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# The Epistle

## Warden's Wonderings

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It is 6:00 a.m. PST as my flight from San Francisco launches into the pitch black sky hurtling toward the sunrise in the east. I figured I better knock out this Wanderings edition before I succumb to my usual nap. The fellow next to me has a head start and is snoring like a freight train. The flight attendant has supplied a hot cup of Joe, so here we go.

Three weeks ago I became a new member of a club. I did not seek out this membership. It came looking for me. There are no regular dues, but I can see this club will involve some investment. The members are all over the place with many from St. Paul's Parish. The Hansens, Garmans, and Marquards have hyped this club for years. And now I know what they were raving about – the Grandparents Club! My daughter Claire gave birth to Madeline Foy Bryson on Thursday, September 24. Bobbie arrived in Cincinnati to greet her granddaughter minutes after her birth. I arrived the following day, and was instantly smitten. At 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Madeline was an average birth-weight child. Holy smokes, I had forgotten how incredibly small and helpless that is!

Bobbie and I spent the next few days with the new family, helping them get their sea legs. We assisted them with a few last minute projects around their 145-year-old home, hanging curtains,



repairing a box gutter, installing a mobile. But most importantly, we were just there. There to hold, to change, to feed, to cook, to sing, to love. I did not anticipate how impressed I would feel watching my daughter become a mother, or how captivated I would be by my attentive son-in-law, Zach, as he became a father. And then there was Henry, their dog. How would Henry dog react to someone taking his role as sole recipient of their affection? I had no reason for concern. It has to be God's gift that all those things have worked out. How could it be otherwise?

Now comes the truly difficult part, leaving. I stayed on through Monday. Bobbie came home for a couple days before returning for several more. She had to get lesson plans and a substitute teacher in order. The new family appreciated our help, but it was time to get back to normalcy, whatever that is. There was and is a feeling of loss at departure. That fades after a day, but my heart still misses infant Madeline. I smile warmly when I receive a text message with her picture. Sadly, she will be that way all too briefly. The next time I see her and hold her she will be a different person. Pictures are nice, but cannot do God's creation justice. The distance, 250 miles or 4 hours, is not your typical day trip. How I envy those with grandchildren in Columbus. That seems so easy. And I really feel for those whose grandchildren are a flight away.

The sun has fully risen as I gaze upon the Rockies. My neighbor is still snoring like a freight train. Good thing I never do that! I think I'll have another cup of Joe as I scroll through my pictures of Madeline. Thanks be to God!

*Dennis Foy*  
Senior Warden

## Worship Ministers

### November 1

8:00 a.m.

Mary Jane Brewer (1st & Psalm)  
Hildegard Bender (2nd & LEM)  
Chuck Catanese (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Steve Rucinski (1st)

Marc Stamper (2nd)

Shirley Brown (Ps & LEM)

Linda Garman (PoP & LEM)

Fr. Roger Tiffany (EM)

(Acolytes)

Nick Coyle (C)

Julia Coyle

### November 8

8:00 a.m.

Muriel Bulmer (1st & Psalm)  
TBA (2nd & LEM)

Kathy Steno (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Joe Mahn (1st)

Paul Bunner (2nd)

Mary Anthony (Ps & LEM)

Tim Scheel (PoP & LEM)

Evie Funston (LEM)

(Acolytes)

Kim Kelly (C)

Isabeau Mahn

### November 15

8:00 a.m.

Ted Frease (1st & Psalm)

Jeff Berno (2nd & LEM)

Hildegard Bender (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Linda Darling (1st)

Dennis Foy (2nd)

Tim Scheel (Ps & LEM)

Carol Goslee (PoP & LEM)

Kim Kelly (LEM)

(Acolytes)

Dylan Powell (C)

Brandon Chasar

### November 22

8:00 a.m.

TBA (1st & Psalm)

Chuck Catanese (2nd & LEM)

Barbara Baird (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Steve Rucinski (1st)

Marc Stamper (2nd)

Shirley Brown (Ps & LEM)

Fr. Roger Tiffany (PoP & EM)

Evie Funston (LEM)

(Acolytes)

Hannah Burnett (C)

Sarah Hennigan

### November 29

8:00 a.m.

Sue Potterton (1st & Psalm)

Kathy Steno (2nd & LEM)

Jeff Berno (PoP & LEM)

10:00 am

Bobbi Foy (1st)

Sandra Herbst (2nd)

Kim Kelly (Ps & LEM)

Tim Scheel (PoP & LEM)

Carol Goslee (LEM)

(Acolytes)

Roanna Lisi (C)

Autumn Abbott



## In Search of Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for two or three adults who would like to be trained to be a Crucifer and to assist at the Altar. This is because three of our acolytes have graduated high school and gone to college and our younger acolytes haven't grown enough to carry the Crucifix.

