



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

August 2022

“A ship is always safe at shore, but that is not what it's built for.”
– Albert Einstein”

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The Mission of our Parish is to be an active community reflecting God's presence in Chittenango and other communities we represent.

Our Services

Sundays at 9 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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As happens more often than naught, something Fr. Leon or Fr. Charles say in their sermons, strike a chord with me and give me something to ruminate on. Fr Leon's recent sermon was no different. On Facebook (of all places) there were other articles that took on the same type of message.

What was it that caught my attention? This: "Doing without listening can become meaningless; listening without doing makes the words empty." Let that sit with you for a few moments.

Now this was mentioned along with Spiritual Discernment – which I might add, is NOT easy and can be, quite honestly, scary. Who wants to hear what God has in store for them, especially when you are comfortable doing what you do every day? I mean, challenging yourself to move outside of yourself is doggone scary and downright uncomfortable. Oh wait, isn't that the point of what God wants? Doing things outside of your circle, being uncomfortable. Heck, didn't Jesus tell his Disciples to travel with nothing but the clothes on their back? Kind of like, let the chips fall where they may lay type thinking.

So I am sending out a challenge to my Vestry AND to the Parish as a whole. I want you to take time to LISTEN, listen to where the need is, where we, at St. Paul's can help fill that need. Yes, we do things here, but I feel we can do more. And not necessarily something that needs a physical presence, but reaching outside of our comfort wall and HELP someone that could use help. Let's think locally and yes, even globally. There are physical things we can do locally – let's do them! It's time to stop talking about it and instead let us put it into practice. "Listening without doing makes the words empty."

Our mission statement says this:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chittenango, New York
exists to restore all people to unity with each other
and with God in Jesus Christ.

Restore unity – something that is desperately needed in the community, let alone in the world. Fr. Leon has an idea of a gathering of people, from the area, welcoming them to our Parish Hall to explore ideas. We are hoping to start this in the Fall. We don't do this from the angle of what this will do for St. Paul's, we are doing this from the angle of HOW it can help people who are struggling and need something different in their lives. It will take planning and patience, because all things start out small, before they grow into something big.

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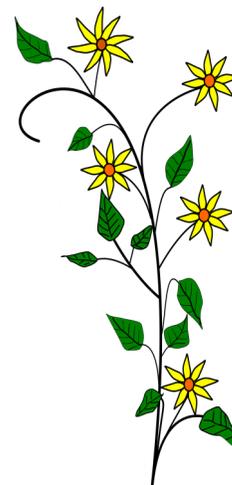
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Ruth Held, Donna Hoffman, Woody
McAllister, Gaven Sherman, The Siau
Family, Joan Tedford, Ted Tedford, Bev
Thorp, Mike Weisbrod



New Prayer List for August 2022/September 2022
has been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com / 315-382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com / 315 655-4321.

If anyone would like a written copy of the weekly lessons/Gospel, Psalm, and Fr. Leon's sermon, either mailed to you or emailed to you - please contact the Church, by phone or by email and let Becky know. She will drop them in the mail to you weekly.

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About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorporated. At that time Chittenango was little more than a gathering of frame and log houses. From 1816-1832 rectors from St. Stephen's held missionary services in Chittenango.

Around 1849 a few gentlemen who greatly admired and revered the beautiful services of the Church, agreed to make an effort to have services occasionally held. By the spring of 1855 services began to be held regularly once a month in the Bethel. St. Paul's was officially organized as a parish on June 18, 1855. St. Paul's church was built in 1865 as a Gothic Revival-style structure. The lot, building, furniture and windows cost \$5000. The building was completed in less than six months. The first service was held in the church on Easter Day, April 1, 1866.

On May 12, 1866 the church was consecrated by Bishop Coxe. It was added to the U.S. National Historic Register of National Places in 1996.

August

Birthdays

02 – Matthew Titus
 03 – Jennifer Jackson
 04 – Samantha Huebler
 20 – Jill Just
 23 – Barb Tafe
 25 – Leon Mozeliak, Jr

25 – Bob Olmsted
 25 – Mary Jane Pokorny
 25 – Luise Stewart
 26 – Edward Pokorny
 27 – Bob Kincaid
 28 – Charles Grover

Anniversaries

07 – Derek and Lisa McGork
 27 – Gerry and Robin Weisbrod

Ministry Team Schedule**August 7, 2022
Holy Eucharist**

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Roberta Kincaid
 Prayers: Roberta Kincaid
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman, Clayton
 Weisbrod
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

**August 14, 2022
Morning Prayer
Judy Olmsted**

Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Bob & Roberta
 Kincaid

**August 21, 2022
Holy Eucharist**

Fr. Charles Grover

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Claudia Jensen
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Tania Mousaw

**August 28, 2022
Morning Prayers
Judy Olmsted**

Lessons: Tania Mousaw
 Prayers: Tania Mousaw
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Sue Gerling

**Altar Guild:
Sue Huebler**

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At this past Vestry meeting, Don Lee shared with us, that he felt his time as our Treasurer was coming to a close. As of December of 2022, Don will retire from the position. So that means, the search is on for a new Treasurer. So what does it mean, to be a Treasurer of a church? Well, first and foremost (taken from The Vestry Resource Guide):

- ◆ Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
- ◆ Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
- ◆ Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
- ◆ Purposefully strive to “check one’s ego at the door;”
- ◆ Purposefully strive to be a servant of the people without the need to be the “most important person” in the congregation or the need to be the one with the right answers to everything;
- ◆ Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry

And then, down to the nitty gritty:

