



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS September 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
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The Journey's Not Over

Since the Rector's first Sunday back was also the last before the school year, a lot of folks missed, and have asked to hear his return sermon. Here is an excerpt.

I am very glad to be back here with you this morning! The last three months have been a real journey, but mostly due to the new realities dictated by Jenny's cancer diagnosis, it was not *quite* the journey I had planned.

One of the things one does on one's sabbatical, I did most of my "reading" listening to audio books, and my list included a couple heavier pieces: Flavius Josephus' history of *The Jewish Wars*, and psychologist Steven Pinker's *Enlightenment Now* – I know you are jealous – but the list was *much* more heavily weighted toward Harry Potter and Tom Clancy. I almost *stumbled* into my favorite "read" of the whole journey, however, right at the *end* of the trail, John Steinbeck's, *Travels with Charlie in Search of America*.

At the end of what was undeniably a phenomenal career as author and social commentator, Steinbeck set out on a three-month circumnavigation of much of the lower forty-eight with his standard French poodle, Charlie. I hadn't gotten through the first chapter before I discovered just how wonderful a fit it was for my *own* sabbatical journey, as the author laid out his own philosophy of the journey: "Once a journey is designed, equipped, and put in process, a new factor enters and takes over. A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless." "We do not take a trip; a trip takes *us*."

For over seven-and-a-half years, I have tried to remind you that the Christian life, the life *in* Christ, is by *far* more a journey than it is a destination. There are bends and turns along the way, as we seek to understand Christ's call to follow him. There are confirmations *and* changes to whatever we *thought* we understood the plan to be, as we seek to conform our lives to the loving, trusting life of the one who is our companion and guide. There are peaks *and* valleys

in the landscape of our journey as we more and more find our reason, *and* our refreshment and rest, in *his* near and constant presence. "Only then," as Steinbeck says, "do the frustrations fall away," so that we can truly live into our Master's simple, but *oh* so complicated plan to love God and love each other.

As Steinbeck brings *Travels with Charlie* to conclusion, he turns to the *lifespan* of journeys. "This seems to be variable and unpredictable," he argues. "Who has not known a journey to be over and dead before the traveler returns?" he asks, and answers, "the reverse is also true." "Many a trip continues *long* after movement in time and space have ceased."

Though I am mostly glad that the odometer on my poor, tired truck, has finally slowed to a more manageable pace, my sabbatical journey is nowhere *near* an end. I suppose it is an occupational hazard that as I traveled through the three months of the precious gift that this congregation has given me, I collected a bunch of stories and meditations that I look forward to sharing over the next year of newsletters and sermons and coffee-hour conversations.

As our Parish leadership continues to look for the best ways for us to live out our mission to serve our Lord, and our ministry to serve the world around us, I pray that our Father will give us sparks of imagination to readily perceive the movings of the Holy Spirit among us, the courage to look beyond terms and tenures to serve our beloved Parish and community, and the strength and perseverance to carry out the work that Christ has for us to do.

I hope that in these last seven-and-a-half years, I have *also* told you often enough how grateful I am that you have invited this poor traveler to share *your* journey together. Thank you again for the tremendous gift of the last three months, and thank you most of all for the continued love with which you always surround me and my family.

God bless you all.

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

Monday—September 2—Labor Day—Church Office closed

Saturday—September 7—DAR—Parish Hall

Sunday—September 8—10 a.m.—Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday—September 11—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program

Sunday—September 15—CCO Sunday—Ramen Noodles

Monday—September 16—Noon—St. Ann's Guild

Tuesday—September 17—5:30 p.m.—Vestry Meeting, Rector's Study

Wednesday—September 25—6 p.m.—Potluck Supper and Program at the Presbyterian Church

Saturday—September 28—10 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ingathering, Parish Hall

Sunday—September 29—10 a.m.—Annual Parish Picnic—Audubon Park Cardinal Shelter

Around the Parish



Leslie and Mike led the games team at the AKZ Back-to-School Picnic.



Doc Smith and Sandra help a young patient get a healthy start to school.



St. Paul's volunteers served BBQ and fixin's to over 465 people with our back to school outreach event in the East End.