We are also in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

If you are interested in any of these special ministries, please speak with our verger Kim Kelly or with Fr. Funston as soon as possible.

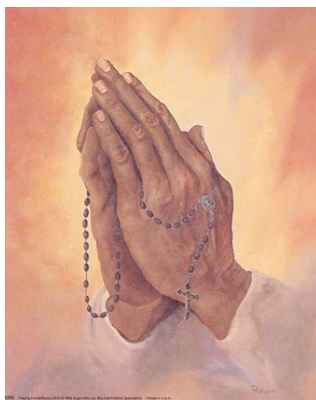
## Birthdays

11/03	Stephanie Calkins	11/17	Adam King
11/06	Stephen Foley	11/19	Gwen Abbott
11/06	Phil Stehno	11/20	Peter Rademacher
11/07	Jeremy Pfahl	11/22	Carol Goslee
11/11	John Syme	11/24	Carson Donohue
11/12	Bobbie Foy	11/26	Brian Marple
11/15	Dylan Ruesch	11/29	Mark Hansen
11/17	Gary Garman	11/29	Michael Marquard
11/17	Kim Kelly	11/30	Kathy Buhovecky



## Anniversaries

11/25	Becky & Doug McClure
11/26	Diane & Ken Demers



## Prayers & Thanksgivings

### At All Times

Our National Church  
Our Armed Forces  
Our President &  
National Leaders

### For Healing and Strength.

Rick Abbott  
Bob Anthony  
Barbara Blair  
Barbara Baird  
Patti Buckelew  
Kathy Catanese  
Susan Doraty  
Darleen Duke  
Gwendolyn Eagleson  
Barbara Fieger  
Pat Fischler

Marissa Freiberg  
Elizah Gattiker  
Phil Herron  
Linda Irvin  
Paula Kampf  
Bob Keller  
The Manocchi Family  
The Miller Family  
Ali Riemann  
Tammy Roney  
Elizabeth Rucinski  
DeLynn Siewert  
Jeanne Sizemore  
Rose Spemulli  
Tim Stamper  
Kathy Stehno  
Michelle Sullivan  
Michelle Thomas

Nancy Wyman & Family  
Terry Yuschak

**Wedding**  
**Thanksgiving**  
Brenna & Greg

**For Healthy Pregnancy**  
Mellissa & Matt Gattiker

**Preparing for**  
**Matrimony**

Sara & Michael  
Jennifer & Patrick

*Please advise the Church Office of any changes in prayer needs. Thank you!*

## Episcopal Youth Community

The St. Paul's Parish Episcopal Youth Community will be busy this month preparing for our Annual Homelessness Awareness Sleep-out and getting a float ready for the Candlelight Parade that same evening, November 21. Several church youth groups in the Diocese have been invited. This has become a favorite event drawing youth from throughout the Diocese of Ohio.

We are looking for large cardboard boxes for the shelters the participants will sleep in, for wood for our fire to keep them warm, and most importantly for adults willing to sit up all night keeping watch; we also need



heavy drop cloths and newspaper. Please let me know if you can help or contribute any of these items.

Our Wednesday evening lessons this month are as follows:

- November 4, John 11:32-44 and Luke 6:25-36;
- November 11, Mark 12:38-44; and
- November 18, Hebrews 10:31-39 and Psalm 16.

There will be no youth group meeting on November 25.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from the EYC!

**Mary Anthony,**  
Youth Group Advisor

## Annual Fund Campaign: Catch the Joy!

*A cheerful look brings joy to the heart!*

*(Prov. 15:30)*



**"Catch the Joy"**

You're never too old to do this: Tape this smiling-sun picture to your bathroom mirror. Each morning put on your biggest, brightest smiley face and say, "Good Morning, God! Thank you for this day!"

Make it a habit and you'll be surprised by the profound and joyful impact it will have on everyday life.

Your fellow parishioners are grateful for your fellowship and faithful support of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. While you may not be aware of all the day-to-day activities in our parish, you can take joy in knowing that through your giving you are a part of and a blessing in everything St. Paul's Church does for the community and for our members. Thank You!

Won't you take time today, if you've not already done so, to complete your "Catch the Joy" pledge card for 2016. We, your fellow St. Paul's parishioners, depend on you!

