9:30am in the Cathedral. Acolytes will wear robes, people will write the prayers, bake the bread, read the lesson, youth choir will sing when ready and we will all sing the songs with guitars, keyboards etc.

Refreshments for the church school will be available upstairs in the room, now known as the “lounge”.

Church School will begin at 10:15am, concluding at 10:45am.

The youth choir will rehearse at 10:45-11:15am. with Kerri Aitken

You will have the choice of attending the 9:30am Discovery Mass or the 11:00am Traditional Choral Service.

John Doughty has joined the teaching staff for the Middle School and High School students. John has served many years as a youth minister in Roman Catholic churches. He was received into the Episcopal faith last May by Bishop Adams. John has also volunteered to coordinate the music for the Discovery Mass at the 9:30am service. We are very blessed to welcome John to the second floor! The class will meet in the room that overlooks the garden.

Jeanne Avery will teach the 3,4,5,6th grade. There is a surprise in this room. Come and see! Seasons of the Spirit has arrived and are we ready!

Heidi Jones and Laurel Weekley will be in the same classroom as last year using the next level of LIVE BIG. Kndr.; First and Second Grade will gather there.

And, Joan Sammons will be returning for the 2,3,4, year olds and they will be focusing on Prayer for the year.

Looking Ahead: On September 16th at 4:00pm a Christian Rock musician will be playing in the Cathedral. The music of Christopher Ames appeals to everyone from 2-92. Please plan to **bring your friends, let's fill the Cathedral.**

EVENTS And News! Children & Family



**CHRISTOPHER
AMES**

September 16, 2007

**St. Paul's Cathedral
310 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202**

4:00 pm

Admission: FREE

**For Additional Info Contact:
315-474-6053 x222**

www.saintpaulscathedral.org

**An afternoon of music and
fellowship!**

Since 1991, Christopher Ames has been cutting through the issues that can divide and distract us. Whether we come as a prodigal, a seeker, or with the faith of a child the music of Christopher Ames will call us to consider the love of God through Jesus Christ. Chris uses his music to get to the heart of our faith and to tell the story of his journey thus far. He's a simple guy. An earthly guy, a loving husband, a dad... But when he's performing the music that comes from the depths of his soul...you feel like he's your best friend too! He's a contemporary Christian combination of John Denver and Kenny Loggins!

In his songwriting, Christopher tries to blend the raw sounds of an acoustic guitar with honest lyrics born of a life filled with both thorns and grace. Every life holds places of brokenness and mine is no different. But in the grace of Jesus, we are loved... and our wounds are being tended." Much of these expressions are heard in his CD titled **BELIEVING BEYOND THE SHADOWS**. With music, Chris shows there is a light stronger than any darkness and even when we can't see the light we know we have to hold on and believe.

Christopher's most recent CD is an instrumental album titled **TAKE IT IN**. The inspiration for this CD stems from the quote from Francis of Assisi that says "Preach the Gospel whenever you can...use words only when necessary." The CD features original compositions and arrangements of some traditional hymns and a few cover songs that best reflect what is in his heart...without the use of spoken words. The first radio single from this CD was the popular contemporary hymn, **ON EAGLES WINGS** which received tremendous response.

Christopher Ames was named **ACOUSTIC ROCK ARTIST of the Year** at the 2005 *KCCM Awards* (KC Christian Music Awards) held in Kansas City, KS. In 2006 he added 2 more KCCM Awards to his shelf this time for **ARTIST OF THE YEAR** and **SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR**. In 2006, he was also the first recipient of the **SPIRIT OF UNITY Award** presented at the *Indie Momentum Awards* held in Nashville, TN. This award recognized Christopher for his commitment to community and fellowship; an award for which he is truly humbled to have received. Just recently, in 2007, he added another Momentum Award to his shelf, this time for **INSTRUMENTAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR** for his work on **TAKE IT IN**.

Christopher Ames is currently preparing to record his 5th CD. The album to be titled: **EVERYDAY WITH YOU** is dedicated to the commitment of love and marriage. The listener will go on a journey as each song explores the many different stages of life and love. Each song will communicate to those who are dedicated in love that God seeks to be in union with them and that the journey together is never alone. This new CD will release in early 2008.

