



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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Casting Our Nets in the Presence of God

In the past month or so, St. Paul's has been especially inviting the presence of God to be with us during this time of transition. And it is working! We have been asking for a presence of mind not to be afraid and to be confident in our trust of God and each other. To know we are in a safe space to offer ideas and dreams without fear of rejection – even if one's idea is put on the back burner. To know we do not have to defend our thoughts or actions because they are grounded in God's presence. St. Paul's has handed over to our loving, life-giving, liberating God, our worries, our hopes and our whole being. As a congregation working together to revitalize our mission and worship, we have to recognizing that the presence of God is here to guide and bless us. God is always working with us but we don't always see or feel his presence. How do I/we recognize God's presence? Please feel free to write your answer to this question and send it to stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net Subject: Newsletter. Carrie A. Brown

Mark Your Calendars

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

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30
a.m. Crochet time.

Tuesday, Sept. 24,
6:30 p.m. Vestry
Meeting.

Monday, Sept. 2 & 23,
6:30 p.m. Stephen
Ministry at Calvary.

Stewardship and Scrip

As a parish that is in the process of discerning paths forward, we know finances – in part – determine parameters and program possibilities. Your Long Term Planning Team (thanks to Wendy Gahm & Kathleen Alexander) have initiated fundraising and visibility projects.

Before you can blink, it will be pledge time again. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. What can we do to end our fiscal year in good (meaning not in the red) shape? Yes, we can make sure our pledges are met. We can fill those "extra offering envelopes". We can make loving donations. We can invite others to "Come and See." ...

We are all busy. Perhaps we have done and continue to do all of the above. What else is there? **SCRIP!** May we offer a challenge? Each of us can pledge to buy "Scrip". Beginning now, buy at least \$100 worth of gift cards each month. Mix and match to reach your goal. \$10 Dunkin Donuts; \$25 Boscov's; \$50 Outback; \$100 Lowes. Well you get the idea. Holidays and birthdays are year round. When in doubt books,

restaurants, movies, and amazon.com cards are great choices. A little planning is involved. However, the investment of your time is worth the effort. Best of all, it is so easy and does not cost you extra money. You receive what you pay for – the face value of the gift card and St. Paul's benefits from your purchase. Also you can use SCRIP when buying supplies for St. Paul's. And you and your recipient will be happy. Our hope is to have 100% participation in this challenge. Think of your feeling of joy in knowing you have helped St. Paul's end the year financially stable because of your contribution via "Scrip." Your pledge: **"I/we commit to purchasing at least \$100 worth of gift cards each month as an addition to my/our ongoing stewardship responsibility."** If you have any questions I would be glad to answer them.

Pete McIntosh

Upcoming Events

Saturday ~ Aug. 24, 2019, Mt. Airy Festival - St. Paul's table. 5-8 p.m. We invite Stephen ministers, Helping Hands and Thrift Shop to join Wendy Gahm and Kathleen Alexander so we can share the St. Paul's story.

Saturday ~ Sept. 7, 2019. Retirement Party for Rev. Susan at TRRC from 4-7 p.m. A sign-up sheet for dishes is in the parish Hall.

Sunday ~ Sept. 8, 2019, a Retirement Liturgy will take place at our usual Sunday service.

Sunday ~ Sept. 15, 2019 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall a revival of "The Silver Tea" which began at St. Paul's over 100 years ago.

Saturday ~Sept. 21, 2019 ~ Crop Walk at Watkins Park! See Wendy Gahm for details!

Saturday ~ Oct. 5, 2019, Blessing of the Animals. Outdoors at St. Paul's. 3:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ Oct. 12, 2019. Lasagna Dinner. 4:30 -7:00 p.m.

Outreach In Action

The garden is growing well. Weeders are welcome. Stay tuned for the vegetables!

The bulletin board in the Parish Hall is your place to look for vestry minutes, financial reports and more!

Crochet time will be held in the Parish Hall, Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Come join in the fun! Questions: email wendygahm@yahoo.com Wendy Gahm

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" on Wednesday, **October 16, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.** Boscov's will hold their "Friends Helping Friends" day for 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 purchase. Plus, you receive 25%, 15% or 10% off most items – even discount sale items. All information is printed on the ticket and the ticket makes you eligible to win prizes. Suzanne Bourg 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 \$260.00. To purchase a ticket at the 9:00 a.m. service see Linda Barnes, Suzanne Bourg, Lee Hajek or Lynda Sheckels in the church office. The tickets are good at any Boscov's store. There is no cost to St. Paul's to participate in this event. Any questions, please see or call Linda Barnes, 443-604-3402.

