



The St. Paul's Beacon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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Legacy Reflection

In its broadest interpretation, “**legacy**” refers to the “**passing on**” of history, his and her story. Legacies can be abstract, concrete and even empirical. A thing of substance and value or sentimental worth. Legacy encompasses the ideas and accomplishments made by individuals, groups, and nations. Some legacies affect all. Some only influence a few. The Bible tells of legacies of inheritances, gifts, laws, heroes, villains, the “passing on” of ancient truths, and the life and works of Jesus.

As Episcopalians, we have inherited a great and marvelous legacy. We are a Church whose beliefs, faith, and practices are founded and grounded in the “earliest undivided Christian Church” (H. Scott Tonk) bound together by “the catholic and apostolic faith and order as set forth in *The Book of Common Prayer*,” (Lambeth Conference, 1930). The inherited gifts of scriptural, traditional, and reasonable application to contemporary life has widen the depth, scope and embrace of this legacy and history.

A part of what becomes legacy is our memory of people and their deeds. Here at St. Paul's we have a great and marvelous legacy with many his/her stories that are gifts to us. Polly Moore has reminded us of the importance of writing the history we have inherited so that it can be “passed on.” What and how our legacy continues to unfold will be determined by each of us. What might our legacy be?

Carrie A. Brown

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Feb 5, 9:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting and Brunch

Tuesday, Feb 7, 7:00 p.m.
PVRC

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Vestry Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30-4:30
Mental Health First Aid Class

Sunday, Feb 12 & 26 8:00
&10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb 19, 9:00 a.m.
Bishop's Visitation

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

Statement of Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Curry regarding prayers for the President

January 12, 2017.

(condensed/edit version)

Barack H. Obama, the 44th President of the United States, in the tradition of Presidents dating back to George Washington, [gave] his farewell address to the nation. Donald J. Trump, in the same tradition of this country, [took] the oath of office and became the 45th President . . .

Underneath the variety of questions and concerns are some basic Christian questions about prayer: when I pray for our leaders, why am I doing so? Should I pray for a leader I disagree with? When I pray what do I think I am accomplishing?

On one level these questions seem inconsequential and innocuous. But real prayer is not innocuous. It is powerful. That question can become poignant and even painful as it is for many in this moment, given that some of the values that many of us heard expressed over the past year have seemed to be in contradiction to deeply-held Christian convictions of love, compassion, and human dignity.

So, should we pray for the President?

We can and, indeed, I believe we must pray for all who lead in our civic order, nationally and internationally. I pray for the President in part because Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord. If Jesus is my Lord and the model and guide for my life, his way must be my way, however difficult. And [praying] for others is a part of how I follow the way of Jesus.

This practice of praying for leaders is deep in our biblical and Anglican/Episcopalian traditions. Psalm 72 prays that the ancient Israelite king might rule in the ways of God's justice, defending "the cause of the poor," bringing "deliverance to the needy." 1 Timothy 2:1-2 encourages followers of Jesus to pray earnestly for those in leadership, that they may lead in ways that serve the common good. Even in the most extreme case, Jesus himself said, while dying on the cross, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing," was praying for Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Rome who ordered his execution, and for all who were complicit in it.

In this spirit, the Prayer Books of the Anglican/Episcopal way have always included prayer for those "who bear the authority of government," praying in a variety of ways that they may lead in the ways of God's wisdom, justice and truth. When we pray for Donald, Barack, George, Bill, George, or Jimmy, Presidents of the United States, we pray for their well-being, for they too are children of God, but we also pray for their leadership in our society and world. We pray that they will lead in the ways of justice and truth. We pray that their leadership will truly serve not partisan interest but the common good. When we pray for them, we are actually praying for our nation, for our world, indeed we are praying for ourselves . . .

Real prayer is both contemplative and active. It involves a contemplative conversation with and listening to God, and an active following of the way of Jesus, serving and witnessing in the world in his Name. . .

Should we pray for the President? **Yes!**

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate - The Episcopal Church



Here's Jeff, Greg Shipley and John Newnan enjoying a brisk dip in the bay at 5 p.m. on Thursday of Plunge Week, before the real craziness began!!

Hello Friends, Colleagues and Family,

Well...I can't believe that it is once again time for me to venture into the "balmy" waters of the Chesapeake Bay for the **2017 Polar Bear Plunge**. Last year the Plunge was a great success, raising more than \$2.2 million dollars in 3 days of activities for the amazing athletes of Special Olympics Maryland. I am proud to report that last year's event was one of the largest one-day fund raising efforts in the world in support the life-changing work of Special Olympics. This year I will once again be participating in a special Plunge for law enforcement only on Friday afternoon. This will allow more officers to volunteer their time to assist with the main Plunge on Saturday. This year's main event promises to be bigger and crazier than even – and every donation can make a difference for the 7,311 athletes of Special Olympics Maryland!

