



The St. Paul's Beacon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
16457 Old Frederick Road,
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September 2016

Rector's Reflection

Encounter Christ – Engage the World

Even though many schools started in August and some are still vacationing and the weather is hot, September seems to signal newness. A restart. A renewal. A refreshment.

In a few weeks our liturgical focus will transition from Luke to Matthew and the church's new year (Advent) will be ushered in, probably in hushed tones.

As we move forward, exploring ways to evolve as a Christian community, we resolve "to carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word and deed...." Let us indeed, as Nancy McIntosh so cleverly stated, be that beacon for ourselves and our neighbors.

A beacon is a source of guidance or inspiration which sheds light on the Way. We learn how to see more clearly the paths that lead to engaging and joy-filled spaces of spirit and enlightenment. Some say "thin places."

St. Paul's worship committee is committed to seeking avenues that enhance our worship and sacred time together in community. When the committee looked at our up-coming calendar, it was noted that a number of holy observances fall near the first Sunday of the month.

With the above fact and in light of our call to be "beacons", our worship calendar for Sept 2016 – June 2017 was developed. You will find it printed below. Please note time changes that are printed in bold type.

St. Paul's, in spirit and truth, is a beacon that will continue to set example by word and deed and to invite "... all people to experience God's presence in their daily lives."

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Sept, 11, Begin
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service Schedule
Adult Forum Sept 11, 18 & 25
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 8 & 15,
5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Vestry Meeting

Fridays, beginning Sept. 16
7:00 p.m.
Prayers in the Evening

Grace and Peace!

The Rev. Susan Keller+

St. Paul's Worship Service Schedule September 2016 – June 2016

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| September 11 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | February 5 | 9:00 a.m. |
| September 18 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | February 12 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| September 25 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | February 19 | 9:00 a.m. (Bishops Visitation) |
| October 1 | 3:00 p.m. Blessing of Animals | February 26 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| October 2 | 9:00 a.m. | March 1 | Noon & 7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. |
| October 9 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | March 5 | 9:00 a.m. |
| October 16 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | March 12 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| October 23 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | March 19 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| October 30 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | March 26 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| November 6 | 9:00 a.m. | April 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| November 13 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | April 9 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| November 20 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | April 13 | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday |
| November 27 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | April 14 | Noon & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday |
| December 4 | 9:00 a.m. | April 15 | 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil |
| December 11 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | April 16 | 9:00 a.m. Easter |
| December 18 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | April 23 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| December 24 | 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve | April 30 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| December 25 | 9:00 a.m. Christmas | May 7 | 9:00 a.m. |
| January 1 | 9:00 a.m. New Year's Day | May 14 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| January 8 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | May 21 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| January 15 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | May 28 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| January 22 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | June 4 | 9:00 a.m. (begin Summer Schedule) |
| January 29 | 9:00 a.m. (Annual Meeting) | | |

Spiritual Enlightenment (Adult Forum) will begin September 11, 9:30-10:15am. Please note: there will be **NO** class on the **first Sunday** of each month and on the **occasions** when there is **only one service**.

Fridays, Prayers In The Evening, 7:00-7:45, starting September 16th.

Soup & Lenten Study, Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, and 12, 6:30- 8:00pm

School Supplies Collection for Parrs Ridge Elementary



Donation boxes are in the Parish Hall. Please bring your donation in this month. Supply lists are on the table near the boxes that note the most needed supplies for the various grades. Thank you!

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

Thanks to all of our faithful volunteers and customers.

The Thrift Shop had a **BANNER** year.

Volunteers are still needed:

The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers to:

- * Help sort and restock on Monday and Wednesday mornings.
- * Volunteers to work in the shop at least one day per month on a regular basis (Thursday, Friday or Saturday 11:30 -3:00)
- * Help to carry Mission bags out to shed on Wednesdays.

