



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS October 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
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Rest*

Family is Family

from the Rector's sabbatical

No question about it, the sabbatical that y'all granted me this spring was a real Godsend, especially for my ability to spend extra time with my family.

As everyone knows by now, I'm sure, our family's rhythms were thrown for a loop just before sabbatical with Jenny's cancer diagnosis, and the new cycle of doctors and nurses and labwork and infusions that came with it, certainly took a toll on my carefully crafted sabbatical planning. But having the extra flexibility to be present for all that extra... *stuff*, without worrying about who I was stealing time from, was a gift all its own.

Much of the planning survived those changes, of course, *especially* those pieces that involved being with family. The very first Sunday of the sabbatical, I spent as an early Mother's Day with my Mom in Indiana. Then it was off to Israel with, among a couple others, my younger son, Kyle, the tall one. Right after Jenny's first round of chemo, I headed to Florida and from there to join my older son, J.D. for some scuba diving, and a *lot* of sun in Belize.

It was on my way home that my concept of family was brought into sharp focus in a profound way. Having checked into my hotel in Crystal River on the upper Gulf coast, I was just leaving the mermaid show at Weeki Wachee Springs (I promise more about that some other time) I got a call from my colleague and good friend, Katherine Doyle, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, and better known to nearly *everyone* as Mamma Doyle. Because I was away on sabbatical, she said, she had been called with the news that Maddie Hayes had died suddenly and tragically. I pulled over to the side of the road as I took in what details she had to offer, and gladly accepted her offer to take the pastoral lead in helping a family she knows so well because of the girls' great involvement at All Saints.

The next day, as I continued home, Mamma Doyle and I had more conversation to make sure details were in place for the memorial service that Monday. The

camp staff, that had so often included Maddie over the years, was already halfway through the All Saints season, but had found a way to make sure their campers were cared for so they could be part of the service at St. Paul's, and Bishop Terry, himself also very active in the lives of our kids at All Saints, was to be the Celebrant.

As it happened, I was already due to be back in town in time for the service, but that was because the afternoon of the service was *also* the afternoon of Jenny's second chemo treatment. I knew I wanted to be present for both, and Jenny insisted that we would find a way.

I was concerned, however, what the Bishop would think about me breaking the "hands-off" rules of sabbaticals, especially so since he was going to *be* there. I texted him to let him know my intention to slip away from Gateway in time to slip *into* the back of St. Paul's for the service. Our dear Bishop knows me as well as just about anyone in my life, and *better* than most, so he asked, "if you are spotted at this funeral will people expect you at every funeral if you're in town." I thought about that for a bit, and responded, "I would already expect to be at every funeral if I'm home," going on to tell him that it wasn't pastoral so much as a "friend thing."

But on reflection, I didn't get that part quite right. As my sabbatical continued, I had the opportunity to spend even *more* time with family, including being at Kyle's institution as Rector in New York, a visit with J.D. and his fiancé in Missouri, and for not one, but *two* trips to the hospital with Jenny for cardioversion. And in that time, I came to realize that what I *meant* to tell the Bishop is that I don't spend time with y'all because I'm hyper-pastoral, though I thanked him for thinking it of me, but because y'all, *all* y'all, are my *family*. Some have heard me say in a waiting room, or in your living room or in your hospital room, "it ain't nothin' but a family thing." And family is family.

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—October 5—10 a.m.—Blessing of the Pets—Playground area

Wednesday—October 9—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program

Tuesday—October 15—5:30 p.m.—Vestry Meeting, Rector's Study

Friday—October 18-20—Fall Gathering at All Saints

Sunday—October 20—CCO Sunday—Cranberry Sauce Cheeseball Orders Due

Saturday—October 26—10 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ingathering, Parish Hall

Monday—October 28—Noon—St. Ann's Guild (Note date change)

Wednesday—October 30—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program at Presbyterian Church

Around the Parish



The Parish Family enjoyed the shade of Cardinal Pavilion with worship and a whole LOT of food.



Dcn. Larry assists Fr. Rich in the prayers with his first Sunday back at the Altar



The Choir helped us sing a more old-timey selection of songs as part of the Parish Picnic.

