



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Aug 9 - 15, 2020

**Morning Prayer in the Memorial Garden
Sunday, Aug 9 at 10:00 am or inside if bad
weather.**

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler & Karen Blye-McAbee

Announcements: Vickie Calby

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Greeter/Usher: Stephanie Calby & Scott Price

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms: 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Epistle: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

What a year 2020 has been, a year of fear, isolation, loss, our state shutting down- government, stores, schools, Restaurants, jobs many loss, many work from home. Even our hospitals had limits- Doctors' visits by tel-health and more. But our church! St Paul's... not going to church! How could this happen?

It has been a year of change. Most not good, some good. I realized, I became not so computer literate. I use to keep up on my skills. I learned how to navigate zoom- attending meetings, visiting family and even church. I do not think I would have learned, if not forced to.

I visited my grandchildren by video chat. Sara, who is 5 and Ryliegh, who is 8, love to put animated animal ears and noses on themselves during our video chats and I play along. (I never knew one could do this!) What

we learn from our grandchildren!

Another change I enjoy is, St Paul's having services in the garden.

I remember when my father became rector in 1972, Ellie McKeage showing us the garden.

It was of great pride to Ellie and the woman who spent endless hours keeping it perfect.

In almost 50 years, I only recall one church event being held in the garden. There were a couple of very small weddings done there. Rest of the time, it sat. Waiting for its time.

Meanwhile, the garden over the years, started to be a little neglected. Then Dan started the project of the parking lot, a sidewalk, and lights. We renamed the garden in Ellie McKeage's memory, Ellie loved the garden, it was most fitting. Members of the congregation came together and worked on the garden, and it became beautiful again.

Even many years ago, when the plot of land was bought by St Paul's, they worked very hard planning and working on the garden. The trees provide perfect shade. Not a spot in the garden has sun glare, yet, sun shines in the garden.

I have had times, when I have a driving force to do something. Many times it is something, I never have done before. Then something happens and I think, Thank God, I did this.

Without the Garden, we would not have had an area to have services outside. Many churches do not and still have online services.

As I sat in Morning Prayer the other Sunday,

I could not help but think of God's amazing plan. We never knew. When we needed an area, the garden was there waiting for us.

I hope we continue to have services in the garden in future summers! After all, it was God's plan all along. A gift of the past parishioners to us, and recent work has made it beautiful again. The garden was waiting for us.

For I know the Plans I have for you, "Declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will Stand. Jeremiah 29:11-14

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Philippians 1:6.

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Birthdays for August: Scott Price 8/13, Barbara Undercoffler 8/19, Else Brunner 8/20, Robert Aiken 8/23, Thomas Syle 8/25, Margaret Burgh 8/28, James Earley 8/29 and Patty Aiken 8/30.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. O

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

"We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 14,15-21.

God, look with favor, we pray, as they 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.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Justin, Rita Leigh, Fr. John Wagner, Eric, Fr. Arthur & Mo. Jenny.

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Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

4 Photos this week.

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

We rise in this early morning in prayer to you O God. Thank you for this new day, that we begin not with the broken pieces of yesterday, but with the knowledge that in you each day starts anew and invites us to live in the now of your presence. In this new day let us create, as you create, build, as you build, see in this day opportunity----that your Kingdom may grow.

Susquehanna August Sunrise

If you want to be reminded of the love of the *Lord*, just watch the *sunrise*. Be grateful for these beautiful days for summer doesn't last forever.



The year's at the summer And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven; The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn:
God's in His heaven— All's right with the world!

Can I get an Amen?

Carol Marker led the Morning Prayer on Sunday and was accompanied by Cathy Hammons on piano. Again the weather cooperated nicely.



Rita Says Hi!