Phyllis Weston and Kathy Audia

Grief Support Sessions

Starting on October 20, St. Michaels Catholic Church will be hosting a GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM. The program will be every Thursday, 7-8:30 PM, for four sessions. I am planning to attend. If anyone is interested, I invite you to go with me. The contact person at St. Michaels Catholic Church, St. Michaels Road, Mt. Airy, is Amy Kalesa 301-606-3216
Lee Hajek

Stephen Ministry:



Stephen Ministry is alive and well! Yes, we are here for you. We want to be your caregiver in your time of loss, grief or pain. Our ministry is a one-to-one confidential

relationship between the minister (the caregiver) and you (the care receiver). Stephen Ministry at St. Paul's is a caring, nurturing lay ministry, providing growth and healing through the power of God.

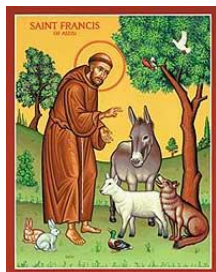
Please call Lee Hajek, 410-442-1641, if you want more information. Lee is St. Paul's Stephen Ministry Leader.

A big thank you to: Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy for sharing testimony with us from a Stephen Minister on August 7 and a care receiver on August 21.

We will continue working with them to strengthen our Stephen Ministry.

Sheets Needed: Old white sheets needed by Larriland Farms so that Ghosts may freely roam the farm and delight young and old as they enjoy autumn's sights around the farm. Please leave the sheets on the parish hall table marked for Larriland Farms.

Blessing of the Animals: Saturday, October 1st 3:00 p.m. This is a celebration of all of God's creation. Please come and bring your pets/animals (stuffed animals and pictures



accepted) to be blessed, in honor of St. Francis. His feast day is October 4th. He taught us to love and take care of all creation. Invite your friends and neighbors.

St. Paul's Lasagna Dinner:

Saturday, October 1st, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Your help is needed for this event to be a success. The menu is: lasagna (meat and vegetarian), garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverages (hot dogs for children not liking lasagna). All you can eat. Carry out available. Free will offering. Sign-up sheets for food and help will be in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 4th. Also, there will be flyers about the dinner, so please take some to give out to your friends, neighbors and relatives. Remember the congregation is part of publicity.



Friends Helping Friends:

On Tuesday, October 18th, 9:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m.

Bosco's will hold their "Friends Helping Friends" day to participating non-profit groups. St. Paul's will be taking part this year. Tickets, which are provided by Bosco's are \$5.00 each and can be used as many times that day when you make any purchases – plus you receive 25% off most items. Some items are 10%, others 15%. All information is printed on the tickets. Also, the ticket makes you eligible to win prizes. Just fill in the stub located on the ticket. Etta Lee Spaulding and Joanne Honsberger will be selling the tickets that day at the Westminister store to anyone needing a ticket. They will be located at one of the store's entrances.

To purchase Bosco's tickets at church see: at 8:00 a.m. service: Etta Lee Spaulding or Irene Hillen; at 10:30 a.m. service: Lee Hajek, or Susan Hughes. During the week see Lynda Sheckels in the church office. The tickets are good at any Bosco's stores. There is no cost to St. Paul's to participate in this event. Any questions please see or call Linda Barnes 443-604-3402.

Bazaar Notes



Our Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Whatever your craft/talent is, put it to work.

A box of bazaar craft kits

Is on the parish hall table. Please look through the box to see if there is a craft that you can make. Don't wait to be asked to take a kit. We are in desperate need of Christmas ornaments and craft gift items. Please sign your name and the craft you took on the provided sheet.

Needed Items:

Homemade gifts/fancy items, Christmas tree ornaments, decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, baked goods/sweets, items for the collectibles table, items for silent auction and gifts-to-go, food prepared for gourmet-to-go (recipes are given out) and food for the snack bar.

Monetary Donations

Are appreciated to help buy supplies for bread making, cheese balls, and for the snack bar.

