



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Please note:

*The office will be closed next week:
Monday, July 13th - Friday, July 17th.*



**MAJOR DISRUPTION!
Work to be done on the front stoop.**

It can't be helped. We just have to bite the bullet and do it: fix the front stoop! And what better time than the week that the office is closed? That's next week, beginning on Wednesday morning the 15th, you will not be able to enter through the front doors at all, but you will be able to access the building through the side door (the one facing the columbarium) with your front door key. Unfortunately, that key does not open the kitchen door or the door at the back end of the narthex. If you do come in and out, please make sure the door you use is securely locked when you leave. The good news is that we will have a safe and repaired front stoop!



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Thoughts from Lori

As promised in last week's "Thoughts," today's reflection is more about the just-ended 78th General Convention (GC) of The Episcopal Church. One of the most highly anticipated resolutions taken up by the deputies - actually two resolutions - were about marriage. To be precise, about marriage equality. GC had barely opened when the Supreme Court announced its decision that made marriage for all people, including same-sex couples, legal in all 50 states.

In the wake of that announcement, deputies and bishops considered the two resolutions, one to change the language of the canons so that they no longer limit the definition of marriage to "a man and a woman"; and the other to authorize new liturgies for the Blessing of a Marriage. Both resolutions were approved by large majorities. [The details are available at this link:

[http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/07/01/general-convention-approves-marriage-equality/.](http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/07/01/general-convention-approves-marriage-equality/)]

Not everyone is in agreement, but it's important to remember that one of the basic tenants of Anglicanism is the principle of agreeing to disagree while remaining in communion; that is, sharing the Body and Blood of Jesus at the same table. It's also important to remember that the Church has been praying, discussing, and studying this issue for more than 40 years. As with many other matters -- such as allowing divorced people to re-marry and the ordination of women -- the test of the Holy Spirit's presence in this decision will be in its fruits, which St. Paul names as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." [Galatians 5:22f]

As for myself, I believe that these decisions, both the decision of the Supreme Court and the GC, were positive and beneficial. The rights and privileges that I have long enjoyed are now extended to everyone, and my life and our marriage are strengthened, not diminished. I recognize that not everyone sees this in the same way, and will do my best to respect our differences.

Other decisions made by GC include a reorganization of the structure of the national church. I'll tackle that subject next week. Meanwhile, I hope you always include the Church - St. Paul's and the larger Church - and its leaders in your prayers.

Faithfully,

Lori †

P.S. Also as promised, here is the link to Presiding Bishop Elect Michael Curry's sermon at the closing worship service of GC: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/07/03/video-presiding-bishop-elect-michael-curry-preaches-at-general-convention-closing-eucharist/>.

SALE OF PRE-SCHOOL ITEMS Sunday July 12 and 19

As part of the process of repurposing The Upper Room (the former parish hall, then pre-school), we are going to sell and/or donate the furniture, toys, and supplies that were part of the pre-school. The first step in an in-house sale/give away, meaning that after church on the next two Sundays, July 12th and 19th, you may make your way upstairs and take what you wish: furniture, toys, books, etc. and make a commensurate donation of your own choosing. You'll find that everything is dusty and in need of some TLC, but might be nice to have for children or grandchildren. What is left after the 19th will be donated. The following is a list of items available:

Furniture

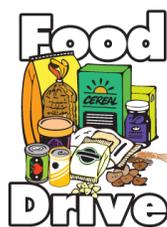
- 4 1/2 ft. round table
- 4 1/2 ft x 29" rectangle table
- Plastic child's chairs
 - 15 blue
 - 3 gold
 - 1 orange
- 2 metal folding child's chairs
- 1 4-shelf brown bookcase
- 2 3-shelf white bookcases
- 2 shelving cabinets with "cubbies" (4' x 3')
- Changing table (needs repair)
- 2 plastic 3 drawer units
- Single trundle to fit under bed
- Wood stool
- Black metal 2 door storage unit
- Sand table with cover
- 6' semi circle teacher's table
- Wood display case for books
- Feltboard/ Whiteboard easel on top of wood cabinet

Toys

Little Tykes workshop
Large wooden kitchen play station
Asst. misc. toys

Other

Casio Keyboard (4 octaves)
3 easels
 2 whiteboard/chalkboard double sided easel
 1 single sided easel
4 bulletin boards
Empty bins
Books, books, books.....
Supplies (scissors, crayons, markers, etc)



Food Drive in July Diaper Drive in August

Please take note of the shopping cart in the narthex.
Donations are always welcome! They will be donated to FISH
of McHenry, TLS or other local agencies.

