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Wednesday, Sept 19 3pm
Leadership Mtg
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Thursday, Sept 20 5 pm
Buildings & Grounds Mtg
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Monday, September 24
Red Doors Classes Begin
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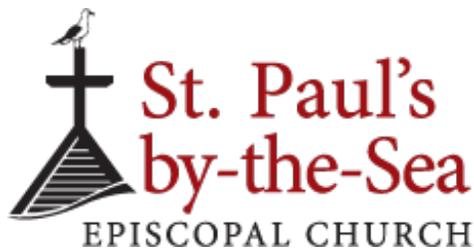
Wednesday, Sept 26 10 am
Shepherd's Crook Board Mtg
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Thursday, Sept 27 7 pm
Vestry Mtg
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Worcester Hwy, Berlin

Sunday, Sept 30 9am
Fifth Sunday
One Service Only
Followed by a Parish Breakfast
St. Paul's by-the-Sea

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:30am
Bible Study
The Woodlands of Ocean Pines

Wednesdays 7-9 pm
(thru Sept. 26)
Candlelight Labyrinth Walk



From the Rector

It is astonishing that the summer is ending, that the tourist season is over, and we are heading into Autumn. This summer has been breathtakingly busy, with truly historic transitions in the Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry, the Red Doors Community Center, and congregational leadership. These transitions were each necessitated by circumstance and they are strengthening our ministries, expanding our outreach into the community, and involving many new individuals to take their place in the leadership and volunteer opportunities in all that we do. In short, these transitions, while presenting genuine challenges, are enabling our congregation to fulfill more profoundly and deeply our mission to "Love God, Serve the World"!

With the fever of the summer coming to an end, the children returning to school, the tourists back home, we can now settle into my favorite season of Autumn. When I begin to see pumpkins in the stores and have to dig out a sweater, smell burning leaves, watch the corn get brown in the fields, the richness of the season comforts me.

Right now we are in September, which is the month we acknowledge the impact of suicide among our families, friends, and community. There are events to mark the role suicide has played including the following:

- The movie *The Ripple Effect* screened at Wor-Wic Community College Hazel Center Wednesday, September



Shepherd's Crook Shopping List

**The following items are
always needed and always
welcome:**

Tuna - packed in water - 5 oz.
cans

Vienna Sausage

Canned spinach, collards, pinto
beans, kidney beans

Fruit - cans or plastic one-
serve containers of pineapple,
peaches, pears, oranges

Soups - anything Progresso,
Tomato, Chicken Noodle

Pasta Sauce (in non-glass
containers)

Pasta

Macaroni and Cheese boxes

- The Ripple Effect also screened at Salisbury University Holloway Hall Auditorium Thursday, September 13 6 pm

- Celebration of Life at the Church of the Holy Spirit Friday, September 21 at 5:30 pm

- Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk on the Boardwalk at Caroline Street Saturday, September 22 with registration at 9:00 am

In addition, we also acknowledge the presence of addiction and celebrate those in our family, friends, congregation, and community who are in recovery. Also on September 22, at the Market Street Pavillion in Salisbury will be a Recovery Barbecue Bash from noon to 3:00 pm. In addition, since September has five Sundays, our Fifth Sunday 9:00 am single congregational Eucharist will be celebrated observing the Twelve Steps in a service composed by the Rev'd Mark Delcuse, rector of Christ Church in Kent Island. This will allow us to become more acquainted with the Twelve Steps as well as stand in solidarity with those who are in recovery. Following our Twelve Step Eucharist, we will enjoy a breakfast prepared by our Parish Life Committee and welcome new parishioners.

On a brighter note, I would like to share that in addition to the congregational growth that we are experiencing, I have four upcoming weddings in the next two months! Each wedding party includes families well known to our congregation, so it is a joy to celebrate with them as they begin these new chapters in their relationships.

In your charity, please continue to remember those of our congregation who are shut in and are unable to attend our services: Ken and Sylvia Tyler, Margaret Hudson, and Bette Wilde.

Warmest wishes to all for a splendid Autumn!