***Please return your 2016 financial commitments by November 22!***



## Battered Women's Shelter

From

### *Battered Women's Quarterly Newsletter:*

Twenty percent of our population will find themselves vulnerable to eight types of abuse in their "golden years:"

1. Physical abuse
2. Sexual abuse
3. Emotional or mental abuse
4. Neglect
5. Abandonment
6. Financial abuse
7. Self-neglect
8. Early loss of independence

We need to find ways to keep our elders safe, healthy and happy when life should be filled with joy, friends, family and memories.

If you would like to learn more about elder abuse, trainings and workshops or community referrals please email

[Terrih@scmcbws.org](mailto:Terrih@scmcbws.org).

### *Shelter Needs*

The shelter is in need of the following items:

- Tall kitchen trash bags, latex gloves, Pinesol/Lysol
- Toilet paper
- Soap – bar and liquid, laundry detergent
- Toiletry items – perfumes, body washes, new make-up, body sprays
- Baby formula (powder or liquid, any brand), strollers
- Spaghetti-O's, mac & cheese, rice dishes and instant meals
- Lunch box snacks, pop tarts, frozen waffles, crackers, cereal

### *Help for Battered Women*

If you are a victim of domestic violence, help is available. You can call the National Domestic

Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or any of the following Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina County 24-Hour Confidential Domestic Violence Hotlines:

- Summit County  
(330) 374-1111
- Summit County Toll-free  
(888) 395-4357
- Medina County  
(330) 723-3900
- Medina County Toll-free  
(877) 414-1344

Thank you for your continued generous giving.

Many blessings to all!

**Susan Bunner**  
Shelter Liaison

## Episcopal Church Women

Officers for 2015-2016 were elected at the October meeting of St. Paul's Parish's Episcopal Church Women. Officers are: President Diane Scheel, Secretary Sue Hartman, and Treasurer Kathy Catanese.

Plans for the St. Nicholas' Tea were discussed. Tickets for the Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5, seatings are available. Prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please contact Melinda Rucinski at 330-321-4611.

The Summit Mission Area chapters of ECW are collecting empty pill bottles for The Malawi Project, Inc. This medical ministry provides care to people in remote villages. Because they receive medicines in bulk and cannot afford to purchase quantities of pill bottles, their patients often receive medications in newspaper or in nothing at all. Thus, their medications go unprotected. So, we are collecting empty pill bottles. Please bring any you may have to church, labels removed, and put

them in the large basket in the Gallery.

November's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11, beginning with the Eucharist at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon following will be pot luck; our meeting will again focus on final planning for the St. Nicholas Tea.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Diane Scheel**  
ECW President



## Rector's Reflection

### *Packing Our Parachute*

Our annual operating fund pledges, our estimates of what we anticipate giving to the church in the coming year, are "Thank You" notes to God. They aren't contracts. They aren't promises. They aren't agreements to pay for services. They are "Thank You" notes!

In **The Book of Common Prayer** there is a litany of thanksgiving (p. 387) which begins, "Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us." The last of the items listed in that litany is "the communion of saints, in all times and places." Our pledge is an especial "Thank You" for that gift, the gift of this church community which earlier generations prepared, sustained, and bequeathed to us, and which we hope to maintain and pass on to future generations.

Some people don't give much — some don't pledge anything. Sometimes churches receive pledges totaling only about \$100 for an entire year. While this may be "the widow's mite" for some, I wonder if gratitude enters into the thoughts of more affluent non-pledgers or low-amount donors. I suspect that it doesn't, that their thought is that the church is largely irrelevant in their lives. They may come at Christmas or Easter, but other than that, they have little involvement with their congregation and, thus, little to be thankful for.

Nonetheless, I would suggest that in

time of crisis those folks will be looking to their church for help and support, the same way a pilot or passenger leaping from a failing airplane grabs onto a parachute. I know this happens; it's happened a lot in twenty-five years of ordained ministry. And it happened in my personal life before I entered the clergy! Significant life events (marriages, births), life tragedies (serious injuries or illnesses, deaths), and unexpected crises (tornadoes, job losses) are all times when every church member, regardless of their pledge or giving, rightfully relies on their church and receives the church's ministry of support and assistance.

You don't need a parachute  
to skydive. You need a  
parachute to skydive twice

During World War II, every aircraft pilot's and crew member's uniform included a parachute. On most flights, that piece of equipment was irrelevant, never used. But that part of the uniform was never left behind and when it became necessary, you can bet the airman was grateful for it.

Have you ever heard the saying, "Pack your own parachute?" I believe it applies to the church, too.