Summer Canning

When you do your canning, please put aside a few jars of your homemade jams, jellies, pickles, etc. for the baked/sweet table. Homemade items are always very popular.

Collectibles Table

Items needed: china, glass, pottery, milk and carnival glass, pewter, figurines, and much more. There is no limit to this table. As you clean out your basements, closets and cubby holes, and have items you no longer want, Etta Lee can use them at her table. Leave your item(s) on the table in the Parish Hall and mark it for the collectibles table.

\$\$ Scrip \$\$:

Please purchase scrip/gift cards to use wherever you shop and yes, on vacation too. Also, please



enlist your neighbors, friends and family to participate in our scrip program on a regular basis.

Pete McIntosh, Coordinator

Helping Hands Outreach

The Helping Hands outreach team is ready to help you. Please let one of the team members know where you can use some help or call Dick Wilcher at his home at 301-829-3908 and we will schedule a time to help you.



Prayer for an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the New School Year

For Young Persons God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

For stewardship of creation O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Happy Birthday To:

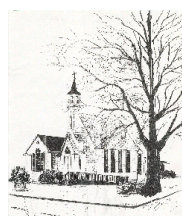
Carrie Brown Sept 02
 Mary Jo Grabau Sept 05
 Linda Sharp Sept 10
 John Tuel Sept 14
 Suzanne Bourg Sept 14
 Greg Prentice Sept 24



Patsy Mavity
 Donna Shurney
 Kaye Rineer
 Belinda Blizzard
 Janice Esler
 Matt Willingham
 Susie Gibson
 Andrew Oberle
 Joey

Herb & Mary Jo Grabau
 John Tuel
 Delphine Koval
 John Belous
 Bill Aaron
 Albert Hutchison
 Katherine Gilbeertz
 Ryan Merton
 Kathleen Rumble
 Nancy McIntosh
 Ginny Triplett
 Marie Cagle
 Dottie Streaker
 Brian Thompson
 James Anthony
 Thomas Stevens
 Joan Selden
 Joe Goins
 Gil Seibel
 Suzanne Bourg
 The Fentons
 Carolyn Prentice
 Teresa
 Regina Hutchison
 Mary Ellen Hutchison
 Kayleigh McIntosh
 Harless & Peggy H.
 Doris Holmes

Please help us keep our
 prayer list current.



**St. Paul's
 "A shining light
 in the
 community"**

*Prayer for the sick
 May you be wrapped up
 in God's love. Found
 deep in His
 everlasting
 wings. Carried
 and kept, safe
 and cherished.
 May the healing power
 of Christ breathe across
 your being now.*



PASTORAL CONCERNS

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. Please contact the Rev. Susan S. Keller, at 301-785-1687 or revssk@yahoo.com. You may also call the church, 410-489-4411, Monday through Friday, 9:00-12:00. Parish Email: stpaulschurchmtairy@verizon.net www.stpaulsmtairy.org

Sunday Breakfast

**All you
 can eat!**



Sept. 11,
 Lisbon Fire Hall
7:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Adults-\$8.00; Children 6-11 \$4.00; 5 and under free.

Sept. 18,
 Mt Airy Fire Hall
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Adults \$8.00

Sept. 25,
 St. Michaels Church
8:30 a.m. – 12:30
 Adults \$8.00; Children 5-12 \$4.00; Under 5 free.

A Taste of the Evening School at Virginia Theological Seminary

How do we balance the various "lives" we bring to the issues of social justice and race relations in this country and how does scripture frame our view? As a black woman, former police officer, mother of a young black male and now as a clergyperson, the Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart provides a window on the "conversations" that continue to take place in our churches and communities. Her lecture titled "Faithful Leadership in the Face of Social Unrest and Racial Division," will be featured at this year's Taste of the Evening School event. All community members are invited to find out more about course offerings, register for courses, and hear the Rev. Dr. Fisher Stewart's important insights.

