



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

February 2021

Looking Forward to the Year Ahead

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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 10 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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Greetings from the desk of the Warden.

The Annual Meeting for St. Paul's was held on January 24th, right after the Virtual ZOOM Church service. It was an entirely different way for us to have the Annual Meeting, but we all agreed, that it went better than we expected. For those who were unable to attend, we extended heartfelt thanks to Judy Olmsted for her term as Warden, she faced some real challenges this past year and rose to the occasion. We also extended heartfelt thanks to Fr. Charles, for his help with putting together the weekly bulletin and offering to lead the 5th Sunday Service. Fr. Leon – you and Lynn have been such a wonderful addition to our Church family – thank you for all you do. We also would like to thank Pat Davis for her service – you will be missed on the Vestry. Thank you for all you have done. So appreciated.

While I'm saying thank you; Becky – thank you for all you do as Secretary/Sexton of our church, between you, Tania, Bob, Judy and Dorothy Saunders – our church was sanitized and maintained for the short time we were open. Mary Jane – thank you for being the Co-Director of the Altar Guild – even with the craziness, we made it. Tania – thank you for being you. Sue – your steadfast loyalty to the church is ever appreciated.

Now on to the business at hand: The 2021 Vestry - Please welcome:

Robin Weisbrod – Sr. Warden/Communications
 Judy Olmsted – Jr. Warden/Education
 Sue Gerling – Worship
 Tania Mousaw – Building and Grounds/Outreach
 Lynn Mozeliak – Fellowship/Pastoral Care
 Treasurer – Don Lee

Delegates to the Convention: Amy Veator and Robin Weisbrod

IMPORTANT NOTE: We need two alternates to the Convention, which is in November, and most likely will be a Virtual meeting. Please contact Robin if you are interested in being an alternate, ASAP.

Delegates to the Chittenango Area Association of Churches: Lisa McGork and Sue Gerling

Thank you all for your dedication!!

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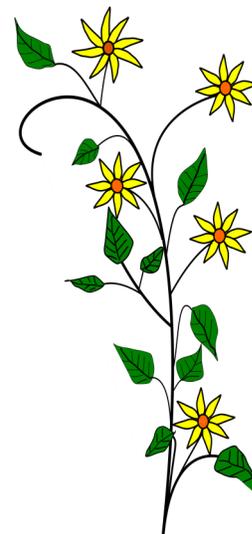
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Clerk of the Vestry/
Newsletter Editor

Prayer List

Sheryll Barnett, John Brennan, Collette Cook, Betty Every, Sue Huebler, Corinne Kraus, Kathy Milne, Judy Short, Joan Tedford and Ted Tedford.

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 until we can all gather together again.
Thank you and Stay Safe!!



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.

Please email
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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 that 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.

February

Birthdays

01 Jerry Jackson
 06 Ida Goins
 06 Carter Woodworth
 08 Aaron Judd
 10 Pat Davis
 11 Ted Tedford

18 Dick VanValkenburgh
 22 Neil Huebler
 26 Roberta Kincaid
 28 Brittany Haas
 29 Amy Randall

Anniversaries

09 Jim & Becky Kraus
 14 Todd & Kim Chappell
 29 John & Barb Tafe

Ministry Team Schedule

February 07, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Becky Kraus
 Psalm: Becky Kraus
 Robin Weisbrod
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen

February 14, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Judy Olmsted
 Psalm: Judy Olmsted
 Robin Weisbrod
 Prayers: Robin Weisbrod

February 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Claudia Jensen
 Psalm: Judy Olmsted
 Robin Weisbrod
 Prayers: Robin Weisbrod

February 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Robin Weisbrod
 Psalm: Robin Weisbrod
 Becky Kraus
 Prayers: Judy Olmsted

Altar Guild

Joanne Furtado
 Jennifer Jackson

United Thank Offering

A reminder to give thanks and give back

The first United Thank Offering was in 1889. It began as part of Missionary efforts of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Mission, authorized by General Convention in 1871. Julia Emery, secretary to the Women's Auxiliary, and Ida Soule, who counted the missionary offering of the 1886 Triennial meeting of Women, inspired women to pray and give coins with the idea of building a new church in Anvik, Alaska as well as sending Miss Lisa Lowell as a missionary to Japan. In that year, the offering reached \$2,188.64. These women dreamed of supporting mission work. It is now our time to dream of how we can make a difference with the message of thanksgiving and self-giving, and always with grateful hearts.