Top 10 Most Needed Items for FISH of McHenry Food Pantry

Canned meats (*chicken, ham, hash, spam, tuna*)
Canned meals or boxed meals (*stew, pasta with or w/o meat, chili, hamburger helper*)
Canned soup
Canned tomatoes & tomato sauces
Canned vegetables (*green beans, peas, corn, potatoes, mixed veg., mushrooms*)
Peanut butter & jelly
Dried or canned beans (*black, chili, kidney, pinto, white, refried, pork & beans*)
Dry cereal & oatmeal
Dried pasta & rice
Toilet paper/Personal hygiene/Household cleaning& paper products

Non-Food Items also offered to clients:

Bath soap (bars) & deodorant
Shampoo
Toothbrushes & toothpaste
Dish & laundry detergent
Baby food, baby dry cereal & formula
Baby diapers & wipes
Feminine hygiene products
Depends or adult diapers & pads

Please check all expiration dates before donating food!



Office closed- July 13 through July 17

Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm
*(Remember: Feed ourselves, feed others.
Bring canned or dry goods to donate.)*

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm
Vestry - Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 pm

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, July 12th
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 10 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Amos 7:7-15. In this reading from the prophet Amos, he, though just a shepherd, justifies his call from God to be a prophet.

The Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13. The portion of Psalm 85 implies that the salvation of the Lord is near and "mercy and truth have met together."

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14. Here, Paul speaks of God's selection of God's people to be destined for "adoption as his children through Jesus Christ."

The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29. This is the story of King Herod and his daughter, Herodias, who having sworn to grant any wish she might have, was distressed that she wanted the head of John the Baptist. Grudgingly he orders his soldiers to behead the popular holy man.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 436. "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates." This joy-filled hymn was written by Georg Weisell (1590-1635), a Prussian priest who is considered one of the most important hymnologists of his country. The words are based on Psalm 24. The text calls for us to open our hearts to Jesus and make it a holy temple "adorned with prayer and love and joy." The tune, "Truro," appeared anonymously in an Evangelical Psalmbook (1789). The words of the hymn were translated into English by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); and the music was harmonized by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Sequence Hymn: No. 686. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The words reflect our wandering nature and how God seeks us out and lead us home through Christ. The tune, "Nettleton" is a melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music" (1815).

Presentation Hymn: No. 492. "Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness." The author of this hymn is John Ellerton, born in London, December 16, 1826 and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Although an Anglican priest, he is better known as a hymnologist, hymn-writer, and translator. The 1940 Hymnal has 7 of his hymns and this one is new to the current 1982 Hymnal. The tune, "Finnian" was composed by Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000), British organist and composer. The National Cathedral sung this hymn this past Sunday and can be heard on YouTube by entering the first line in a Google search which will produce the link to the music.

Communion Hymn: No. 764. "Taste and See, Taste and See." This hymn was written and composed by James Edward Moore,

Jr., and is based on Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who ta

ke refuge in him." Dr. James E. Moore, a native of LaCrosse, Virginia, where he was born in 1951, holds undergraduate degrees in both piano and vocal music.



He currently resides in Vienna, Austria, where he serves as a professional coach and teaches voice and conducting. (Note: We will be singing this for our Communion Hymn for the month of July, enjoy!)

Recessional Hymn: No. 556. "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart." This hymn was written by Edward Hayes Plumptre in May 1865 for the annual choir festival at Peterborough Cathedral. Plumptre was chaplain of King's College (1847-1868) and attained considerable respect as a translator as well as author of Biblical criticism, history, biography, and poetry. The tune, "Marion" was composed by Arthur Henry Messiter in 1883 and set to this text in a hymnal he produced ten years later.

July 12th Servants

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Pam Dietmeyer

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore



RITE II



RITE I

100 Ways to Save the Environment
Number 42

Water grass early in the morning.

