

The Shamrock



August Calendar

Sundays	8 am Worship service 9 am Christian Education 10 am Worship service
Wednesdays	11:30 am Healing service 12 Noon Bible study
Thursdays	10 am - 2 pm Food boxes 2 pm Prayer quilters
Wed. Aug. 3	6p World Religions class
Thu. Aug. 4	4p Choir rehearsal
Thu. Aug. 4	7p Faith Formation Cmnty
Mon. Aug. 8	1p ECW (Espoy home)
Tue. Aug. 9	Silent Auction deadline
Wed. Aug. 10	6p World Religions class
Thu. Aug. 11	7p Faith Formation Cmnty
Fri. Aug. 12	Silent Auction setup
Fri. Aug. 12	Music in Mtns reading Silent Auction preview No potluck, see Aug. 19
Sat. Aug. 13	Shamrock Festival 8:30a Book Nook sale 4:30p Silent Auction 6p Dinner
Sun. Aug. 14	Sunday Night Unplugged
Mon. Aug. 15	12p DOK
Wed. Aug. 17	5p Young Fam reception
Thu. Aug. 18	7p Faith Formation Cmnty
Fri. Aug. 19	6p Pot Luck Whisp.Pines
Sat. Aug. 20	8:30a Men's Fellowship
Sun. Aug. 21	11:30a Vestry meeting
Wed. Aug. 24	<u>Sept. Newsletter deadline</u>
Wed. Aug. 24	6p World Religions class
Thu. Aug. 25	9a Loaves and Fishes
Thu. Aug. 25	7p Faith Formation Cmnty
Sun. Aug. 28	Parish Mtg. after church
Wed. Aug. 31	6p World Religions class

From the Pulpit

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I love to walk. Finally, after submitting my manuscript in early July, I have been able to do some walking in the woods. There is nothing quite like a day on a beautiful trail, seeing waterfalls, elk and wild flowers. My wonderings have included the path up Alberta Peak, where I encountered a significant amount of snow...snow in July? Another favorite walk is the path along the West Fork of the San Juan River. My family and I ended my stroll at the hot springs, where we immediately peeled off our boots and soaked our feet for thirty minutes before heading back. What an incredible walk, winding our way up the valley, hiking in the shadow of Saddle Mountain, and seeing spectacular cliffs that drop to the river.

Norman Maclean begins his great book, *A River Runs Through It*, with this line: "In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing." I think for many of us, the mountains and forests that surround our town are a significant part of our spirituality. I know that is certainly the case for me. Snowshoeing above the ice caves; fly fishing on a high mountain stream; and walking almost anywhere is both exhilarating and prayerful. Is it possible that, in the mountains and streams around Pagosa, we can see God's finger prints on the work of creation?

I have said before that I believe the name of our church is extremely relevant to the spirituality of our region. St. Patrick was an ancient Celtic Christian. One of the defining characteristics of Celtic Christianity was the belief in the goodness and wonder of God's creation. I suspect that every one of us was drawn to this area in part because of the beauty of the mountains and wilderness. It is easy for us to join with the father of Celtic Christianity and proclaim the goodness of creation.

I happen to believe that our wilderness spirituality is quite complementary to our corporate spirituality. Both are an important part of our lives. I do not believe that one can replace the other. As Christians, we are part of a community that is the Body of Christ. Just as a human body needs its various parts, we need all our various members, along with their talents and abilities for worship and ministry. But we also need the experience of God beyond the walls of our parish family. This experience can happen in a coffee shop or with a sewing group. But I happen to agree with St. Patrick: what better place than in the mountains and forests that surround us.

World Religions

I have been asked on numerous occasions to repeat my classes on World Religions. I will begin these classes on Wednesday nights in August. We will look at Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. The first class will start on August 3 at 6:00 p.m., in the parish library. These classes generated very interesting conversation the last time they were offered. Please plan to attend.