Holy Land Travels Part 5

from the Deacon

We finally arrived at the Yigal Alon Museum, after the boat was docked, we walked up the peer to the museum where the “Jesus Boat” was on display. The fishing boat estimated to be dated from the 1st century A.D., was discovered in 1986 on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, when the waters receded during a drought. I was amazed at the size of the fishing boat which could probably hold seven people easily. The remains of the boat were 27 feet long, 7.5 feet wide and with a height of 4.3 feet. There were large pictures all along the walls of the museum explaining how the boat was removed and restored for viewing.

After viewing the Jesus boat, we boarded our coach and headed for the Mount of Beatitudes part of Jesus’ early ministry around the Sea of Galilee, one of the most beautifully serene places in the Holy Land. According to tradition, the Mount of Beatitudes is the place where Jesus gave his important sermon on the mountain. It was a spectacular view of the northern part of the Sea of Galilee and across to the cliffs of the Golan Heights on the other side.

Before continuing on, we stopped and had lunch at St. Peter’s Restaurant over-looking the Sea of Galilee. Our meal was grilled fish and boiled potatoes! There were also some salads as well. After the meal the waiters brought fresh brewed coffee around in tiny cups which was absolutely a pick-me-up or more like a jump start for your afternoon! The coffee was dark, thick and after I added creamer—it was delicious!

After lunch and everyone had had a bathroom break it was time to board our coach once again and go to our next stop, Tabgha which is accepted as the place of the miracle feeding of the five thousand. It also is considered the sight where Jesus cooked the fish for the seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee after his crucifixion, it was I believe his fourth resurrection appearance. While at Tabgha we drove a short distance to tour the Byzantine Church with its 4th century mosaic floor. The floor had all kinds of different animals from Egypt shaped into the mosaic tile floor, which are among the most beautiful I have ever seen.

Our next stop and our last stop of the day was Capernaum. Capernaum was built on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus lived during his ministry in Galilee. The excavations of the city have revealed a synagogue from the time of Jesus with the walls made of sandstone that were four feet thick. It was here in Capernaum that Jesus healed the servant of the centurion. This is probably the roman official who built the synagogue at this holy site. It was here that Jesus called Matthew the tax collector to leave his tax booth and follow him.

It was at Capernaum we visited Peter’s house. I’ll continue next month with the house of Peter.

Love and Peace!



Wednesday Evenings

Our first Wednesday evening visit of the fall with our friends at the Presbyterian Church was a real joy all around. With the much larger group composed of Wednesday evening regulars from *both* congregations, including *lots* of children and youth, the food was so abundant that everyone had more than their fill. And though the program wasn’t what folks expected from Melanie Harrah, née Veccia, the group found her presentation about funeral planning informative, compelling and timely. (The kids had their own program elsewhere in the building.)

We will join the Presbyterians again on the last Wednesday of October as well, though this time, the program will be fun for old and young alike. October 30 we’ll all gather at the Presbyterian Church for a Halloween party. Bring something fall-party-food to share and maybe even find a costume to join in the fun as we continue to celebrate the possibilities for ministry that working together may inspire.

And before that, on the *second* Wednesday of this month, October 9, we will meet *here* for our own potluck supper in the Parish Hall, followed by the next in our discussion of C.S. Lewis’ *The Great Divorce*, a short, entertaining look at heaven and hell. We just started with the introduction in September, so it is by no means too late to get on board with us this month as we begin with chapters 1-3 of Lewis’ imagined bus outing for residents of hell to the entrance of heaven.

Racial Reconciliation Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Kentucky Racial Reconciliation task force is planning a Diocesan-wide pilgrimage to the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama next spring, March 29 to April 1, 2020.

Located on the site of a former warehouse where black people were enslaved, the Museum uses compelling visuals and data-rich exhibits to investigate America’s history of racial injustice and its legacy today.

The Memorial commemorates the more than 4,400 African American men, women, and children who were hanged, burned alive, shot, drowned, and beaten to death by white mobs between 1877 and 1950. It is intended to acknowledge past racial terrorism, to provide a sacred space for truth-telling and reflection, and to advocate for social justice in America.

Together, the site is a powerful reminder of a past that we too often would rather *not* remember, those who visit are always profoundly impacted by the encounter, and often enlivened to create bridges across barriers that still divide us.