Ministry: Christopher Ames actively supports the work being done at Remuda Ranch, Ophelia's Place and other National Eating Disorder Awareness organizations. Christopher has a personal testimony with this subject as his own wife has been struggling with an eating disorder for many years. Christopher offers a different perspective on this issue. His thoughts come from the perspective of husband and father and how he has had to deal with this disease in his own family. Many men may choose the path of abandonment, but Christopher shows how commitment can help lead to healing.

Fun In The City 2007

Jeanne Avery, Camp Coordinator

Our miracle camp has completed its 4th year.

You will never know how much the volunteers over 60 years old did not want to do camp this year. But the Dean was frowning and Adrienne Hloderwski pouting so it was enough pressure for me to submit the vision grant request to the diocese. Would you believe that the diocese gave us every penny we requested. **“God has taken over one more time- here we go!”** In my life I have found God to be sooo pushy when I try to misbehave or get out of things.

For two days I couldn't talk about it so finally I said; **“God, you know what you need to do to get us through this so Welcome to Fun In the City #4”**. He must have known that I was serious because this was our *miracle* camp year.

We actually had more volunteers than we have ever had- new people joined the old guard and were willing to take on tasks. Elizabeth Balderamma (shopper), has joined Cathy Bryant (director); Ginger Merrill (registrations); Mary Hastings (food); Margaret Sherwin (cookies); Beverly Bolton (control center); Sally Acton (support); Phyllis Leach (support); Wendy Jones (food); Nan Dorr (food); Mary and Barry Pickard (picnic); Nancy and David Ridings (picnic); Hal Avery (picnic); Dean Luck (beach photography -having only just returned from vacation); and the support of the staff of **St. Paul's, the Diocese and the Samaritan Center**. And, please note- this is just support staff.

Ginger and I were told that the people in most need this year were the Burmese children. They had just arrived this summer. Ginger and I were to go to a gathering and sign-up the children. We were frightened (communication is such a big thing). We walked into the room and the most beautiful children, smiled and said **“hi”**. It took us less than a minute to realize that the word **“Hi”** was all they knew in English. After signing up 30 children, six young teens were standing at the table looking pathetic. Against anything I would ever have done we signed them up too.

Leaving, I said to Ginger **“I so loved their smiles,”** she said **“I like how quiet they are!”**

After I finally figured out the bus route I went to Student First with the information. She handed me a piece of paper with the final quote. I gasped and said **“This is not anywhere near what you quoted: She said “Because of the good work your church is doing we lowered it \$1000.”**

We had so many staff members that the ratio of staff to child was 1 to 2. This was so good because the children barely recognize their own name to say nothing of knowing where they live.

Our 17 volunteer counselors, high school seniors and college kids are for the most part un-churched yet they were willing to take time off from their jobs and come into downtown Syracuse and work for God, responding to the call within their hearts of wanting to make a difference. Our counselors were graduates of Corcoran, Nottingham, Liverpool and LaFayette High Schools. Our student helpers were from Liverpool, Corcoran, Marcellus, LaFayette Schools. The adult support staff were from Liverpool, Chittenango, Marcellus and St. Paul's Cathedral. Our campers, this year were Sudanese, Liberians and Burmese with one blond from Marcellus.

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We had so many visitors; the Bishop, Don Carlson, two people from Church World Service inspecting the Center for New Americans for the federal government, a missionary from Thailand, the Burmese case worker and on it went and finally our most cherished guest of all, Margaret McLaughlin was able to sneak away from her Americorp job to say “Hi”.

Lauren Warford, one of our recent high school graduates, became the counselor of the day. A six year old became listless and only wanted Lauren. She discovered that she had on 3 shirts, she cooled her down, she fell asleep on her lap with a bag of ice cubes in her hand which were dripping down the front of her shirt. She was so calm- I know she wants to study history but she would make a wonderful pediatric nurse.

God did give me a couple of scares on the first Wednesday. Everyone was in their bathing suits standing on the sidewalk waiting to get onto the bus. The bus was broken- they were going to send a mechanic. I must have looked panicked because God stepped in and told Jon Howell to do what you must do! He called the company and said that 70 kids were on the street waiting to go swimming and with a little white lie said that Channel 10 News was waiting for us at the park- they immediately sent another bus. Whewwwwww I must add though that the Bishop was sure that Bev Bolton could clean the carburetor. Up at the park the driver went to test the new bus to discover that the key they gave him was so bent he couldn't get it into the lock. Would you believe they had to send a person up with the new key. Fortunately they arrived at our regular departure time. So we were only a teeny tiny bit late- which was our fault.

