



# THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL

July/August 2012

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## FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

### Freshness of the First Time

*By Pastor Will Stackhouse*

One of John Keats familiar sonnets carries the title *On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer*. I imagine the forty-third time Keats read from Chapman's *Homer* it stimulated and stirred his blood, but it was the first time he read from it that prompted Keats to break into poetry expressing his thoughts. The experience of the first time is important to both memory and spirituality.

There is what we might call a certain "freshness of the first time" for most of our life experiences. We need to be careful that this freshness can be refreshed in our experience with our spiritual nature. Granted new dimensions come to us with familiarity that adds depth and richness that we did not have the first time around, but that does not alter the fact that novelty carries its own kind of special impact.

Often, it is the people that are caught up in the freshness of what has been for them a marvelous experience, who become enthusiastic and effective sales people for a cause or idea. Their own bubbling enthusiasm has a contagious quality.

The distinctive impact that goes with novelty and freshness is psychology important and has much to do with the keeping of our minds, bodies and spirits. We must deliberately try to keep introducing novelty into our lives as long as we live.

One of the "youngest" people I have ever known was a 92 year old member of one of my past churches. He was the past president of the town bank, still drove, took care of his disabled daughter and was an active Mason. He constantly delved into new experiences if even on the same subject and was a delightful conversationalist.

An interesting question we need to deal with is how well we keep the important long range commitments of our lives fresh and vital with the passing of years? What happens to the relationship and commitment after the novelty has worn off? How can we handle it better?

First, I'm not sure it works well to try and go back and recapture what once was when a commitment was first made. People who have been married for thirty years are not going to relate to each other, publically or privately, the way two people who have been married for two months will relate.

New life comes into our long range commitments not by trying to go back and recapture what we once had, but by going on to where we have never been. In our profession it means cultivating skills relating to our job that we had not developed before or working on growing edges in our personality and spirituality.

For me it means being aware of procedures I have not yet fully developed and using what I learn for the benefit of God's kingdom on earth.

In faith it means opening up new areas where we have let our development become blocked. For me it means continuing to work on polishing my spirituality and ways of sharing that story that might be helpful to others.

In marriage, it means a readiness to keep working at untangling the knots in a relationship that have never been untied and untangling the new knots that keep developing. It means having new experiences together and understanding that a relationship never remains static.

Where our basic commitments are concerned, we find freshness and the taste of novelty by not moving back to where we were, but by moving out to where we never have been, by going deeper and turning over new ground.

For many of us then summer months are time for vacation. It might be a good time for evaluation of where our long term commitments lie. It might be occasion to chart new areas of exploration that can bring freshness and vitality to our lives.

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### *Worship Opportunities*

#### Sundays:

**9:50 AM** Traditional  
Worship  
in Sanctuary

**10:00 AM** Contemporary  
Service in  
Chapel

#### Tuesdays:

**4:15 PM** Bible Study  
in Library  
(Resuming 9/4/12)

**UPDATE FROM PASTOR WILL AND TERI STACKHOUSE**

*Friends and family of St. Paul,*

*We want to thank you for your prayers for Imre, whose mental difficulties and actions this past year have been a stress on him and his family. He was re-hospitalized for the 22nd time in late June for threat of more self-harm and has remained at College Hill campus awaiting a placement at a nearby Christian residential setting, Midwestern Children's Home, near Indian Hills.*

*This residency will hopefully help Imre to value himself and others, and to gain a sense of himself in family, so that he grows psychologically and spiritually in the time he is there and gains a sense of health. His early life in Romania has caused many levels of trauma and his pre-natal experience and genetic heritage has left him with some difficulties but we know he can succeed with this help.*

*Many people do not know that one in six people suffer some form of anxiety, depressive, bipolar, post-traumatic stress, or other mental illness that causes them difficulty in life, but hopefully in these days of good medical care something for which they receive medication and therapy that helps their lives become healthy, despite their innate difficulties.*

