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# BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

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

June 2010

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## Events at St. Paul's

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

**June 6,** Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.  
**June 9,** ECW Meeting 10 a.m.  
**June 13,** Rev. Steve Oreskovich 9:30 a.m.  
**June 20,** Rev. Greg Karlsgodt 9:30 a.m.  
**June 23,** ECW Meeting 10 a.m.  
**June 27,** Rev. Doug Anderson 9:30 a.m.

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## Calling an Interim

The vestries of St. Paul's and St. Stephen's will be calling Reverend Steve Oreskovich to be our Interim. Rev. Steve will spend one Sunday a month with us over the summer. Starting in the fall, we will see him on Sundays and Mondays. The combined churches will continue the search process for a permanent Priest.

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## ECW (Episcopal Church Women) News

The two monthly meetings for June will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was decided to make this temporary change since several members will be out of town. July meetings will be held at the usual times, July 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We do have some important things to take care of.

The plant sale continues and has added substantially to our restoration fund. Aaron and Jen Carmody have donated many wonderful plants from their greenhouse and continue to do so. Please check the table downstairs and leave your donations in the "paint can." If you are separating plants or have extra to spare, consider adding them to the display table.

In June we will be selling our home-made items at Bitterroot Days, Saturday, June 19. If you can help the ladies with set up, please contact them. We need help moving tables, setting up our displays and selling. Please contact one of the ladies if you can help with this worthwhile effort.

The date for our Victorian Tea is July 17. This money raiser will be at the home of Paul and Lynda Nelson and promises to be a lovely event. It is a joint effort of the ECW and the Restoration Committee. Tickets are \$25 each. Volunteers are needed for preparations, serving and for giving a tour of St. Paul's. We hope that many of you will want to be involved.

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**Honoring Deacons, Doug & Judy Anderson, May 30**

On Pentecost Sunday we took up a special collection for support of Camp Marshall, our diocesan church camp on Flathead Lake. We will dedicate this offering as a gift in honor of our two Deacons, Doug and Judy Anderson, who have served us so well over the past year. The first use of the money will be to subsidize youth of our congregation who want to attend camp this year (the vestry has already pledged support). If there is money left over after taking care of our own youth, the remainder will be given to the Camp Marshall Fund which supports the operations of the camp.

On Sunday, May 30, we will have a joint service with Stevensville, 12:30 p.m. at Saint Stephen's, followed by a potluck at the church to honor our deacons in person. The timing of this service, 12:30 p.m. is to permit the deacons to be in attendance since they have many other commitments and that was the only time available when both could attend. Please make every effort to attend this service as a token of our appreciation for all the deacons have done for us this past year.

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**Adler & Hearne return to the Bitterroot**

July 23--Mark your calendar for an evening of wonderful music and company. Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, they will join us for morning worship.

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**Daly Days July 24 & 25**

St. Paul's will be part of the historic activities for Daly Days. The church will be open for tours and we will be selling ice cream. Volunteers are need for this event. A sign-up sheet is in the basement, please sign up for a couple hours.

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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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**100 Days of Summer Bible Study on Facebook**

A Summer Bible Reading Journey at St. Peter's, Alison Moran's church in Arizona. Do you want to study the Bible but don't know where to begin? Do you find the Bible difficult, overwhelming, or just plain confusing? Join our St. Peter's Summer Bible Reading Program!

How our Summer Reading Program works...

- 1) You will need a Bible (any translation or use biblegateway.com) AND The Essential Bible Guide by Whitney Kuniholm. The book can be purchased through many online booksellers.
- 2) Using THE ESSENTIAL BIBLE as our guide through the Old and New Testaments, every day you will read one excerpt from the Bible. Each reading includes a reflection and a couple of questions.
- 3) Through this online group, one of our facilitators will post a couple topics for discussion within the discussion group and you can post responses or enter new reflections upon the topic at hand.

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**PFLAG** Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Call Terry at 363-7656 with questions.

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### **Forward Day by Day, June 1 Meditation**

Psalm 45. *Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.*

Psalm 45 celebrates the institution of Davidic kingship in Israel and at the same time the ultimate reign of God. The pageantry described in the psalm enables people to look beyond human power to God, whose throne is eternal.

We are reminded daily of the struggle between the superpowers and often hear their claim to ultimate truth. It is good to recall, even as we commit ourselves to the cause of peace and justice, that God reigns above all. We may get a glimpse of the epiphany of our Creator; our faith is strengthened each time that happens –sometimes in the unlikeliest places.

The psalm provides a panorama of God's activity and human experience. Undergirding everything, the unshakable, eternal God remains faithful. Our God reigns, and so we do all in our power to bring about the peace of the world, to make it visible to all. In the process we learn to trust divine faithfulness even when fear threatens to overwhelm.

*Creator God, rule in our hearts, reign over the nations and bring in the kingdom of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

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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.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.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.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.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 them 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.

## 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](mailto:stpaulnews@hotmail.com) ) If you would prefer to not have your email published please inform Jocelyn. Thanks!

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## A Morning Resolve, Forward Day by Day

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular I will try to be faithful to those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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