



## The St. Paul's Beacon

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### Rector's Reflections

#### Give Thanks

"Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise...." These words begin the General Thanksgiving prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, found on page 836. This is a wonderful prayer for general use, and especially during Thanksgiving. I hope you have a good Thanksgiving this year and you give thanks to God.

Worship, study, prayer, work

Study - this is an invitation to join us in our Spiritual Enrichment discussions held each Sunday at 9:30. This fall and winter we are "Walking The Bible".

This is a journey through the first five books of the bible. These five books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) are also known by some as the Books of Moses.

Walking the Bible - was broadcast on public TV a few years ago, and is now available to us on DVD. Each Sunday we meet, watch a segment of the show, then a lively discussion follows.

This is a great opportunity to know the significant stories of these books, and to relate them to our life today, as we walk through our own life story.

Do you know the story of the Garden, and where in the Middle East it originated?

Do you know the story of the flood and how many cultures carry a similar story?

Do you know the story of the holy mountain where Moses saw the burning bush and heard the voice of God?

This program is always open, no prior attendance is necessary. Please join us any Sunday.

Grace and Peace to You  
Susan S Keller+

### November 2015

#### Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, Nov 1**, All Saint's Day with baptism at 10:30

**Monday, Nov 2**, All Soul's Day

**Saturday, Nov 7, 9-2**  
Annual Bazaar

**Wednesday, ~ Nov 11**  
10 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting

**Sunday, ~Nov 15** 11:45 am  
Worship Committee Meeting

**Saturday, ~ Nov 21,**  
9-2 Bazaar of the Churches at Lisbon Fire Hall

**Sunday, Nov 22,**  
Ingathering Sunday

**Thursday, ~ Nov 5 & 19**  
5 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

**Fridays 7:00-7:45 p.m.**  
Prayers in Evening.  
All Welcome!

# Parish News

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Season is Here Again!

We are embarking on another Stewardship Season. Offering gifts of money may seem unreasonable when we have so many personal wants and needs. Making an annual commitment may seem unreasonable when we are uncertain about what the coming year will bring. However, having seen God's generosity and heard Christ's call, we come into this sacred time and place. Let us bring our gifts, our commitments, and our lives together as we continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to our community.

Stephen Jones, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

## Prayers Answered

I recently read an article that included these words, "sometimes our prayers are answered in ways we are not aware of . . . sometimes they may be answered long after our deaths." I had never thought about prayers in that way. Most of the time my prayers are wishes. Please I need. If only. . . I promise. Why me? I am a participant in a phone line (conference call) prayer group. One evening, the prayer leader suggested that we focus on prayers answered. For what seemed like minutes, there was silence. Then slowly responses came forth. I too was able to name several answered prayers. I wondered why they were not immediately obvious to me? Every Friday from **7:00pm-7:45pm**, we gather to pray (aloud and silent) for all sorts and conditions of humankind, for each other and for St. Paul's. Please join in the richness encountered in the Book of Common Prayer and the witness of individual prayer. Your presence will enhance our collective spirits. We hope to see you on Fridays. Incorporating prayer life in community through Christian formation is offered to us in our Adult Forum, **Spiritual Enlightenment** Series, each Sunday 9:30-10:15. The theme, Walking The Bible: A



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Journey By Land Through The Five Books Of Moses. It is the odyssey of Bruce Feiler's travels and the Torah. We will gain new insights into the Old Testament and geography lessons too. Plan to join in this fun learning experience.

Prayer is central to **Stephen Ministry**.

Prayer builds trust. Prayer enables direction. Prayer gives hope. Prayer sustains us through our hurts and loss. Prayers Answered!!!



## **MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE**

**It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!**

### **Empower-A-Child:**

Please bring in a Christmas card for Shakirah as soon as possible. Cards need to be mailed to her by November 6 in order to make it to Uganda before the school's Christmas break!! We have sponsored Shakirah through Empower-A-Child, learn more about them here; [www.empower-a-child.org](http://www.empower-a-child.org). Shakirah lives in Kampala, Uganda. Thank you!!



**Christmas/Angel Tree gift program:** We are all set with our partnership this year with the Carroll County Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. There are a few differences in the way we have done things in the past:

- 1) For the 30 individuals I have tags for, 29 of them are children under the age of 13
- 2) Each tag has clothing sizes and 3 "Gift Wishes". Please buy at least 2 gifts per child from the information on the tag. If you can buy 3 items that is great, but not required. Some of the gift wishes are aggressive (expensive) items, so maybe a few people want to go in together with one of the tags to try to meet some of the wishes (or provide enough money in gift cards for the individual to select exactly what they want).

