

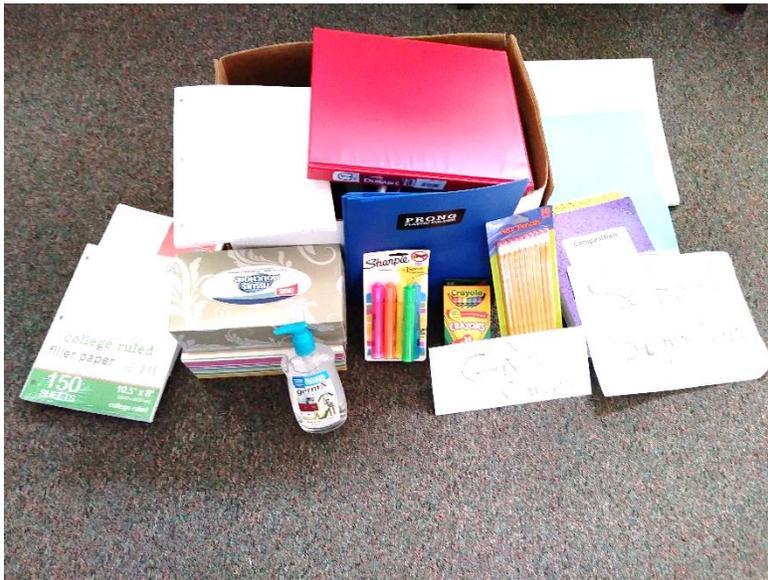


ST. PAUL'S BEACON

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
16457 Old Frederick Road,
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September 2017

St. Paul's Outreach



A sample of the 7 boxes of school supplies plus gift cards delivered to Parrs Ridge by Dick Wilcher.

A New School Year

St. Paul's Outreach Committee has partnered with Parrs Ridge Elementary School to ensure no child will be without the necessities needed for success.

Thank you Celeste Humphreys and Michele Samuel for leading the school supply drive and to all our parishioners for your generous contributions.

Prayer for School ~ Sending off a Child to School

Child of my heart, may the blessing of the Holy Trinity go with you today.

May the Father's strength keep you secure.

May Christ our true Wisdom guide your learning.

May the Holy Spirit make you glad and good.

May the enfolding of the Trinity hold you and bring you,
at day's end safely home. *Jennifer Phillips*

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. service each week.

Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m. Helping Hands meeting.

Sunday, Sept 10, 4:00 p.m. Evensong

Monday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry at the home of a Calvary Stephen Minister

Sunday, Sept 24 2:00 p.m. Crop Walk at St. James, Mt. Airy

Survey Results ~ Please see pages 10 & 11 of the newsletter for the results of the survey taken Sunday, August 20th.

One Worship Service at 9:00a.m.

In order to embrace the totality of our gifts and spirit, we will continue to have **ONE** worship service at **9:00 a.m.** each Sunday. We realize that this is a compromise all of us will make for the sake of our St. Paul's family. It is an opportunity to hear the Word, pray, and commune together as one body in Christ; therefore, strengthening our church life for the future that the Holy Spirit is working with us to embrace. Please mark your calendars and joyfully look forward to what God is calling St. Paul's to do.

Evensong

An invitation to **Evensong at St. Paul's, Sunday, September 10th, at 4:00 p.m.**

Please come and join in Evensong, a distinctly Anglican service that is sung throughout the world. Its origins lie in the pattern of monastic worship, which dates to the earliest form of Christian worship. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) merged the two monastic services of Vespers and Compline to create the form of the service we are using today. It has been largely unchanged since the introduction of the English Prayer Book of 1549.

In this worship the choir and rector serve as the worship leaders. Evensong is different from other forms of worship. In that it requires worshiping by listening, while the choir and rector offer music and liturgy on behalf of the congregation through the music and lessons. There is no Eucharist.

This service is offered to enrich our worship program and does not replace our Sunday morning service.