St. Paul's "All You Can Eat Lasagna Dinner" will be Saturday, October 12, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Your help is needed for this event to be a success. The menu is lasagna (meat and vegetarian), hot dogs (for children not liking lasagna), garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverages. Carry out available. Free will offering. Sign-up sheets for needed food and help (especially men to carry the lasagna pans up from the basement) will be in the parish hall by Sunday, September 8. There will be flyers about the dinner available to give out to your friends, neighbors and relatives. Please take some. Remember the congregation is part of publicity.



Church Calendars Orders may be placed for 2020 Church Liturgical Calendars. The cost per calendar is \$5.00. If you would like a calendar, please sign-up on the sheet with a calendar sample on the parish hall table by September 22. The calendar lists Holy Days, appropriate color for each day, table of Feasts and Fasts, the readings for each month and much more. Any questions, see Linda Barnes.

NAMI Statement on Mass Shootings in Texas and Ohio

8/5/2019

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is deeply saddened by the tragic events that occurred over the weekend in Texas and Ohio. These mass shootings are far too common and impact every corner of our nation. Every time we experience a tragedy

like this, people with mental illness are drawn into the conversation. The truth is that the vast majority of violence is not perpetrated by people with mental illness. Statements to the contrary only serve to perpetuate stigma and distract from the real issues.

NAMI sees gun violence as a national public health crisis that impacts everyone.

“In the U.S., it is easier to get a gun than it is to get mental health care,” states Angela Kimball, acting CEO. **“We need to flip the script. It should be easy—not hard—for people to get the mental health care they need.”**

Mental health conditions are common around the globe, yet no other country comes close to the number of mass shootings our country experiences. As a nation, we need to address this disturbing fact. We implore and advocate for commonsense approaches to ending gun violence. For example, we support gun violence prevention restraining orders or “Red Flag” laws that don’t target people with mental health conditions, but that allow for the removal of guns from any person who poses a real, evidence-based risk of violence to themselves or others.

At the same time, we cannot forget that mass shootings result in profound trauma that increases the need for mental health care. One in five American adults experience a mental illness, but only 43% of them accessed care in the last year. There is a severe shortage of mental health professionals - more than 60 percent of all counties in the United States do not even have a single psychiatrist. People with mental health needs, including survivors, their friends and families, and first responders, are experiencing long waits for care, if they can get it at all. It’s time for Congress and the Administration to act and make access to mental health care a national priority for everyone.

We all want an end to these horrific acts of violence. To achieve this, we need to find meaningful solutions to protect our communities from senseless violence and lasting trauma. We owe it to future generations to end this cycle for everyone, because the status quo is literally killing us.

Want to try Global Ministry in your own backyard?



Consider visiting vessels docked at the Port of Baltimore as a volunteer for Baltimore International Seafarers’ Center. Please visit <http://baltseafarers.org/how-to-help> for more information.

The vision of the Baltimore International Seafarers’ Center: Seafarers in port will experience welcome and respect.

Our mission:

- Welcome seafarers to the Port of Baltimore.
- Support seafarers' spiritual and practical well-being.
- Speak out about seafarers' contributions and rights.

Rewards of volunteering

- Representing God's unconditional love to seafarers of many faith traditions (or none), many cultures, all ranks. Much of our work doesn't involve talking about God, but we do try to leave seafarers feeling valued.
 - Experiencing the hospitality and trust of people you've never met.
 - Encountering challenges creatively.
 - Getting to know other volunteers, some of the most dedicated people you'll ever meet.
 - Getting to know the Port, an exciting part of the global economy not familiar to many Marylanders, and giving something back to the invisible servants of our economy.
- Note: possible roles for volunteers other than ship visitors could include working as an on-call host when seafarers want to spend an evening at our Center, or taking responsibility to keep the Center vans clean, etc.

Stephen Ministers -The After People:



People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the ***After People***.

They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as "long after" any kind of loss, as needed. Our ministry is a one-to-one confidential relationship between the minister (the caregiver) and you (the care receiver). For more information contact Lee Hajek (410) 442-1641

Would You Like a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Square?

Request forms are available on the front table near the prayer squares. Please fill one out and give to Wendy Gahm or leave on office desk.



Need Help with a Small Task in your home or yard?



St. Paul's Church started the **Helping Hands Program** to meet **short term** 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 at (410) 489-4411 to learn more. New volunteers always welcome!

St. Paul's Nearly New Thrift Shop: One stop for all of your apparel/shoes (Infant – Adult) and household needs at bargain prices! **Hours:** Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 11:30 – 3:00 p.m. Come and see all of our affordable items including, toys, books, CDs and DVDs.