Holy Land Travels—Part 4

from the Deacon

The Catholic Church of the Annunciation is a beautiful building in the center of the city of Nazareth. The church is one of the most impressive and spectacular sites and is considered to be one of the most holy churches for Christianity. The front door of the church has carvings depicting major events in Jesus' life. Outside this church is a gallery with beautiful mosaics representing some of the most important Marian devotions from different countries all over the world. Some of these mosaics also are inside of the church. The church is built over the site believed to be the house of the Virgin Mary, where she was told that she will give birth to Jesus by the Archangel Gabriel.

Our next stop, the Mount of Precipitation that stands on the out-skirts of Nazareth. It is the traditional site where Jesus was rejected by an angry mob intending to throw him off the cliff, but Jesus miraculously passed through them and continued on to Capernaum. I believe it was on top of this mountain that our guide, Jerry pointed out to us, in the distance across the Jezreel Valley, the Mount of Transfiguration.

After a long day of visiting the holy sites, we finally arrived at the Leonardo Club Hotel around six thirty. The hotel is located near the shores of the Sea of Galilee in the city of Tiberias. The Sea of Galilee is actually a huge fresh water lake fed by the waters of the Jordan River and is one of the most beautiful places in Israel, I think.

We received our room keys in the beautiful lobby of the hotel. Key card and luggage in hand, I was off to my room on the fifth floor. I had a beautiful view of the Sea of Galilee! Then to my surprise there hanging in my bathroom was a hand towel, a huge bath towel and one *glorious* wash cloth. "I love this hotel," I shouted. I unpacked my luggage, picked out something to wear for supper, and took a nice, *long* shower.

At 7:00, I met the rest of the gang in the dining room of the hotel. I reported to the gang that I had left my electric converter at our last hotel, lucky for me Kyle had packed extra converters, problem solved. The dining room had a view of the Sea of Galilee that was absolutely breath taking. I had for my meal rice with beef, tomatoes, and okra cooked in a stew which was fabulous. I went back for seconds! I feasted on a dessert that tasted like a Mounds chocolate and coconut candy bar.

The next morning, after we had breakfast, everyone walked down to the pier where we waited for our boat to dock and pick us up for a forty-minute boat ride over to the museum to see the "Jesus Boat." It was a bright sunny day, perfect for a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

I'll stop here and continue next month with the "Jesus Boat."

Love and Peace!



Onward Christian Servers

Connie Walaskay—In early August, thirty-five members of St. Paul's prepared and served lunch for 465 children and their caregivers at the East End Back to School Picnic.

The children also had dental exams and received toothbrushes, toothpaste and brushing and flossing instructions. The fire department brought a very big fire truck, put the ladder up as high as it would go and sprayed a gentle "rain" on kids *and* adults... it was a *very* hot that day.

The kids played games and won prizes that the EYC selected. The grand prizes were bicycles. The Kodak Moments were when a little girl won a pink Barbie bike was told to smile so she could have her picture taken. Instead, she stuck out her purple tongue (she had just eaten a grape snow cone) and grinned from ear to ear. A little boy from Somalia, who could not speak English, also won a bike. His Dad had to explain to him that he could keep it... then he grinned as well.

After the picnic, Deacon Larry and Michael took the remaining food to the Harbor House men's shelter and to Christian Community Outreach.

We have so *many* people to thank for making this a memorable event. St. Paul's congregation worked so hard and Luke 9:16, "And taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd," gave us the strength and kept us Marching on to Serve.

Wednesday Evenings

Last spring, we experimented with joining our dear neighbors at the Presbyterian Church for some of their Wednesday evening activities, and we were left with the sense that our two churches should do more together, and are looking to make our joint gathering a monthly affair for the remainder of the year..

On the second Wednesday of this month, September 11, we will have what has become our usual potluck supper in the Parish Hall, followed by a new program taking up C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, a short, entertaining look at heaven and hell, sin and redemption, as he imagines a bus outing that takes residents of hell to visit the entrance to heaven.

Then on the *last* Wednesday, September 25, we will again join the Presbyterians, in *their* fellowship hall, for potluck and a program featuring Melanie Harrah, leader of Young Lives ministry for single mothers.

We look forward to the possibilities for ministry that working together may inspire. Be sure to join us.

From the Crabtree Family

Charlie Crabtree would like to thank all those who attended his surprise 80th birthday celebration. And also, a special thank you for the cards and the concern the church has shown to Charlie during his illness, especially to Fr. Rich and Deacon Larry.