*We ask for your continued prayers for him and his family, and for all people who suffer from a mental illness and their families; and we give thanks for good doctors, nurses, and therapists who bless children, youth and adults with their care and compassion.*

*In Christ,*

**FROM THE DESK OF  
JOAN ALLEN, LAY MINISTER**

VBS WRAP UP

What a incredible time we had at VBS this year. With different children each night it was a great experience for our staff and the children. I want to personally thank a great bunch of workers: Sierra Farneley, Samantha Farnsley, Jessica Overholts, Linda Woods, and Vicki Bryant for being our guides. A hugh thanks to Judith Combs for the great food. Debbie Nungester, Rachel Schroer and Jeremy Overholts were our instructors and what a fabulous job they did. Our crafts were cleaver and cute. The games were fun and exciting. The children had a lot of fun Fishing with Jesus. Thank you, is small words for such big hearted people.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMER EVENTS

St. Paul has been selected to be the host to SONKA'S STEWARDSHIP SUMMER EVENT. It is on Wednesday July 25, 2012 at 7:00pm. The topic is about Will's, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND, this is open to all.** The speakers for the evening are from the Law Firm of Sebaly Shillito + Dyer from Dayton and West Chester. As host church, we will need help with registration and refreshments. If you can help please contact Pastor Joan Allen.

SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

We will not have a contemporary service in the month of July. The church has many exciting Sundays planned for the month of July and as one family, we would like everyone to participate in them. We will be starting back up in August. If you have any ideals or special topics you would like us to explore at the contemporary service contact Pastor Joan or Pastor Will.

**Stewardship Summer Event**

Wednesday, July 25, 2012  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Host:

St Paul United Church of Christ  
6997 Hamilton Avenue  
North College Hill, OH 45231-5238

***Hole\$ In Your Pocket\$?  
How Much Money is \$lip, \$liding Away?  
Is Your Church Overlooking Planned Giving  
Through Wills and Charitable Trusts?***

This year's SONKA Summer Stewardship Event will be a midweek evening gathering led by Michael P. Moloney, an attorney at Sebaly Shillito + Dyer, a law firm with offices in Dayton and West Chester.

He will discuss charitable giving, donor-advised funds and planned giving through wills and charitable trusts.

Mike is the managing partner at Sebaly Shillito + Dyer, and he heads up the Estate Planning group. He has been certified as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the Ohio State Bar Assn. Mike is also the CEO of SS+D Financial, Inc, a financial advisory firm associated with Sebaly Shillito + Dyer.

**Registration Fee: \$0.00**  
That's right folks...NO CHARGE!!!!  
**However, pre-registration is requested.**  
Please email the following info to [Ed.Pettit@ameritech.net](mailto:Ed.Pettit@ameritech.net)  
Participant's Name  
Participant's Church & City  
Participant's Email

You may include more than one participant in the email.

**THANK YOU**

From Pastor Will:

*Thank all of you so very much for the prayer quilt, the get well and birthday wishes and your calls and caring and all the wonderful boxes you have helped us with. You bring in the sunshine to places where there are shadows and make life shine again! I feel blessed to serve you and care for you.*

From Helen Mason:

*Thank you all for the prayer quilt and cards, and your words of encouragement before, during and after my surgery. To date, I can see an improvement and am experiencing less discomfort.*

*Thank you again for your caring.*

From Evelyn Osterbrock:

*Dear Women of St. Paul,*

*The New Guinea Impatiens are brightening our front porch and all who enter the outer drive. What a wonderful cheering gift for a hot afternoon.*

*Best of all - thank you all for coming. You truly were the "bestest" company.*

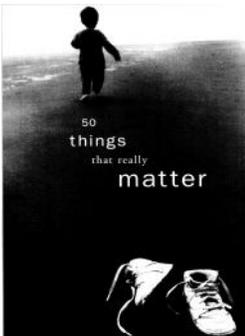
*Happy summer days!*

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

*Reviewed by Evelyn Osterbrock*

**50 things that really matter**

Authored by many authors



Have you ever stopped to look at yourself? Really looked inside! WOW! It's pretty complicated isn't it?