- 3) **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT(S)**, and it is critical that the gift tag you pick be returned with the gift(s) as each child has an Angel Code. Each gift needs to have that child's code. I will provide three copies of each child's tag.
- 4) Gift tags will be up on the tree on Sunday, November 8 and gifts must be to the church by Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for keeping the joy of Christmas alive for those less fortunate!!!

### **Thrift Shop**

Nearly new and better! Have you visited the Thrift Shop lately? Nearly New has been enlarged and has bargains galore. The expanded space allows customers to view merchandise better. The new arrangement of items limits congestion and permits easier access to apparel and household goods. As always, the shop is neat and well maintained, thanks to all the volunteers and the leadership of Phyllis Weston and Kathy Audia. Drop in. Shop at your leisure. Meet and greet neighbors. You might find that unique piece of jewelry, those comfortable shoes, or that good book you have been hunting for. No mall crowds. No parking issues. Easy affordable Christmas shopping. Yes, the holidays are fast approaching. A bonus, of course, is that part of all proceeds are dedicated to St. Paul's outreach projects. A win-win for customers and the church. So visit, chat and buy 11:30 till 3:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at St. Paul's Nearly New Thrift Shop.

### **Upcoming Events**

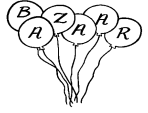
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Bazaar of the Churches

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Stephen Ministry Meetings

### **St. Paul's Holiday Bazaar**



**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Do your holiday shopping. Homemade crafts, gifts, Christmas tree ornaments, homemade goodies, Gourmet-to-Go, Silent Auction, Collectables will be available. Also, there will be 3 raffles: a 50-50, a basket of cheer and a handmade table topper/throw.

**Raffle tickets** ~ Please return your raffle ticket stubs and money to the church by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, before 12:00pm. The drawing for the 3 raffles will be on Sunday, November 22. You do not need be present to win.

Your homemade jams, craft items, etc. can be brought to the church and left on the parish hall table any time during the week, 9:00 a.m. till Noon. Baked goods and candy can be brought in on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday, by 9:00 a.m.

**Table chairs and helpers**, please be at church by 8:00 a.m. on bazaar day

**Bazaar of the Churches** – St. Paul's will participate in the community Bazaar of the Churches, on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Lisbon Fire Hall.

We will be selling raffle tickets, baked/sweet items, crafts, collectibles, gifts-to-go and gourmet –to-go. Stop by to see us and have some lunch prepared by the women's auxiliary of the fire department.

If you can make baked goods or sweets, please bring it to the church on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> by 12 Noon or bring to the fire hall by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. It would be helpful if you would tell Linda Barnes, Dana Fritzges or Joanne Honsberger what you will be making.

## Advent Wreath

We will be using our lovely hanging Advent Wreath for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of the greens and candles, which is about \$800. Please call the church office by November 22, 2015.



## Life Together

**Change clocks**, Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Before going to bed Saturday night, October 31, set your clocks back one hour.

## Helping Hands

If you need or want help with minor repairs, chores or errands contact your Helping Hands Team. No job is too small. See the flyer in the parish hall for more info or speak to Dick Wilcher.



**A very big THANK YOU** is extended to:

\* All who helped in some way, especially our wonderful cooks, to make our Lasagna Dinner a success. The total raised was \$715. The fellowship was great and the food was delicious. Our parish hall was filled – not an empty seat – everyone enjoyed their dinner. We should feel very proud that it was a great success and it was so well attended by our parishioners and the community.

\* Celeste Humphreys for sewing the lovely handmade Christmas/Winter table topper/throw, which is one of the three raffles.

\* Rev. Susan Keller for crocheting the lovely, colorful, star baby blanket for the bazaar craft table.

\* Jim & Irene Hillen for all their hard work sprucing up and renovating the Thrift Shop.

## National News

### Investiture of the 27th Presiding Bishop, Sunday, November 1, 2015, Noon at the National Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected and confirmed to be the next presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention on June 27, 2015. According to the Canons of the Episcopal Church, he becomes the 27<sup>th</sup> presiding bishop and primate on



**All Saints' Day, Nov 1.** Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

**Saturday, October 31** ~ All are invited to join a Vigil Celebration and Eucharist, sponsored by the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) in honor of Bishop Curry at **11:00am at the DC Armory, 2001 E. Capital St. SE, Washington, DC**. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori will preside at the Eucharist and the Rev. Cannon Sandye Wilson will be the preacher for the service. There will be opportunity to greet the Bishops at the reception following the service. This event is **FREE**, however you must register for tickets. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society will sponsor a live webcast of the Vigil Celebration at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org). Free tickets and additional information is available at <http://www.ube.org>, or you may ask Carrie Brown. You can **view the Investiture** of Bishop

Curry, **Sunday Nov 1, 12:00pm** at **All Saints, Frederick**. They will be live streaming the service. All are invited to attend. All Saints, and other viewing locations are posted in the parish hall.

