

ST. PAUL'S REPORTER

Deepening our relationship with God, in Christ, through prayer, worship and loving servanthood.

Summer, 2011

We are a welcoming congregation witnessing God's justice, mercy, and reconciling love.

We seek a deeper communion with God, with each other and the rest of God's creation.

We reach beyond ourselves, both in our shared spiritual journeys and in our service to our neighbors, near and far.

We meet God together in our shared worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship. We love and serve the Christ we find in each other.

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- MON—FRI
- 8AM TO 12:30PM
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- www.stpaulsnatick.org

From The Rector

Our New Orleans Mission Trip: We ask your prayers for our youth and adults who are on a mission trip this week to rebuild homes in New Orleans that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. We pray for all those who continue to need a home and for our capacity to care for each other--those near and those far away. We give thanks and pray for Maggie Ryan, Carrie McCue, Sami Cox, Lyman Phillips, Dustin Connors, Maddie Schneider, Claire Fields and Keileigh McReynolds and for Rob Young, Phillip Kutta, Stephen Trever, Lisa Trever, Audrey O'Brien and the Rev. Jon Strand.

St. Paul's Parish Retreat – 2011

Something for Everyone & Something with Everyone

Want to meet new St. Paul's members? Want to deepen your existing relationships? Want to explore images of God we see in nature, art and each other? Want to cross generations or hang with birds of the same feather? Want to grab the last recreational moments of summer and splash, paddle, sing, dance and eat s'mores?

Please join us for this year's Parish Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris camp in Greenfield, NH. Our theme of the weekend's programming will be **Exploring Images of God**.

The planning committee is building a comprehensive schedule to allow for worship, fellowship, contemplation and fun. The following information highlights the format and some of the programming topics

Programming Structure

Programming will focus on topics based by age group, in two sessions on Saturday in the morning and afternoon:

- Kids
- Kids and Adults
- Adults Only

Nursery care (0-3 yrs) will be provided during sessions.

SPY sessions will have their own schedule to allow our youth to continue their formation and fellowship.

There will also be weekend-spanning activities encouraging building new relation-



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ships across the community.

Programming Ideas (so far)

<i>Images of God – storytelling and art</i>	<i>Ropes course</i>
<i>Guided Meditations</i>	<i>Archery</i>
<i>Scavenger Hunt</i>	<i>Drum Circle</i>
<i>Hiking</i>	<i>Paddling</i>
<i>Running with the Rector</i>	<i>Men's issues discussion</i>
<i>Waterfront activities</i>	<i>'Porch Ministry'</i>
<i>Campfire & S'mores</i>	<i>Talent Show / Improv</i>

*Don't see a session you were hoping for? **SPEAK UP!** We want your input.
 See a session you want to help with? **STEP UP!** More hands spreads the load and lets us all participate.
 Getting excited to come? **SIGN UP!** It won't be the same without you!*

Retreat Committee: Courtney Edman, Karen Van Voorhis, Kelly Drescher, Gail Infrere, Valerie Gaines, John Till, Rev. Jon C. Strand, Rev. Paul Kolbet



St. Paul's Pool Party and Picnic

Looking for a way to beat the summer heat with some friends at St. Paul's? Mark your calendars now for a St. Paul's pool party and picnic at the home of Ralph Schinzel in Holliston on Sunday, July 24th from 11:00 until the last person leaves ☺ Please bring a picnic lunch, drinks, and your beach towels and chairs. A grill will be available. Don't miss this fun in the sun! RSVP or call Ralph with any questions .

Prayer Shawl Group

Many of us have benefited from the beautiful prayer shawls that have been lovingly created by the Prayer Shawl Group at St. Paul's.

The group will not be meeting in July and August. We will meet again on Sept 14th at 7:00. Please drop off Shawls that are completed at church on Sundays. Just mark for Gail Infrere.

Please contact Gail Infrere



Dates for 2011 at The Miracle Kitchen, Framingham: A Local Outreach

The Miracle Kitchen, located in the Salvation Army building in Framingham, has been serving an evening meal to people for nearly 30 years. It is open 5 nights a week and currently serves 80-100 people each night. Volunteer groups provide the main dish, vegetable or salad, and dessert as well as servers.

St. Paul's volunteers are needed to provide the meal and servers at the Miracle Kitchen on the following dates in 2011. You can sign up for one, two or more dates.

