



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS November 2019

*The mission of St. Paul's is to be the Body of Christ
and instruments of his love and grace committed
to serve and nurture this church and community.*

*The Way of
Love
Turn
Learn
Pray
Worship
Bless
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Rest*

Recalibration

from the Rector's sabbatical

With Daylight Savings Time ending this weekend, time to once again “fall back” and get back the hour of morning daylight we gave away early last spring. I got to thinking about how we orient ourselves in time, and how *over* time, small things really do make a big difference.

One of the amazing things about being in the Holy Land is the real assault on *all* one's senses. Through the “magic” of the internet, anyone planning *any* trip can prepare themselves for the sights that they will see during the course of their adventure. As Dcn. Larry has tried to relate in his descriptions over the last few months, though, nothing can begin to prepare a visitor for the tastes and smells of a culture half a world away from our own, and in some very real way, centuries away as well.

Last spring, as our little tour group was making our way to our late lunch at St. George Restaurant in Bethlehem, we were all brought up short by the Muslim call to prayer coming from a tall minaret at the opposite corner of Manger Square. I had been in the Middle East before, of course—one other tour in Israel years ago, and a “tour” of a different sort in Saudi Arabia and Iraqi even *further* in my past—so I was not totally unprepared for the sound, but I was nevertheless taken aback by the haunting beauty and power of the call to prayer, in this case, the call to *Asr*, the third of the five daily *Salat* required of observant Muslims.

Like beginning and end of Jewish Sabbath, or the tolling of bells that have long called Christians to worship, *Salat* times pre-date the development of clocks, tied instead to the changing patterns of sunrise and sunset, daylight and darkness. These days, of course, the time for *Asr* in Manger Square, and the bells of Holy Name, for that matter, is determined by carefully calibrated and re-calibrated timepieces. But either way, these calls to prayer, are calls to remember that we are tied to one another, and that we are tied to the One who created and sustains us all.

The other day, I was talking to someone about whether we as Christians actually make any difference to the rest of our often highly secular society. “What difference can we make,” the argument went, “when Christianity is considered either irrelevant or a nuisance?” There are those, of course, who are willing to wield their Christianity like some sort of club in the political realm. For those of us who are *not* willing to do so, it seems that whatever we do, as a Church or as individual Christians, is either ridiculed or outright ignored. All our best efforts have little apparent effect on the rest of society.

Each one of us *does* make a difference, though. Our small acts of love and kindness, our individual acts of justice and mercy, our daily acts of righteousness and faithfulness to Christ's calling, regardless of how small, have lasting and progressive impact on how the world operates. Like the slow shift of sunrise and sunset, or the miniscule adjustment of clock or timer, as time goes by, those small changes are widened and amplified to make genuine difference. Every thought, and every action of every one of us, changes *everything*.

If we are to be faithful witnesses to the truth of God's love, we must remain engaged in *all* levels of the world around us. Without our presence in the affairs of the world, our *Christian* presence, the world would be a much darker place filled with bitterness and without hope. By allowing our faith and our values to color our every action, we can and do shift the hearts of those with whom we come in contact. We quietly, almost imperceptibly sometimes, stabilize our world in countless ways toward God's peace, and God's grace, and God's love—toward the Kingdom of God.

Please remember to set your clocks back this Sunday morning, November 3. And in the process, remember that either we accept that we are “noisy gong or a clanging cymbal,” or we accept our mission of recalibrating the world, moment by moment, until time ceases to matter at all.

Peace and joy,

Upcoming Events

Sundays—8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 9 a.m. Choir Practice, 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Children’s Atrium. Coffee Hour following the service.

Tuesdays—6 p.m.—Saints, Sinners, and Cynics—Rookies

Wednesdays—12:10 p.m.—Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing

Saturday—November 2—DAR—Parish Hall

Friday and Saturday—November 8 & 9—Diocesan Convention—Louisville

Wednesday—November 13—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program

Sunday—November 17—CCO Sunday—Boxed Stuffing

Monday—November 18—Noon—St. Ann’s Guild

Tuesday—November 19—5:30 p.m.—Vestry Meeting, Rector’s Study

Saturday—November 23—Cheeseball Pick-up—Parish Hall

Sunday—November 24—11 a.m.—Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

7 p.m.—Community Thanksgiving Service—First Christian Church

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and Friday—November 28 & 29—Church Office Closed

Saturday—November 30—10 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ingathering, Parish Hall

Around the Parish



Miranda joins friends from around the Diocese at All Saints Youth Fall Gathering.