This program is co-sponsored by the Lifetime Theological Education and the Multi-Cultural Ministries offices of Virginia Theological Seminary. The Evening School of Theology provides accessible, theologically rich courses for church lay leaders and anyone seeking a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith. The Office of Multi-Cultural Ministries mission is to bring into dialogue racial and ethnic diversity in the church and the world, sharing experiences of people of color, and promoting anti-racism through training.

Program Dates: Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

Conference Location: Addison Academic Center, Virginia Theological Seminary

Schedule: Reception & Welcome at 6:45 p.m.; lecture begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Event is **FREE**.

Please RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Taste-Evening-9-06>

The event will be livestreamed: www.vts.edu/

Armed Services and Federal Ministries

Of the three people nominated for Episcopal Church Bishop Suffragan for Armed Services

and Federal Ministries is our own archdeacon the Venerable Carl Wright.

- **The Rev. Carl Wright** is presently Rector at St. Andrew's Church, Pasadena, MD. In his military career, he has served as Deputy Command Chaplain for the Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) at Barksdale AFB, LA. Commissioned an Air Force Chaplain in August 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Wright is an Associate Member of the Anglican religious Order of the Holy Cross (OHC).

The election is slated for the fall meeting of the House of Bishops in September. According to Episcopal Church Constitution Article II sec. 7, the House of Bishops who have gathered for the session will elect the Bishop Suffragan for Armed Services and Federal Ministries.

Rev. Alexander Crummell

On Sunday, September 4, the Episcopal Church celebrates the life and legacy of notable saint, the Reverend Alexander Crummell. This day is also designated as Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Sunday to commemorate the racial justice ministry of this organization which was an outgrowth of Crummell's advocacy.



VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is: A community of faith ministering to those in need of justice, reconciliation, hospitality, sanctuary, and growth in their spiritual journey.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is: To carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word and deed and to help all people experience God's presence in their daily lives.

BAZAAR SIGN-UP SHEET

Below is a list of the tables at our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 5th. **PLEASE** fill in the tear-off sheet and return it to the church office by Sunday, October 16th, so the table chairpersons will know what is coming for their tables. If you are making, baking, or donating, please fill in the sheet below. Whatever your craft/talent is, put it to work. Any questions, see or call Linda Barnes, Dana Fritzges, or Linda Sharp. It doesn't take a few people for the bazaar to be successful – it takes everyone helping and participating.

Baked Goods, Sweets: Norma Prentice ~ 410-549-1910

Cookies, brownies, pies, rolls, muffins, breads, holiday items, loaf cakes (but NO layer cakes, sheet cakes or cupcakes), jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, relishes. All kinds of homemade candy, fudge and sweet items. Please put even amounts of cookies, brownies, etc., in a plastic baggie and a suggested price.

Collectibles: Etta Lee Spaulding ~ 301-829-3335, Linda Sharp ~ 410-655-1979.

China, glass, pottery, milk/carnival glass, pewter, figurines, and much more. No limit to this table.

Crafts/Ornaments: Nancy McIntosh 410-489-4356. Knitting, sewing, woodworking, mittens, aprons, scarves, counted-cross stitching, candles, baby items, stuffed animals, place mats, decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. All types of ornaments for trimming the Christmas tree. There is no limit to this table.

Gift Baskets/Silent Auction: Linda Barnes ~ 443-604-3402, Susan Hughes 410-227-3512, Linda Sharp ~ 410-655-1979. Baskets, pretty boxes/containers filled with assorted items, usually with a theme. Example: pet, sports, baby, gardening, cooking, etc. Use your imagination.

Gourmet-To-Go: Barb & Leo Campion 301-831-7785. Food that is prepared and frozen from Suzanne's recipes. See Barb for recipes.

Cheeseballs/logs: Joanne Honsberger 301-829-6442. Monetary donations needed to buy ingredients.

Raffles: Linda Barnes ~ 443-604-3402. There will be two raffles: a basket of cheer, and a 50-50.