August 10 October 12 December 14

Please contact Corinne .

JULY CELEBRATIONS

The following is the list of parishioners with birthdays and anniversaries during July.

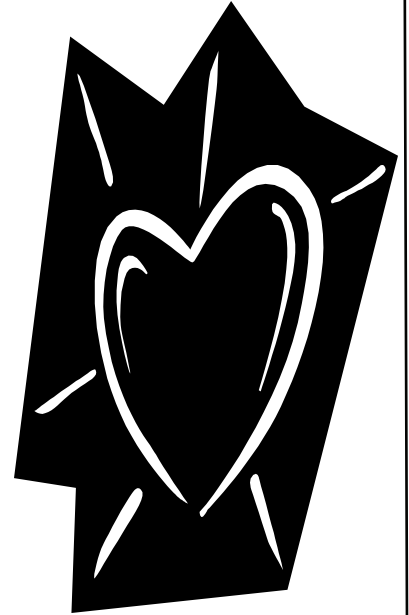
Please share their joy by congratulating them in person, by telephone or card, and by praying for them on their special day.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Rebecca Walz
Cindy Yancey
Paul Hasgill
Benjamin Krueger,
Aaron Krueger
Ann Fagan
Charles Fagan, Marc Allen,
Donna White
Frank Dumar
Wesley Jaynes
Ryan Williams
Sally Wong, Miranda LaGrone
Walter Lee
Ed McLaughlin
Marion L. Giardini
David Craig
Mae Castellino
Olivia Jaynes, Lauren Feeney
Penny Lewandowski
Judy Ritchie
Stephen Wong
Katherine Meister
Talia Erickson-Mullane
Sean Lawrence
Gail Infrere
Raphael Herz

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

Glenn & Elizabeth Meister
Rob and Anne Young
Charles & Ann Fagan
Dan and Dynnelle Fields



*Watch over thy children,
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bless and guide them
wherever they may be. Strengthen them
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AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

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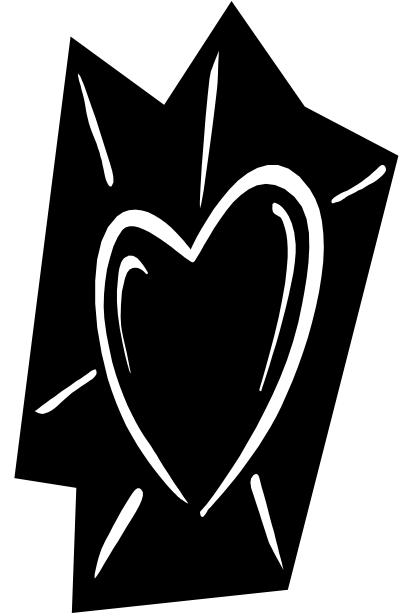
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Jennifer Yancey, Chloe Pearce, Hannah Pearce
Anne Blanchard, Ryan Belanger
Grace Kelemanik, Joseph Castellino
Bud Killam, Celia Lemieux, Joel Lewandowski, Leigh Wynn
Amy Till, Martin Grady
Ed Shedd, Nathan Giordano, Owen Giordano
Marianne Leonard, Joan Hellmuth, Olivia Walz
Zach Meyer
Barbara Crockford, Ian McReynolds
Elizabeth Bettuelli
James Yancey, Emmanuella Edozien
Harry Brewster, Jacob Lamb
Julianne Curtis, Dan Fields; Daniel Goodridge
Heather Lerminiaux, Gabriella DiCenso
Linda Burgoon, Katilyn Hasgill-Willis
Donald Loughlin, Ed Murphy
Janet Lundberg, Liz Hendler
Gabriella Gooltz

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

Urs & Joanne Berger-Sweeney;
Grace Kelemanik & Lorraine Horgan
Joel & Susan Lemieux
Marybeth Lamb & Sharon Sharpe
Eric and Becky Lightcap
Rolf & Heather Stottmann
Dennis & Amy Lucenta
Clint and Linda Heyd
Marty & Bonnie Grady
George & Judith Witzell
Leo Ryan & Patty Magill
Janice & Karen Krueger
Donald & Leslie Loughlin
Stephen & Connie Walsh



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PARISH NOTES

Parish Dinners There will be no dinners in July. They will start again in August.