A Reflection: The Eclipse

On Monday, August 21st, the crowds gathered, armed with special eye glasses, united in purpose, and looked up into the sky. A wonder to behold. The Spirit woke. The Word spoke. Peace! Be still. In the wee hours of the morning, Stacey Firth, a member of Christ Church, Columbia, wrote: "2:30 a.m., stop and go traffic on I-81, no hotels available, rest stops packed. **TOTALLY WORTH IT!**" Last Monday's celestial display reminds me of Psalm 24. "*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. For it is God who formed it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of*



the deep.” How great, Lord, is your Creation. And, how marvelous it is to know that your love is more vast than what we can see of stars and planets. And, that your grace is more glorious than the depths of limitless galaxies. Canon Angela Shephard tells us, via Facebook, “Like a breath of fresh air, we were united by something completely out of our control! This was a much needed respite. Thanks to the Creator of the universe!” Yes! I had been bemoaning the winds and waves of the turbulent seas of fear, war and uncertainty, and there it is - an eclipse of the sun. For a moment, I see that we are all earthlings. May I/ we/ humankind, eclipse our desire for easy answers, personal comfort, immediate satisfactions, for the freedom to have the wholeness of love, the reward of peace and the promise of eternal compassion. God’s wondrous love and the wonders of God’s works eclipse the known and unknown – everything – all of creation. The Spirit woke. The Word spoke. **Peace! Be still.** Carrie A. Brown

Crop Walk ~ September 24, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

The walk will be from St. James, Mount Airy to Calvary on Main Street and back. Since “back” is uphill there will be shuttles for those who prefer to opt out of that challenge! More details to come later in August.



On Sunday, October 1st, the vicar of St. Hilda’s, Catonsville, the Rev. Dr. Jason A. Poling, will be our guest preacher. He is visiting the churches in our region to update the status of St. Hilda’s and to ask for help/guidance to move St. Hilda’s towards a firmer foundation.

Acolyte Festival 2017 Saturday, **October 7th** 10:a.m. at the Washington National Cathedral. Festival details, online registration, and downloadable forms are available at cathedral.org/acolyte

Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends On Tuesday, **October 17th**, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Boscov’s will hold their “Friends Helping Friends” day to participating non-profit groups. St. Paul’s will be taking part again this year. Tickets, which are provided by Boscov’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 or 15%, or 10% off other items –even discount – on sale items.

All information is printed on the tickets. Also, the ticket makes you eligible to win prizes. Just fill in the stub at the bottom of the ticket. Joanne Honsberger and Lee Hajek will be selling tickets that day at the Westminister store. They will be located at one of the store entrances. Last year St. Paul’s made \$190. To purchase a ticket at the 9:00 a. m. service, see Irene Hillen or Etta Lee Spaulding. During the week see Lynda Sheckels in the church office. The tickets are good at any Boscov’s store – Westminister, Frederick, White Marsh and Salisbury. There is no cost to St. Paul’s to participate in this event. Any questions, please see or call Linda Barnes at 443-604-3402.

St. Paul’s ~ ALL YOU CAN EAT ~ Lasagna Dinner will be **Saturday, November 4th**, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Your help is needed for this event to be a success. The menu is: lasagna (meat, vegetarian) garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverages. There will be hot dogs for children not liking

lasagna. Carry out available; free will offering. Sign-up sheets for the needed food and help, (especially men to carry the lasagna pans from the basement), will be in the parish hall by Sunday, September 24th. Also, there will be flyers about the dinner, so please take some to give out to your friends, neighbors and relatives. Remember YOU are part of publicity.

Bazaar of the Churches ~ St. Paul's will participate in the Community Bazaar of the Churches on **Saturday, November 18th**, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Lisbon Fire Hall. We will be selling raffle tickets, baked/sweet items, cheese balls, crafts, collectibles, gifts-to-go, gourmet to go and ornaments. Also, any monetary donations are appreciated to help purchase supplies for bread making and cheese ball making. We will need your craft items; homemade jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, baked and sweet items. Whatever your talent is, put it to work to make this event successful.

One of our Raffles is an afghan made by Wendy Gahm
 You can see Wendy's lovely and loving handiwork in the parish hall. You can own this beautiful work of art. It is one of the raffle items to be featured at the Community Bazaar of the Churches, Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Lisbon Fire Hall. Be sure to purchase raffle tickets. You have to buy to win!



Trail of Souls

The fourth annual **Trail of Souls Event** will be held on **Saturday, November 4, 2017**. This day-long event, "A Baltimore Journey," will be the second Trail of Souls Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will begin at **9:00 AM** at the Diocesan Center, and will include stops at four historic Baltimore churches. Plan now to attend and watch for upcoming details.

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.



We provide this service at no cost to you.

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

New volunteers always welcome!