## Diocesan News

### Welcome Bishop Knudsen

#### **A Celebration! Please Come!**

All are invited to Evensong to welcome Bishop Chilton Knudsen ~ **Nov. 8, 4-7pm**, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore. This occasion will Feature choirs from the Cathedral, St. John's Parish, Ellicott City; Christ Church, Columbia; and the St. John's Hand Bell Choir.



**Join us** in welcoming of our Diocese's Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, who joined the staff on Oct 20, 2015. Reception to follow the service in the Peabody Room.

#### **Episcopal Service Crops Maryland**

The Rev. Jan Hamill, director of the Episcopal Service Crops Maryland(ESC-MD) asks your support of this young adult faith and service program. Please consider contributing to the Bishop's appeal, donations designated to: ESC-MD. The monies will be used to offset costs for household items/food, health insurance, transportation and stipend for each intern. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. For further info contact Rev. Hamill at [escmaryland@gmail.com](mailto:escmaryland@gmail.com) or 410-303-0160.

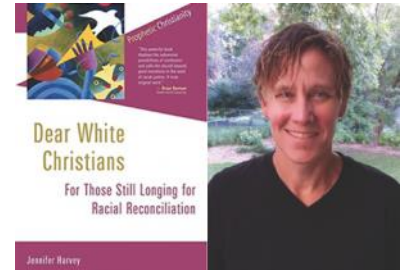
#### **BISHOP'S DAY WITH VESTRY OFFICERS:**

**Saturday, November 21, 9 am-3 pm**, at the **Claggett Center**. On October 7, each congregation was mailed a letter of invitation from the Bishop inviting vestry officers to this workshop. All Vestry officers are strongly encouraged to attend. Cost is only \$10 per person which covers lunch. Find registration link on Diocesan website.

### Trail of Souls

One year after **Trail of Souls**, the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** invites you to participate in a discussion with author Jennifer Harvey – **Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial**

**Reconciliation**, at the Diocesan Center on **November 7, 2015**—starting with a continental breakfast 8:15 am, program beginning at **9am to 12pm** followed by lunch. There will be a free-will offering to defray the cost of the event and lunch. Registration deadline for this event is October 30, 2015, [www.episcopalmaryland.org](http://www.episcopalmaryland.org); or you can let Carrie Brown know if you plan to attend.



The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey is associate professor of religion at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Her other books include *Whiteness and Morality: Pursuing Racial Justice through Reparations and Sovereignty*, and *Disrupting White Supremacy from Within*. In 2013 Harvey visited Baltimore while on sabbatical and interviewed a few people in the Diocese of Maryland. Some of their thoughts and ideas helped shape the scope and focus of this book and they will be present for this discussion on November 7, 2015.



**Please be considerate.**

Wash and put away your cups/dishes after Coffee Hour.

**Church Offering**

**Envelopes** – if you would like a box of offering envelopes for 2016 and did not have them this year, please let our treasurer, Linda Sharp know.

**Sunday Breakfast**

**All you can eat**



**Nov 8, Lisbon Fire Hall**  
7:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.  
Adults-\$7.00; Children 6-11 \$4.00; 5 and under free.

**Nov 15, Mt Airy Fire Hall**  
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Adults \$8.00

**Nov 22, St. Michaels Church**  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00  
Adults \$8; Children 6-12 \$4  
5 & under free

**Happy Birthday To:**

Paul Bourg            Nov 07  
Mark Cassera        Nov 14  
Pat McCourt         Nov 25  
Taylor Ladd           Nov 26



*No anniversaries listed for November. Please let us know if we have missed yours.*

**Prayer List**

Paul Bourg  
Trudi  
Lawson  
Dave  
Lawson  
Dallas  
Reeve  
Michael  
Toole  
Keith Prentice  
Phyllis Heffner  
Doris Sharp  
Bill Winebrunner  
Joannie Lee  
Kurt VonHurst  
Allene VonHurst  
Al Parker  
Craig Johnson  
Joanne Johnson  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Lora Hollands  
Pam Sherfey  
Debbie Gardner  
Ann Boyles  
Sandra & Stanley Napier  
Irene Hordubay  
Cheryl Kibler  
Beth Husted  
Lynn Carr  
Allison Poleger  
Sam Lucas  
John Lucas  
Mary Wales-North  
The Horrigan Family  
Teresa  
Carey, Kathleen McIntosh  
Patsy Mavity  
Donna Shurney  
Kaye Rineer  
Belinda Blizzard  
Janice Esler  
Matt Willingham  
Susie Gibson  
Mildred Stinebaugh  
Eric McIntosh  
Andrew Oberle  
Joey  
Herb & Mary Jo Grabau  
John Tuel



Dalphine Koval  
Eric Batlefeld  
John Belous  
Bill Aaron  
Albert Hutchison  
Richard Heffner  
Katherine Gilbeertz  
Ryan Merton  
Betty & John Fritzges  
Le Anne Stallings  
Kathleen Rumpel  
Nancy McIntosh  
Ginny Triplett  
Josh Barnes  
Marie Cagle  
Helen Fenton

Please help us keep our prayer list current.