Thanksgiving for a Generous Gift

St. Paul's received a very generous donation last week of \$2,000 from the parents of one of our graduating seniors in gratitude for St. Paul's Youth Program. We are thankful for this gift and want to thank all of the wonderful teachers and youth leaders at St. Paul's, especially Amy Till, our current Youth Ministry Coordinator, and Audrey O'Brien, our previous Coordinator, for supporting our young people so faithfully and so well. We are blessed to have a vibrant group of young people, and we are grateful to all parents who encourage their teenagers to share their gifts and talents with us here at St. Paul's.



Solar Panels for the Rectory Roof?

St. Paul's wants to support any green initiative that we can as part of our overall mission to be good stewards of our planet. Our former assistant rector, Mark McKone-Sweet, now at St. Dunstan's in Dover, shared with us a proposal that his church is using to install solar panels for energy production at an incredibly reasonable price with good pay-back potential. A St. Paul's committee has been formed to explore the options for St. Paul's. Although our church roof may not be a good candidate for solar panels, the rectory roof potentially is. Members of the Solar Panel committee include Fred Cowen, Raphael Herz, Clint Heyd, Michael Kintinar, and Matt McCue. To proceed with the initiative, we need to allocate \$4,000. With our current budget gap, the vestry would like to determine if there is a parishioner who might want to fund, or partially fund, this initiative, either as an outright grant or as a long-term loan to the parish. More details are available. Please contact Jon Strand if you want to know more or if you are inspired to make a financial contribution toward this effort. Many thanks!



Do You Have an Extra Room in Your Home?

In these challenging economic times, one of our female parishioners is having a tough time making rent while searching for work. Would anyone have an extra room that they could offer? If so, please contact Jon Strand for further details. Contributions to the Priest Discretionary Fund are also most welcome in this regard.

Have you Thought about Becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister?

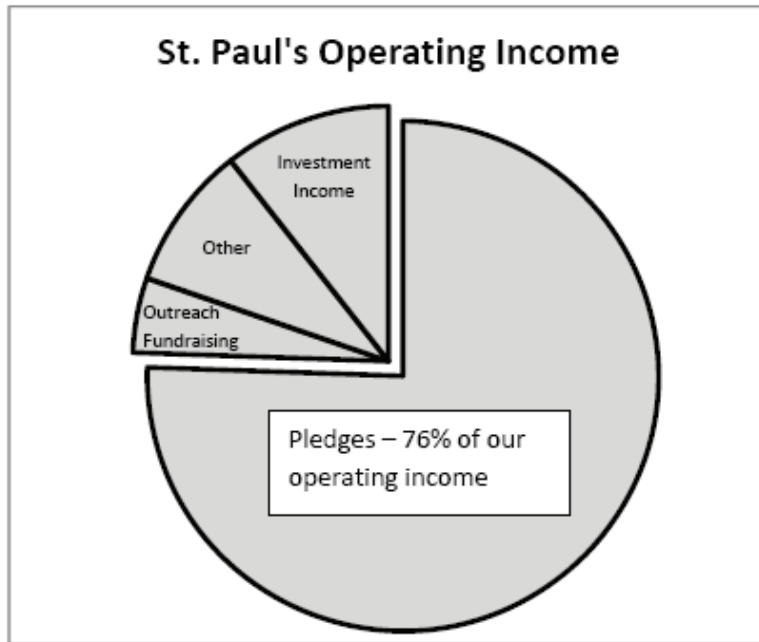
One of the volunteer opportunities at St. Paul's is assisting our clergy at the altar by becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM). The LEM participates in Communion by offering the cup and saying, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," or a similar blessing. The LEM is robed and processes in with the choir, acolytes, and clergy. There are typically two LEMs at a service, and one reads the Prayers of the People and fills in at the scripture reading if a Lay Reader is unavailable.