Fr. Rich blesses Hotshot while pet-parents Dave and Connie look on at Pet Blessing.



The American Legion Honor Guard present military honors for the funeral of Charlie Crabtree.

Holy Land Travels Part 6

from the Deacon

In Capernaum we viewed the site believed to be the house of Peter. A large hexagonal Church was built over the house, you were able to view Peter's house by looking down through the glass floor in the center of the Church. It looked as though it was a one room home built of stone. Once again, I am in a city where Jesus lived much of His adult life and to stand over Peter's house where he resided, what a wonderful way to end the day walking in the same town as Peter and Jesus did years ago!

Day four, I really hate to leave the Leonardo Club Hotel and the Sea of Galilee because it has been so beautiful staying here and touring the Sea of Galilee area in the Foot Steps of Jesus. But it's time to board the coach and load our luggage as we continue to travel to our next holy site.

Our first stop was at Yardenit, the Galilee Baptismal site on the Jordon River. Several tour coaches had already arrived at the site and there were people already being baptized in the Jordon River for a certain amount of money. The Jordon River to my surprise was not very wide at all! Fr. Rich and Fr. Kyle both renewed the baptism of the folks in our tour group for free! I took several pictures of Fr. Rich and Kyle baptizing the folks. Lydia and I had Fr. Kyle to sprinkle the waters of the Jordon upon our heads. While Fr. Rich and Fr. Kyle showered and cleaned up from standing in the waters of the Jordon River, I filled a small bottle with the water from the Jordon River for Fr. Rich. I don't know how he got the water back home through customs! Especially when I had my three ounces of shave gel taken away from me in Paris! After everyone had cleaned up and shopped for souvenirs, we boarded our coach for our next stop.

Our coach driver, Ruben drove us to the ancient city of Beit-Shean. It was amazing to walk through this ancient city. According to the information in the park, extensive excavation of a large mound in Beit-Shean has revealed over twenty layers of remains from ancient civilizations. Canaanite temples pre-date Egyptian occupation of the region, followed by Israelite rule and the Philistines during the Old Testament period. The excavation and reconstruction offer a clear picture of what the city would have looked like. Visitors to the park can see the ancient wall that surrounded the city, the public baths, a roman temple, part of a theater and other well-preserved structures.

After touring the ancient Roman city, it was time for lunch. Our fabulous guide Jerry suggested a place which was famous for their sandwiches. It was a small hut like stand opened to the outside air all around it. I ordered a sandwich called sabich, which consists of pita bread stuffed with fried eggplant and hard-boiled eggs. I don't recommend this sandwich unless you're starving!

Love and Peace!



Help Wanted!

Becky Carroll—There are lots of opportunities to minister to our neighbors right here in Henderson, and the Vestry wants to know who is willing to help.

- Jail ministry needs test graders for their GED program. Graders meet every Thursday at First Baptist Church around 8:30 am.

- There's a crochet group going strong at the jail, making prayer shawls to add to the ministry that meets here at St. Paul's. I'm sure they could use some yarn.

- Salvation Army needs lunch time volunteers any day between 11-1:30. They feed between 100-150 people a day, and we'd like to put together a crew.

- A sign up sheet will be available soon for a St. Paul's group to ring the bell for SA one Saturday in Advent. More details coming.

- During Advent, we'll also have stockings available to stuff for kids who have little. We'll be looking for small toys and games, but no candy please.

CCO Needs Your Time as Well

Diane McMIndes—Christian Community Outreach is looking for additional volunteers to spend an hour or two a week, or even an hour or two a month, aiding clients in selecting food items from their pantry shelves. You'd be trained for what to do, it's a rewarding experience helping folks, and it's a *wonderful* group of volunteers. Give me a call to join us!

Calling All Quarters

Ann Street—Each holiday season, St. Paul's Parish and St. Ann's Guild collect quarters for the residents of Henderson Manor as part of our Christmas party for them in early December. Beginning the second Sunday of November, there will be a collection jar in the Parish Hall for your contribution to our special gift, or just drop your spare quarters in the collection plate.

Wednesday Evenings

We had another wonderful evening October 30 with our friends at the Presbyterian Church as we celebrated Halloween with a hot dog and potluck supper, complete with costumes and decorations and a whole bunch of sweets. The bad news is that, with Thanksgiving and Christmas falling as they do this year, neither we nor the Presbyterians will be having activities on the last Wednesday of either November or December.