Back to School—Already!

Leslie Newman—Back to school comes too early, if you ask me. Fr. Rich practically came straight from sabbatical to Back to School, and I imagine that seemed especially early to him this year, as the school year was ending when he commenced his sabbatical. At St. Paul's we try to get it right and acknowledge the significance and importance of education, regardless of when school starts!

The Back to School picnic at Audubon Kids Zone was on Saturday August 3. Fr. Rich's First Day of School at the DQ was August 7. Our traditional Back to School youth pizza gathering was at *Mr. B's* on Sunday, August 11. And St. Paul's youth will host Back to School coffee hour Sunday, September 8 in conjunction with the Blessing of the Backpacks.

The Henderson family joined us for many of the Back to School activities, although their home-schooled year doesn't even have a summer break.

AKZ Family Picnic Outreach

Leslie Newman—Raiko and Connie Walaskay are the driving force behind the Back to School picnic and successfully recruited *many* St. Paul's volunteers to lend a hand. Some served a scrumptious lunch, with barbecue from *Thomason's*, watermelon and fresh veggies. Dr. Smith and his assistants provided dental exams and gave toothbrushes and toothpaste to children. Others hosted games and gave prizes to neighborhood children. And DJ Steve Towe kept the music playing. As a finale, six grand prizes were awarded – six shiny sparkling brand new bicycles! It was again a hot day and St. Paul's gave our all to make a good time for all who came out to celebrate Back to School.

Diocesan Mission Trip

Leslie Newman—Three St. Paul's youth, Kaleigh and Miranda Purdy, and Kiya Hill, along with Kylie Preston (Sophia's cousin), and several more from across the Diocese of Kentucky began the school year with a mission trip to Grace House retreat center in the *town* of St.

Paul, Virginia. The work of the mission trip was to mud, sand and paint inside the home of an elderly woman in the community, Lee and her dog Moochie. They stayed in a bunkhouse, prepared their own meals, walked the labyrinth at the retreat center, and visited a waterfall and hiked to a gorgeous view of the Shenandoah Valley. Thank you to St. Paul's for making this fabulous opportunity for Christian formation possible!

Deanery Mission Trip

Leslie Newman—And there is another opportunity soon! Christ Church, Bowling Green and St. John's, Murray have invited our youth sixth grade and up for a Community Mission Trip September 13-15, led by Fr. Matt Bradley and chaperoned by the Episcopal College Fellowship from Murray State University. The youth will stay at Grace Church Hopkinsville and partner with Jerusalem Baptist Church on a service project. The theme will be "A Way of Love," and of course there will be time for food, fun and games. There is no cost for this trip but we do need to register and to plan transportation so please contact me right away.

More Diocesan Youth Activities

Leslie Newman—Kaleigh Purdy was chosen to serve as a delegate to our Diocesan Youth Council, which met on August 17 in Louisville. Unfortunately, Kaleigh was ill and unable to attend the first meeting of the year in person, but was still able to participate by Facetime.

Amidst team building and signing their community covenant, the youth planned Fall Gathering, which is scheduled for October 18-20. We will need help with transportation and it will be a beautiful time of year to visit, so if you have been wanting to visit All Saints, let us give you an excuse for a road trip.

Brianna Garcia and the HCHS Colonel Band Brigade and Guard will perform the show they will take on the road for competition this fall on Friday, August 30 at 7pm at Colonel Stadium. You could also catch the show at football halftime on September 6 or 13.

Rad Mattingly is into full swing with HCHS soccer, with September home games on the 3rd, 14th, 17th, and 21st. And Hannah Hendricks is in her fourth year of cheerleading, now a proud North Cadet, along with her brother, Landon (although he leaves cheerleading to his sister).

On top of their mission trips, youth meetings, sports and other activities, our youth have homework and grades to achieve. Please encourage them when you see them!

Always Up for Something New

If you have suggestions for service projects or fellowship fun for our St. Paul's youth, or if you would like to host them in your home for a gathering to get to know them better and share your history with St. Paul's, please let me know. Gisele already is planning a Christmas craft for our youth and requests the contribution of any buttons you have to spare. You can leave them in the kitchen for us to find.