Snack Bar: Norma Prentice 410-549-1910. Needed: vegetable beef soup, chili, bar-b-que, chicken salad, desserts – pies, cookies, servers and clean-up help. Monetary donations are helpful to buy supplies.

-----TEAR OFF SHEET - - RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE-----

NAME: _____ **PHONE** _____

I WILL MAKE OR DONATE:

September 2016 ~ Church Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open 5:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Mtg. | 2 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 3 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open |
| | | | | <i>David Pendleton Oakerhater</i> | <i>The Martyrs of New Guinea</i> | |
| 4 9:00 a.m. Rite II | 5 Labor Day Parish Office Closed | 6 | 7 | 8 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 9 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 10 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open |
| <i>Hospitality Hour following</i> | | | | | <i>Constance & Her Companions</i> | <i>Alexander Crummell</i> |
| 11 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30a.m. Adult Forum 10:30. a.m. Rite II | 12 | 13 | 14 10:00 Pastoral Care Team Mtg. | 15 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 16 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 17 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open |
| <i>Hospitality Hour following</i> | <i>John Henry Hobart</i> | <i>John Chrysostom</i> | <i>Holy Cross Day</i> | 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Vestry Mtg. | <i>Ninian of Galloway</i> | <i>Hildegard of Bingen</i> |
| 18 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30a.m. Adult Forum 10:30. a.m. Rite II | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 23 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 24 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open |
| <i>Hospitality Hour following</i> | <i>Thomas of Tarsus</i> | <i>John Coleridge Patteson</i> | <i>St. Matthew</i> | <i>Philander Chase</i> | | |
| 25 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30a.m. Adult Forum 10:30. a.m. Rite II | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | 30 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open | |
| | <i>Lancelot Andrewes</i> | <i>Vincent de Paul</i> | | <i>St. Michael and all Angels</i> | <i>Jerome of Bethlehem</i> | |

September 2016 ~ Service Calendar

If you are not able to work, PLEASE find your replacement

| | September 4, 16th Pentecost Green | September 11, 17th Pentecost Green | September 18, 18th Pentecost Green | September 25, 19th Pentecost Green | | | |
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| | <u>9:00 A.M.</u> | <u>8:00 A.M.</u> | <u>10:30 A.M.</u> | <u>8:00 A.M.</u> | <u>10:30 A.M.</u> | <u>8:00 A.M.</u> | <u>10:30 A.M.</u> |
| Greeter/ Usher/Oblationer | Greg & Norma Prentice | Michelle Samuel, Al Yeater | Linda Sharp, Dana Fritzges | Greg & Norma Prentice | Dana Fritzges, Linda Barnes | Pat & Al Marquis | Linda Sharp, Carrie Brown |
| Chalicer | Ron Alexander | Leo Campion | Pete McIntosh | Jeff Spaulding | Carrie Brown | Leo Campion | Pete McIntosh |
| Acolyte(s) | Ron Alexander | Leo Campion | Pete McIntosh | Jeff Spaulding | Carrie Brown | Leo Campion | Pete McIntosh |
| Lector | Kathleen Alexander | Al Yeater | Dick Wilcher | Ron Alexander | Helen Tuel | Irene Hillen | Carrie Brown |
| Psalm | Stephen Jones | Irene Hillen | Dorothy Kitt | Kathleen Alexander | John Tuel | Al Yeater | Nancy McIntosh |
| Prayers of the People | Stephen Jones | Irene Hillen | Linda Sharp | Kathleen Alexander | Phyllis Heffner | Al Yeater | Nancy McIntosh |
| Altar Guild | Joanne Honsberger, Barb Campion | Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes | | Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp, Pat Marquis | | Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia | |
| Coffee Hour | Dorothy Kitt, Carrie Brown | Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek | | Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice | | Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys | |
| Counter | Nancy & Pete McIntosh | Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes | | Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel | | Lynda Sheckels, Etta Lee Spaulding | |