In the meantime, our own discussion of C.S. Lewis' inspirational and *entertaining*, *The Great Divorce* continues on the *second* Wednesday of this month, November 13. We've covered only the first three chapters so far, so get on board with us as we continue with chapters 4-6. Fr. Rich has a couple of spare copies that are available for the asking. Bring a side dish or dessert to share at 6:00, or just join the conversation at 6:30.

We will also meet for *each* of the three Wednesday evenings that fall during the Advent season, taking a break from Lewis. Look for information about our Advent series in next month's *Good News*.



The You in Youth

Leslie Newman—It's that time of year – where we look to the YOU in YOUTH!

It's time for YOU to set aside YOUR allowance to buy EYC calendars. It's time for YOU to bring Christmas cards YOU are willing to recycle to the church for the Youth to use in making cards for the Christmas on the River ministry, and time for YOU to join the youth, if YOU are so inclined, after church on Sundays to help decorate the sixty or so packing boxes for river crews. It's time for YOU to bring pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and other fall décor the Youth might use to decorate the altar for Thanksgiving. It's time for YOU to bring shoeboxes or items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. And it's time for YOU to suggest Parishioners who would enjoy Christmas caroling from our Youth group.

Even as I shudder when I enter stores already decorated for Christmas, and it's not yet *Halloween*, let alone Thanksgiving, I know that it's that time of year where we must begin preparations, even before Advent. We give thanks to our Parish for the generosity YOU continually display as YOU support our YOUTH.

Back to School from Fall Break

Leslie Newman—EYC gathered Sunday, October 13, to mourn, celebrate, conclude, or highlight (depending on how you looked at it) the last day of Henderson County School's Fall break, for pizza, wings and fried pickles at *Rockhouse on the River*. Fr. Rich and Jenny joined Gisele and me, and we made a kids' table and an adults' table. A good time was had by all, and a good dinner too.

Fall Gathering at All Saints

Leslie Newman—Kaleigh and Miranda Purdy attended, and Alexis Purdy was a leader for Fall Gathering at All Saints' Camp the weekend of October 18-20. Our youth are so very grateful for the opportunity to go to All Saints, for the Christian formation afforded them there, and for the chance to see friends old and new.

I felt lucky to have some "road time" to learn more about their experiences from the weekend. It seems

Spring Gathering can't come around soon enough for the girls, and they are talking already about next summer for Camp at All Saints.

The youth are blessed by the leadership of Mama Katherine Doyle, and the presence of Canon Jason Lewis and Bishop White when they gather.

Fall Farm Fun

Leslie Newman—The tradition continued! EYC joined forces with our Presbyterian friends for an outing to Cates' Farm Corn Maze and Produce. Sunday October 20 was a gorgeous day that turned into a gorgeous evening! The Purdy girls returned from Fall Gathering in time and with enough energy to attend. Brianna rallied from the HCHS Community Band Event on Saturday night. Caitlin and Michael, still reveling from their baby shower on Saturday, picked up Landon and they found their way. Our CathoPisc youth, Hank, Alex and Brady Francke came along as well. Fr. Rich not only joined us but he *drove* and, despite my navigation mishap, got us home.

With about twenty Presby children, youth and adults, we managed to pick pumpkins, find our way out of the corn maze, jump on the big bouncy, pump water to race ducks, play in the corn (not sand) box, ride a steel barrow train, tour the fields on a hay ride, roast hot dogs and marshmallows, enjoy good fellowship, and still made it home in time for baths before bedtime.

Special thanks to Cynthia Hoey for her work to rally us and purchase the food for our supper. We will join our Presbyterian friends again on Wednesday October 30 for a potluck dinner and Halloween celebration at their fellowship hall at 6:00. They are providing hot dogs and buns and attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Y'all come!

Día de los Muertos

Leslie Newman—EYC consisted of the Purdy girls, Fr. Rich, and me on Sunday October 27. This was after a new innovation from Ms. Monessa and the Atrium where the girls made "Kindness Jars" which they filled with candy they shared during coffee hour, as they read five Bible verses they were taught as they learned even more than they already knew about kindness. And it's noteworthy there was candy left for their Halloween. Kindness has its rewards!

Then, inspired by the Feast of All Souls, November 2, Mexico's cultural expression of that feast, Día de los Muertos, and Henderson's first community celebration of that cultural event on Saturday, November 2, from 4-7 in Central Park, EYC gathered upstairs in the youth room to watch the 2017 Pixar/Disney award-winning film *Coco* that features the holiday. The movie, which turns out to be Miranda's favorite, was a visual delight, full of humor, wonder and an engaging story line dedicated to the values of love and family. Our gathering and discussion were both timely and educational, thanks to Fr. Rich who taught us about All Saints' and All Souls' Days. Oh, and in keeping with the theme, we enjoyed a lunch of nachos from *Tacoholics*.