Vestry Notes

At their meeting on August 20, St. Paul's Vestry:

- Received financial reports, noting the need for correction of a number of entries, and requesting the Treasurer clarify the way in which investment gains and losses are recorded.
- In accordance with their multi-year plan of review, requested the Finance Committee conduct an internal review of 2018 financial information and complete the required report to the Diocese.
- Approved signage for the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 29 at Audubon Park.
- Generated ideas for Wednesday evening adult education program.
- Discussed on-going repair of difficulties at the main electrical trunk, and the renewal of issues with the HVAC system supporting the Christian Ed wing.
- Applauded Connie Walasky for her leadership of the East End back-to-school Family Picnic.
- Heard a pastoral report from Fr. Rich.
- Received the Rector's thanks for the gift of his sabbatical, and for all the hard work undertaken by the Wardens and many others in his absence.
- Elected Bill Gentry and Susie Watkins as St. Paul's deputies, and Becky Carrol as alternate to Diocesan Convention in November.

The next Vestry meeting will be at 5:30 September 17 in the Rector's Study.

Tik-Toc: Time for Cheeseballs

Susan Sauls—My how time flies! Yes we're talking cheeseballs again, and we'll be taking orders soon.

We're trying to decide about some of the flavors though. Do we keep this one? Do we replace it with another? You can help in the decision making process. Tell us the ones you really liked and the ones that just didn't sit right with your palate. Did you like the ones we had at coffee hour last week?

We want to make this a banner year for St. Ann's cheeseballs so we can support our youth and provide for other needs around the church. So get ready—we'll have the order forms available soon!

It's Time for a Parish Picnic

Fall is time to break out the folding chairs and enjoy some good food and some good times with some of the best company around: your St. Paul's Parish Family. Since we enjoyed it so much the last four years, we are returning to the Cardinal Pavilion at Audubon State

Park on Sunday morning, September 29.

The 8:00 service will be back at church, but we'll take breakfast on the road that Sunday with a *Golden Glaze* spread in the Parish Hall *and* out at the Park. After we've gathered, we'll line up our lawn chairs and benches, Suzanne and Marla will help us with some old-time singing, and Fr. Rich will lead us in a less-formal-than-usual setting of the Eucharist.

Then we'll turn our attention to the ribs and chicken that we're ordering from *J&B*, and the *Thomason's* pulled pork and baked beans saved from the East End picnic, and to whatever salads, veggies and desserts you bring to the very big table. As always, come for the worship and the food, and stay to enjoy the fun.

Breakfast and Coffee Hour

Labor Day is upon us, so it is once again time for Sunday morning breakfast at St. Paul's. As he did last year, Louis Smith has agreed to kick off the new year with a bang by bringing his well-known brand of everything you can think of breakfast goodness to the second Sunday of each month, in this case, September 8.

From there, we begin our *new* regular monthly rotation: Last year there was talk of folks stepping up to take a single turn at providing breakfast for other Sundays, and this year a new team has taken up the mantel. Ann Street will join Larry and Diane McMIndes to offer breakfast on the third Sunday for September, the 15th, and are challenging others to step up for another Sunday between now and Memorial Day weekend in May. Of course, Fr. Rich is standing by to continue the *Golden Glaze* routine as needed. Talk to Fr. Rich about you and a friend, adding to the fun and fellowship.

And talk to Gisele Purdy about available dates to host coffee hour after the 10:00 service. There is plenty of opportunity to find the date in the 2019 calendar to include your Parish Family in your own family tradition, and there are still dates free for the rest of this year as well.

Diocesan Leaders Needed

Nominations are being accepted for election to the boards and committees of the Diocese of Kentucky to be filled at Diocesan Convention in November. Lay positions will be filled on Trustees and Council, the Standing Committee, the Bishop Dudley Trust, the Cathedral Chapter, and our Deputation to General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Service at the Diocesan level can be greatly satisfying and rewarding.

More information and nomination forms are available in the Parish Office. Or contact Dcn. Larry who is a member of the Diocesan Nominating Committee.

Financial Summary as of July 31, 2019

Pledged Income Received to Date	\$71,445
Unbudgeted Income from Investments to Date	\$20,000
Other Operating Income to Date	\$36,015
Operating Expenses to Date	\$150,840

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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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