Your Pagosa Pilgrim,
Fr. Doug



SAMS Missionary Report

Cathy Donahoe is a missionary with SAMS, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders, formerly known as the South American Missionary Society. She is serving in the Dominican Republic as a physical therapist in San Pedro de Macoris at the Clínica Esperanza y Caridad/Asociación Dominicana de Rehabilitación. Currently she is on Home Ministry Assignment based in Grand Junction, Colorado. E-mail: cathyd@turbonet.com Snail mail: PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003 Partners in Mission,

What do you get when you put 100 missionary women together in a beautiful mountain setting? Women of the Harvest (www.womenoftheharvest.com) has done this many times over the years, though not always in the mountains of Colorado. We experienced teaching,



laughter, tears, harmony in worship and numerous pampering activities, thanks to many generous donors and volunteers. Among other things, we were reminded that God's work is done through the ordinary things. In San Pedro, I fluctuate between taking the guagua (bus) and using a motoconcho (motorcycle taxi). One of the taxi fellows I use often teased me regularly by saying "gracias" with

an unusual lilt. I finally asked why he was teasing me in that way, if my pronunciation was so strange or something. He said that I am the only one who says "thank you" upon reaching my destination. You are helping me reach my destination through financial gifts, prayers and encouragement. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support! The week after Labor Day should see me returning to San Pedro to resume work with folks in the clinic and the Dominican physical therapy students. Please pray for my faithfulness in responding to God's call to mission service and all that it entails! Gracias!

In Christ,
Cathy

"There are very few people who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace." --St Ignatius

From the Senior Warden...

FELLOWSHIP

We often hear "St. Patrick's is such a friendly church." And it is!

There are greetings each Sunday morning, Bible studies and all the other activities, especially this summer. There are numerous opportunities to get together, share conversation and, when necessary, provide support to one another; in short to enjoy and provide fellowship. This year we are making a special effort to reach out to groups that otherwise may not get included as much as they should. This spring we had a "wine and cheese" reception for new members. Last week we did the same for our "summer" Associate members. In August we plan to do the same for our young families (maybe we need to do the same for our year-round, core members).

But I want to mention two other "fellowship" occurrences that transpired recently that drove home, for me, the importance of friendship. Many of you know that our oldest daughter recently lost her very special boyfriend to a sudden, unexpected, massive cerebral hemorrhage. The love that has been shown to her by his family is unbelievable. Ditto for friends and acquaintances of the two. Five-hundred persons attended his funeral!

A little over a week ago Michael McCrudden lost his Mother; she had been battling pancreatic cancer. Michael and Lynne, I am sure made her last few weeks much more pleasant as she "transitioned" from this life to the next. But also, showing their concern for the McCrudden family, there was a very nice turnout for Petie McCrudden's funeral, many of whom had never met Petie McCrudden.

We can enter into fellowship on purely a secular basis or we can add a little something extra to that fellowship, sharing the love of Christ that we experience each and every day. Fr. Doug often refers to St. Patrick's as family. Indeed that is what we are, family. Whether we are together continuously; whether some of our family is away for awhile; whether our interactions are mundane, joyful, or sad, we are family. Fellowship is a part of family. Fellowship is an import aspect of who we are as members of God's kingdom. Continue to share your fellowship as you have.

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" Philippians 2:4

Jim Vierbicher
Sr. Warden



August Potluck

Friday, August 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Please come and join us at Whispering Pines in the Gazebo. Bring your favorite dish to share and your favorite lawn chair. The Potluck is being hosted by Mary Bailly, Margaret Rumpf, Nancy Williams, and Sue Gottschalk. Please sign up so the ladies can plan!

Book Nook

A big thank you to all who helped with the sorting, alphabetizing and selling of books for the sale on June 25th. A special thank you to Sally Neel for the great article she wrote in the Pagosa Sun about our sale. We had double the number of buyers from past sales and sold \$300 worth of books.

Thank you to everyone for all the books donated. For future donations please place your books in the lavender box in the church library. If by chance the box is full place your books on top or near the box.

We are looking forward to another great book sale during the Shamrock Festival. Be sure to tell your friends to stop by.

- Bonnie Brooks



World Religions

This month Rev. Neel will be giving lectures on the world's most known religions. He will offer one lecture a week at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

Wednesday, August 3rd will be a more in-depth look at Judaism.

Wednesday, August 10th, we will look at the overall thoughts of Hinduism.

Tuesday, August 16th, general Buddhism

tenets will be explored.*

Wednesday, August 24th, Father Doug will explain Islam and the different types of that religion.

