



ST. PAUL'S BEACON

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Casting Our Nets ~Sharing, Love, Service and Compassion

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

"Christian Presence"

Most of us are not concerned about Christians being present where we live. Most of us take it for granted that Christians have been and will continue to be a part of the fabric of our neighborhoods. This is not the case in what we often call the "Holy Land". We have seen the results of enormous pressure brought upon Christians in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere to leave their homes under the onslaught of fundamentalism. Tens of thousands have become refugees. Political realities in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza have limited access to education, health care and opportunities which have prompted some families to re-locate. Numbers are very politically charged, but it is safe to say that something far less than 10% of the population in the region are made up of indigenous Christians.

The importance of Christians living and working in the region is essential to a civil society. Christians provide a vital bridge between Muslims and Jews through organizations like the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, meeting in Jerusalem, which brings together leaders of all three Abrahamic faiths for discussion on topics of common concern.

Education, health programs and pastoral care are the essential tools which are used throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East which bring people together and provide examples of day to day cooperation and efforts to build a shared future to benefit all. Teachers and students; doctors, nurses and patients; clergy immersed in an inter-faith context all bear witness to the love of Christ in their relationships throughout the region.

The Good Friday Offering is a response from throughout the Episcopal Church in support of Christians in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our church-wide effort to provide meaningful support for these "living stones" of the faith we share in Jesus Christ gives them hope for a future where perhaps, by God's grace, we will no longer have to be concerned about the ongoing presence of Christians throughout the region where our Lord lived, died and rose again.

The Episcopal Church ~ Bishop Curry

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Service each week.

Sunday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. Evensong.

Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. Helping Hands Meeting.

Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. Soup & Lenten Study at St. Paul's.

Monday, March 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision at Calvary.

Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting.

Wednesday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. Soup & Lenten Study at St. Paul's.

Sunday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. Guest Speaker Sue Veers from Mt. Airy Net.

Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. Soup & Lenten Study at St. Paul's.

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service.

Friday, March 30, 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Michaels. 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. Paul's

Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Paul's with St. James & Grace.

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. Easter Celebration at St. Paul's. Brunch following.

Soup Supper ~ Lenten Study and Worship

“Step by Step with Jesus: A journey toward a more abundant life for all”

February 21, Theme “Opening our Eyes”
6:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Glen.

February 28, Theme “Opening our Ears”
6:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Glen.

March 7, Theme “Opening our Hands”
6:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s.

March 14, Theme “Opening our Hearts”
6:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s.

March 21, Theme “Opening our Lives”
6:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s.



Holy Week

March 25, Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s.

March 29, Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s.

March 30, Good Friday
1:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at St. Michael’s.
Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Service at St. Paul’s.

March 31, Easter Vigil at St. Paul’s.
7:30 p.m. With Grace, New Market and St. James, Mt. Airy.

April 1, Easter Service Celebration
9:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. service ~ Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. It is a time when we journey with Jesus to the Cross by experiencing Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem for the Passover festivities. The crowds welcomed Jesus with songs, Hosannas and palm branches. The service goes from a joyful tone to the dramatic reading of the Passion.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. service ~ Maundy Thursday’s commemoration of the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples and His mandate “to love as He loved” is demonstrated through Jesus’ washing His disciples’ feet. The service ends in silence as the altar is “stripped”, the aumbry, where the reserved sacrament is kept, is left empty and open. The aumbry candle which is always burning to signify the presence of Christ – is extinguished until the Easter Vigil or the first service of Easter.

Good Friday – March 30, 1:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service – Stations of the Cross held at St. Michaels Catholic Church, St. Michael's Rd., Mt. Airy.

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Reserved Sacrament at St. Paul's

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's ~ Community service with St. James and Grace,.

Easter Day, April 1, 9:00 a.m. Service of the Resurrection, is the most high holy day in Christendom. It is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Following the Easter Service, there will be a brunch. A sign-up sheet will be on the parish hall on Sunday, March 11th. Please help where you can. Any questions, see or call Linda Barnes 443-604-3402.