Jesus told his followers to be prepared. It is quite essential to prepare if you plan to go sky diving. It doesn't make much sense to board the plane without a parachute at hand. However, it is not wise simply to hold a parachute in your hand; it

needs to be packed appropriately in the pack. Everything has its place. You can't pull the rip cord to open the chute if it is already opened, and it won't open properly if it's not packed well. The church is like that. It is absolutely necessary that the church community be prepared, sustained, and ready to provide support to those in need. Our pledge is the "packing" that keeps the church parachute ready when we (or others) need it; our pledge is the way we thank Jesus for his reminder, "Be alert at all times." (Lk. 21:36)

A constant reminder of our Baptismal Covenant is the call to take responsibility. We are asked in the baptismal service if we will do several things: continue in the Apostles' fellowship and in prayer, proclaim the Gospel, serve others, strive for justice. Our answer is, "I will, with God's help." (BCP, *Holy Baptism*, pp

303-04) I will pack my parachute, with God's help. When one is sky diving, it is hard to blame somebody else if my pack doesn't open; I packed it. Do you take responsibility in your life? We often find that many people are not willing to eat crow with their mistakes, but the Gospel and our baptismal promises call us to take responsibility for our actions. When we mess up, we are called by God to admit to it; we call that repentance and confession. Whatever the situation might be, we are called to take responsibility in life. If the church is not able to pay its bills, maintain its facilities, employ its ministry staff, or be there to help in times of need, we cannot play

the blame game. It was not someone else's responsibility; it was our own. The church is our parachute and we failed to pack it. Our pledges of financial support are signs of our taking that responsibility, of packing our own parachute, as well as our way of thanking God "for all his gifts so freely bestowed!"

Yes, very much like a parachute, the church can very often seem irrelevant . . . until we need it. I saw a reminder about parachutes on Facebook recently: "You don't need a parachute to skydive. You need a parachute to skydive twice." Many of us may not need the church today, but all of us will need it someday. So give thanks to God for all those who have kept this parachute packed, and help keep it packed for when someone, perhaps even you, will need it in the future.

### ***To Clap or Not to Clap***

Speaking of giving thanks, have you ever noticed how sometimes some people applaud in church and others don't? Episcopalians, in general, are uncomfortable with applause during worship and are often unsure whether they should or shouldn't even when we know for sure we want to thank the Choir or a solo performer or even sometimes a preacher. So applause can often be tentative and a little embarrassing.

This topic came up recently in a discussion amongst clergy and my colleague Fr. Peter Faass shared with us a piece he had written for his parish's newsletter. I endorse what Peter has written below, so I asked him if I could share it with you.

***Applause During the Liturgy*** by the Rev. Peter Faass, Rector, Christ Church, Shaker Heights

*Is applause appropriate during the liturgy? If so, are there moments*

*when it is more appropriate than others?*

*The traditional understanding in the Christian Church is that our liturgical worship is offered up to God, and is not entertainment to be critiqued by the assembly. The Greek term leitourgia can be roughly translated and understood as being, "the work of the people." As many of you know, I often equate good liturgy with good theater. But in this analogy it is critical to understand that the congregation is not the audience. The audience is God and we are all actors in the theater of worship – which is our praise and thanksgiving - which is offered up to God.*

*Strictly speaking it is God who should be clapping based on what we do.*

*Generally speaking, in our Episcopal tradition – and certainly in this parish- there are times when applause is acceptable and even encouraged.*

*I encourage applause at the Peace in the marriage liturgy after two people have been pronounced husband and wife, husband and husband, or wife and wife,*

*I encourage applause when children offer their gift of music or receive Bibles or do anything in the context of the liturgy.*

*Certainly when a new Deacon, Priest, or Bishop is presented to the congregation after being ordained, applause is encouraged.*

*All these are either one of a kind extraordinary moments in the life of the people being applauded, or times when we want our children to be nourished and encouraged in their endeavors and in their faith life.*

*But how about after the choir anthem, or when a singer with a beautiful voice who completes a well-performed solo, or an instrumental*

*selection executed perfectly on the organ, piano, trumpet, violin, or cello, or how about after a particularly stirring sermon?*

*Is applause appropriate at those moments? Well, not so much. While these things are edifying and enriching to our spiritual life, they are all ultimately offered up to God as part of our praise and thanksgiving for all God has done and given us. They are not like a performance we would enjoy at a concert at The Q or a production on Playhouse Square.*