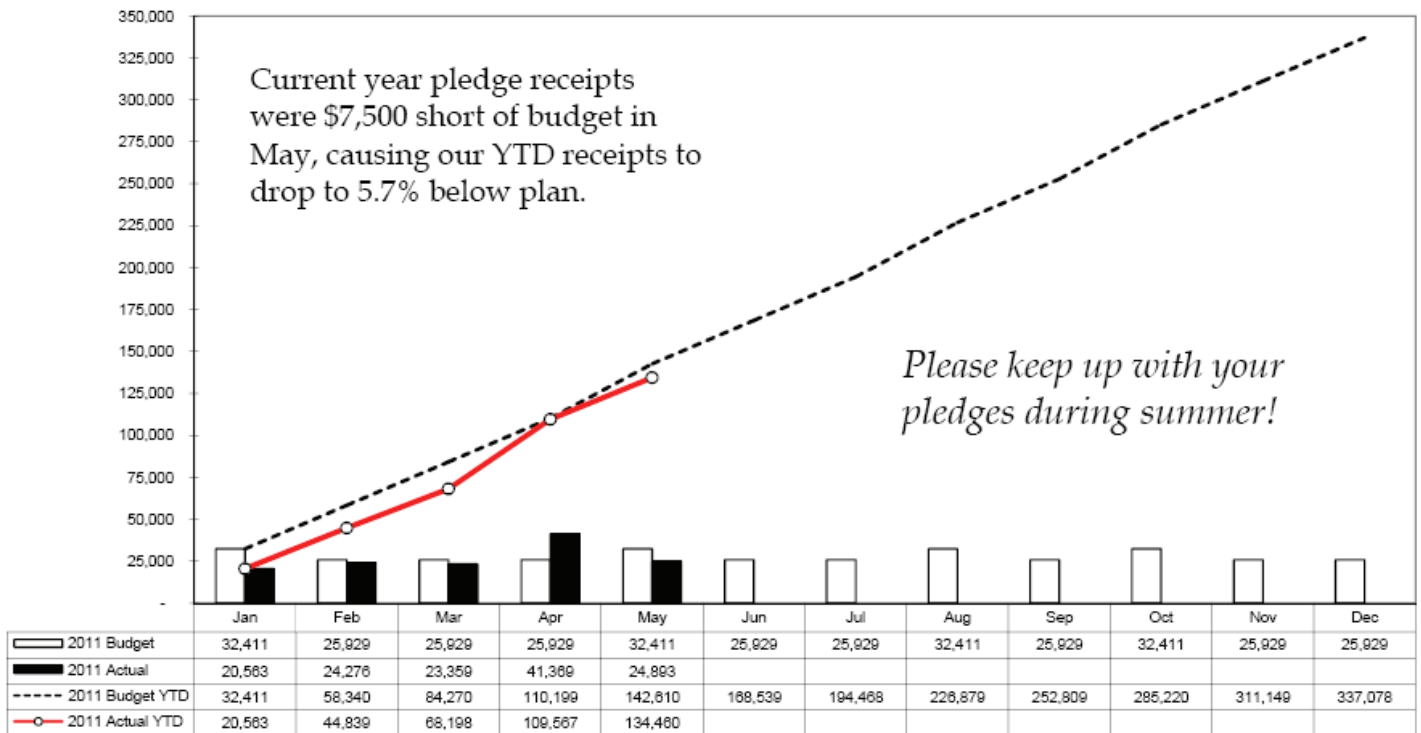
Many of us have found being a LEM to be a deeply spiritual experience. If you would like to know more about becoming a LEM, please contact Edla McKertich . Thank you!

Pledges, pledges, why always pledges!

Because St. Paul's runs on pledges. Pledge receipts make up 76% of our operating income. We are self-supported and receive no funding from our Diocese; indeed we contribute money to the Diocese (all Episcopal parishes pay an assessment based upon their expenditures). All pledge receipts, large and small, add up to support our life together.



St. Paul's Pledge 2011 Receipts





Sometimes a silent auction makes a loud noise!



Help to make this one of those times!

The SECOND Metrowest Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) online auction will take place from September 1-19th, 2011. There are two ways you can help us make a difference in the lives of homeless families:

Donate & Bid

MIHN will accept donations beginning June 1 through August 27th.

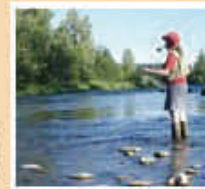
It's simple: Go to www.biddingforgood.com/MIHN and click on Donate Items.

Here are just a few suggestions:

- Theatre Tickets – Sporting Events – Museum Passes – Restaurant Gift Cards
- Tourist Venues (Duck tours, harbor tours) – Day of Golf – Ski Weekend
- Leaf Peeping Weekend – Tanglewood Tickets – Airline Tickets
- Dream Destinations – Art Work

These are some of the items that have already been donated!