*Doing Good Deeds for
Jesus*

Help Needed for All Extra Services During Holy Week. Please sign up where you can help. Readers, chalice, acolyte, greeters, readers of psalms, prayers of the people needed for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter.

Palm Sunday is March 25th and we will have the distribution of palm to the congregation and palm branches in place of flowers. The price for all the palm is \$80. If you would like to help defray all or some of the cost, please call the church office by March 18th. One person or several people can help to underwrite the cost. This can be given as a memorial, thanksgiving or just a donation.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 11th. Retiring vestry members: Lee Hajek, Polly Moore, Greg Prentice and Dick Wilcher were thanked for their service on the Vestry. New Vestry Members elected are: Kathleen Alexander and Landon Reeve. The 2018 Officers are: Senior Warden - Jeff Spaulding; Junior Warden - Pete McIntosh; Treasurer - Linda Sharp; Registrar - Nancy McIntosh. Congratulations to all.

The Polar Bear Plunge – **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the yearly plunge that took place Saturday, January 27th in the chilly waters of the Chesapeake Bay. St. Paul's always sponsors Jeff Spaulding as he takes the plunge for the Maryland Special Olympics. Jeff turned in a total of \$1,650.00 from other sources along with St. Paul's donation of \$500.00. So glad we could help Jeff and this worthy cause.

Our Sincere Sympathy to the Bourg Family: Our dear beloved Paul Jackson Bourg, 74, died on Monday, January 15th after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. At St. Paul's he served as a Vestry member, Junior and Senior Warden, lay chalice, taught Sunday School, carried the American Flag for the Veteran's Day service and the 4th of July service and took an active part attending the different church events. He headed up the committee when St. Paul's became un-yoked from St. James, Mt. Airy and became an independent parish.

He was a 20 year veteran of the Maryland Air National Guard. He was also in the Army National Guard, an Eagle Scout, a member of Patmoas Lodge #70, a Boumi Shriner, and Glenwood Lions club. He worked in telecommunications and retired from AT&T with 30 years' experience and then worked for Government Service Agency in Washington. His last project was working with the Clinton

Campaign. Paul loved to fish, go camping, boating, gardening and he never let his Parkinson's get in the way or stop him from going places with Suzanne and the family.

In 2013 he traveled abroad with his granddaughters. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Paul treasured his time with his family. He and Suzanne were married for 51 ½ years. His children are: Jean (Mike), Andrea (Troy), Paul (Tina), Peter (Mary). His grandchildren are: Amanda, Emily, Jacob, Andrew, Morgan, Luke, Jackson, Ryan, Nolan, Tristen, Harper and Reed. His sister is Carol Galifianakis (George) and he had one niece and three nephews.

Paul was the backbone of St. Paul's and he will always be lovingly remembered.

We also extend sincere sympathy to:

Dick Wilcher and family on the death of his father, Frank, who died Sunday, February 19. Frank, age 89, lived in Hilton Head South Carolina. A "Celebration of Life" will be held in March in South Carolina. May light perpetual shine upon him.

Many Thanks to all who brought food for the brunch following the Sunday, February 11th Congregational Meeting. All the food was delicious with a nice variety. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a success. Many, many thanks to all who helped by donating the needed food items and giving of your time. Total profit is \$350. Those attending thanked us and said the food was delicious and the fellowship great. All your help is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date: April 15, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. A concert benefitting our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico. Featuring Mr. Orlando Cotto, Percussionist and band leader, an evening of Latin Jazz with refreshments. Look for more details in the next St. Paul's Beacon.



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>

Reminder: March is St. Paul's time to replenish the shelves of Mt. Airy Net Food Pantry. All kinds of canned goods, crackers, toiletries and baby items are needed. Those empty shelves need to be filled.

Change Clocks: Daylight Saving time begins on Sunday, March 11th, before going to bed on Saturday night, set your clocks ahead one hour if you want to be on time for the 9:00 a.m. service.