The United Thank Offering is still a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides a way for men, women and children to give daily thanks to God with a sense of gratitude. The discipline begins at home by placing coins in the "Blue Box". Every coin is used to support grants for mission and ministry. Every year, the total offering is between two and a half and three million dollars all of which is used for projects at home and abroad. The challenge is that grant requests total between five to seven million dollars!

Many deserving and important ministries cannot be recognized. What Episcopalians are doing for others is exciting and must be encouraged to continue. Pray daily for more "Thankful Coins" and Thankful Hearts". More than one hundred grants are awarded each year. Hope and pray that each year the UTO Committee will be able to respond more fully to grant requests.

Every cent collected from the Blue Boxes and the envelopes is given way in grants. The carefully controlled expenses of the elected and volunteer committee are supported by interest from designated trust funds. The surplus has been used for grants also. The general budget of the Episcopal Church USA supports the UTO office.

Everyone can become a part of UTO by offering thanks and prayers as part of your daily life with Christ while dropping coins in the Blue Box. It is a good reminder to give thanks to God for the gifts that have been given to us-

a child's smile...
 a beautiful day...
 for healing of hurts...
 for garden fruits...
 for rain...
 for our families...
 How long is your list?

The UTO Offering Committee makes grant awards in the two years between General conventions and Triennial Meetings of Episcopal Church Women. In the third year, the UTO Committee recommends awards and delegates to the Triennial Meeting make the final grant decisions. Each Triennium, the UTO Committee consists of one person elected from each of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church, three members elected by the former committee and one person appointed as liaison from the Executive Council by the Presiding Bishop.



United Thank Offering Prayer

“Source of all creation, all love, all true joy, accept we pray,
these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of
life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the
outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep

each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that
come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and
blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen”

UTO Ingatherings are held twice a year at St. Paul’s: In May, near
Ascension Day and in the Fall, near All Saints’ Sunday.



Prayer for America

Peter Marshall
(1902 – 1949)

Oh, God on high, we pray to Thee:
Preserve this land of liberty,
The land where heroes fought and died
To stem oppression’s rising tide,
The only land upon the earth
Where all may rise above their birth,

Whose people seek to keep these shores
Immune from class and racial wars,
Whose Eagle’s not a bird of prey.
But one who guards us night and day.
Protect us from dissension’s hates –
Lord bless our great United States.

Submitted by Ida Goins

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Now that the Annual Meeting is behind us, we move on to the Liturgical Calendar. Lent is right around the corner. February 17th is Ash Wednesday – as it stands now, we will not have a physical meeting for this, or any of the services done during Lent. As we figure out more, we will let you know.

Oh and join us in wishing Ida a wonderful 101st Birthday on February 6th!!!

I will leave you with this thought,

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15:13

Robin



The new church directory
is complete!

Copies are available
in the Parish Hall.

Thanks to Becky for all her work!

Feeling blue from the cold weather and social isolation? Us too!
Fortunately there are many reasons to celebrate in February:

February 1st: Baked Alaska Day
February 2nd: National Tater Tot Day
February 7th: Rose Day
February 8th: Opera Day
February 9th: National Pizza Day
February 14th: Valentine's Day
February 15th: Susan B. Anthony Day
February 18th: National Drink Wine Day
February 19th: National Chocolate Mint Day
February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day
February 21st: National Sticky Bun Day
February 22nd: National Margarita Day
February 23rd: National Banana Bread Day
February 24th: National Tortilla Chip Day
February 27th: National Retro Day
February 28th: National Science Day



Although we can't be together, we're all a part of this strange time together.
We can't wait to celebrate you again. How cherished and anticipated that will be!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

**FROM MANY,
ONE**
**CONVERSATIONS
ACROSS DIFFERENCE**
EPISCOPALCHURCH.ORG/FROMMANY

“Conversation with others across difference is not just a nice thing to do. It is a spiritual practice of love in action.” – Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

“From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference” is a campaign inviting Episcopalians and our neighbors to engage in one-to-one listening and sharing across the many differences that separate us. Echoing the Latin phrase on the U.S. seal – E Pluribus (“from many”) Unum (“one”) – and following in the footsteps of Jesus, we trust that the spiritual practice of conversation across difference can help to knit us all into a diverse, more perfect union.