I am writing to ask you to consider supporting my Plunge effort again this year with a contribution to Special Olympics. Really...no pressure...I know money is tight. If you wish to contribute, you can either follow the instructions below to do it on-line via credit card (it's easy) or you can send me a check. If you prefer to send a check, please make it out to "SOMD" and get it to me. Either way, I will make sure that all of the funds get to the amazing athletes who gain so much from the participation in Special Olympics. Remember...all donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Thanks again for your ongoing friendship and support of this life-changing program! Please accept my sincere wishes to you and yours for a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!!

Jeff Spaulding



Donation Instructions

1. ***Go to <http://www.plungemd.com> (if you have problems just Google "Maryland Polar Bear Plunge 2017" to get to the site).***
2. ***Click on "Donate Now", then "Sponsor Plunger".***
3. ***Enter "Jeff" and "Spaulding" in the appropriate boxes and click "Search".***
4. ***Click on "Jeff Spaulding, Mt. Airy MD" from the list of registered plungers. This will take you to my personal Plunge page.***
5. ***Make your donation via credit card. Many thanks for your support!***

Thank you from the Salvation Army, Westminster:

I just want to take a moment to say thank you to all of our Christmas donors!! With your help we were able to reach over 3800 people with food and gifts this past Christmas. What a tremendous job!!! There just are no words to describe how much we appreciate all the help. Without companies, organizations and individuals like you we would not be able to do our job!! Believe me when I say our Area Commander boasts about what Carroll County makes happen. Other counties within his command wish they had our donors so we are very proud of each one of you. Your generosity made Christmas Magic happen for each of those families helped. Thank you again and I look forward to working with you in 2017. Bet we can do over 4000 this year!

Andrea Gill; Social Services Worker; The Salvation Army Carroll County Service Center
Phone: 410-876-9358; Fax: 410-876-1964; Email: andrea_gill@uss.salvationarmy.org

St. Paul's "Paint Out" a Huge Success!!



We saw many new faces at St. Paul's second "Paint Out".

Thanks to Dale Corbett's expert artistic instruction we all took home a beautiful hand painted acrylic painting while benefiting St. Paul's.



If you missed St. Paul's "Paint Out" you missed a lot of fun and the opportunity to painlessly pay it forward. This fundraiser netted \$1100. Ginny Chandler

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

* Dana Fritzges for hosting a Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, January 10th at her home. Everyone brought a delicious food dish. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault! All attending had a great and fun time. **Thanks Dana!** for an enjoyable afternoon and the warm hospitality!

*All who brought soup for January's Soup-er Sundays. All the soup goes to the Mt. Airy Net Food Pantry. Your donations will fill the shelves at the food pantry.



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). Please call Lee Hajek, 410-442-1641, if you want more information.

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



(All you can eat) will be Tuesday, February 28th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu is: Pancakes, plain, chocolate chip, pecan; sausage, applesauce, dessert, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea.

Free Will Offering

Sign-up sheets for the needed food items and help will be on the Parish Hall table. Take a look at the yellow sheets and sign up where you can help. Please tell your neighbors, friends and relatives about our supper – bring them with you when you come to eat your pancakes on “Fat Tuesday”. Take out available.

Lent

Wednesday, March 1st, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. We have a few surprises to celebrate our time together as we discover more about our history as Episcopalians.

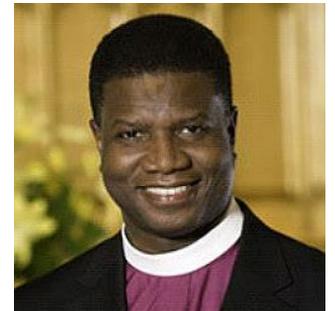
Ash Wednesday we will have a service at Noon and 7:00 p.m. The following 5 Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. will be our soup dinner and Lenten Study. Please join in this time of fellowship and discussion. More information will follow on the theme.

Look forward to receiving your “Lenten Meditation Booklet” from ERD and use it in your daily prayer.

Each month a different theme will be featured in The St. Paul's Beacon. As you can guess from the Legacy Reflection, February's theme was “Legacy.” You are invited to share in this ministry and write a reflection or thoughts on the theme of the month. The theme of the Month for March will be “**Journeys.**” Please submit your reflection to the parish office by the 20th of the month.

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton,

Bishop of Maryland, will make his annual visit to St. Paul's on Sunday, **February 19th.**



That Sunday there will be **ONE service at 9:00 a.m.** As is the custom, in the Episcopal Church, the cash offerings placed in the alms basin will be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. This of course, will not include any cash in one's envelop or cash designated as part of one's pledge. Following the service, there will be a brunch. The food sign-up sheet is on the Parish Hall Table. Please remember that the Bishop is allergic to shell fish.