Each session is a lecture in itself so please come to those you are able to attend.

*It is hoped that we can schedule a field trip to Tara Mandala (Tibetan Buddhism) after the Buddhism session. The temple is finished and we will know more about the Buddhist concepts by then.

Any questions? Call Barbara Ward, Education/Spiritual Growth Chair, 731-0452.

- Barbara Ward



August Celebrations

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Tom and Julie Greenly
- 3 Monty and Susan Caudle
- 4 John Gabel
Iris Grad
Ellen Seylar
- 6 Jazzelle Jones
- 8 Sandy and John Gabel
- 10 Carol Ann White
- 11 Kathleen Pohly
- 13 Rev. Bob Pope
William Thomas
Dinah Rogers
- 15 Marlene Meiners
- 16 Elizabeth Fischer
- 18 Bill Ward
- 19 Bill and Sharry Newell
- 20 Bob Cowdery
Michael & Lynne McCrudden
Spanky Warren
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From the Junior Warden...

SHAMROCK FESTIVAL- August 12, 13 and 14

Hope you have circled these dates in red! As I am sure you are aware, this is how we support our outreach program and we need assistance. The set up of the tent will be Thursday the 11th, and Friday we will be collecting garage sale items and setting them up in the tent. Friday night the Music Booster's will be presenting a reading in the Sanctuary, along with a preview of the Silent Auction. This event will start at 7 p.m. and tickets will be available in the church office. There will be wine and beer offered for sale between acts. Saturday the Garage Sale starts at 8 a.m. along with the Book Nook and will run until noon. The Cocktail party & Silent Auction will begin at 4 p.m. and Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. Dinner tickets for \$20.00 per person are now available in the church office. Leadfoot Ruthie, Mark DeVoti's band will again be there to entertain us.



Garage Sale items can be dropped off at Airport Storage on Saturdays from 10 to noon, and Silent Auction items may be brought to church, where they are being stored. The Book Nook can always use more books, but please don't wait until the week of the Shamrock Festival to get these donations in. Watch for sign up sheets in church to help with set up.

Now, if you are reading closely you will notice that I said the Shamrock Festival goes until Sunday the 14th....we are going to have church in the tent on Sunday....think revival Sunday, with lots of singing and praise music. Hot dogs, chips and leftover beer will be available after the service to induce you to stay to help reset the church from the Silent Auction and get the tables & chairs put away. It is a busy weekend, but we hope all will have fun and fellowship while supporting our wonderful community.

Lynne McCrudden
Jr. Warden

Shamrock Silent Auction

Please think about what you have that you might give to the Auction. Are you a special artist, author, doctor, veterinarian, dentist, attorney or accountant? Could you offer a service or donate an item for our St. Patrick's Festival? Would you ask a business for a gift certificate? Do you have gourmet foods that you could donate for a basket? We need a tea pot and cups for a special "Tea with the Author" basket.

We have all been so busy that we will put off looking around the house and the closet until the last minute. Well the last minute is here! Deadline for Silent Auction items is the 9th of August. It takes all of us to make this happen.

- Barbara Ward

2011 Shamrock Festival Raffle Quilt

The drawing for the winner of St. Patrick's annual raffle quilt will be held at the Shamrock Festival on August 13, 2011, you do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available in the parish hall after Sunday services, in the church office, or by calling Joan Scott at 731-1727.

All proceeds benefit Archuleta County non-profit charitable organizations. This year, more than ever, St. Patrick's Outreach Committee is counting on these quilt-affle funds to help our community.



Memorial Garden



The memorial garden is that special place between the church and the parish hall. The committee has decided that it needs some sprucing up and will begin work on Wednesday the 27th of July at 8 a.m. If you would like to come and join in the gardening fun, we would love to have your assistance. Please bring gardening gloves, a hat and water. Future work days will be scheduled; call Lynne for more information.

This first work day will most likely not include adding any plants or trees, but if you would like to contribute to a fund to add some greenery to this area, please contact Joan or Lynne.