In a cultural moment shadowed by pandemic, fractious politics, and deep division within families, communities, and nations, we have the opportunity as people of faith to partner in simple ways to celebrate difference, listen with curiosity, and promote healing. Each of us can make a difference.

It all starts with four simple questions:

1. What do you love?
2. What have you lost?
3. Where does it hurt?
4. What do you dream?

Anyone can join in these life-changing conversations, by engaging one on one, exploring the

questions in small groups, and talking with people of different ages and backgrounds. In so doing, we begin to discover how our differences make us stronger as the human family of God.

Watch the videos. Sign up. Invite a partner. Have the conversation. Pray. Join in deeper conversation, practice, and learning. Help to form God’s Beloved Community.

HOW DO I ENGAGE?

1. Explore this guide or the “From Many, One” webpage at www.episcopalchurch.org/frommany.
2. Reflect personally on The Four Questions.
3. Watch videos of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and other leaders modeling brief, one-to-one conversations using The Four Questions (available mid-January 2021).
4. Explore the Resources to learn about conversation as a spiritual practice, set up your own conversations, and reflect well afterward.
5. Sign up and set a conversations goal.
6. Have the conversation.
7. Pray for your partner after the conversation.
8. Repeat with new partners.
9. Contribute to the “From Many, One” story space with a poem, prayer, reflection, or image inspired by your conversation(s), or with video/audio highlights or reflections (with your partner’s permission).
10. Participate in related efforts to take the learning, listening, and action further (see options under Keep the Conversation Going). And celebrate the campaign during Easter 2021 in a churchwide virtual gathering

“The body is not made up of one part
but of many.”
– 1 Corinthians 12:14

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

What do you love? What do you value? What will you struggle to protect?

So much of human action and thinking is driven not by hate or anger but by the urge to protect what we love. By asking and sharing our answers to “what do you love,” each of us has a chance to name and to hear what matters most to us and why. It’s harder to argue when we start from what we love.

What have you lost? What keeps you up at night? What has been lost in your community? What do you miss?

People across the spectrum understand the experience of loss: the loss of money, jobs, status, national identity, cultural identity, a sense of security, a sense that they matter, etc. By asking and sharing our answers to “what have you lost,” we become curious about what each of us has lost, what we’re grieving, and perhaps what we’re trying hard to get back.

Where does it hurt? How have you been wounded by life? What makes you angry? How or where do you feel that pain and anger?

Regardless of our race, gender, age, ballot choice, earnings, or location, we all know what it is to hurt. By asking and sharing our answers to “where does it hurt,” we become curious about how each of us has been wounded by life, by others, and by social forces, instead of assuming “others” are fine and only I or my group is hurting. We offer up our experiences and learn to offer one another compassion.

What do you dream? What do you hope for the future – for yourself, your family, your community, and your nation?

We all dream of a better world, as we imagine it from our own personal perspective, but we don’t get to hear or share that vision very often.

Instead, people often assume that their own ideal picture of life, community, and society is shared by everyone or that certain others can’t possibly want the same kind of future they do. By asking “what do you dream,” we become open to hear and share each other’s dreams for our families, communities, society, and ourselves.

WHAT’S THE POINT? As individuals, we may find conversations like these help us with “engaging others, knowing ourselves.” Through sharing across difference around simple questions, we can...

- Acknowledge the differences and divisions in our families, communities, and nation.
- Be open to understanding and collaborating without insisting we’re the same.
- Practice disagreeing without dishonoring.
- Live the Way of Love as we BLESS by listening, sharing, and honoring God’s presence in one another and as we GO across borders of race, class, ideology, region, age, and experience.
- Find language to name what is hopeful, challenging, and loving in our everyday lives.
- Learn to create hospitable, respectful, generous space for others to share their stories.
- Notice God showing up in the spaces between us.

Visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/from-many-one/> for more resources and guidance.

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