*I am he who will sustain you.*

*I have made you and I will carry you;*

*I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

*Book of Isaiah*

**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



**St. Paul's  
a shining  
light in the  
community.**

**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](mailto:revssk@yahoo.com).

You may also call the church, 410-489-4411, Monday through Friday, 9:00-12:00.

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Web Address: [www.stpaulsmtairy.org](http://www.stpaulsmtairy.org)

**Newsletter** deadline for the December newsletter is **November 20, 2015.**



*May God bless you with  
peace, prosperity  
and abundance.*



*No act of kindness,  
however small  
is ever wasted  
Aesop*

## November 2015 ~ Church Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1 All Saint's Day</b> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 Spiritual Form. 10:30 a.m. Rite II with Baptism	<b>2</b> All Soul's Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>6</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>7</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open 9-2 Holiday Bazaar
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>All Faithful Departed</i>	<i>Richard Hooker</i>		5:00 pm Stephen Ministers Meeting	<i>William Temple</i>	<i>Willibrord of Utrecht</i>
<b>8</b> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 Spiritual Form. 10:30 a.m. Rite II	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>13</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>14</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>		<i>Leo the Great</i>	<i>Martin of Tours</i>	<i>Charles Simeon</i>		<i>Consecration of Samuel Seabury</i>
<b>15</b> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 Spiritual Form. 10:30 a.m. Rite II 11:45 Worship Com.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>20</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>21</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open 9-2 Bazaar of the Churches
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>Margaret of Scotland</i>	<i>Hugh, and Robert Grosseteste</i>	<i>Hilda of Whitby</i>	5:00 pm Stephen Min. 6:30 pm Vestry Mt.	<i>Edmund of East Anglia</i>	
<b>22</b> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 Spiritual Form. 10:30 a.m. Rite II <b>Ingathering Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thrift Shop CLOSED	<b>27</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open	<b>28</b> 11:30-3:00 Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>Clement of Rome</i>		<i>James Otis Sargent Huntington</i>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office closed		<i>Kamehameha and Emma</i>
<b>29</b> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:30 Spiritual Form. 10:30 a.m. Rite II	<b>30</b>					
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>					



# November 2015 ~ Service Calendar

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

	November 1, All Saints Day White		November 8, 24 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Green		November 15, 25 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Green		November 22, Christ the King White		November 29, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Purple	
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u> with Baptism	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Greg & Norma Prentice	Dana Fritzges,	Al Yeater, Michele Samuel	Linda Barnes, Linda Sharp	Pat & Al Marquis	Dana Fritzges	Greg & Norma Prentice	Linda Barnes Dana Fritzges	Al Yeater	Linda Sharp
<b>Chalicer</b>	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
<b>Acolyte(s)</b>	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Linda Barnes	Leo Campion	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
<b>Lector</b>	Kathleen Alexander	Phyllis Heffner	Charles Samuel	Helen Tuel	Al Yeater	Phyllis Heffner	Irene Hillen	Dorothy Kitt	Jim Harry	Helen Tuel
<b>Psalm</b>	Ron Alexander	Phyllis Heffner	Charles Samuel	John Tuel	Al Yeater	Bill Toole	Barb Campion	Dorothy Kitt	Jim Harry	John Tuel
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Carolyn Prentice	Bill Toole	Charles Samuel	Nancy McIntosh	Irene Hillen	Bill Toole	Barb Campion	Carrie Brown	Irene Hillen	John Tuel
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes		Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp		Dana Fritzges, Dottie Streaker, Kathy Audia		Joanne Honsberger, Barb Campion		Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Ginny Chandler, Helen Tuel		Michele Samuel, Linda Barnes		Dana Fritzges, Irene Hillen		Barb Campion, Doris Wilcher		Dorothy Kitt, Carrie Brown	
<b>Counters</b>	Irene & Jim Hillen		Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges		Nancy & Pete Mc Intosh		Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes		Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel	

**Attention: Altar Guild ~ Preparation for Advent ~ November 28, 9:00 a.m. Please attend.**