- ◆ Weekly oversight of collections and deposits ensuring that at least two persons are present at all times during collection and counting;
- ◆ Periodic payment of bills and paid on time;
- ◆ Monthly generation of accounting reports;
- ◆ Work with the vestry to make certain that adequate insurance is maintained on all real and tangible property;
- ◆ Determine that the books and accounts of the congregation are kept in accordance with standard accounting procedures and the requirements of the canons;
- ◆ Ensure that the congregation’s financial operations are in accordance with the Episcopal Church and diocesan canons, the congregation’s by-laws and state and federal laws;
- ◆ Ensure that the congregation’s deeds and other instruments of ownership are secure, and maintained in the manner prescribed by canon and

civil law;

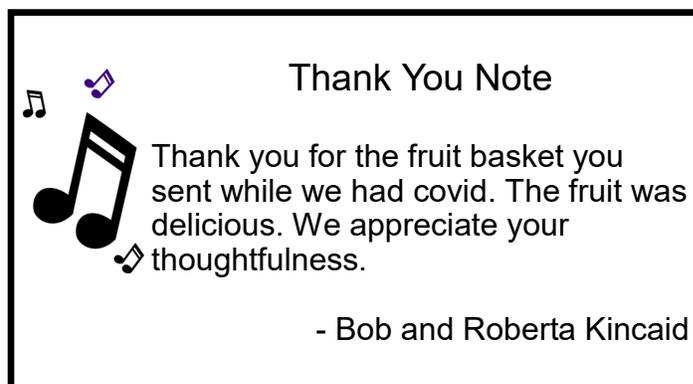
- ◆ Meet regularly with the rector, wardens, and/or staff for planning and evaluation;
- ◆ Serve on the Finance Committee;
- ◆ Assist in the development of budgets;
- ◆ Be available to consult with other committees that might need help in planning budgets or other assistance in financial matters;
- ◆ Submit a monthly financial report to the vestry and an annual financial report to the congregation;
- ◆ Make appropriate contributions to the diocesan parochial report 15.

I know, it sounds like a lot, just know that many of these things are already in place and operating smoothly - but still need oversight. So please, prayerfully consider this ministry, Don will be available to help anyone transition into this position.

On a personal note, I want to thank Don for his considerable service to St. Paul’s as a Warden and in more recent years as our Treasurer. I will miss his calm persona and his wise counsel and his friendship. Thank you, Don, from the bottom of my heart. Our meetings will not be the same without you.

I heard this the other day, and it struck me how true it is, “Don’t look over your shoulder, because you will turn to salt, just keep moving forward.” AMEN

Robin – Sr. Warden



Note about Vacation Bible School & School Kits

This is an FYI for all members of St. Paul's. This year, we decided to make things a bit simpler, and instead of people bringing in supplies for VBS and the School Kits, Katherine and I went shopping. (Lord have mercy)

How does this pertain to all of you? Simple!! We would still love your involvement – but instead of a “physical” involvement, we are asking for you to make a separate Donation to St. Paul's – send it in with Attn: Don Lee on the envelope and on the memo line (if a check) or on the note (if cash) designate VBS or School Kits.

And for those of you, who prefer to donate electronically: Visit <https://cnyepiscopal.org/give/> Pick the Give To My Parish button and under the Gift Note/Designation, put VBS or School Kits,

Thank you!!

School Kits Program

The School Kits for Kids program, formerly chaired by Ethel Barber with the Outreach Committee, will kick off on July 25th. The deadline completion date is August 26th. Some kits will be provided at the Parish Hall, or you may purchase your own kit and fill it, or you may just want to donate some of the items needed for the kits or a donation of cash. However you choose to participate, it is appreciated.



Items required for the kits:

- 1 Pair Blunt Scissors
- 1 Box colored pencils, 12 count
- 6 No. 2 pencils
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pink pearl eraser
- 3 White glue sticks
- 1 Box of Crayons, 24 count
- 1 Box of tissues

Thank you for your unselfish giving to others.
Thank you. Thank you!

Notes from Your Vestry

In attendance: Fr. Leon, Robin W., Judy O., Lynn M., Sue G., and Don Lee, Treasurer
Special Guest: Martha Frey

Robin opened with a prayer from the Vestry Resource Guide. She then proceeded to introduce the special guest, Martha Frey. Martha is the caretaker of the Gates Cemetery on Rte. 173 and wanted to know if the Church would be interested in taking over the Cemetery. The Vestry asked many questions and told Martha they would get back to her on this idea. They thanked her for her time.

Moving on, they reviewed the previous months minutes, which were approved and then on to the Treasurer's report. Robin noted that she was pleased that the pledges were being so consistent. Don noted that the fee for the Porta Potties of \$413 will be charged to Building and Maintenance rather than to Oz Day. The report was approved.

New Business: The Vestry agreed to give Becky a raise and thanks for her service as Secretary of the Church.

Old Business: Chad is still scheduled to repair the lights in the front of the church. Also checking to see if Chad can do the wire service for the AC unit. We are asking him to see if our Electric Box needs upgrading and if so, what will be the cost. Judy will reach out to Gene Mapstone for an updated quote for the AC Unit. Robin will contact TopStitch about shirts. The Vestry received an estimate for \$5704.18, which includes repairing the floor as needed, and replacing carpet. This will be done the week of July 31st-Aug. 6th. Tania will find out about repairing the pillars on the outside of the church, Robin will put a notice out looking for an insured painter. The Vestry is also seeing if we can do blown insulation (don't know if you don't ask) for the church. Shrubs will be removed along side of church. The Altar Guild co-chairs, MaryJane Pokorny and Robin Weisbrod, requested funds to update our Red hangings/ vestments. The Vestry agreed to pay for them with Memorial Fund monies. Tania says raffle tickets sales are going extremely well. You will find her and Pat Davis down at the Tuesday night Farmer's Market periodically.

Fr. Leon led the closing prayer. Next meeting to take place July 21st

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