In additional to donations of bathing suits and towels, we received financial contributions from parishioners, strangers and a judge who read the publicity last year. We have been so blessed.

On the final day of camp my heart skipped a beat as Elizabeth Balderamma was able to join us and the children of the tutoring program went running to her.

On the last day one of children from the tutoring program asked if tutoring would start the next day. I very, very sweetly said “NOOOOO”. She asked if Adrienne would be there when we did. I said “No, Adrienne has to go away to college, like Margaret did last year.” She said: “Why does everyone go away”? “Well, you will too when you graduate from high school.” “No, I already went away, I am not going back and I am staying here.” Ok

Also on the last day, Cathy Bryant had the children stand in a straight line to say goodbye to her. To each child she said, “I miss you already”. The children got onto the bus for the final ride home. (All the Burmese children could only say “Hi” in English.) At the first bus stop, Blue May, age 13, put her head on my shoulder and said “I miss you already”. My heart just about broke and then each and every child said the same thing as they got off the bus (even the teenage Burmese boys)! I am trying to recover from our miracle camp.

As we listen to the news we become very aware that the responsibility is overwhelming. We do all that we can do to safeguard our camp but we have to make sure that God remembers we are here. We asked you to pray, and pray you did. We thank you!

We are so blessed to be able to serve these children.

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St. Paul's Cathedral Youth Choir 2007-2008

Led by Kerri Aitken 475-1385

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Important Questions and Answers

When will Choir start again? Sunday, September 9th, Rehearsal at 10:45, plus a fun gathering at the Cathedral Picnic later that day.

When we will meet? Every Sunday from 10:45 – 11:15

Where we will meet? In the music room on the 2nd floor.

How often will we sing in church? About once a month, plus some special events/holidays, during the 9:30 service, as well as during the prelude for the 11:00 service.

Who will be in the choir? The Youth Choir will be open to all cathedral youths from Kindergarten age and up. We will practice and perform songs both as a large group, and in smaller groups, to allow for more difficult selections for the more experienced singers.

Do we need to memorize the words? This will not be a requirement. However, we will not have a lot of time each week to rehearse so you may be asked to bring music home on occasion and practice at home.

What can we expect? It is my goal to bring the opportunity to sing and to praise God through song to all of the youth of the Cathedral. We will sing anthems, songs, and hymns of all different types and all members will be encouraged to offer suggestions and recommendations. I will do my best to keep it rewarding and fun for all involved.

What if I have an issue/concern? I feel that it is very important to keep the lines of communication open. So if anyone, at any time, has an issue that they would like to discuss, PLEASE feel free to contact me by in person, by phone or by e-mail. And if a choir member does not feel comfortable bringing it up with me, parent/guardian input is always welcome.

I hope to see previous members come back, as well as some new members who are interested in joining!

Come and see for yourself what the Youth Choir is all about!



No Outcasts: A New Kind of Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

By Sue Wright

How do we decide in the midst of today's culture wars what is the correct interpretation of Scripture? On one hand, Jesus is presented as a violent judge who's going to return with wrath to save the chosen few, and, as popularized in *Left Behind* series, will abandon the rest of us to destroy each other. On the other hand, many liberals present him as a teacher par excellence of non-violent and egalitarian principles who has all the best intentions, but lacks any tangible power to make a difference in our lives. In the end neither approach is satisfying. Instead we are left feeling anxious, without solid ground upon which to stand.

When the Bible is read literally, by conservatives and liberals alike, the results are all too predictable. However, if we remember that the Bible remains not only one of the greatest pieces of religious writing, but of literature in general it is silly to read it superficially. With a few tools culled from literary theory, cultural theory, and the biblical anthropology of Rene Girard we can, regardless of educational background, unlock deeper levels of meaning with the power to respond to the issues of contemporary life and renew our faith.



