



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

April 2024

Upcoming Events this Summer

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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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April – it seems forever since we can finally see our way out of the gray skies of Central New York. April – the year that parts of CNY will have a total Eclipse – we here, in Chittenango will have a partial Eclipse, but still close enough that we can go see the total!! If you get a chance, watch Channel 9 News report, Totality – it is wonderful.

What have we to look forward to in the coming months? We are in full swing of Easter Season here at the Church, the local Ice Cream stands are opening this month!! And the spring flowers are continuing to peek out from under the leaves, and potentially some snow. A time of regrowth. April is a quiet month for St. Paul's, but come May, we start gearing up for a busy early Spring and Summer.

- May 4th (Saturday) Blessing of the Bikes
- May 5th (Sunday) Early Mother's Day Celebration Dish to Pass
- May 12th (Sunday) Mother's Day
- June 1st (Saturday) Oz Fest
- June 4th (Tuesday) Tuesdays in the Park
- June 16th (Sunday) Father's Day Strawberry Cake
- June 22nd (Saturday) Tag Sale
- July 21st (Sunday) Church Picnic

We won't go much further than that. Too much information can be overwhelming. We certainly can use volunteers for the Tuesdays in the Park (see Tania Mousaw for that), Oz Fest (see Robin) or the Tag Sale (Robin or Tania). Those are the busiest and the most fun events that we have. Oh and don't forget the ongoing "Egg McMuffin" Sundays (the 3rd Sunday of the Month).

The Bishop touched on it, during her visitation and we need to start a discussion about this. Our sign out front. We are, after all, on a major route through Chittenango. Our sign needs to be more visible and easier to read. Honestly, it needs to be turned so it's perpendicular to the road, instead of parallel. The Vestry is going to look into different types of signs and then share the information with the Congregation.

Speaking of information – we took the poll of everyone for 3 weeks about changing the Service time – hoping to cover most everyone that we could. The outcome was this:

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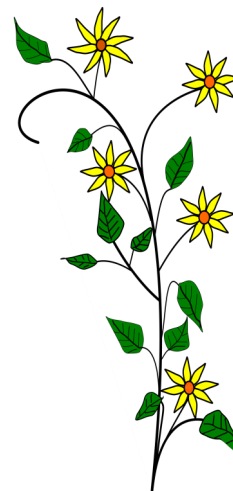
You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Prayer List

Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Catherine Carter, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, The Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Donna Hoffman, Ed Hoffman, Diane Jillson, Patricia Ladd, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Eileen May, Woody McAllister, Carolyn Moredock, Ed Pokorny, Roe Salamone, Pat Stucker, Ruth Williams, prayers for the unknown Stage 4 Cancer patient from the laundromat, the People of Gaza, the People of Israel, the People of Ukraine.

New Prayer List for February 2024/March 2024 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 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.

April

Birthdays

02 Lynn Mozeliak
04 Michael Furtado
14 Sue Gerling
18 Joan Grover
25 Sue Huebler

Anniversaries

Mike and Joanne Furtado

Ministry Team Schedule

April 7, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak, Jr.
L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Claudia Jensen
Prayers: Claudia Jensen
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

April 21, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak, Jr.
L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Claudia Jensen
Prayers: Claudia Jensen
Acolyte: Ed Hofman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: TBA

Altar Guild for April:

MaryJane Pokorny
Meg Hermann

April 14, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod
Lessons: Judy Olmsted
Prayers: Judy Olmsted
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: TBA

April 28, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod
Lessons: Meg Hermann
Prayers: Meg Hermann
Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: TBA

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- Ayes: 13
- Nays: 5
- Other: 1 – 9:30 Service 1- 11:00 Service

At the time of this newsletter, the Vestry has decided to change the time to 10 AM

I have a question for all of you who are reading this. How did you come to be a member at St. Paul's? Were you always a member? Or like me, brought up in the Episcopal Church, came to the area but not to the church (didn't need it, or so I thought) and then one day, had an epiphany that I needed something more in my life and in my child's life, so to St. Paul's I came. Or did you see that cute church and decided to find out more about it? Or did someone invite you to come? I would love to include different stories about peoples journeys to St. Paul's. They are all different, but perhaps more similar than we realize. Let's take that and build upon it, let's remember how lost we may have felt at some point in our life and felt like we needed something more. Let's make St. Paul's someone else's something more. I bet we could do it if we put our mind to it.