*I am asking that we refrain from applauding during the liturgy with the exception of those times noted above. I am especially requesting that we refrain from doing so during the most solemn times of our liturgy, which would include when we are administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion. A good cue to when is a good time and when it is not good a good time to applaud would be to keep your eye on the Presider. If s/he isn't clapping that is a very good indication that you should not be clapping either.*

*Maybe instead of applause it would be best to offer a moment of silence after a pleasing offering; a moment when we may reflect on the gifts God has given to the person who is offering them up in the liturgy. In that silence let's offer thanks. In that stillness let's hear God's applauding approval.*

*And also very important: Show your appreciation to the soloist, preacher and musician after worship and thank them for their offering. That is pleasing to God (and to them) as well.*

*I would share with you also that some members of the Choir have told me that they find applause a bit embarrassing.*

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## Guild of Sacristans

### 11/1- Team C

Sue Potterton, Ginny  
Selmants, Rose Hose & Car-  
olyn McCulloch

### 11/8 - Team D

Kim Kelly, Bonnie Freas,  
Nancy Marquard, Barbara Mi-  
chelson & Marial Bulmer

### 11/15 - Team A

Diane Scheel, Mary Jane  
Brewer, Linda Darling, Sandra  
Herbst & Tami Keck

### 11/22 - Team B

Mary Anthony, Judy Delahoy-  
de, Liz Fellhoelter, Kathy &  
Chuck Catanese



### 11/29- Team C

Sue Potterton, Ginny  
Selmants, Rose Hose & Car-  
olyn McCulloch

## Ushers and Greeters

### 11/1

8:00 am

Claudia Boone

10:00 am

Carol Goslee (G)

Paul Bunner

Patti Papesh

### 11/8

8:00 am

Chris Fulton

10:00 am

Judith Dubose (G)

Joe Mahn

Kathleen Mahn

### 11/15

8:00 am

Dave Muffet

10:00 am

Linda Darling (G)

Sean Hennigan

Torsten Chase

### 11/22

8:00 am

Claudia Boone

10:00 am

Carolyn  
McCulloch (G)

Roanne Lisi

Marc Stamper

### 11/29

8:00 am

Chris Fulton

10:00 am

Diane Demers (G)

Mark Hansen

Paul Bunner

## Coffee Hour Hosts

11/1 Stephanie Calkins and  
Bobbie Foy

11/8 Marcia Haddad and Carol  
Goslee

11/15 Diane Demers

11/22 Torsten & Kathleen Chase  
and RayKayle & Kimberly  
States

11/29 ***VOLUNTEER(S)***  
***NEEDED***

## Lectionary Readings

### 11/1 *All Saints Day*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

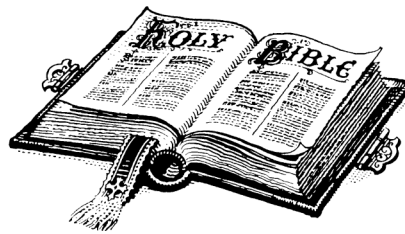
### 11/8 *Pentecost 24*

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



### 11/15 *Pentecost 25*

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-8

### 11/22 *Christ the King*

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

### 11/29 *Advent 1*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



## From the Junior Warden

What will November bring? Baptisms and Thanksgiving!

We have two and perhaps three candidates to be baptized on All Saints Sunday, November 1. The Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, November 22, is our annual ingathering and blessing of our pledge cards for 2016. It is a renewal of our faith in God's abundant blessings and our demonstration of support for our church (both St. Paul's Parish and the wider church). It is thanksgiving for all we have been able to share – both joys and sorrows; spiritual and physical; time, talents and treasures. Your vestry needs your pledge cards, so that it can determine the operating budget for the next and coming years. I am planning on increasing my tithe, even though I do not know what my income will be for 2016 – I work on a straight commission in my pet grooming profession, and never know what each week will bring in. I have lost a number of clients last year due to the

death of their beloved pets and, knowing the ages of my four-legged clients, I know that I will be losing more in 2016. Some of the owners add new pets to their family and some do not, so I have faith that God will provide enough.