Vestry Notes

At their meeting on October 15, St. Paul's Vestry:

- Received financial reports, including the need to update the congregation on the progress of the Operating Fund campaign.
- Accepted Bill Brodsky's offer to survey the pew Prayer Books and Hymnals with an eye toward replacing those that are damaged or excessively worn.
- Discussed the positive response to the use of the Dial-My-Calls service to let share announcements.
- Thanked Neal Biggers for his help in resetting the organ after the power loss problems, and asked Bill B. to advise the Building and Grounds Cmte about adding a flood alarm to the basement.
- Examined the comment cards prepared by Ann Street for use in the pews and asked the Rector to add a review of cards received to the monthly Vestry agenda.
- Highlighted several outreach opportunities for the coming months, including working with the Jail Ministry, with Salvation Army, and the Henderson Manor Christmas Party.
- Heard a pastoral report from Fr. Rich.
- Updated members on Safe Church requirements.
- Under the banner of "New Things," discussed a thriving parish in western Missouri, outlined a report on clergy shortage from the Sewanee Board of Trustees, and received an update on the search at St. Mary's, Madisonville.

The next Vestry meeting will be at 5:30 November 19 in the Rector's Study.

Giving Thanks

On Sunday, November 24 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day) St. Ann's Guild will host another special time of thanksgiving for St. Paul's Parish family following the 10:00 service. The church is providing the birds, the gravy, and the drinks for our Family Feast. The rest of us are invited to sign up in the Parish Hall to bring our favorite holiday dressing, vegetables, salads or desserts. Be sure to be part of this wonderful time to look back in gratitude, as we look forward to the new year.

And then at 7:00 that evening, head over to the Christian Church at Cherry and Green for this year's Henderson Community Thanksgiving Service. It will be a music filled time for churches across town to give thanks for what our Lord has done for us, *and* for what he has allowed *us* to do for others. We will once again be serving pie following the service. Each church other than the host is tasked with bringing four pies to share.

If you would be willing to make a pie as part of our offering, please tell Fr. Rich.

All Saints Collection

Through the generosity of the Discretionary Fund and St. Ann's Guild, the young people of St. Paul's take wonderful advantage of the ministry of All Saints Camp and Conference Center in Leitchfield, forming a special link between our Parish and the Camp. But All Saints is a place where *all* ages gather to know Christ, and are empowered by Christ to share the Good News of the Gospel. If you ever need to be reminded of the importance of the ministry of All Saints, talk to one of our young people.

By tradition, on All Saints Sunday, this year, November 3, an offering is taken for the support of All Saints Center. We will include the loose plate offering that morning, as well as marked checks and those included in the AS envelopes in the pews. Please be as generous as you can.

Even More Cheese, Please

Susan Sauls—The cheeseball fun begins in the church kitchen soon. Lots of shredded and cream cheese, and sometimes a few nuts for crunchiness, that magically and with a twist of the nose, becomes these flavorful mounds of goodness. Serve them with some simple water crackers and you get the best flavor. Have you placed your order yet?

We'll be shopping in just a few more days so you still have time to let us know how many you would like. Of course we always make a few extras so feel free to add an extra one or two to your list. What a nice way to add to your Thanksgiving menu of hors d'oeuvres before you present your turkey and all the other fixins'!

Vestry Nominations

As has become our custom, the "out-going" members of the Vestry, those completing their terms as of our Annual Meeting in January, will be the Nominating Committee for the election of the new Vestry at that meeting.

Susie Watkins, Mike France and Ann Street are ready to take your suggestions for members of the Parish in good standing to fill three three-year terms on the Vestry. Forms will be available in the Parish Office and at the Church doors. The Committee will do the work of contacting suggested nominees and will put together a slate for election by all those members of the Parish who are present at the Annual Meeting.

Financial Summary as of September 30, 2019

Pledged Income Received to Date	\$95,565
Unbudgeted Income from Investments to Date	\$30,000
Other Operating Income to Date	\$39,372
Operating Expenses to Date	\$189,704

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Service Times

Sunday 8:00 Rite I
10:00 Rite II
Wednesday 12:10 Rite II w/ anointing for healing

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