1. Vermont House vacation
2. Day of fly-fishing in Sudbury with lesson
3. Four Tickets to the Boston Celtics
4. Round of Golf at TCP Course
5. Eye exam and fitting for new contact lenses
6. One year supply of replacement lenses
7. \$100 gift certificate to Cottage Restaurant, Wellesley



Make your donation online today at

www.Biddingforgood.com/MIHN

For more information please contact Beth Cooper at 508-318-4820 or director@metrowestihn.org

The Metrowest IHN is a cooperative, interfaith partnership offering hope to homeless families with children through safe transitional shelter, meals, and supportive case management as they seek permanent housing.

Biddingforgood.com manages online auctions for non-profits. It allows the bidder to view and make offers on all items from all auctions currently underway.

B-SAFE is back!

Help change a child's life by giving just a few hours of your time this summer.

We need YOU!

Summer is almost here... please consider adding to your summer--and a child's summer--by donating just a few hours to B-SAFE.

B-SAFE (Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment Program) provides a safe, enriching summer camp experience at a nominal fee for hundreds of children in Boston. The program depends on support from over 30 partner churches in the Metro Boston area to provide food and field trips to keep the costs low.

We are returning to our partner church, St. Mary's in Dorchester.

During the week of August 1st – August 5th, St. Paul's volunteers will prepare (at St. Paul's), deliver, and serve snack and lunch and read for 30 minutes with campers Monday through Thursday. We will plan and fund a field trip on Friday, August 6th. Parishioners can join the campers on the field trip day for a great day outdoors!

How can YOU help?

Please note that most tasks only involve a commitment of a few hours. And remember we only do this once a year. All of us, working together, can change a child's summer and future, by:

Contacting local businesses for donations

Assist with fundraising for our costs for the week (about \$1,000)

Help organize the Friday field trip

Shop for food at the start of our host week (for perishables, Sunday of our host week, non-perishables can be purchased in advance)

Make baked goods for the lunches (at home, deliver to the church on an assigned day)

Assemble lunch at St. Paul's (8:30 AM -10:30 AM) – children of all ages welcome to join you, any day of our host week Monday - Thursday

Travel to Boston to serve lunch and read with campers (10:30AM – 2:00 PM), any day of our host week Monday-Thursday, school age children and teens welcome

Add your name and e-mail to the sign up sheet at the Outreach bulletin board.

We will circulate a Google doc for sign up for specific roles.

Thank you for your support!

Emily Fagan

Beth Brady

To learn more about B-Safe, visit <http://www.ststephensbos.org/summerprograms.html>

New Fund Raising Program at St. Paul's



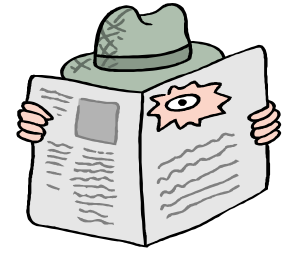
St. Paul's is beginning a new fundraising campaign called Scrip. How does it work? You purchase gift cards to stores and vendors you usually frequent (but through St. Paul's), and the church keeps a portion of those funds. Some of these vendors even allow you to reload your card and STILL give money to the church!

We're looking to pilot this by program in August with the "Back to School" shopping time. Your feedback will help us decide if we would like to continue this into Christmas and beyond. In the coming weeks, please take time to consider some of your favorite vendors (gas, groceries, department, entertainment, etc...) and decide if pre-purchasing gift cards to them is right for your family.

For a complete list of all vendors participating, please go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. For a list of FAQ, please see below and the St. Paul's website, or speak with Kelly Drescher or Paula Curtis for personal attention. We will begin taking orders in late July/early August.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *How do we order Scrip?* Scrip can be ordered at a table set up during coffee hour or online.
2. *How do people pay for Scrip?* They can pay by cash or check to the church – make the check out to St. Paul's. There is an online pay option (similar to PayPal). Payment cannot be made by debit/credit card.
3. *How much does the church get back?* This varies by company. Some companies offer as little as 1%, while other companies offer 10% or more. The average is 5-7%.
4. *Is there any fee?* There is no fee to use GLSC or their website. However, they do charge a flat rate of \$7.50 for processing and shipping of each order placed by the church.
5. *If I purchase a gift card, do I have to keep buying them, or can I reload money on it?* Some companies now allow you to recharge your gift card, and the church still gets a percentage, such as Starbucks. The gift card must be ordered through Scrip, and the recharge must be done through the online pay option through the Scrip website. -Some companies also allow you to print certificates right from your home computer, like [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [Shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com). This option also requires using online payment options.
6. *Where can I use Scrip cards?* There are hundreds of retailers who donate proceeds through the Scrip program. A complete listing can be found at <http://www.ShopWithScrip.com>. New England favorites like Stop & Shop and Dunkin Donuts are a part of the program.
7. *Can I pay credit card bills with Scrip?* There are a few retailers who allow this; Kohl's department store is one of them. This information is available on the Scrip website by going to the individual retailer.