This time of the year also brings Potlucks – we will have enjoyed our annual October Potluck and will enjoy more as the year comes to a close – at church, at work and at home. The Very Rev. Tracey Lind, dean of our cathedral, shared her views on potlucks in her book *Interrupted by God*, in her chapter titled Sally's Feast, a story of a "bag lady" in one of her congregations who was given a bag of the leftover communion bread on Sundays. Tracy wrote of the miracle of the loaves and fishes – likening it to a big potluck – sharing with others, always enough to eat, and always leftovers. She talks of having the faith that when we share, there will always be enough. Jesus

always asks more of us than we think we have to give: "Bring it all to me and I will make you adequate." What a powerful statement! Remember the examples of faith we read in the Bible: the story of the widow who fed Elijah the last of her flour and was given grain to feed her and her son through hard times (1 Kings 17:1-16) and the story of the widow who gave her last two coins (Mark 12:44). Powerful examples of the faith that God will provide enough to meet our needs and the needs of those with whom we share.

Lastly, the last Sunday in November is the First Sunday of Advent when we change to the blue vestments and set up the Advent Wreath.

Much thanks to all who do so much to keep our beautiful church running smoothly, and may God bless you abundantly.

**Kim Kelly**

Vestry Worship Liaison

## Rector's Reflection (cont.)

(Continued from page 7)

### Thanksgiving!

This this is the month of our national Thanksgiving Day holiday. I know that I have much to be thankful for and hope that you do, as well.

Have a great Thanksgiving and,

if you're in town, consider joining us for the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. that morning!



If you do come to church on Thanksgiving Day, bring a loaf

*of bread with you!* We will say a special blessing over those loaves and send them back home with you to spread that blessing to all who join around your table!

In Jesus' Holy Name,

**Fr. Erica**

## Christian Education

Yikes we are almost to the end of the 2015 year. Where has the time gone?

We start this month with a Parent/Teacher meeting on Sunday, November 1, following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. We will be discussing the Christmas Pageant and Vacation Bible School. The VBS Committee has selected the program and date for Summer 2016. It will be held the week of June 6-10, 2016, during the evenings. "Thank you!" to our VBS Parent Committee Wendy Chasar, Heather Coyle, Barbara Fieger, and Kim Hennigan.

This month in Godly Play class (Pre-K thru Grade 3), our Sunday lessons are:

- November 1, The Ark and the Tent;
- November 8, The Ark and the Temple;
- November 15, The Exile and Return;
- November 22, Jonah, The Backward Prophet, and
- November 29, Advent 1.

In our Weaving God's Promises class (Grades 4 and 5), our lessons are:

- November 1, All Saints;
- November 8, Moses, Agent of Deliverance;
- November 15, Gideon;
- November 22, Christ the King; and
- November 29, Advent.

Our Christmas Pageant is schedule for Sunday evening, December 20, 5:00 p.m. A simple supper will follow the performance. I will be looking for a committee of a few people to organize the dinner, cooking, serving, and clean-up. This should be a simple soup-and-salad or soup-and-sandwich dinner. Please speak with me if you are able to help out in this capacity. This will be our December Family Get-Together. I will also need help at rehearsals, organizing the costumes, and during the performance.

**Mary Anthony**

Dir. of Religious Education

## Intergenerational Christian Formation: JOLT!



### Joy Of Learning Together

*An intergenerational opportunity  
for Christian formation and growth*

*First Event:*

*Advent ~ A Season of Light*

*Wednesday, December 9, 6-9 p.m.*

*Dinner, Activities, Worship*

*For EVERYONE!*

*Get Energized with **JOLT!***

## Musically Speaking

November is the month when the leaves are almost gone, when the chill and wind remind us that winter is just around the corner. But take heart, Thanksgiving is also just around the corner.

*Now Thank We All Our God* is a Thanksgiving hymn full of historical significance. It was written by Martin Rinkart, a German clergyman who lived in the first half of the Seventeenth Century. During the Thirty Years War, many hundreds of fugitives came to Ellenburg, where he was a leader in music and religion. Plague swept the town, and Rinkart, the only clergyman left, read the burial service over fifty bodies every day – totaling at least 8,000 victims, one of whom was his wife. Worn out with these ministrations and hardships, Rinkart died the next year. The most famous of his hymns was written two years before his death. It is based on a chapter in Ecclesiasticus, in the Apocrypha, the text used in 1647, when peace

was at last declared. It is called the *Te Deum of Germany*, and was used by Mendelssohn in his *Hymn of Praise*. Miss Catherine Winkworth's translation of Rinkart's hymn is dignified and faithful, as are her many other translations from the German.

Johann Cruger, the composer of the stately choral, called *Nun Danket*, was a contemporary of Rinkart, famous in those days for his motets and cantatas, but now remembered only for his chorales. (From **Two Hundred Hymn Stories** by Ellen Jane Lorenz)

It is interesting how one little dust ball could create a "cipher" (that's what it's called when the organ decides to play and no one is holding down a key) in our organ on Saturday, October 10. It is interesting how one person could bury 8,000 people and yet create a great poem of thankfulness. It confirms to me that one person does make a difference to the whole hu-

man community; how our actions can create despair or thankfulness. I believe it is with prayer that we can have an "attitude of gratitude."

