



ST. PAUL'S BEACON

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Recasting our Nets: A Reflection

"Who are we as a church community, why are we here and what is our true purpose?" This is the first question posed by the Blue Horizons facilitators. Perhaps it is a question each of us needs to ask as an individual and as a community of believers.

Similarly, Kotter and Rathgeber ask, "How do you (our congregation) plan, communicate and implement a new vision and purpose for the future?" In their book Our Iceberg Is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions, they offer a fable and then definitive actions a group may consider to help launch a new trajectory into a heretofore uncharted landscape. The call is to deliberate pragmatic change. A change growing out of a new and different initiative that could be exhilarating and exasperating at the same time. Maybe even scary. Possibly how Jeff Spaulding feels before and after he takes that plunge for Special Olympics.

What tools and skills do we collectively need to have change happen successfully? What results are we expecting? Should we even have expectations? Is a consensus required for all of the steps in the decision making process? The authors provide 8 steps to guide the changing and succeeding process. It would be helpful to St. Paul's if all of us read the book. Thereby putting each of us on the same page and just maybe adding clarity about how difficult and necessary change can be.

Most importantly, let each of us answer the question given to us by Blue Horizons. That question and deep prayer can enable member each to begin thinking about St. Paul's future.

A prayer for the Mission of the Church.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Mark Your Calendars

Sunday Summer Schedule
9:00 a.m. service only each week.

Monday, July 10, **7:00 p.m.**
Helping Hands meeting

Monday, July 17 **6:30 p.m.**
Stephen Ministry at Calvary

Faithfully, Carrie A. Brown

SUCH A TIME AS THIS

There is a wonderful book that was published some years ago titled “Eat, Pray, Love.” I want to invite you to fast, pray, and love by advocating for those who have no one to advocate for them.

On May 21, I [joined] with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and many of our ecumenical friends, in fasting for the day, and beginning a fast on the 21st of every month, continuing until the end of the year 2018, when the 115th Congressional session comes to an end.

Here is the reason for that fast: That time of the month, around the 21st of every month, is a very difficult time for people who are on public assistance and have received their assistance earlier in the month. So we will fast and pray, to pray that our government and our leaders will find a way to do what is just and kind and compassionate in the best of the American spirit.

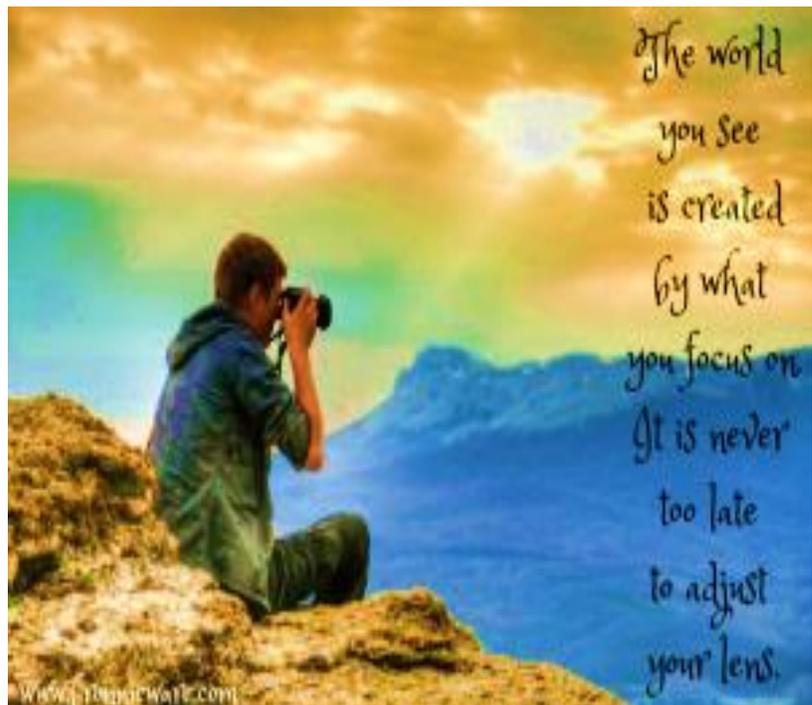
But we will not only fast and pray. We are asking you to join with us in advocating in a variety of ways for the poor, for those who need public assistance, for children who are the primary beneficiaries of most of the forms of assistance that our government provides. We are asking you to join with other Christians and other people of goodwill to help our government reflect the best of the American spirit by feeding the hungry, caring for our children, and making sure that everyone has the opportunities for life and liberty not only in our country, but in our world.

There is a story in the Bible, in the Book of Esther in the Hebrew Scriptures. It is the story of the people of God who found themselves in some tough times, and there was a woman named Esther who rose up and accepted the challenge at some risk to herself. A challenge to save her people when they were in jeopardy. At a moment of decision, when she was trying to decide whether or not she should enter into the work to save her people, someone named Mordecai sent her a word, and said, “Perhaps Esther, you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.”