The Thrift Shop needs volunteers to man the store at least one day a month on a regular basis and helpers to sort and restock on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Thank You.  Phyllis Weston & Kathy Audia

Happy Birthday to:

Carrie Brown Sept. 02
Linda Sharp Sept. 10
John Tuel Sept. 14
Suzanne Bourg Sept. 14



Patsy Mavity
Donna Shurney
Kaye Rineer
Delphine Koval
Bill Aaron
Ryan Merton
Kathleen Rumble
Brian Thompson
James Anthony
Kayleigh McIntosh
Bev
Wendy
Natalia Porras
Tom
Karim Sosa
John Samuel
Hattie French
Katie
Luke
Steve
Sadie Settlemyer
Amy Goodman
Donald Nelson
Jocelyn
The Blanton family
The Burns family
Arlene
Teri Coates

Lee Faley
Lee Gates
Susan Kelley
Nathan
Jackson
Lew Mason
The Prentices
Joe Wilson
Natalie Gahm
Irene Hillen
Stacy Erich
Izzy Erich

Prayer List

Dave & Trudi Lawson
Nancy & Pete McIntosh
Carolyn Prentice
Keith Prentice
John & Helen Tuel
Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater
Phyllis Heffner
Pat Marquis
Doris Sharp
Bill Winebrunner
Craig Johnson
Jeffrey Johnson
Pam Sherfey
Sandra & Stanley Napier
Lynn Carr
Allison Poleger

Prayer for Healing the



*Lord of Heaven,
I rest underneath you
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.*

**Please Update Our
Prayer list.** Make
additions/deletions to the
prayer list posted on our
bulletin board.

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

Pastoral Concerns
Pastoral issues and
concerns are important to
us. Please contact the
church office, (410) 489-
4411, Monday through
Friday, 9:00-12:00. Parish
Email: stpaulschurch-
mtairy@verizon.net

**Praise the Lord for
He is Good!**

**When you read St.
Paul's Beacon
newsletter** – look for 
the symbol! If you find it
put your name & the page
number it was on a slip of
paper. Put it in the jar by
the bulletin board. You will
have a chance to win a
prize of your choice from
our prize box.

Your Communications
Team

Vestry Officers:

Jeff Spaulding: Senior Warden
Pete McIntosh: Junior Warden
Treasurer: Linda Sharp
Registrar: Nancy McIntosh

Vestry Members:

Wendy Gahm
William Toole
Carrie Brown
Kathleen Alexander
Landon Reeve
Stephen Jones

Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends
Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.
Open my mind to *learn* new things
Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid
Help me to *love* others like you do.
I want to shine your light so bright in my school.
Amen *Kourtney De Fes*



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.



September 2019 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	5 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	6 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	7 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> <i>Stephen Ministry Supervision at Calvary</i>					<u>4-7 p.m.</u> Retirement Party for Rev. Susan at TRRC
<u>8</u> <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	9	10	11 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	12 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	13 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	14 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Retirement Liturgy</i>						
15 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	16	17	18 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	19 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	20 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	21 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i> <u>1 - 3 p.m.</u> Silver Tea	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> <i>Stephen Ministry Supervision at Calvary</i>					Crop Walk at Watkins Park. See Wendy Gahm for info.
22 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	23	24	25 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	26 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	27 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	28 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u> <i>Vestry Meeting</i>				
29 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	30					
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>						

September 2019~ Service Calendar

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT

	September 1, 12 th Pentecost Green	September 8, 13 th Pentecost Green	September 15, 14 th Pentecost Green	September 22, 15 th Pentecost Green	September 29, 16 th Pentecost Green
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher	Linda Sharp	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes
Chalicer/Acolyte	Ron Alexander	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Jeff Spaulding
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Stephen Jones	Helen Tuel	Phyllis Heffner	Dick Wilcher
Psalm	Linda Sharp	Phyllis Heffner	Lee Hajek	Dick Wilcher	John Tuel
Prayers of the People	Lee Hajek	Nancy McIntosh	Linda Sharp	Al Yeater	Helen Tuel
Altar Guild	Linda Sharp	Joanne Honsberger	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	Kathy Audia, Dana Fritzges	Linda Sharp
Coffee Hour	Ginny Chandler, Helen Tuel	Doris Wilcher, Carrie Brown	Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek	Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice	Joanne Honsberger, Suzanne Bourg
Counter	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	Nancy & Pete McIntosh	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes	Lynda Sheckels, Kathy Audia	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges



The Silver Tea Party

A Revival

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410-489-4411 (9-12 M-F)

Sunday, September 15, 2019

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please RSVP with names and numbers of guests.

email: Kathleen at:

kleahyalex@verizon.net



A delicious selection of teas and coffee, lemonade, finger sandwiches, biscotti and desserts. Dress to impress or come as casual as you wish. If you have a child in your life, bring them.

Invite your neighbors. All are welcome.

Photo Opportunity with your special friends.

NO CHARGE!
FREE WILL OFFERING IS APPRECIATED, AS YOU ARE ABLE.