Do you see little nerves running around or flexing muscles. But rather do you find sipping coffee with a friend, picking cherries with grandpa, eating a Thanksgiving feast with a beloved aunt, or perhaps a sympathetic hug

to ease a painful situation?

Many answers become clarified within the (one-two) pages of these meaningful little first person stories. Flip a few pages and see what happens right before your very eyes.

**UPDATE**

Paul Kluesener (Donut Man) will be making donuts the second Sunday in August rather than the first Sunday of the month.

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**SHOEBOX PROJECT**

*By Evelyn Osterbrock*

It's that "Christmas in July" time of year again. Some shoe boxes have been quietly slipping through my office doors. Some of you have been shopping, spying sales here and there. Yes, we are going to participate in Samaritan's Purse, so buy yourself some new shoes and donate the box to St. Paul. Should you be doing "box fillings" remember hard candy only and forget the liquids.

Thanks much.

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

In Loving Memory of Melvin Eberlein

M/M Leonard Cooper

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Harman Gibbs

M/M Allen Harman

In Loving Memory of Ronald Romano

Mr. Charles Rogge      Mr. Ron Siereveld

In Loving Memory of Kay Sheppard

M/M Jan Apro      Mr. Ron Siereveld

Mrs. Adele Yung

In Loving Memory of Myrlee Sheward

M/M Jan Apro	Mrs. Margaret Maybury
Mrs. JoAnn Ernst	M/M Mike Miller
Mrs. Alice Graber	M/M Steve Ranz
M/M Gordon Kahle	M/M Gene Roberts
M/M Paul Kluesener	M/M Richard Seomin
M/M Scott Leist	M/M Paul Tenhundfeld
M/M Will Maier	Mrs. Lucille Walters
M/M Dick Manifold	Ms. Margaret Way

In Honor of Joan Allen

M/M Jeremy Overholts

## ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING May 21, 2012

Present: Rev. Will Stackhouse, Rick Davis, Don Beresford, Lois Manifold, Joan Allen, Mike Bartholomew, Jan Apro, Nancy Ballman, Marge Fassnacht, Vicky Ritz, Linda Woods

Council President, Rick Davis, opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the April 16, 2012, meeting, were reviewed by Council. A MOTION was made (Apro/Bartholomew) to approve the minutes. MOTION PASSED and the minutes were approved as printed.

### Treasurer's Report (Don Beresford)

- Don reviewed the Profit & Loss sheet with Council. We are running ahead of budget on most things except for fundraising (about \$1,400 behind). Under Expenses, Equipment Maintenance is running about \$400 over.
- Net Income – We are holding a \$7,000 loss as opposed to a \$30,000 budgeted loss.
- Finance discussed our continual shortfall. They will meet with Executive Team to discuss possible solutions but will wait until the end of the month to find out about possible investment maturity.

### Executive Committee Report (Rick Davis)

- Executive Committee did not meet except for ongoing meetings in the office with Will.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Jan asked Council to read over the handout “Church Mergers”. We need to form a Committee to meet with possible merger churches. One possibility is St. Matthew UCC on Epworth.

### TEAM REPORTS

#### Care Team (Marge Fassnacht)

- Her Team met on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Mt. Healthy Alliance Volunteer Dinner in May was very successful.
- Tuesday Night Dinners are going well.
- Hunger Walk on Memorial Day Monday. We have 3 people walking.
- The Team may release more money for Tornado Relief. Already sent \$1,000 to SONKA for this.