Maybe we are Esther. Perhaps we in the Episcopal Church, perhaps we in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, perhaps we who are Christians and people of faith and goodwill have come to the kingdom for such a time as this, to help our country make sure that no child goes to bed hungry.

“Eat, Pray, Love” is a wonderful book, but I want to invite you beginning on [June] 21 to fast, to pray, and to love by advocating for our children. God love you, God bless you, and you keep the faith.

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



July's Beacon Theme: Family Ties

TRRC ~ Raising the Roof

This equine connection! What is it that is so mesmerizing, almost seductive? This extraordinary investment in this center is providing it with an opportunity to take both roads: remember Robert Frost's poem The Road Not Taken .Two roads diverge in the yellow wood, both paths promise adventure, "only one can be chosen." The concept sounds more romantic in rhyme, but the best answer is "go ahead, take both roads," to combine the magical power of the horse with specialized knowledge in other disciplines make this concept available to families in their community where they live, work and play. The mantra of Terp football legend Rich Novak "Don't play safe, win with true grit, guts under pressure, resilience in defeat, not safe plotters, a capacity for hard work and midnight oil, courage, humor, and pessimism." I love pessimists! Let me tell you why. They leave nothing to chance; they are never satisfied, always pushing, raising the bar, questioning, annoying, remembering annoyance knows no season! Remembering that a different perspective is a good thing, leading past the naysayers to new agendas. We rallied the community, and investigated government programs, all with the rally cry of refusing to give up or to fail. Remember Winston Churchill's quote to his beloved countrymen: "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm." TRRC needed partners to accomplish its goal to create a community of promise, to connect children with the resources they need to grow and thrive, to build spaces where citizens can gather, exchange ideas, develop social bonds so challenges can be overcome, and lead to a richer quality of life. We need high-tech and high-touch. So, Finish Line Youth Foundation, HCED and the TRRC committee, thank you for believing in us and loving the children in our care, to give them hopeful futures filled with endless possibilities and brimming with success. When TRRC thinks of this collective generosity and how you have helped change the lives of children, whom you may never meet or know, this center is so grateful. TRRC will take it from here. Helen Tuel, Ph.D



The Rev. Roger Paul Butts died on May 29, 2017, 12 days after his 81st birthday. Fr. Butts graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary. He began his ministry at Deer Park Methodist Church and Stone Chapel Methodist Church in Reisterstown. Following his interest in the Episcopal Church, he attended Virginia Theological Seminary.

He was the curate and then rector of Ascension and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Rockdale. In October 1981, he was appointed vicar of the organized mission of St. Paul's. Fr. Butts introduced the Mitchell Mass to our congregation and this service setting was our standard music while he was vicar. During his tenure and under the leadership of Paul Bourg and Vern Prentice, St. Paul's became an independent parish in May 1986. Also a Paschal Meal was added to the Maundy Thursday practices and many remodeling projects took place, including renovations in the chancel, sanctuary and nave. One Easter, he said if 100 people attended church, he would drink champagne from the church roof. The church was filled -100 plus - and so he climbed the ladder toasting Easter from the roof, with the congregation holding their own glass of champagne.

When Fr. Butts left St. Paul's, he became chaplain at Church Home and Hospital. He was then rector of the St. Paul's Chestertown and retired as associate rector from Emmanuel Church, Baltimore. Fr. Butts collected stamps of the English monarchy and published a book in DC form using his stamps to tell the history of the British Monarchy. He also collected Academy Award winning films, enjoyed music and trivia. He taught courses in speech, philosophy and English at several colleges. He was a true humanitarian, loved people, laughing, Irish Whiskey and was always there for friends and others in need. Whatever he did – he did it well. Later in life he had medical issues. However he never lost his zest for life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice and condolences may be sent to Mrs. Lois Butts, 617 Morning Glory Drive, Hanover, PA 17331

May light perpetual shine upon him. Linda Barnes

Need Help with a Small Task? A Short Errand?

St. Paul's Church started the **Helping Hands Program** to meet the needs of those in our community who simply need a hand with tasks they can't manage on their own.

Call St. Paul's Church 410-489-4411 to learn more

New volunteers always welcome!