I am constantly thankful for the musicians who commit and share their talent every Sunday and special holidays. If you are wondering what this "music stuff" is all about, just let me know and I will fill you in on the details.

Musically yours,  
**Bertie Stamper**  
Music Director

## St. Paul's Parish Historical Tid-Bit

In October of 1904, the *Medina Sentinel* reported that the ladies of St Paul's Parish "held a shower for necessary items for the Church House." As part of their fund-raising activities for the church, they held a bazaar selling "useful and fancy articles," and homemade baked goods and candies. Ice cream, sherbet, and cake were served. The ladies also helped to contribute to the cost of the bathroom and electrical lights that were added to the parsonage that month, replacing an outhouse and oil lamps.



## Karen Dick: Brown Bag Concert

Our Brown Bag Concert performer in November is hammer dulcimerist Karen Dick. Karen enjoys sharing the unique qualities of the instrument with her audiences. She plays for weddings, small concerts, and other events. In 2001, she was the Mid-Eastern Regional Hammered Dulcimer Champion. Karen teaches hammered dulcimer in individual lessons and in workshops. She also continues her own musical studies. Karen lives with her family and pets right here in Medina.

The hammered dulcimer is a stringed musical instrument with the strings stretched over a trapezoidal sounding board. Typically, the dulcimer is a set on a stand, at an angle, before the musician, who holds small mallet hammers in each hand to strike the strings. The word *dulcimer* is Graeco-Roman, meaning “sweet song”; it derives from the Latin *dulcis* (sweet) and the Greek *melos* (song). The dulcimer’s origin is uncertain, but the tradition holds it was invented in Iran (Persia) some 2000 years ago, where it is called a

*santur*.

The instrument has been revived in the United States in the American folk music traditions. Some rock bands employ the hammered dulcimer as a primary instrument, including Macha of Athens, Ga., and Tulsa Drone of Richmond, Va. The dulcimer is played in Wales, East Anglia, Northumbria, Southwest Asia, China, and parts of Southeast Asia, and in traditional Austrian and Bavarian folk music.

The hammered dulcimer derives its name from the small mallets that players use to strike the strings, called *hammers*. Hammers are usually made of wood (most likely hard woods such as maple, cherry, paduk, oak, walnut, or any other hard wood), but can also be made from any material, including metal and plastic. In the Western hemisphere, hammers are usually stiff, but in Asia, flexible ham-

mers are often used. The head of the hammer can be left bare for a sharp attack sound, or can be covered with adhesive tape, leather, or fabric for a softer sound. Two sided hammers are also available.



The heads of two-sided hammers are usually oval or round. Most of the time, one side is left as bare wood while the other side may be covered in leather or a softer material such as piano felt.

Come enjoy the music at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 17, at this month’s Brown Bag Concert.

### *Remember to give online e-Giving a try!*

The **red e-Giving button** found on the parish website and in weekly email updates allows you to register as a regular contributor and to schedule on-going contributions to the operating or capital funds

The **blue Donate button** permits you to make a one-time donation to the operating fund or to the capital fund, and occasionally will include links for seasonal donations.





## Financial Report

### Operating Fund — Year-to-Date September 30, 2015

<i>Income</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
General Fund Contributions	\$ 189,943.93	\$ 187,781.78	\$ 2,162.15
Other Contributions	6,720.66	5,662.53	1,058.13
Non-Contribution Income	9,623.53	7,787.56	1,835.97
Grants Received	3,033.07	2,800.00	233.07
Total Income	209,321.19	204,031.87	5,289.32
Transfers fr Non-Op Funds	5,141.95	1,056.78	4,085.17
Total Resources	214,463.14	205,088.65	9,374.49
<i>Expenses</i>			
Payroll Expense	117,548.79	117,004.47	-544.32
Program Expenses	45,711.99	45,719.88	7.89
Operations	61,305.94	61,504.65	198.71
Total Expenses	224,566.72	224,229.00	-337.72
Transfers to Savings	2,007.50	0.00	-2,007.50
Total Outflows	\$ 226,574.22	\$ 224,229.00	-\$ 2,345.22
Excess/Deficit	-\$ 12,111.08	-\$ 19,140.35	\$ 7,029.27

## Treasurer's Comments

Pledges in September were under budget by \$3,471.08 and year to date they are down \$6,223.59. Approximately \$3,000.00 of this is from pledges that are paid annually at the end of the year. The balance is from weekly, monthly, or quarterly pledges that have fallen behind. Our total monthly contributions (pledged and unpledged) were 81% of what we had budgeted; this is a decline from last month (92%). Our total income from all sources year to date is nonetheless ahead budget by \$5,289.32.