#### Nurture Team (Linda Woods)

- Her Team met last Monday.
- They are postponing the circus-theme event until Rally Day in the fall.
- Evelyn has some things in mind for Fathers' Day.
- Karen Riemann (Nursery School) reported enrollment is not where she would like it to be. Most enrollment is from word of mouth. Jan said that if Karen gets him information, he can run it on Waycross Television.
- Committee voted to help 5 families with Nursery School scholarships.
- Cindy Warman (Nursery School Teaching Assistant) resigned.
- Lynn Kluesener discussed the Nursery School budget at their meeting. Hope to make up the deficit with additional enrollment.
- Joan is handling Memorial Day parade using Jim Gorsler's truck - Saturday, May 26.
- Joan's Installation is July 15.
- Joan discussed a mass mailing to promote the church, nursery school, scouts, dinners... (everything that happens under this roof). The post office has recently started something new that makes it a little more affordable. A MOTION was made (Apro/Ballman) to allow Joan to go ahead and make a draft of her evangelistic postcard for Council to approve. MOTION PASSED.

#### Welcome Team (Lois Manifold)

- Had a meeting and discussed the letter that went out and possible follow-up.

## **Worship Team** (Vicky Ritz)

- Pew Envelopes – Vicky asked Lois to print the envelopes and then Lois put them out in the pews.
- Crib Room is Worship Team's responsibility only on Christmas Eve and not the regular Sunday worship services. (Operations Manual and By-Laws support this).
- Selling of choir robes is in progress.

## **Finance Team** (Mike Bartholomew)

- Gift card sales remain strong. Sandy is doing a great job with these again this year.
- Dawn Page is completing work on a current list of giving accounts that are active for envelope giving.
- Wayne and David are aware of the church wishing to sell the professional drum set their family gave and have no issues with it. A bid has been given to Jan.
- Garry Kohorst was told by letter from Margaret Maybury, dated April 12, 2012, and has accepted that his services to St. Paul have ended. He met with Don Beresford on Saturday, May 12, to transition his responsibilities to Don.
- Teri Stackhouse, on behalf of St. Paul UCC, submitted and won a grant from Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Michigan) under their Worship Renewal Grants Program in the amount of \$5,300. It has guidelines and a budget, based on what Teri submitted, that St. Paul UCC must follow through this time in 2013. We received an initial check for \$2,650, which was deposited in Huntington Bank in a separate checking account designated only for use by this Grant.

## **Minister's Report** (Rev. Stackhouse)

- This Sunday is Memorial Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. The paraments are red on one side and white on the other. We will raise the large flag and do the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Joan's Installation will be July 15 on a Sunday morning.
- Jim Oates will be preaching on Sunday, July 8. We will have a lunch afterwards downstairs.
- He has met with St. Matthews UCC regarding merging at Council's request. Evelyn went with them because she knows them. (Pastor Will also reviewed "Church Mergers" handout with Council). He will keep in close contact with them. We will visit their church and they will visit ours. This is in the very early stages. He will keep Council updated.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

- Rick discussed with Council when they came on and who is going off. June 24<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Congregational Meeting to elect Council. Ryan Davis (Facilities) is going off of Council. Members came on Council as follows: Rick Davis, 2008; Jan Apro, 2008; Mike Bartholomew, 2011; Nancy Ballman, 2011; Linda Woods, 2008; Lois Manifold, 2008; Vicky Ritz, 2009; Margie Fassnacht, 2010.
- The Scholarship Committee submitted the following applications for consideration and vote by Council: Kristin Leist, Megan Reed, Amber Hancock, Kyle Davis, Jacob Cain, Katie Reed, and William Page. Council discussed **and voted** on each application to be returned to the Scholarship Committee.

A MOTION was made (Apro/Fassnacht) to adjourn. MOTION PASSED and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ballman, Secretary

## **CIRCUS**

*By Evelyn Osterbrock*

It's coming round the bend and pulling in on side track #9! Remember the circus you were promised way back a month or so ago?

