
BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

St. Paul's, Hamilton
St. Stephen's, Stevensville

May 2010

Events at St. Paul's

May 2, Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.

May 5, ECW Meeting 10 a.m.

May 9, Rev. Greg Karlsgodt 9:30 a.m.

May 10, Vestry meeting 7 p.m.

May 16, Rev. Doug Anderson 9:30 a.m.

May 19, ECW Meeting 10 a.m.

May 23, Rev. Steve Oreskovich 9:30 a.m.
Congregation Meeting following

May 29, Rev. Doug Anderson 12:30 p.m.
Joint Service at St. Stephen's. A potluck
at the Stevensville city park to celebrate
the service of Rev. Doug and Judy
Anderson to our churches will occur
immediately after worship.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.

So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

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“The real test is not how much we want to do something but how much love is a part of what we want to do.” Page 49 Listening Hearts, Discerning Call in Community

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National Day of Prayer Thursday May 6

Prayer For Such a Time As This-- Legion Park, Hamilton, Noon – 1 p.m.

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.”

Nahum 1:7

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JOY Retreat April 30- May 1 Allyson Tomkins returns to The Bitterroot Valley for our third annual Joy Retreat sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Francis Catholic Church. This year, we will learn how the joy of the LORD gives us perseverance, endurance and hope for our most difficult times. There is still time to join us; registration closes 6 p.m. Friday, April 30. Call Alana at 381-3534.

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S.A.F.E. (Supporters of an Abuse Free Environment) Crystal Ball

Friday, May 21st. Patron tickets are \$75.00 per person, regular tickets \$50.00. The patron reception is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. featuring a silent auction preview and an opportunity to bid on "patron only" auction items. General admission begins at 7:00pm. Wonderful food catered by Red Rooster. Dancing to the music of the Big Sky Mudflaps. If you would like to purchase tickets and sit with the St. Paul's family, contact Dutch Brewer 363-1472.

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ECW (Episcopal Church Women) News

+ May 1: ECW will have a table at the Hamilton United Methodist American Baptist Church. The women will be selling some of their sewn items and hope to have other collectables and assorted treasures to sell. Donations are needed. Please bring to St. Paul's before Friday, April 30. All profits go to the restoration efforts.

+ May 5: First monthly meeting for ECW is Wednesday, May 5 at 10 a.m. to work on projects. Lunch will be served at Noon (everyone is welcome to join for lunch). The monthly business meeting will be held following lunch.

+ May 19: A work meeting is scheduled Wednesday, May 19 at 10 a.m. Brown bag lunch. Every lady of St. Paul's is welcome to join our group. We really do have a good time together.

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Labor of Love April 30 - May 2nd

(From Julie, site manager at Camp Marshall.) In addition to the usual cleaning and clearing, I have two-and-a-half projects to complete. St. Stephens--I would like to have the up-grade for St. Stephens completed.

On the slate for that project are:

1. Replace two windows,
2. Replace 1 door,
3. Replace the siding.
4. Plant trees. We will have AmeriCorps volunteers at the same time as Labor of Love. I have found a Tribal Nursery nearby. We will be working with Salish Kootenai tribe and AmeriCorps and ourselves to plant 1,000 trees.
5. There is a window in the new ADA Bathroom under the lodge that needs a carpenter to trim and paint and make pretty/waterproof.

Come and share your gift of time and talent with us.

To sign up for Labor of love contact me, Julie Sisler via my e-mail juliecampmarshall@gmail.com or call the camp phone (406) 849-5718.

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Celebrate Camp Marshall Sunday May 23 As a tribute to Deacons Doug and Judy Anderson, the plate and any special collections will be given to Camp Marshall in their honor. This tribute to Doug and Judy will be presented on May 29th at the joint service/ picnic in Stevensville.

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PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Call Terry at 363-7656 with questions.

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Pastoral Care Rev. Greg Karlsgodt is available for pastoral care appointments. You may call him at 375-0107 or 544-1699 to arrange an appointment time.

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2010 Grace Camp June 20 - 25

Grace Camp is a program for children entering grades 3 - 8 of incarcerated parents. This Camp is provided to the students free of charge thanks to generous gifts that come from people and congregations all over the state. For more information go to the Camp Marshall web page. (www.mtepisiscopal.org)

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Camp Marshall 2010 Summer Programs

Camp Summer Theme -- Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Now is the perfect time to jump in and register for summer camp! Programs include; family camp, programs for students entering grades 3 - 8 (called Jr. Middler Camp), Sr. High, Young Adult Camp and our Alumni Weekend. Go to the Camp Marshall web page to find the brochure and register on-line. (www.mtepisiscopal.org)

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Camp Scholarships St. Paul's will give each child \$100 to help pay for camp. **Can families get more scholarship support?** Yes. When you register for camp check the box on the registration form letting us know to contact you regarding financial assistance. We guarantee that no one will be turned away for financial reasons. Jocelyn Snider will be contacting families to coordinate the summer camp season. If you have any questions, please contact her at 375-0416.

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SAFE Fundraiser Friday Evening, May 21

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Email addresses

The church roster will now include email addresses. Please provide any corrections for your contact information to Jocelyn (375-0416 or stpaulnews@hotmail.com) If you would prefer to not have your email published please inform Jocelyn. Thanks!

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