

**Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love  
by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.**

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**Sept. 10 - 16, 2017 Upcoming Events**

(Events are at St. Paul's unless specified  
otherwise)

- Sat. Sept. 9 DOK 10:00AM
- Sat. Sept. 9 Sleeping Bags 1:00PM
- Sun. Sept. 10 at 9:00AM Deacon's  
Mass with Deacon John Davis

Silence - Week Ten

Gentleness:

Gentleness and silence are one and the same. Being in silence is being closer to nature, to ourselves, to the gentleness of life. Silence touches the hard edges within us, and in this touch, gentleness is running through all the nerves of our being.

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn & Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew  
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski

Counters: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Eucharist Minister: Vickie Calby

Lector: Brenda Syle

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara  
Undercoffler

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms: 149

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**Altar Flowers this week are from Vida Kiefer  
In Memory of Glen Paul Kiefer.**

**APPEAL FROM SLEEPING BAGS for the  
HOMELESS MINISTRY**

As you do the fall clean out and prepare for  
winter, please think of this appeal.

We are in need of clean BLANKETS,  
MATTRESS COVERS, and BED SHEETS.  
Donations need not be new or perfect but only  
clean and can be picked up at your door or  
brought to church. A hole here or there does  
not matter.

We meet the second Wednesday and Saturday  
of the month at 1:00 downstairs in Room #1.

All are welcome to join us for an easy and  
pleasant time together.

Any questions please call: Carol Marker 570-  
465-7230.

Many thanks to all who have been working on  
this very needed ministry.

**Pub Night:** This week Pub Night will be at  
Cathy Hammons home. We will gather at 6:00  
p.m. Cathy is providing Chili. Please bring a  
dish to pass. Please bring your own beverage.

**The Vestry will meet** to prayerfully discern the qualities we are looking for in a new priest and why. We invite and encourage the parish to join us in this work. We will meet on Wed. evenings at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Due to the timing of these meetings, we will provide pizza and salad. Our next meeting will be on **September 20 everyone is welcome to attend**. Thereafter we will meet on each Wednesday evening until we have completed our task. The Vestry values your input. Please come share your insights as we work through the questions that will help us to submit a profile showing a prospective new priest what our parish has to offer and how much more we want to be able to offer in the future. The Diocese will then post this profile to various sites where prospective new priests will look. The Vestry looks forward to your participation in this important process.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Nancy Dooling and Phillip Mossburg who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Nancy and Phillip begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life. Amen.* We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. *Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.*

**Our collections for the Food Bank & Women's Resource Center are the first Sunday of every month.** Blessings and thanks for your support and participation.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Mary & Ben Zalewski; Robert & Patty Aiken; Lillian Ainey; Carol Arnold

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Joe Welden, Rick Arrowsmith, Jennie Bowen, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Sara, Klye & Kathy Warriner.

**Pictures for the Website:** If you have any photos of St. Paul's Church or People you would like to have put on our website please give them to Dan Graham or Betty. We can scan them and give them back to you.

**St. Paul's Altar Flowers:** If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church. Then fill out an Altar Flower Card. Please use one card for each request, enclose your check for \$36.00 with the card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office prior to the week that you are doing flowers. For those wishing to supply your own flowers please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and fill out an altar flower card indicating you will do your own flowers. Thank you!

**Thanksgivings:** *Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us, especially during this past week. Amen.*

**Pastoral Emergency:** call the parish office during office hours. After hours, you may call Lynne Graham at her home 570-934-1160.

**SEND COMMUNICATIONS:** minutes, special events etc. to the office, for the parish office to disperse.

**CHURCH CLOSURES** please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

**3 Photos this week.**

## Holly Berries

St. Paul's has a number of holly trees/bushes in the Memorial Garden. However, they never had berries on them. Our resident Master Gardener, Nancy Dooling, said we have all female bushes and need a male. One was purchased and planted last fall -- it was an end of year, skinny, small guy that was looked at with some skepticism by those of us who aren't master gardeners! Was he up to the big task ahead? Well, he was up to it. All our hollies have berries this year. Oh we of little faith!



## The Rev. John Davis

The Rev. John Davis officiated at our Deacon's Mass last. Give him a St. Paul's welcome when he comes back this week. Also a special thanks to Joyce Printz for the musical accompaniment.



## Christmas 1937

Betty Smith at the Historical Society graciously made a copy of a picture taken at St. Paul's around Christmas 1937. There were garlands stretched to a light at the top of the arch over the altar steps which is no longer there. There was also a large heating grate from the coal furnace in the middle of the aisle that is now covered by the rug. The railing up the altar stairs had not been added yet. The music board above the organ shows that the photo was the 4th Sunday off Advent and there were white pines in front of the first pew.