The task-force’s goal is for at least two or three participants from each congregation to attend so that the whole Diocese is represented. If you are interested in being part of this extraordinary opportunity, they are asking you to express your interest by completing a survey about transportation, lodging, and cost. You can complete the survey online at bit.ly/pilgrimagesurvey, or using the form in the Parish Office.



Diocesan Mission Trip

Leslie Newman—The weekend of September 15, Kaleigh and Miranda Purdy and Kiya Hill attended the Four Rivers Deanery Community Mission Trip sponsored by the Murray State University college youth, led by Fr. Matt Bradley, who is Rector at St. John's Murray and the Episcopal youth chaplain at MSU and an All Saints alumni himself, and by the youth directors from Christ Church, Bowling Green, Karen Cartwright, and from St. John's, Murray, Angie Mills. The theme for the weekend trip was *The Way of Love*.

Grace Church, Hopkinsville hosted the youth for sleeping, eating, playing and worship on Sunday morning. On Saturday, the youth partnered with Hopkinsville's New Jerusalem Baptist Church to work on the home of a family who needed their help.

Iris was kind enough to join me for the ride to deliver our prized St. Paul's representatives. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with our youth and hear about how their school years and lives are going. It was delightful to have the road time, like in the good old days before cell phones and video games took the place of conversation! Iris and I were invited to stay for a pizza and salad supper, and for the get-to-know-you icebreaker game.

Kaleigh Purdy—We arrived at the church. Made our name tags. We ate pizza with the whole group. At that time we became closer to the 5 other kids that came. We got up the next morning, and one of the kids mom cooked us all breakfast. We painted and scraped the paint off the church, while we painted the church, we painted each other too. Then, Father Richard invited us to McDonalds for lunch to eat.

I enjoy the mission trips that I go on. I also know that every thing we do impacts somebody's life in a positive. As it does for me.

Miranda Purdy—Saturday after breakfast and gathering our shower stuff we were on our way to work we painting then we took a brake and went to Mc Donald's then we got back to work to finished painting and scraping.

I had a great time helping other people. I hope to go on more mission trips.

More Scholarships

Leslie Newman—Congratulations to Anna Hayes and Sophie Hayes on their awards of the Kohler Family Scholarship. Anna is a student at WKU at Bowling Green this semester, and Sophie is studying through WKU at Lincoln, England this semester.

A generous gift from the Kohler family has made funds available for need-based post-secondary educational scholarships for university, college or vocational programs at non-profit institutions to students with academic promise who are residents within the Diocese of Kentucky and affiliated with congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky and recommended by their rector. 2019 applicants for financial assistance were required to complete an application that required input from their families and to answer a question about their most significant religious memory or the issue they consider to be of critical importance to the world today. Congratulations to Anna and Sophie and thanks to the Kohler Family.

Donald Kohler was a long time treasurer of our Diocese, and is a senior executive of Hilliard Lyons Financial Services and a Portfolio Manager of the Hilliard Lyons Trust Company in Louisville.

A Wonderful Visit

Leslie Newman—EYC hosted coffee hour on September 8. We then went to Select Specialty Hospital for a delightful visit with Charlie Crabtree. We were fortunate our visit overlapped with Kim's visit when their son Sean, granddaughter Hana and great granddaughters Penelope and Hiromi were there, too, so our youth could meet.

After our visit we went to Mickey's Kingdom, the amazing new park located adjacent to the Evansville Museum. It was a toasty day and afterwards we were grateful for cold drinks and a hot supper at Denny's. Charlie is now a patient at Lucy Smith King Center at Methodist Hospital and welcomes visitors.

Fall Gathering

Leslie Newman—Our youth will have another chance to gather with their Diocesan friends, old and new, at Fall Gathering at All Saints the weekend of October 18.

The theme for this year's gathering is "Find Your Way". Jesus says in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus makes us this promise, but the world can sometimes be so confusing and it's easy to feel lost. Our youth will explore how they might find their way in the world as a Christian, how they find their ways to God in a confusing, complicated world and how they "stay the course" in their daily lives.

The retreat will be led by Canon Jason and Mama Doyle and the Diocese of Kentucky Youth Council, to which our own Kaleigh Purdy is a representative. Bishop White will be present to celebrate the closing Eucharist on Sunday October 20. Registration forms are available on the Diocese of Kentucky Youth page on Facebook.