- Lynne McCrudden



Outreach

Dear Friends:

I want to write a bit on the Loaves and Fishes outreach ministry that St. Patrick's has a big hand in. If you Google Loaves & Fishes Pagosa Springs, you will find an article that has this historical background: "*One might say the Loaves and Fishes concept originated with Biblical reference in Matthew 15:32 of the*

Bible. Certainly the name came from that text. The concept of feeding one's challenged neighbor is older than that Biblical reference by far, dating back many thousands of years. This community program was founded in Pagosa Springs in 2004 by five women ... Gloria Haines, Joanne Irons, Jane Lomasney, Muriel Cronkhite and Cynthia Sharp. The Loaves and Fishes concept in Pagosa Springs is intended for feeding the hungry in the community as well as bringing members of the community together once a week to enjoy a hot meal in an atmosphere of fellowship. All the meals are prepared and served by volunteers.

Since its founding it has grown to serve hundreds of free meals every week as part of a cooperative volunteer effort between various religious organizations, community leaders and of course ... your neighbors. The program now serves anywhere from 150 to 400 meals every Thursday. It is important to note that what one believes spiritually does not matter. The program is for those who are hungry. It's that simple. Neighbor helping neighbor. No one in the area need ever go hungry."

L&Fs is the second of St. Patrick's food-based outreach efforts that I wanted to highlight for you this month. St. Patrick's now is responsible for 8 meals each year, with one this month. We have a special group of folks organized by Bill and Nancy Crouse. Those who have taken the lead cooking the main, delectable dishes each time include Ken Jones, Chuck and Patty Bankhead, Lynne McCrudden, Muriel Cronkhite, Bill and Nancy Crouse, Barbara and Angelo Saladino, Joanne Irons, and Fr. Doug - and I hope I have not missed anyone. Others of us have had the privilege of serving alongside these folks, waiting on tables, cleanup and other tasks. Thanks to Bill and Nancy and to all of you who have volunteered and served! But, the real satisfaction is the chance to meet some really great folks who come to the downtown Parish Hall to enjoy these meals.

Financially, L&Fs has changed in the past few months. In the past, the L&Fs program reimbursed each group for the food purchased for the Thursday meals. They are no longer able to do this. I have had a separate account in our Outreach portfolio created in order to collect donations made specifically for L&Fs food. I will bring a

more formal plan for covering these expenses from the Outreach resources to the Vestry at the August meeting.

If you have not had the chance to volunteer for a L&Fs meal, plan to do so the next time St. Patrick's is the lead for the Thursday lunch. It is fun and a great ministry to Pagosa folks.

In His name,
Tom Cruse, Vestry Member for Outreach

Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King will meet on Monday, August 15th to discuss the book WALDEN by Thoreau. Barbara Ward has the books. If you would like one please call Barbara at 731-0452.

Food Box Distribution

Volunteers are still needed on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to help distribute food boxes. You may sign up in the narthex for two hour shifts. It is a joy to bless the lives of others in need.

Rifle Raffle

A Ruger M 77 Hawkeye Rifle, 7MM Magnum with Nikon 3-9x40 Scope has been donated to the Men's Fellowship to raffle off to raise money for Outreach at St. Patrick's.

The rifle and scope are on display at Eagle Mountain Mercantile.

Raffle tickets may be purchased there, at the Outfitter or from Jim Dorian or David Brooks. The drawing will be September 9, 2011, at approximately 6:30 PM, just in time for the fall hunting season. The tickets are \$20 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. Your odds of winning is better than buying a lottery ticket!

You need not be present to win but must be able to clear a state background check.





Thank You for your help in the month of July!

You Are Appreciated:

Thank you to Jackie Cox who has volunteered to work on Fridays in the office.

We appreciate the women who volunteered to host the Women's Bible Study of Women in the Old Testament. Those who opened their homes were Elinor Dickson, Sara Hoklotubbe, Barbara Ward, and Kate Ellison.

Thanks to our guest speaker, Cathy Donahue, who brought an interesting presentation on the mission work in the Dominican Republic. Once again, Jim and Joanne Ferko hosted Ms. Donahue in their home.

Thanks to Father Doug for presenting the Inquirer's Class.

Our men stepped up again and worked on the labyrinth with the youth visitors. Thank you to Jim Dorian, Chuck Bankhead, and any others who helped.