<i>IDEAS / SUGGESTIONS</i>				
<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>	<i>NO CHILD CARE</i>

Scrip Gift Cards

Remember to order your Scrip gift cards. We are creatures of habit. Once we get in the habit of regularly buying gift cards, we are amazed at how convenient it is to help the church and ourselves at the same time. For example, all of us buy food and gas. It is an easy fundraiser. Plan ahead - before we know it the holidays will be here. So see Pete McIntosh and stock up on the cards of your choice.

A Pastoral Note:

We know Alan Yeater has been faithful in his ministry to veterans. Let all of us remember our sick and shut-ins through prayers and visits. Please let the Pastoral Care Team know of anyone needing a pastoral visit.

Stephen Ministry

**The
Before
and After
People**



You know Stephen Ministers as the “after” caregivers. After the phone call you hoped you’d never get; after the funeral; after the pink slip. Sometimes “after” can be “during” a situation. During an estrangement; during a diagnosed physical or mental illness; during the use of drugs, by a relative or friend.

All of these can cause one to grieve in the “now.” Stephen Ministers, here at St. Paul’s, along with Calvary’s Stephen Ministers are available to help you, or someone you know, both before and/or after incidents of loss or difficulty. This distinctively Christian ministry of care is always available for you. Our ministry is a one-to-one confidential relationship between the minister (the caregiver) and you (the care receiver). Confidentiality is promised. Be assured we are a thriving ministry. Please contact 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 October is “Autumn.” Please submit your reflection to the parish office by the 20th of the month.

Happy Birthday To:

Carrie Brown	Sept 02
Linda Sharp	Sept 10
John Tuel	Sept 14
Suzanne Bourg	Sept 14
Greg Prentice	Sept 24



Happy Anniversary To:

Robin & Pat McCourt Sept 26

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities. When God doesn’t solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

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
Katie
Luke
Howard
Barbara
Steve

*Dear God,
We place our
worries in Your
hands.
We ask that You
restore Your servant
to health again.
Above all, grant us
the grace to
acknowledge Your
holy will*

*and know that
whatsoever You do,
You do for the love
of us. 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: stpaulschurchmtairy@verizon.net www.stpaulsmtairy.org

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



Lord, bless and guide all students and staff as they begin or return to school. Give them an open willing heart to learn and grown. Amen

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.



Autumn Blessings!



September 2017 ~ Service Calendar

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT

	September 3, 13th Sunday after Pentecost Green	September 10, 14th Sunday after Pentecost Green	September 17, 15th Sunday after Pentecost Green	September 24, 16th Sunday after Pentecost Green
	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>9:00 A. M.</u>	<u>9:00 A. M.</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Greeter/usher	Michele Samuel	Dana Fritzges, Linda Sharp	Al Yeater	Dana Fritzges, Carrie Brown
Chalicer/Acolyte	Ron Alexander	Leo Champion	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh
Lector	Charles Samuel	Dorothy Kitt	Stephen Jones	Helen Tuel
Psalm	Al Yeater	Phyllis Heffner	Irene Hillen	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Lee Hajek	Bill Toole	Barb Champion	Nancy McIntosh
Altar Guild	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia	Joanne Honsberger, Barb Champion	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp,
Coffee Hour	Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice	Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys	Phyllis Heffner, Jeni Cassera	Linda Barnes, Wendy Gahm
Counter	Irene & Jim Hillen	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	Nancy & Pete McIntosh	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes

September 2017 ~ Church Calendar

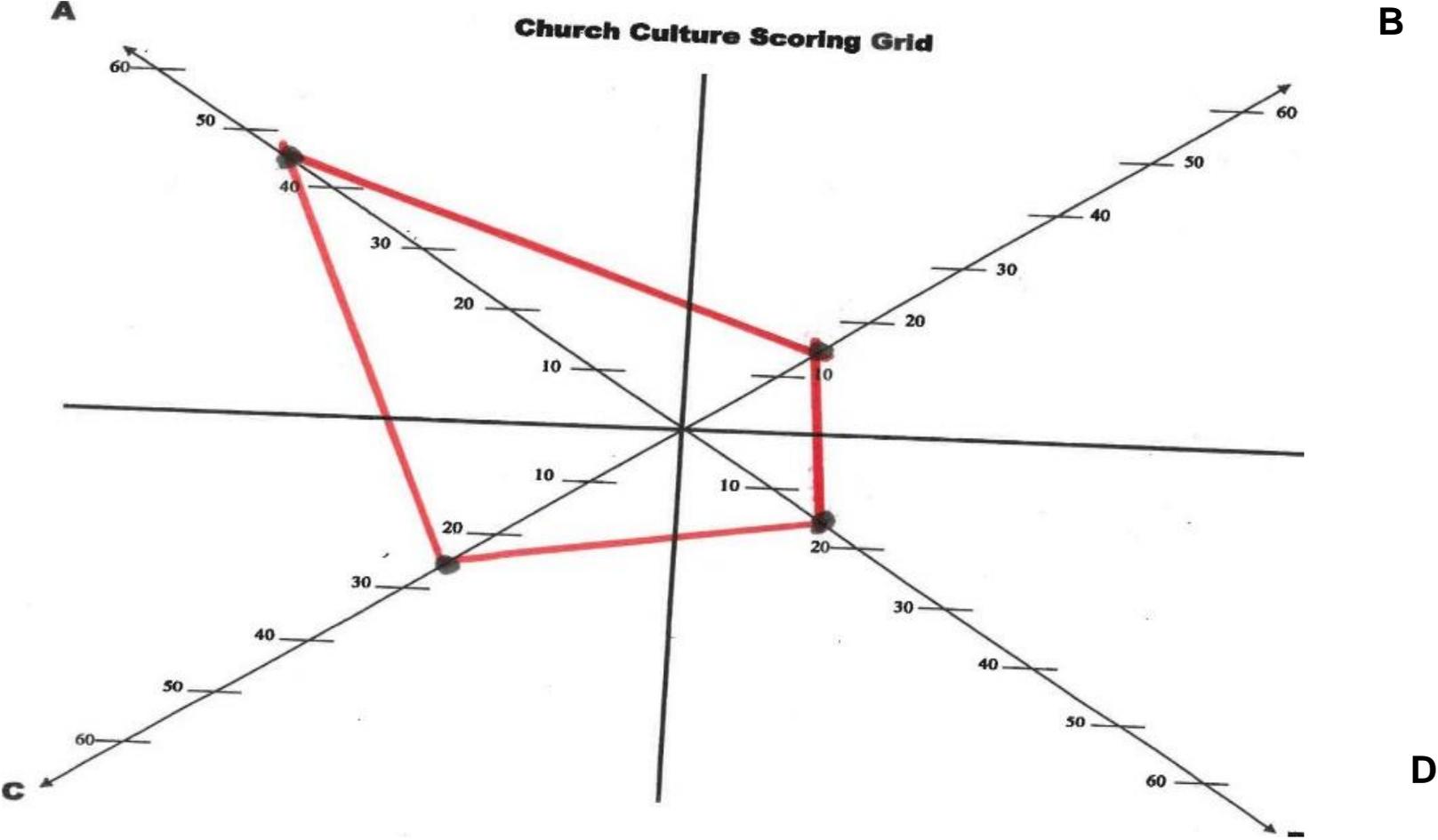
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	2 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
3 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	7 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	8 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open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

Survey Results

The grid shows the average of the survey done by members. Our highest scores were in **Community**. (section A) Next highest was in **Structure** (section C). Next highest was in **Impact** (section D). Our lowest was in **Flexibility** (section B).

What can we do to enhance our impact and mission?

How much do you know about our impact and mission?



Church Culture

Congregational Identity, Focus, and Dominant Value

People

A Community

This church is characterized by a warm, close-knit fellowship. Unity and community are the dominant values. The focus is inward and people-oriented. This congregation sees themselves as the “household of faith” (*Galatians 6:10*) and the family of God.

Inward

C Structure

This church is characterized by a well-functioning and frugal organization. Order and efficiency are the dominant values. The focus is inward and on the task. The congregation sees itself as fulfilling Paul’s command to do all things “decently and in order” (*1 Corinthians 14:40*)

B Flexibility

This church is characterized by creativity, innovation, and edginess. Finding new ways to tell the old, old story is the dominant value. The focus is on people but people who are outside of the church. This congregation sees themselves as the “new wineskins” foretold by Jesus. (*Luke 5:37-39*)

Outward

D Impact

This church is characterized by results and impact. Mission is the dominant value. The focus is outward and task-oriented. This congregation sees themselves as the Church Triumphant, storming the gates of hell. (*Matthew 16-18*).

Task