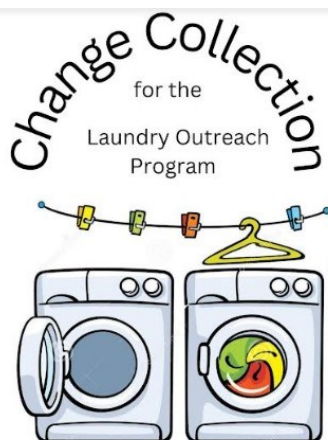
We also have to be sensitive to the fact that people have been hurt by religion. We have people in our own "family" that have been hurt by us here at St. Paul's. We cannot, nor should we, discount their pain, their disillusionment over Christian behavior.

We are human and as such, fail on a daily basis. But we also are given free choice by God, and we either learn from our failings or not. WHAT can we do better, HOW do we do better – those are questions we need to answer. If we want to thrive, we cannot, MUST NOT continue the same behaviors over and over. Those who don't learn from their history are doomed to fail. History repeats itself – I remember learning that when I was in High School – but we can not have history repeat. We must learn to listen with an open mind and heart. And remember, when you point a finger at someone, there are 3 fingers pointing back at you. None of us are perfect, but that doesn't mean that we don't try to be better. I don't claim that is easy, but nothing worthwhile is easy.

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
Robert Frost

In other words, we cannot keep doing the same thing over and over, we need to find a different way – won't be easy, change never is. But, it's oh so worth it. Remember, we are about the way of love. Let's live up to that concept.

Yours in Christ,
Robin



Join us in saving Quarters and drop them in the change container in the Parish Hall.

Not able to get to the Parish Hall?
- make a donation to the church and on the memo line put Laundry Donation!!

Thank you for supporting
this new Outreach program.

Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

This is one I can honestly say I have never seen circulating so; if this touches you, you may want to forward it.

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

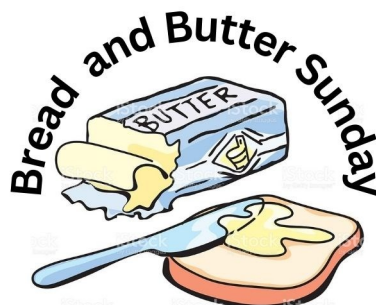
Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it...

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is Coming Back!



The Third Sunday of every Month

Garrison Keillor on Episcopalians ... An essay:

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! ...And down the road! Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their Rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there. Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace. Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament. Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church. Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye . . .

(NOTE: Garrison Keillor attends St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota)



The Hummingbird Story

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:17

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that it is from the Lord that you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Colossians 3:23-24

"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct."

Galatians 6:4-5

Once there was a great forest fire.

All the animals fled to the edge of the forest and froze in fear not knowing what to do. They watched as the flames began destroying the beauty of their home.

Finally a tiny hummingbird flew to a body of water and took a few drops into its beak. It then flew quickly toward the fire allowing the drops to fall on the roaring flames.

Over and over the tiny bird continued.

Drop by drop.

Back and forth.

Again and again.

The other animals watched from the edge of the forest, and called to the little bird, "What are you doing?"

The hummingbird replied, "I am doing what I can."

(Abbreviated in my own words)

How often we can become overwhelmed by fear or the sheer size of problems and become paralyzed to do nothing. Or we may compare ourselves to others and feel too small to matter.

Small. What we consider to be small and insignificant may actually be huge in God's scheme of things. Have you ever noticed how often God's view and the world's view are opposite? The world says, "Be first!" God says, "Be

last." The world says, "Go, go, go!" God says, "Be still." The world says, "Bigger is better!" God says, "Small is important."

The widow giving her offering of two small coins in Luke 21:1-4, was affirmed by Jesus when He said she had given more than all the rest. Jesus went on to say in Luke 16:10, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much.

In God's hands, small can become big just like in John 6 when a boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish became enough to feed over 5,000 and also have leftovers!

This little hummingbird story can remind us to do what we can. Everything we do for the Lord Jesus matters. It counts!

Every word.

Every prayer.

Every act of kindness.

Every hug.

Every penny.

Small counts in the hands of our BIG God!

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