

THE VENITE –September 2020

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church



The church office is closed at this time, and we are working from home. Church email is being checked daily but *we are unable to check the church voicemail, please DON'T leave voicemail at the church number.* Diocesan news is available on their website at indydio.org including their newsletter.

**But, remember the church isn't the building,
it's all of us! So, what are you doing today??**

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Two new members are needed to fill the vacancies of those whose terms would end in 2021

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A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*(Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has called the entire Episcopal Church to prayer
with these words this Pentecost Season)*

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS TO RESUME

Dear St. Paul's,

It is with gladness that we announce that the Holy Conversations that were interrupted due to the pandemic will resume this October. While we cannot meet in person, we can hold these conversations on Zoom. As a congregation we have done well with this platform and we have assured the Bishop and Canon Kristin that St. Paul's is up to the task.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates and times so that you won't miss being a part of this important work for the parish.

When: Sundays, October 11, 18, and 25 from 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

As you can see the vestry thought that following worship was the best time for people to gather. We will be receiving information from the diocese to send out on how to register for and access the site for the meetings.

In preparation for the Conversations we will continue to send out Barb Parker's reflections on The Developmental Tasks in the Interim Church so that you may have time to really reflect on these aspects of parish life.

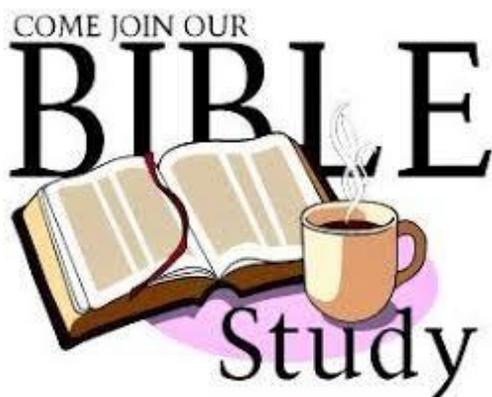


Looking forward to "moving forward",

Patrick Schumacher, Senior Warden and Rev. Kathy Thomas, Interim Rector

OUTREACH UPDATE – FISH COLLECTION by Andrew Goldsmid

This year our Fish Collection raised \$3,150 for Love Chapel Columbus and \$885 for Anchor House Seymour. Our fund raising for both charities set a new record, and is a 27% overall increase from the previous record set in 2019. A huge thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for supporting the fund drive and also to Megan Cherry, the Executive Director of Anchor House in Seymour, who addressed the congregation at the start of the fund drive and reminded us why community giving is so important. Congratulations and Thank You, The Outreach Commission.



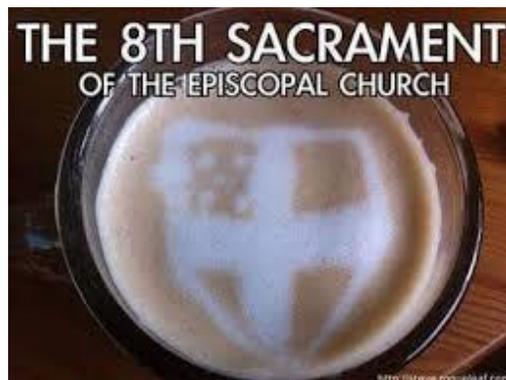
BIBLE STUDY IS BACK by Melissa zur Loye

If you are interested in zooming with a group of parish members who want to look at the readings for the coming Sunday and talk about them then please join us on Tuesday, September 1st at 11 am. ZOOM ID: 291 212 0372. The readings for the next Sunday are always found at the end of the announcements in the Bulletin. They can also be accessed at www.lectionarypage.net. If you want to attend but

cannot join us at that time, please let Melissa zur Loye know at zurloye@comcast.net or 812 603-0762. Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

COFFEE HOUR *On ZOOM*

Coffee hour has been happening on ZOOM after Sunday Liturgies. It is a nice relaxed chance to visit with your church family and catch up on each other's lives. Please grab a snack and come back to the computer on Sunday mornings – you'll be glad you did!



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Have you been missing gathering with the church body? Are you longing for a get together? Sounds like the annual parish picnic is just what you need! This year's picnic will be held at the church in the back parking lot and side yard.



In keeping with the current mandates, masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available. Due to the restrictions, a parish life member will serve food and monitor the buffet table.

The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and fried chicken as well as table service. Each family is asked to bring a dish to add to the feast (Last names starting with A – F bring salads, G – M: side dish, N – Z: dessert). Take-out and delivery will be available for those unable to attend the picnic or uncomfortable in such a crowd right now.