IDEAS / SUGGESTIONS				
<i>Light Cleaning</i>	<i>Give a ride</i>	<i>Move something</i>	<i>Take the trash out</i>	<i>Raking</i>
<i>Delivery</i>	<i>Grass Cutting</i>	<i>Pick up something (Rx, grocery)</i>	<i>Car Washing</i>	<i>Buddy Call</i>
<i>Feed - walk dog / cat</i>	<i>Hang something</i>	<i>Shovel the snow</i>	<i>Weeding / Planting</i>	NO CHILD CARE

Episcopal Night at Camden Yards

Friday, August 4, 7:05 pm Orioles vs the Detroit Tigers. Tickets, purchased as a group, are \$12 per person. Each church will be seated together in the sections designated for the Episcopal Diocese and will be given a shout out during the game. Let's go support "them O's" and our Diocese. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. and carpool from the church. Tickets must be purchased by July 9. Please let Linda Barnes know, ASAP, if you plan to attend so we will know how many tickets to purchase for St. Paul's. This year the tickets can be printed from St. Paul's email, so no one has to drive to Baltimore to pick them up in advance. Tickets will **not** be sold at the box office for the group price. Come join the fun! Bring family and friends and enjoy an evening with your fellow Episcopalians.

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A BIG THANK YOU! To all who helped make our Yard Sale, on Saturday, June 3rd a success. St. Paul's is so blessed to have many willing helpful and wonderful people in our parish family. We had delicious food, plenty of homemade goodies at the bake table, happy customers and vendors selling their wares.

To all who worked at St. Paul's table, directed traffic, baked goodies, cooked burgers/hotdogs and helped in other ways, your halos are shining so well. Everything you did was greatly appreciated. The yard sale made \$900.

Linda Barnes

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 for more information.

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 Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:30 -3:00. Phyllis Weston & Kathy Audia

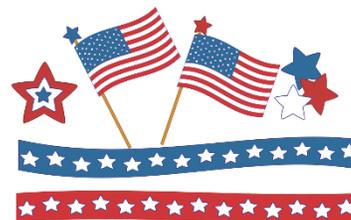
St. Paul's Nearly New
Thrift Shop
!! Bargains Galore !!

Each month a different theme will be featured in The St. Paul's Beacon.

You are invited to share in this ministry and write a reflection or thoughts on the theme of the month. The theme for August is Family Ties. Please submit your reflection to the parish office by the 20th of the month.

Happy Birthday To:

Landon Reeve	July 03
Susan Kelley	July 05
Etta Lee Spaulding	July 09
Trudi Lawson	July 12
Mi-Ling Jones	July 14
Anthony Edwards	July 16
Al Yeater	July 21



Happy Anniversary To:

Stephen & Mi-Ling Jones	July 02
Rev. Susan & Paul Keller	July 03
Suzanne & Paul Bourg	July 16
Linda & Ron Sharp	July 26

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

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
Herb Grabau
John Tuel
Delphine Koval
John Belous
Bill Aaron
Albert Hutchison
Ryan Merton
Kathleen Rumpl
Nancy McIntosh
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
Jeni Cassera
Lloyd Fennell
Becky
Nathan Buckley
Ben Weston
Wendy
Susan
Natalie
Tom
Kamin

*Lord of Heaven,
I rest underneath your
mighty wings of love.
I dwell within your
gentle heart.
I know there is healing in
your touch. Through the
sufferings of Christ I can
ask for restoration
And trust in your
goodness. You are my
Lord, my Saviour,
My healer and my
friend. I dwell within
your gentle embrace.
Amen.*

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

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



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.

July 2017 ~ Service Calendar

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT

	July 2 4th Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 9, 5th Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 16, 6th Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 23, 7th Sunday after Pentecost Green	July 30, 8th Sunday after Pentecost Green
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher		Dana Fritzges, Linda Sharp	Linda Barnes, Dana Fritzges		Linda Sharp, Dana Fritzges
Chalicer	Ron Alexander	Jeff Spaulding	Leo Campion	Jeff Spaulding	Carrie Brown
Acolyte	Pete McIntosh	Carrie Brown	Leo Campion	Ron Alexander	Pete McIntosh
Lector	Charles Samuel	Phyllis Heffner	Dorothy Kitt	Irene Hillen	Stephen Jones
Psalm	Al Yeater	Stephen Jones	Barb Campion	Helen Tuel	Lee Hajek
Prayers of the People	Charles Samuel	Bill Toole	Linda Sharp	John Tuel	Nancy McIntosh
Altar Guild	Etta Lee & Linda S.	Dana & Kathy	Joanne & Barb	Suzanne & Linda B	Etta Lee & Linda S
Coffee Hour	Michele & Suzanne	Phyllis H & Jeni	Linda B & Wendy	Ginny & Helen	Joanne & Celeste
Counter	Linda S & Linda B	Celeste & John	Lynda & Etta Lee	Irene & Jim	Lynda & Dana

July 2017 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
2 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	3	4	5 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	6 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	7 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	8 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>						
9 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	10	11	12 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	13 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	14 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	15 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>						
16 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	17	18	19 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	20 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	21 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	22 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision at Calvary</i>					
23 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>	24	25	26 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	27 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	28 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	29 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
30 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite I <i>Hospitality Hour following I</i>	31					