On Sunday mornings we will develop a key to decipher the symbolic language and imagery found in the Bible. This will be very similar to a dream dictionary by which we decipher the meaning and significance of our dreams. Indeed, without a dream dictionary we often take our dreams too literally, depriving ourselves of an important source of self-discovery and transformation. For instance, **decoding the biblical imagery concerning God's wrath and judgment, will not only free us from a literal reading of those texts, but will uncover the ways those texts are used and abused in our own culture.** At the same time, just as regular dream interpretation allows us to develop a relationship with our dreams, we will be drawn into relationship with the transformative dynamics of biblical interpretation.

The goal is that you will become, as individuals and as a church community, proficient at interpreting the deeper meaning of the Bible. This intimate relationship with scripture becomes the solid ground upon which our faith life and community is continually renewed. With the result that having freed ourselves from the narrow interpretation of the Bible we become, in the deadlock over biblical interpretation, a much-needed voice of hope and compassion for all people.



Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the Brewster Room.

Stewardship of Talent

With Labor Day behind us, the focus of our stewardship program is the talents of our community. Our talents are much more than how we make our livings in this world or what skills and abilities we possess. Exercising our God-given talents in a balanced way at St. Paul's energizes us and enhances our experience of the mission and ministry of Christian fellowship. One talent that needs some exercising this month is our human talent for celebrating.

St. Paul's needs input as the Stewardship Committee and Vestry prepare a book for our October pledge drive.

The book will celebrate recent events in our mission and ministry together at St.

Paul's. **Do you have some favorite scriptural references to God's call to us as stewards?** Do you have any photos or text that illustrate our mission and some of the activities that brought us together around that mission over the past year? Do you have a few hours of time to review and comment on drafts of the book or to serve as a team captain with the Vestry to oversee passing copies of the book to each household in our community?

If the Spirit moves you, join us in planning and implementing this and future phases of our year-round stewardship program. Please contact Dean Tom or any of the committee members (Peg Coleman, John Shaffer, Marion Greenhaulgh, and Pete Jones) to learn more about how you can participate.

	<u>Jan - Jul 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4100 - Pledge & Plate	121,209	215,660	56%
4111 - Donations/memorials/flowers	7,684	33,400	23%
4121 - Outreach/youth donations	71	700	10%
5000 - Rents; fees	45,833	80,500	57%
Total Income	174,797	330,260	53%
Expense			
7200 - Salaries & related expenses	146,893	265,691	55%
7500 - Retiree benefit expenses	4,200	6,870	61%
8100 - Supplies/communications	9,019	24,650	37%
8200 - Occupancy expenses	82,234	145,495	57%
8300 - Travel & meetings expenses	462	2,000	23%
8500 - Diocesan/program expenses	51,609	104,465	49%
Total Expense	294,417	549,171	54%
Net Ordinary Income	(119,620)	(218,911)	55%
Other Income/Expense			
Sanford trust	6,593		
6853 -MDG/special collections	13,144	11,000	119%
Endowment funds drawn	151,501	259,725	58%
Total Other income	171,238	270,725	63%
Other Expense			
8800 - MDG/Special collection exp	5,162	11,000	47%
9800 - Fixed asset purchases	6,395	40,814	16%
Total Other Expense	11,557	51,814	22%
Net Other Income	159,681	218,911	73%
Net Income	40,061	0	100%

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6	Choir Rehearsals resume	7	First Friday Feast	8	
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Want to be in a Foyer?

What is a Foyer and why would I want to be in one? One definition of a foyer is 'a hearth (which connotes a warm and friendly place to meet) or vestibule. Another definition is 'a small, informal group that gathers in individual members homes to share a meal and relaxed conversation.'

At St. Paul's Cathedral, we use both definitions to talk about Foyers! Small groups of 6-8 people are formed from a master sign-up list of interested adult parishioners. Each group is comprised of newcomers, 'old comers', single and married people, all ages, urban and suburban dwellers - a real potpourri of parish folk. After a group is formed, the members take turns hosting the group for a simple meal at a time and date chosen by the individual group. There is no program, no agenda, no structure, just a commitment on the part of each member to gather for fellowship and food!

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex of the Cathedral. Just put your name and phone number and email address, if you have one, on it. From the master list, individual Foyers will be formed and posted on the bulletin board in the Seargent Foyer within the next month. You will be contacted by a convener as to who is in your group and to set up your first date.

This is not a meeting but a gathering! It's fun and relaxing and a great way to meet new people or renew old friendships. Sit back and enjoy your time in a Foyer!

If you have questions, please contact Canon Jane.

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