Please bring a lawn chair and any outdoor games you might enjoy playing with others (socially distanced, of course!)

ST. PAUL'S ARTIST TO HAVE WORK IN UNCOMMON CAUSE AUCTION

Columbus Area Arts Council is hosting the UNCommon Cause online this year and one of the features is an auction of local artists' works. One of St. Paul's own is included: Elizabeth Bell. Here is a link to more info on the CAAC website <https://www.artsincolumbus.org/art-auction-sale>. Congratulations to Elizabeth on being included in this effort!!



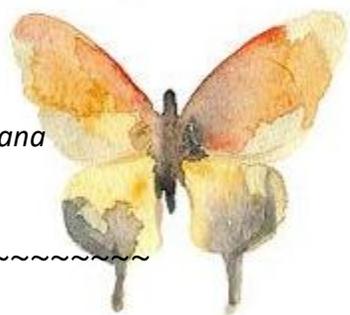
VESTRY NEEDS TWO MEMBERS

The Vestry needs two members to fill the vacated seats. We also need an additional delegate for this year's Diocesan Convention. If you are interested please contact Patrick Schumacher or Rev. Kathy no later than August 31st. If we have not heard from anyone by that time, the vestry will seek out potential members.

Service Schedule

During this time, we have scheduled **Lectors** to read and lead prayers. If you will be unavailable, please find a sub, and then email Kathi right away (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) Thanks!

Date	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Prayers of the People
September 6th 10:15 AM	<i>Andrew Goldsmid</i>	<i>Nick Firestone</i>	<i>Chuck Boddie</i>	<i>David Thompson</i>
September 13th 10:15 AM	<i>Melissa zur Loye</i>	<i>Nancy Morris</i>	<i>Ken Erickson</i>	<i>Frank Guthrie</i>
September 20th 10:15 AM	<i>Cheryl Paronavitana</i>	<i>Nancy Morris</i>	<i>Nick Firestone</i>	<i>Andrew Goldsmid</i>
September 27th 10:15 AM	<i>Chuck Boddie</i>	<i>Frank Guthrie</i>	<i>David Thompson</i>	<i>Melissa zur Loye</i>
October 4th 10:15 AM	<i>Nancy Morris</i>	<i>Ken Erickson</i>	<i>Sian Goldsmid</i>	<i>Cheryl Paronavitana</i>



Lay Eucharistic Visitors

September 6th	September 13th	September 20th	September 27th	October 4th
<i>Patrick Schumacher</i>	<i>Nancy Morris</i>	<i>John Settle</i>	<i>Roxie Garber</i>	<i>Patrick Schumacher</i>

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st	Bill Ardizone	19 th	Vicki Gust	26 th	Jason Woods
5 th	Roxie Garber	19 th	Michael Gust	27 th	Mickey Bell
6 th	Jill Schumacher	22 nd	Bill Garber	29 th	Mary Fredrickson
7 th	Mike Bell	26 th	Roger Johnson	29 th	Shelly Bell
				30 th	Judy Smithson



September 24 Lou & Laura Wenzler

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
September 18, 2020

Present: Rev. Kathy, Cristi Adams, Mike Bell (treasurer), Shelly Bell, Bill Garber, Vicki Gust, Patrick Schumacher, Melissa zur Loye
Absent: John Settle, Win Morris

The meeting began at 6:35 with prayer.

A quorum was present.

The approved July vestry minutes will be entered into the record.

Finances: Mike Bell

1. The pledge and plate for July was approximately \$14,400. Expenditures were \$11,272. Leaving us with a positive balance of more than \$3,100. Mike is thrilled with where we are financially. Nothing unexpected has happened during this reporting period. Our FISH collection was large, \$3,935. The finance report was accepted and entered into the record.
2. Financial information relevant to a discussion of Full-time vs Part-time clergy. The treasurer was asked to prepare an analysis of how much St. Paul's could financially afford for the Rector's position and reported the number for the total expense package to currently be \$61,400. This number includes Salary, Housing, P/R Tax, Travel, Education, and Pension.

Old Business

1. Feedback from the Town Hall meeting with Bishop Jennifer. The meeting served to help us appreciate the good work we have done during the past year and to push us to move forward with the search process and programming for the coming Fall.