Vestry Notes

At their meeting on September 17, St. Paul's Vestry:

- Received financial reports, including a discussion of funds brought from invested funds to remain current with operating expenses.
- Asked the Rector to make more use of the Dial-My-Calls service to let Parishioners know of events.
- Approved payment for repair of the main electrical trunk.
- Applauded Lydia for the new Facebook live feed of our Sunday morning worship and discussed improvements for that broadcast as well as improvements to our FB presence.
- Heard a pastoral report from Fr. Rich.
- Placed "New Things" as a sustained item on the Vestry's agenda, with the intention of spending at least some of their time each meeting thinking of *new* ways our Parish may meet the needs of both the congregation and the community.
- Discussed and designed a plan for the 2020 Operating Fund campaign to begin before the end of the month.

The next Vestry meeting will be at 5:30 October 15 in the Rector's Study.

Blessing of the Pets

Since his life and ministry in the 13th century, St. Francis of Assisi, friar and mystic, has been known for his learning, for his piety, and for his care for *all* of God's creation. But most of all, St. Francis has come to be known and beloved for his love of animals. Because of that association, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis by blessing the animals that are dear to us.

On Saturday morning, October 5 at 10:00, you and your pet are invited to gather in the children's playground where Fr. Rich will lead us in prayer and meditation on the natural world, and help us celebrate the blessing of the pets in our lives. Join us to say thanks to your special friend—and to thank our Lord for giving us such joyful and peaceful companionship.

Picnic Fun

Marty White—September 29 was another absolutely beautiful day at Audubon Park for this year's St Paul's Picnic. Fr. Rich, Deacon Larry, Suzanne and Marla led our prayers and praise, with a special emphasis on old familiar singing. We were so happy to see Suzanne who has been away with her knee replacement.

When we had all received the Sacramental meal of Christ's Body and Blood, we sat together for another

sacred time of feast and fellowship. The Parish provided the main course (by way of J&B bar-b-que and left-over pork from the East End Picnic), and the rest of the table was set with the usual side dishes and dessert bonanza for which we are deservedly famous! As always, there was more food than we could possibly eat and we provided take-out boxes for those who wanted to take some of this wonderful food home with them.

There are too many people to name that had a hand in making this such a great celebration. Not to mention that it was a birthday celebration for one of our youngest members—no grandmotherly pride involved, Caroline. And oh gosh, it was wonderful to see so many of our Parish members and guests joining together for this service.

The weather was hot, and the stinkbugs were aplenty, but we didn't let either one of those get in our way. Thanks again to everyone that helped in so many ways, whether it was gathering up, cooking, setting up, cleaning up or just plain showing up.

Yes, It's Cheese Again

Susan Sauls—Yes, it's me again and you know what I'm going to talk about. The church kitchen will soon be abuzz with conversation about olives and chipped beef and pecans and cream cheese and shredded cheddar and plastic wrap and mixers and beaters. And then, all of a sudden, your cheeseballs will be in the refrigerator waiting for you to pick them up.

Which ones are *your* favorites? English Cheddar? Mount of Olives? Christmas Cranberry? Chipped Beef? Chocolate Chip? Ponderosa? The deadline to place your order is Sunday, October 20, and the cost is still only \$8.00. Pick up day is Saturday, November 23—just in time for you to include them with your Thanksgiving turkey and all the other trimmings!

Order as many as you want. Order forms are in the Parish Hall, or you can call the Parish Office (270-826-2937) or me (270-831-0660). And if you want to help with the preparations, we could always use another set of willing hands. We really have a *lot* of fun!

When you order these goodies, your dollars help make sure all our kids can go to church camp at All Saints at no cost to their families. What a great way to support our youth!

EYC Calendars are Coming

Leslie Newman—Our EYC calendars will arrive soon, so don't jump the gun and purchase another! The proceeds from the sale of the calendars support our youth group activities. \$7 again this year or \$5 for 5 or more. We appreciate your support.

Financial Summary as of August 31, 2019

Pledged Income Received to Date	\$84,380
Unbudgeted Income from Investments to Date	\$30,000
Other Operating Income to Date	\$37,235
Operating Expenses to Date	\$167,643

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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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