We have transferred \$3,500 from savings (and returned \$2,007.50 of that); we have also transferred \$1,641.95 from non-operating funds into the operating account. Total funds available for payment of expenses for income and transfers through the end of September was \$214,463.14.

Our monthly expenses in September were under budget by \$667.15. Year-to-date expenses exceeded the budget by \$337.72, an improvement over last month; total expenses are running just 1% over budget.. How-

ever, our deficit (expenses over income) to this point in the year is \$10,103.58 (\$12,111.08 including transfers back to savings).

This puts us in much better financial condition than anticipated. Year to date, we had budgeted our "red ink" as \$19,140.35. The actual year to date operating deficit is only 63% of that amount – \$7,029.27.

**Chris Fulton**

Parish Treasurer





## Lifelong Christian Formation

### *The Charter For* **Lifelong Christian Formation**

Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is  
Lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of  
Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.



*I have called you friends. John 15:14-16*

#### Through The Episcopal Church, God Invites all people:

- To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
- To hear the Word of God through scripture, to honor church teachings, and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
- To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
- To hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

*You did not choose me,  
but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit. John 15:14-16*

#### Through The Episcopal Church, God Inspires all people:

- To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God's will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
- To study Scripture, mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
- To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.
- To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God's creation.

*I am giving you these commands that you may love one another. John 15:17*

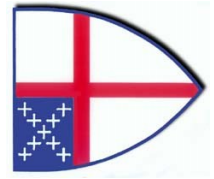
#### Through The Episcopal Church, God Transforms all people:

- By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God's work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
- By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God's will.
- By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.
- By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a lifelong journey  
with Christ, in Christ, and to Christ.*

**Live into the Charter! Get energized with *JOLT!* on December 9!**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Calendar						2015
Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 – All Saints Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Baptism & Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR)	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (DR) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 6:00 p.m. EIM Seminar (PH) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (CR)	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (DR) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace (PH) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)	<b>5</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 6:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming (DR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)	<b>7</b>
<b>8 – Pentecost 24 (Pr. 27B)</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir	<b>9</b> 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR)	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (DR) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 6:00 p.m. EIM Seminar (PH) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (CR)	<b>11</b> 11:30 a.m. ECW Eucharist and lunch meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (DR) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace (PH) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)	<b>12</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 6:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming (DR) 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (YR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)	<b>13</b> 4:30 p.m. Convention Carpool 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)	<b>14</b> 8:00 a.m. Convention Carpool
<b>15 – Pentecost 25 (Pr. 28B)</b> <b>UTO In-Gathering Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir	<b>16</b> 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR) 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (PH)	<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (DR) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Concert (WS) 6:00 p.m. EIM Seminar (PH) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (CR)	<b>18</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (CLR) 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (WS) 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace (PH) 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)	<b>19</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Yours Truly 6:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming (DR) 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (YR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (WS)	<b>20</b> 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)	<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Free Farmers' Market 2:00 p.m. Prebys/Zanko Wedding (WS) 4:00 p.m. Homelessness Awareness Sleep-Out
<b>22 – Christ the King (Pr. 29B)</b> <b>2-Cent-a-Meal Offering</b> <b>Catch the Joy In-Gathering</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR)	<b>24</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (DR) 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (WS) 10:00 a.m. Book Group (CR) 6:00 p.m. EIM Seminar (PH) 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (CR)	<b>25</b> Parish Events Cancelled No Youth Group No Evening Eucharist No Financial Peace Univ. 7:30 p.m. O.A. (DR)	<b>26 Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (bringing a loaf of bread!)	<b>27</b> Office Closed 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (DR)	<b>28</b>
<b>29 – Advent 1</b> <b>Unction &amp; Healing Prayers</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-Up (WS) 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir	<b>30</b> 6:00 p.m. Happy Clickers (CR)	For more information on events, see articles in this issue of St. Paul's Epistle or visit us online at <a href="http://www.stpauls-medina.org">http://www.stpauls-medina.org</a>				LOCATION CODE CR = Common Room DR = Dining Room MR = Middle School Room PH = Parish Hall TR = Teen Room WS = Worship Space CLR = Classroom



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