New Business

1. Discussion of Full-time vs Part-time Clergy.
 - The amount of money Mike Bell presented as available for a clergy person will not pay for a full-time person. The diocese (Brendan) will work with us on developing an equitable package when we get to that point.
 - We need to be asking what our congregation "needs" from a clergy person. Action: Rev. Kathy will draw up a list of the tasks she performs for us and those she consciously does not, and offer some idea as to the time commitment she makes to us. This can be used to help us decide what we will need and what we will commit to doing without or doing for ourselves.
 - Rev. Kathy pointed out that, as a family sized church, much of the time is spent training lay leadership, pastoral care, and building relationship rather than the fundraising and other diocesan/ecumenical duties a very large parish might require of its clergy person.
 - Action: Patrick Schumacher will contact the senior warden of St. David's Bean Blossom, which has recently hired a part-time priest, to ask whether someone would meet with us via zoom to discuss this, preferably for our September vestry meeting.
2. Discussion with the diocese and plan for moving forward. We are moving forward with dates for Canon Kristin and Jennifer Phelps to facilitate Holy Conversations with St. Paul's. The office sent out an email from Barb Parker initiating conversation and reflection about the Developmental Tasks for congregations in transition. The material is also contained in the July Venite.
3. Reopening Plan Discussion. The reopening plan was sent to the diocese and they approved it with some further questions to be answered. Action: Patrick Schumacher will ask our reopening advisory group to look over the questions. Action: Vicki Gust will call a Worship committee meeting just after Labor Day to discuss those questions which fall under the auspice of that committee.

Reports

- Building and Grounds: (Bill Garber) Nick Firestone and Andrew Goldsmid have been looking after the building over the summer. There is some possible water damage which Patrick Schumacher will check into.
- Congregational Development: (Rev. Kathy) There will be a wedding at St. Paul's in May, 2021. The couple has begun counseling with her.
- Parish Life: (Shelly Bell) There will be a planning meeting for the church picnic which is tentatively scheduled for September 20th at 3 pm.
- Formation: Melissa zur Loye presented information gleaned from attending a two-day workshop and a brainstorming session on congregational development and adult formation programming during this pandemic time. Vestry was presented with a handout summary. Bible Study is set to begin. A Praying In Color workshop is being offered later this month by Cindy Overmyer.
- Outreach: (Patrick Schumacher). We have begun using a new zoom number for worship which allows for people to call in if they do not have access to a computer. We are considering offering Schmitt Elementary School access to our space if they need it this Fall to help with physical distancing issues.
- Rev. Kathy: We need to recruit two new vestry members and one more delegate to the one-day zoom diocesan convention in November. Action: Rev. Kathy will make a chart of who is serving on vestry and as a delegate and the year their term ends.

The meeting closed at 8:35 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa zur Loye

Clerk

Financial Summary: July 31, 2020 Actual Pledge and Plate Offerings are \$14,410 with Expenditures being \$11,274 for a positive cash flow of \$3,136 vs the expected positive cash flow of \$616. Year to Date Actual Pledge and Plate Offerings are \$97,648 with Expenditures of \$98,759 for a negative cash flow of -\$1,110 vs the expected negative cash flow of -\$8,602. YTD Actual Pledge and Plate Offerings are \$97,648 as compared to the budget of \$99,333 for a negative difference of -\$1,685. YTD Actual Pledge and Plate Offerings are \$97,648 as compared to the previous year of \$109,406 for a negative difference of -\$11,758. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$98,759 vs. \$107,935 budgeted for a difference of \$9,176

September 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11 am ZOOM Bible Study	2	3 11:30 am ZOOM Ladies Lunch 7 pm Parish Life - ZOOM	4	5
10:15 am 6 Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM COFFEE HOUR	7  LABOR DAY	8 11 am ZOOM Bible Study	9 5 pm ZOOM Worship Commission	10	11 4-8 pm Visitation for Randy Davis Woodlawn Funeral Home in Seymour	12 10am Visitation for Randy Davis @ Woodlawn Funeral Home in Seymour 1 pm Burial Service
10:15 am 13 Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM COFFEE HOUR	14	15 ZOOM: 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Finance 6:30 pm Vestry	16	17	18	19
10:15 am 20 Liturgy of the Word-Zoom Coffee Hour 3pm Church Picnic	21	22 11 am ZOOM Bible Study	23	24	25	26
10:15 am 27 Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM COFFEE HOUR	28	29 11 am ZOOM Bible Study	30			

All Liturgies will be held online, use ZOOM ID 817 5713 8635.

Meetings & Bible Study use ZOOM ID: 291 212 0372