Dear People of St. Paul's,

Common Cathedral

Many thanks to Betsy Emberley for championing our successful and well-run Common Cathedral event for 8th and 9th graders last month! Thanks also to our youth, parents, and adult leaders who prepared food and/or headed into Boston to serve food and attend the outdoor worship service with the congregation of Common Cathedral. I know it was a meaningful experience for all who spent time and shared Eucharist with this lively group of congregants, many of whom are homeless. Personally, I love sharing these moments with teenagers, as they consider what life must be like for people who live in different circumstances.

Parish Retreat

Teens – Are you coming to the parish retreat on August 26-28? We are in the process of planning some fun activities just for you! If you are be interested in spending a bit of your time at camp assisting with children's programming, please contact Courtney Edman at 508-789-4849 or theedmans5@yahoo.com.

Summer Camp Anyone?

For anyone looking for fun summer camps, we have two fantastic options for you! Youth from St. Paul's enjoy and recommend summer camp offerings from both the Diocese of Massachusetts and the Diocese of Maine.

Believe it or Not (BION) Camp for Youth Completing Grades 6-12

5 Days at Camp Bishopswood in Hope, Maine – August 16-20

Our own youth ministry intern, Stephen McCarthy, will be a counselor at the Diocese of Maine's Believe it or Not (BION) camp. Cost is \$225 and a few teens from St. Paul's have already signed-up. This camp runs for 5 days only and is for youth who have completed grades 6-12. The reviews from previous years are FANTASTIC! You can find an application on the SPY bulletin board in Sherrill Hall, or check it out on-line at http://www.episcopalmaine.org/youth/bion_camp.html.

Barbara C. Harris Camp (BCHC) for Youth Entering Grades 4-12

7 Days in Greenfield, NH – Various Dates, See Below

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts offers 6 weeks of camp at Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center. Many youth from St. Paul's are heading North for a fun week of camp again this year! The cost is \$575 per week. A few weeks are already filled to capacity, so please refer to the chart below for availability. For tons of information and an on-line registration form go to <http://www.bchcenter.org/camp/>.

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Camp Program	For Kids Entering Grades	Start Dates of Available Weeks
Explorer	4-5	June 26, July 3, July 24, July 31
Adventure	6-7	June 26, July 3, July 17, July 24, July 31
Challenge	8-9	July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31
**Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)	9-10	July 3 - boys only, all girl spaces have been filled
Base Camp	10-12	June 26, July 3, July 17, July 24, July 31

**Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) camp still has openings for boys entering grades 9 or 10 only. Learn leadership skills while having a fun week at camp! 3 girls from St. Paul's are attending!

Have a great summer!

Amy Till, Youth Ministry Coordinator

St. Paul's Summer Music

Vocal and instrumental soloist interested in singing or playing during the summer 9:00 am service contact Monique Weiss Byrnes at musicweissbyrnes@gmail.com to schedule a rehearsal and a date for service.



St. Paul's Choirs

All are welcome to join St. Paul's children's, youth, family or adult choirs. For information or questions regarding the choirs contact music director, Monique Weiss Byrnes or speak with a choir member. The adult choir begins their season with a pot-luck dinner on Thursday, August 25th at 6:00pm. Children's and youth choirs begin their rehearsals in September. Please check reporter or website for dates.

Musically,

Monique



* **Save the Date!!**

* **Rummage Sale**

Saturday, September 24
9am - 1pm.

It's never too soon to start putting things away for our annual Rummage Sale!

As you follow through on your resolutions to 'clean up and throw out', save the best 'stuff' for St. Paul's! (No baby furniture or strollers, please.)

Start your donation pile today and mark your calendars for September 24.



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