



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

January 2021

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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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Well, here it is the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. Lots of things have been going on this past year and now we are looking forward to a new beginning. We ended the year on a sad note though.

It is with a very heavy heart that we said good by to two of our favorite people in December. On the 12th we laid to rest Betsy Benson-Savage at the age of 99. She will be missed and remembered as a faithful member of St. Paul's for a great many years. I cannot remember a time when she was not with St. Paul's. She was in the Choir for many years with that great voice of hers. She taught English at Chittenango Central School for years. Even in retirement she attended Bible Study. She will be singing with the heavenly Choir of that I have no doubt.

Not even a week later on December 18th, we laid to rest Betty Yates, who was 93. She was a great person and attended church and Bible study every week when she could. She was a great mother and spoke often of her children and how proud she was of them. In Bible study, she often asked the hard questions of us all and of Father Leon. She listened to us all whether she agreed with us or not. She loved the little children of the church and would often bring in books and toys for them. I have no doubt she is with the little children reading books to them in heaven.

On January 24th we will have our Annual Meeting. It will be virtual. I know this will be hard for some of us but Robin will be putting together ways you may join. If not, we will be sure to send out the minutes of the meeting for all who need them.

Let us all hope and pray that the new year will be healthy and happy for us all.

The thought for the day:
JEREMIAH 29:11

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU”
DECLARES THE LORD, “PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT
TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A
FUTURE”.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP SAFE, WELL & STRONG.
Judy Bell-Olmsted, Warden

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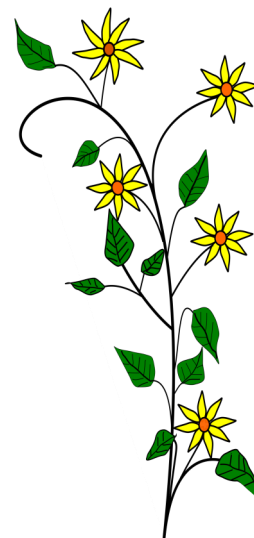
Sue Gerling
Worship

Amy Veator
Clerk of the Vestry/
Newsletter Editor

Prayer List

Sheryll Barnett, John Brennan, Collette Cook, Betty Every, Sue Huebler, Corinne Kraus, Kathy Milne and Joan 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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Or call (315) 687-6304

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.

January

Birthdays

07 Kanestio Tarbell
 14 Kimberly Chappell
 19 Claudia Jensen
 22 Jim Kraus
 24 Dana Kraus
 27 Ellyanna Judd

Anniversaries

30 Ed and Donna Hoffman

Ministry Team Schedule

January 03, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Becky Kraus
 Psalm: Becky Kraus
 Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Judy Olmsted

January 10, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Psalm: Sue Gerling
 Robin Weisbrod
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen

January 17, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

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

January 24, 2021

Holy Eucharist & Annual Meeting

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

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

January 31, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Fr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

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

Altar Guild

Ethel Barber
 Mary Jane Pokorny

Annual Meeting Information

By the time you get this, we will be in the midst of the Christmas Season, looking towards Epiphany and then before you know it, Lent. My head is spinning, what about yours? The Vestry hopes you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Speaking of Epiphany, wasn't the information about the Bethlehem Star wonderful? A true, once in a lifetime event. Sadly, it was too cloudy for us to see it, but others in this country did. A friend of mine said "This is why the original event didn't happen in the North East – because the Maji would never have seen the star due to cloud cover." Too funny!! And sadly, true!

Along with Epiphany, comes our Annual Meeting. I am sure, you are all wondering HOW are we going to do this. When in doubt, punt...or follow the Diocese!! This year, we will be having a VIRTUAL Annual Meeting. Not perfect, but these are not perfect times either. We will be sending the link out via email. IF you do not have an email address or access to a computer, you can do it via the phone. Does not have to be a cell phone, it can be a landline. Either will work. Call me at 315-655-4321 and I will do my best to help you get set up.

Now, are you a "Qualified Voter"? A qualified voter is defined by the Religious Corporations Law as: Persons of full age belonging to the parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants* at its worship and contributors to its support** for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting or since the establishment of such parish.

*Regular attendant – One who has made 3 services during the church year.

** Contributor to its support – A Pledge and/or someone who regularly makes Contributions.

Concerning a member in good standing - this is the Canon of the National Church:

Canon I.17.3

Sec. 3. All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate wor-

ship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

Let's face it, a pandemic is a good cause.

There is no requirement for a "quorum" at an annual meeting. Votes are decided by "a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon".

For those who cannot attend, and wish to know what is up for vote or discussion, here is the information:

Vestry
Robin Weisbrod Sr Warden
Judy Olmsted Jr Warden
Pat Davis
Sue Gerling
Tania Mousaw
Amy Veator – Clerk of the Vestry
Don Lee – Treasurer

Pending any nominations from the "floor" or Congregation. (If anyone is interested in filling any of these positions – let Judy or Robin know).

We are seriously considering moving the time of our Service, once we become able to have a physical service, to 10:00 AM. We will be putting this to a vote, so please think and pray on this.

Even if you are not a qualified voter, you can join the ZOOM meeting. Why not join the service and stay for the meeting? We would LOVE to see you!!

Fr. Leon and the Vestry



We're looking to update our Phone directory. If your information has changed, please email us at stpaulschittenango@gmail.com or call the Church at (315) 687-6304

Thank You Notes

St. Paul's,

Thank you all so much for the school supply donation. The teachers really appreciated the extra supplies for the rooms this year.

Thank you!
Bolivar Road School

To my friends at St. Paul's—

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to me. They are lovely and there were sunflowers in them, one of my favorites! They are so cheerful and bright!

*With appreciation-
Thank you again!*

*Love,
Ida Goins*

Our Annual Meeting is January 24, 2021 at 10 AM.

Look for the Zoom meeting link in your email!

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