
BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
600 S. 3rd Street in Hamilton
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
203 Main Street in Stevensville
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May 2011

Events at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich

Sunday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich

Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Bill Baumgarten

Sunday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Bishop Brookhart visiting

Sunday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich

May 16 - ECW Meeting, 2 p.m.

Events at St. Stephen's

Every Sunday, Noon Holy Eucharist

May 6, First Friday downtown Stevensville, featuring the Stevensville Garden Club and a craft selection sponsored by the African Team Ministries.

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It is far too seldom in worship that education, meaning, celebration and the pleasure of a working community all come together. With the dedication of so many of you and the great gift of the presence and passion of Bill Baumgarten, that is exactly what happened during Holy Week for both St. Stephen's and St. Paul's. So many people gave tirelessly of their time and skills to prepare, teach, feed and clean from Palm Sunday through Easter Day that it is no wonder (with a good measure of the grace of God), we all came away feeling so enriched and grateful for each other and the time we spent together in prayer and celebration. I truly felt the Risen Lord in the midst of the Eucharist on Easter.

There are too many to thank personally but I would remiss if I didn't invite YOU to remember who it was and who it is that constantly makes life in each parish a rich experience week upon week. In 36 years of church work we have seldom seen such committed people. A kind word of thanks can mean much to those who may be a bit tired from the steady demands of the season from Lent through last Sunday.

Finally, savor what we have experienced together. Grace isn't consumed in the moment. The grace of learning and worshipping with people we love can be tasted again and again. More than we realize we can live in the Resurrection and the transforming power we felt in our many hours together since Shrove Tuesday. We are a different community from where we started those many weeks ago. We need to continue to nourish each other with kindness, consideration and support. The kind of support we felt when working together, singing together and yes, of course eating together! Happy Easter Season Dear Friends.
Steve and Brenda

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Birthday News On May 16, we are doubly blessed to be celebrating both Betty Baily and Betty Fullerton’s Birthday! Be sure to wish them a “Happy Birthday!”

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ECW The women of ECW are looking ahead to an eventful season of money raising events for the church restoration. Soon we will be hosting an all-parish Bingo Party. The date will be a Saturday in May. The time and date will be announced soon. Please support your church in this endeavor (and invite friends!)

The ladies are now hosting bridge groups who will hold their parties in our parish hall. The ladies will provide a very nice luncheon. All proceeds will again go to restoration of the church building.

ECW will continue selling brooms, knives and the hand-made items such as pot holders, placemats, travel bags, casserole carriers, etc. All women are invited to partake in all activities. Please join us in our efforts.

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Sunday the 29th On Sunday May 29th we will be having a special celebration to honor graduates from the congregation, graduates from high school, and even one, that we know of, from college. If you have a graduate in your family, please let either Dutch, Alana or Jocelyn know so that they will be included in the celebration. We do not want to overlook anyone. In addition, that Sunday is the final Sunday for Steve and Brenda before they take their long awaited "retirement vacation trip." In order to say good-bye to them we will use the coffee hour also. Bill Friebel has volunteered to host the coffee hour that Sunday with Bob & Linda Carmody’s help. If you wish to contribute, please let Bill know. Bill will be returning from his Florida winter residence about May 8th.

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ERD Easter Eggs Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)--- Easter Eggs! Children of St. Paul's along with some adults decorated Easter eggs to sell. \$400 was raised to purchase flocks of chickens for people in developing nations. What a blessing!

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Easter Thanks! Thank you to Rebeka Stamp and Jen Carmody for taking the time to give the children an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the excitement and laughter coming from the children as they found the eggs and looked inside!

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African Team Ministries Sales Serving the Church in East African through Crafts and Jewelry sales. Our display at St. Paul’s will be in the basement May 1 – May 15. St. Stephen’s will have a display for First Friday, May 6 and also Sundays, May 8 & 15. The proceeds provide orphan support, aid to refugees, clean water, medical care, repairing the churches and training for the laity. Check out online at www.africanteamministires.org

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The Haven House collection is now a basket found behind the last pew. Our donations of non-perishable food will be received weekly. The basket will be brought forward at the Doxology, when the offering is presented.

Diocesan News

Camp Marshall 2011 Summer Season

Grace Camp: June 19 – 24. A free program for children of incarcerated parents. All students need to be entering grades 3 - 8 in the fall of 2011.

Jr. Middler One: June 26 – July 2.

Jr. Middler Two: July 10 – 16. Jr. Middler is a camp for students entering grades 3 - 8 in the upcoming school year.

Sr. High: July 24 – 30. Sr. Middler is a camp for students entering grades 9 - 12.

Family Camp One: July 3 – 9

Family Camp Two: July 17 – 23

Register online at www.mtepiscope.org "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Community News

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's AA meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. This closed AA meeting meets in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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National Day of Prayer May 5, Centennial Park, 12-1 pm

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Habitat for Humanity FREE Educational Programs Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. May 4 - Simple Home Repairs, Learn handy skills like how to fix running water in the toilet tank, clean sink drains, change filters, light a pilot safely, replace a section of otherwise good carpet and fix a hole or dent in a section of wall board. Presented by Jeff Wolfe, Massa Home Center and Rick Wiesemann, Habitat. May 11 Credit \$mart\$, Learn how to use credit wisely, minimize credit card interest charges, and find resources to help take control of your finances. Presented by Katelyn Andersen, MSU/Ravalli County Extension Agent. Hope to see you there! Light refreshments and child care provided. For more information, contact Ruth Hazelton at 375-1926 or jrhaz34@yahoo.com

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Options for Women and Girls Saturday, May 7 at the Bitterroot River Inn, 9 am – 4 pm. Registration 8:30 – 9am. Free Career Seminar, Reservations are required. Childcare available, call 363-2642. Sponsored by Soroptimist of Hamilton.

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Joy Retreat May 13th-14th--All are welcome at the Banquet of the Beloved. Please join us for our 2011 Joy Retreat, where you will discover how you are "you"-niquely chosen to sit at His table. For more information call Alana Cruse 381-3534.

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PFLAG For information about PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) contact 363-7656 or visit www.pflag.org PFLAG meets every third Thursday of the month. May's meeting is the 19th, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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S.A.F.E. Crystal Ball Friday, May 20th at the Bitterroot River Inn, Patron reception starts at 6:30 pm, Main event starts at 7:30 pm. Music by the Big Sky Mudflaps, great food by Red Rooster Catering, Silent and Live Auction.

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