To all who purchased items from the African Team Ministries. The purchases will allow the ministry to help orphans, provide meals at schools, and give the women the dignity of providing for themselves.

We could not list all the names, but a big thank you to Bart and Jackie Cox and Sally High for hosting the youth group from the Church of the Ascension in Dallas. They worked very hard on our Habitat House, and on the labyrinth. We all enjoyed meeting the kids and getting the extra help!

A big thank you to Peter Schindler who came and led the 2nd Annual Choral Workshop. A lot of work was done by Sally Neel to get the publicity and advertising in the newspaper as well as providing the music in advance. We appreciate the fact that Peter brought five other people with him from Texas.

Bryan Sickbert has stepped into some pretty big shoes taking over the Men's Fellowship. His willingness is appreciated.

Thanks to the Vierbicher's for hosting the Summer Associates Gathering. Everyone has remarked how they enjoyed getting to know each other.

Frank Meiners was responsible for the Game Night following Sunday Night Unplugged. Thanks for all the efforts to make it such a fun night.

As always, our outreach team that gives out food boxes deserves a special thank you!

- Charlotte Jones

Recipes courtesy of Patty Bankhead:

Cheesy Pasta

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 lb sausage
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 jar small Prego or spaghetti sauce
- 1 lg container sour cream
- 1 bag small shell pasta
- 1 pkg mozzarella
- 1 pkg provolone

Boil shell pasta according to package directions. Brown ground beef and sausage together. When meat is done add diced tomatoes and spaghetti sauce. Simmer while pasta finishes. Remove meat mixture from heat. Drain pasta and add to meat mixture. Add sour cream to mixture and mix. Pour half mixture into a lasagna pan and add provolone. Add rest of mixture and top with mozzarella. Cover and bake at 350 for 30 minutes.



Creamy Vanilla Fruit Dip



- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (12 ounce) container whipped topping

Cream together cream cheese & sugar until well combined. Stir in vanilla extract and then whipped topping. Chill in refrigerator 1 hour.



Apple Dumplings

- 2 cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 cooking apples, peeled, cored, cut into 8 slices
- 2 sticks butter
- 1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1-12 oz can Mountain Dew
- optional: ice cream

Place 1 apple slice in each crescent roll. Roll large end to small. Place all rolled up pieces in a 13x9 pan. In a small saucepan, melt butter and add sugar & cinnamon. Pour mixture over dumplings and then pour Mountain Dew over all. Bake 45 minutes at 350.

"Did you know that cod liver oil, taken religiously, keeps you young forever? Cod works in mysterious ways!"

Clergy, Wardens & Vestry

Rev. Doug Neel	Rector
Dinah Rogers	Clerk
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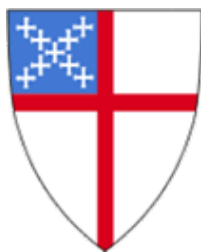
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Sunday Worship Schedule

August 7		
Chalice:	8 am 10 am	Ron Jyleen Tom Thorpe, Ron Jyleen
Lector:		Muriel Cronkhite, Virgil Swanberg
Ushers:		Ken Rogers, Don MacLeod
Greeter:		Charlotte Jones
August 14		
Chalice:	8 am 10 am	Linda Warren Bill Crouse, Ken Rogers
Lector:		Jim Vierbicher, Bart Cox
Ushers:		Tom & Katherine Cruse
Greeter:		Carl & Elizabeth Fischer
August 21		
Chalice:	8 am 10 am	Ron Jyleen Jan Wittwer, Don MacLeod
Lector:		Siri Schuchardt, Barbara Ward
Ushers:		Bill & Nancy Crouse
Greeter:		Jeff Schaupp
August 28		
Chalice:	8 am 10 am	Linda Warren Ken Jones, Charlotte Jones
Lector:		Jeff Schaupp, Frank Meiners
Ushers:		Rudy Sapper & Joan Scott
Greeter:		Becky Dorian

Deadline for the September Shamrock Newsletter is Wednesday, August 24.

Please email articles to newsletter@stpatrickspagosa.org



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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St. Patrick's is God's House, open to all: a Community called to love and serve the Lord by God's grace with joy and gratitude.

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