The Circus has promised to show on Sunday, September 9, 2012. Just follow Pastor Will on down to the Main Tent and find your reserved seat, then take in all the main events. Watch for continuing news.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Vicki Prather	Sarah Sheers, friend of Al & Dolores Molter	Opal Howard
Michael Chalfin	Nan Grow, friend of Roxanne Reed and the church sisters	Fred Sess
Naomi Blum	Imre Forbes	Gladys Elsasser
Danny Kelly	Laura Bierkan	Sue Ehrhardt
Ann Schnee	Evelyn Kamleiter	Dotty Sunnenberg
Margaret LeVallee, sister of Jim LeVallee	Joe Packer, friend of Lois Bates	Marty Schwartz, St. Paul Nursery School parent
Shirley Stephens Resi	Cherrie Lowes	George Ellis, brother of Anna Bryant
Jordan Ribariu, nephew of Jean Schmadel	The Osterbrock family	Ed & Jane Obermeyer, friends of Linda Woods
Debbie Renfro	Carol Sharp	Rosemary Kelly, friend of Lois Manifold
Michele Nuckols	Elaine Perdue, cousin of Alice Blum	Jan Hoeweler, sister-in-law of Chris & Ruth Hoeweler
Kim Caudell	Bill Eschenbrenner, cousin of Alice Blum	Cindy Mason, friend of Judith Lewis Combs
Dottie Mayer	Charlene Bracker	The Sheward family
Ed Sharpshair	Ruth Kluesener	The Kay Sheppard family
Stefani Stephens	Ruth Meissner	Ken Falhaber, friend of Del Yung
Cindy Fields	John Payne	Our servicemen and women
Bonnie Schwab		
Gary Engel		

We wish a very Happy Birthday to.....

July

07/01 Carol Lommer	07/14 Cherrie Lowes
07/02 Steven Krieger	07/19 Alice Blum
07/06 Don Lerch	07/21 Ruth Tasset
07/08 Brittney Heitman	07/23 Nancy Ballman
07/09 Marge Irely	07/28 Tiffany Bryant
07/10 Katherine Blum	Lyndelle Murphy
07/12 Ralph Fassnacht	07/29 Andrew Bierkan
Roxanne Reed	Sonya Heitman

August

08/03 Harry Bowman	08/16 Patricia Yung
08/04 Don Beresford	08/19 Joyce Seesing
Allen Harman	08/21 Donald Dumford
Opal Howard	08/22 Will Maier
08/05 Pete Amrein	08/23 Deborah Beresford
Kristin Leist	Melitta Marx
Vicky Ritz	08/24 Victoria Smith
08/09 Naomi Blum	08/25 Frieda Bernhardt
08/14 Kyle Davis	08/26 Heather Page
Jim LaVallee	08/28 Bonnie Reed
08/15 Robert Kelsey	08/30 Ruth Hoeweler
	Tommy Jenkins

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

*Authored by a lady from Marion, Ohio  
Submitted by Alice Blum*

Are you an active member -  
the kind that would be missed,  
or are you just content  
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the services  
and mingle with the crowd,  
or would you rather stay at home  
and complain both long and loud?

Do you give a little time  
and help make things tick,  
or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about the cliques?

There is quite a program scheduled  
that means success if done -  
and it can be accomplished  
with the help of every one!

So, come to all the services  
and help with your mind and heart.  
Don't be just another member,  
but take an active part.

Think it over, members.  
Are you right or wrong?  
Are you an active member?  
Or, do you just belong?

## JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 <i>Installation Service</i> 9:50 AM Trad. Worship Coffee Hr.	16 6:30 PM Scouts	17 5:00 PM Community Dinner	18	19	20	21 11:00 AM Scouts Car wash/Bake sale
22 <i>Rev. Bechtol at St. Paul</i> 9:50 AM Trad. Worship Coffee Hr.	23 6:30 PM Scouts	24 5:00 PM Community Dinner	25 7:00 PM SONKA Stewardship Event	26	27	28 8:00 PM AA
29 9:50 AM Trad. Worship Coffee Hr.	30 6:30 PM Scouts	31 5:00 PM Community Dinner			8:00 PM AA	

## AUGUST 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 <i>Communion</i> 9:50 AM Trad. Worship 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship Coffee Hr.	6 6:30 PM Scouts	7 5:00 PM Community Dinner	8	9	10 8:00 PM AA	11 8:00 PM AA
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Lois Singleton, Office Administrator

Jim Maybury, Sexton

Don Beresford, Treasurer

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