Spiritual Enlightenment

(Adult Forum) Continues 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Please note: there will be **NO** class on the **first Sunday** of each month and on the **occasions** when there is **only one service**.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

Helpers are still needed to sort and restock on Monday and Wednesday mornings; help carry Mission bags out to the shed on Wednesday mornings, as you are available; and volunteers to sell in the shop at least one day per month on a regular basis. Shop is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:30 - 3:00.

Phyllis Weston & Kathy Audia

Helping Hands Outreach

The Helping Hands outreach team is ready to help you. Please let Dick Wilcher know if you can use some help, @ 301-829-3908 and he will schedule a time to help you.



Reminder: Please be considerate - wash and put away your cups/dishes after the coffee hours. Many thanks for your help.

Jesus Loves you just as you are!

Sunday Breakfast

All you Can Eat!



Feb 12 Lisbon Fire Hall- 7:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Adults-\$8.00

Feb 19 - Mt. Airy Fire Hall 8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00

Feb 26 - St. Michaels Church 8:30 a.m. -12:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00; children 5-10 \$4.00; under 5 free.

Happy Birthday To:

Charles Samuel	Feb 01
Pat Marquis	Feb 04
Jeni Cassera	Feb 14
Mary Garbett	Feb 16
Norma Prentice	Feb 19



Prayer List

Paul Bourg
Dave & Trudi Lawson
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
Beth Husted
Lynn Carr
Allison Poleger
Sam Lucas
John Lucas
Mary Wales-North
Patsy Mavity
Donna Shurney
Kaye Rineer
Belinda Blizzard
Janice Esler
Matt Willingham
Susie Gibson
Andrew Oberle
Herb Grabau
John Tuel
Delphine Koval
John Belous
Bill Aaron
Albert Hutchison
Katherine Gilbeertz
Ryan Merton
Kathleen Ruple
Nancy McIntosh
Ginny Triplett
Brian Thompson
James Anthony
Thomas Stevens
Joan Selden
Gil Seibel
Suzanne Bourg
Carolyn Prentice
Teresa
Regina Hutchison
Mary Ellen Hutchison
Kayleigh McIntosh
Harless & Peggy H.
Dottie Williams
Pat & Al Marquis
Holly
Bev
Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater
Jeni Cassera
Lloyd Fennell



the Streaker family
the Reeve family

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Women's March



Dorothy Kitt participating in the Women's March in D.C. on January 21st.

Pastoral Concern

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: stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net www.stpaulsmtairy.org

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble. But it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

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.



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
Ephesians 1:3



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

February 2017 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	3 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	4 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
				<u>5:00 pm</u> Stephen Minister Mtg.		
5 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	6	7		9 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	10 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	11 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>		<u>7:00 pm</u> PVRC	<u>10:00a.m.</u> Pastoral Care Team	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Vestry Mtg.		
12 <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Rite I <u>9:30a.m.</u> Adult Forum <u>10:30. a.m.</u> Rite II	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	17 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	18 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>				<u>5:00 pm</u> Stephen Minister Mtg.		
19 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II Bishop's Visitation	20	21	22	23 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	24 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	25 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>						
26 <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Rite I <u>9:30a.m.</u> Adult Forum <u>10:30. a.m.</u> Rite II	27	28				
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>						

February 2017~ Service Calendar

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

	February 5, 5 th Sunday after Epiphany Green	February 12, 6 th Sunday after Epiphany Green		February 19, 7 th Sunday after Epiphany Green Bishop's Visitation	February 26, last Sunday after Epiphany Green	
	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
Greeter/ Usher/Oblationer	Greg and Norma Prentice	Michelle Samuel, Al Yeater	Linda Sharp, Dana Fritzges	Dana Fritzges, Carrie Brown	Al Yeater	Linda Sharp, Carrie Brown
Chalicer	Ron Alexander	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Jeff Spaulding	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh
Acolyte(s)	Ron Alexander	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh	Pete McIntosh	Leo Campion	Pete McIntosh
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Charles Samuel	Stephen Jones	Carrie Brown	Irene Hillen	Helen Tuel
Psalm	Ron Alexander	Charles Samuel	Lee Hajek	Dick Wilcher	Irene Hillen	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Kathleen Alexander	Barb Campion	Bill Toole	Nancy McIntosh	Barb Campion	Linda Sharp
Altar Guild	Joanne Honsberger, Barb Campion	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes		Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia	
Coffee Hour	Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice	Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys		Phyllis Heffner	Linda Barnes, Wendy Gahm	
Counter	Irene & Jim Hillen	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges		Nancy & Pete McIntosh	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes	

Happy
Valentine's
Day