Offering Envelopes – In your box of offering envelopes there is an envelope for Sunday, April 1st and one for Easter. They are two different offerings. The envelope for April 1st is to use for your regular Sunday offering and

the envelope marked "Easter" is for your special Easter offering.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop
Helpers are still needed to sort and restock on Monday and Wednesday mornings, as you are available. We also need volunteers to sell in the shop at least one day per month on a regular basis.

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

Shop is open
Wednesday, 11:00 – 2:00,
Thursday, Friday and
Saturday, 11:30 -3:00.

Phyllis Weston & Kathy Audia

Happy Birthday To

Stephen Jones	Mar. 08
Doris Wilcher	Mar. 15
James Cassera	Mar. 16
Anne Caldwell	Mar. 16
Dave Lawson	Mar. 25



Prayer List

Suzanne Bourg
Dave & Trudi Lawson
Nancy McIntosh
Carolyn Prentice
Keith Prentice
Greg Prentice
John Tuel
Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater
Phyllis Heffner
Pat Marquis
Doris Sharp
Bill Winebrunner
Joannie Lee
Allene VonHurst
Al Parker
Craig Johnson
Jeffrey Johnson
Lora Hollands
Pam Sherfey
Debbie Gardner
Ann Boyles
Sandra & Stanley Napier
Lynn Carr
Allison Poleger
Patsy Mavity
Donna Shurney
Kaye Rineer
Janice Esler
Herb Grabau
Delphine Koval
Bill Aaron
Ryan Merton
Kathleen Rumble
Brian Thompson
James Anthony
Kayleigh McIntosh
Bev
Lloyd Fennell
Nathan Buckley
Ben Weston
Wendy
Susan Hughes
Natalia
Tom
Karin
Katie
Luke



Barbara
Steve
Michelle Josephs
Sadie Settlemyer

*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.

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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"



March 2018 ~ 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>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
4 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	5 <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Helping Hands		7 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	8 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	9 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	10 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
4:00 p.m. Evensong	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Stephen Ministry Supervision at Calvary		<u>6 p.m.</u> Soup Supper & Lenten Study at St. Paul's	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Vestry Meeting		
11 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	12	13	14 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	15 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	16 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	17 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i> Guest Speaker Sue Veers			<u>6 p.m.</u> Soup Supper & Lenten Study at St. Paul's			
18 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	19	20	21 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	22 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	23 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	24 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Stephen Ministry Supervision at Calvary		<u>6 p.m.</u> Soup Supper & Lenten Study at St. Paul's			
25 Palm Sunday <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	26	27	28 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	29 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	30 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	31 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>				Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	Good Friday ** 7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil *** 7:30 p.m.

** Good Friday ~ Ecumenical Service ~ Stations of the Cross 1:00 p. m. at St. Michaels

*** Easter Vigil at St. Paul's with St. James and Grace.

March 2018 ~ SERVICE CALENDAR

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT

	March 4, 3rd Sunday in Lent Blue	March 11, 4th Sunday in Lent Rose	March 18, 5th Sunday in Lent Blue	March 25, Palm Sunday Red
	9:00 A.M.	9:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	9:00 A.M.
Greeter/usher	Linda Barnes, Dana Fritzges	Michele Samuel, Al Yeater	Dana Fritzges, Linda Sharp	Linda Barnes, Linda Sharp
Chalicer/Acolyte	Ron Alexander	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh	Carrie Brown
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Charles Samuel	Dick Wilcher	Helen Tuel
Psalm	Carrie Brown	Phyllis Heffner	John Tuel	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Lee Hajek	Linda Sharp	Phyllis Heffner	Lee Hajek
Altar Guild	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia	Etta Lee Spaulding, Linda Sharp	Joanne Honsberger	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes
Coffee Hour	Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice	Joanne Honsberger, Celeste Humphreys	Phyllis Heffner, Jeni Cassera	Linda Barnes, Wendy Gahm
Counter	Celeste Humphreys, John Tuel	Lynda Sheckels, Etta Lee Spaulding	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	Nancy & Pete McIntosh