Regards,
Matthew+



New Treasurer

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Paul Rogers, MD, has accepted the role of Treasurer. *(The photo accompanying this article is a bit of a joke. When asked for a photo, Paul responded that he did not have one but he would not object to using a photo of Tom Cruise.)* Paul holds an MBA from the Johns Hopkins University as well as has practiced as pediatrician. He and his wife Cami (esq) joined our congregation and have already attended committees such as Buildings and Grounds and the Red Doors Board. We are pleased that he is willing to continue the outstanding work the Suzy offered our vestry and finance committee.

Suzy Young worked tirelessly in the treasurer's office bringing greater order to our finances. She was stalwart in her stewardship of our abundant resources, often caring for them as her own. Our congregation owes her a grand debt of gratitude for her service and I offer her my heartfelt thanks. As she has determined it is time to move on, I offer her my warmest wishes in her future endeavors.

This moment of transition gives our vestry and finance committee a moment to consider our financial structures and reports from a different perspective. Suzy wanted to work as treasurer in order get the books in a particular place and make the role of the next Treasurer much easier. She has worked toward that goal. Now as the Stewardship and Budgeting time comes to our congregation, this is a good time to transfer the role. After a genuinely historic year, including completing the Fellowship Commons as well as purchasing the St. Paul's by-the-Sea Community Center, it would be well to look over our finances with new eyes.

Matthew+

A few words from Paul:

I am originally from Ohio and went to college at Ohio State University. I did medical school at University of Maryland Medical School and trained in pediatrics. I got a MBA at Johns Hopkins University. I have been on several vestries and my wife and I did medical missionary work in Africa. I ran a pediatric office for 20 years that provided a lot of financial experience. This is the first time I have served as a treasurer and look forward to learning how to do it well. Thanks for giving me this opportunity at St. Paul's by the Sea!



Shepherd's Crook Director's Update

Shepherd's Crook has been operating in DeWees Hall for 2 months now, and we continue to settle in and see new faces on a weekly basis. During our first full month, August, we were able to assist feeding 819 individuals.

Our goal to feed members of the community is met not only with a monthly stipend from St Paul's by-the-Sea, but also from financial gifts of local individuals, churches and recently, a charitable grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Two local grocery stores, NOEL, and a long standing Snow Hill partner provide weekly food donations.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with local food drives to sustain a standard level of sharing with those less fortunate who continue to express their appreciation for the work done by Shepherd's Crook. Should you have a few hours each month and desire to help our ministry, please contact any member of our Board Nancy Knotts, Elsie MacMullin, Jean Charles, Jane Ellis, Don O'Grince, or Father Matthew.



Fifth Sunday Parish Breakfast

Following the one service at 9 o'clock on Sunday, September 30, all are invited to gather for a Pot Luck Parish Breakfast. This new tradition has become one to which parishioners look forward. After sharing our Lord's meal, it's rather nice to get together to share a casual breakfast with one another. This gives us the opportunity to see those church members who attend services other than the one we attend.

Since these breakfasts are not the same as those John Bunting and his crew put together, because we are dealing with just one service, parishioners are asked to prepare breakfast items. If anyone has a recipe their family considers "Best Breakfast"; why not prepare it for your parish family? Of course, all offers to set up and clean up are always gladly accepted and greatly appreciated.

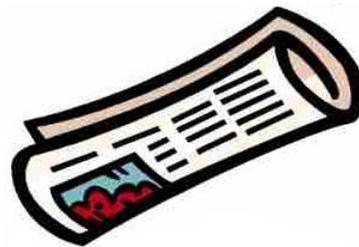
Hope to see you, Fifth Sunday, September 30, after the one 9 o'clock service.

As always,
Karen A. Cramer, Chair
Parish Life Committee

The Red Doors
A St. Paul's By-the-Sea Community Center
presents
DUELING PIANOS
NOVEMBER 6
Fundraiser
6-8 PM
Elsworth Wheatley Shirley Toms
The Ocean City Performing Arts Center
\$25 Tickets Available at the [OC ConventionCenter](#) or [TicketMaster.com](#)

**Photos from RDCC Blessing
with Bishop Marray
and the annual Cluster Picnic**





eNewsletter

All the committee chairs are invited to submit articles (whether one paragraph or several) about the activities of their committee such as meetings or upcoming events. The next issue will be sent out the first week of October.

We want to keep our parishioners well informed and feeling connected and your help is needed in order to do so. Thank you!

If you have any questions, articles, or suggestions for this e-newsletter, please contact Jody Farley at spbsnewsletter@gmail.com Thanks for reading!

