



St. Paul's Beacon

**ST. PAUL'S BEACON**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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**October 2021**

**Caring for the Flock - Pastoral Care**

In John 21: 15-17, Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus directed him to "Feed my lambs." Jesus repeats the question, and Peter responds with another "yes!" "Tend my sheep." Jesus tells him. He asks a third time, Peter again says "yes." Jesus tells him: "Feed my sheep."

Pastoral Care is the phrase we use to describe all the ways we reach out in love for one another within the congregation and out into the surrounding community. It is how we feed and tend the flock that follows Jesus. We are especially called to feed and tend members of the flock who are in grief, grave illness, imprisoned, hospitalized, in recovery or active addiction, facing mental health crises, and other very serious conditions. Additionally, pastoral care includes supporting individuals families through a variety of transitions, including marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, baptism, confirmation, adolescence, career transitions, discernment, retirement, and more.

Often the care of the flock is administered as we worship or chat over a cup of coffee together afterwards. As we work together in the thrift store or on a committee, we may share prayer requests and offer one another support. The congregation provides much support to one another as it lives out its ministries together. Sometimes it is useful to speak with a priest, especially if one desires to make a confession as part of their care.

If you are in need of care for illness, grief, personal crisis, transition, etc., we are here to support you and offer compassionate Christian companionship along the way. One of the most useful practices when facing a challenge is to keep showing up for worship. Allow the rhythms of the service and the presence of the faithful people carry you for a time. You may also wish to speak with me, or with Jennifer Grimelli, Associate for Ministry, or with Amy Shimonkevitz, the deacon.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Sundays**, in October.

Services at St. Paul's are at 11:15 a.m. each week.

**Adult Formation**

Sundays 9:30-10:30

Service via Zoom and Facebook from St. Paul's.

For pastoral care we offer:

- guidance and counsel
- referrals and resources in terms of healthcare, mental healthcare, addiction/recovery
- visitation if hospitalized or homebound
- holy communion if you are unable to come to church
- the laying on of hands for healing and healing prayer
- Inclusion in the weekly prayers of the people
- The Rite of Reconciliation (private and confidential confession) is offered by the priest-in-charge to those who feel particularly burdened by things done and left undone and feel a need for counsel and absolution. Contact Lynda Sheckels to schedule confession(410)-489-4411
- Other ministries upon request

If you have a pastoral need, please contact me directly 443-995-5347, or contact Lynda Sheckels in the office. 410-489-4411.

The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, Priest-in-Charge

### **Adult Formation: A Time to Grow**

When we say that we want the church community to grow, we often think of adding more households to our number. Another keyway that a community can grow is through the interior spiritual growth of its members. Life provides many opportunities to grow and learn as we face new and different challenges. It's also useful to seek out growth with other members of the community, to grow in our prayer lives and in our fellowship with one another.

Beginning on October 3rd, we will gather to grow together. From 9:30-10:30 on Sunday mornings, we will study a book together, entitled "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven", learn more about connecting the traditions of our faith into our lives, and host a few guest speakers.

***"Our greatest joy is when we seek to do good to the other."***

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

- October 3 1- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"  
Author: Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
- October 10 Special Guest: A Listening Session on Outreach Ministry with  
Deacon Amy Shimonkevitz
- October 17 2- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"

October 24 3- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"

October 31 4- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"

November 7 Special Guest:

November 14 5- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"

November 21 Special Guest:

November 28 6- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"

December 5 7- "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,"

December 12 Special Guest:

December 19 Greening of the church?

Contact Kathleen Alexander, Pete McIntosh, or Wendy Gahm for more information.

### **Highlights from the Vestry Meeting on September 21, 2021:**

The vestry is discussing & discerning concrete goals for the next several months. The vestry voted to withhold sale of the Parish Life Center for 90 days. Pete McIntosh & the Rev. Dina van Klaveren will be following up to seek grant funding for repairs. Adult formation offerings begin in October- see related article above!

### **A Message from Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton**

September 17, 2021



Dear People of the Diocese of Maryland,

After a season of prayer, discernment and consultation with my family, trusted friends, and advisors, I write to you to call for the election of a bishop coadjutor to take place in Spring 2023. My intention is to serve with my successor until sometime in 2024 when, God willing, I will resign and retire after 16 wonderful years as your diocesan bishop.

I have notified the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, and the Right Reverend Todd Ousley, who serves in the Presiding Bishop's Office as the Bishop for Pastoral Development, of my intentions, and they assure us of their love and support of our diocese as we enter this time of transition. I'm also extremely grateful for the advice and consent of the Standing Committee in leading up to this announcement, and in a few days they will be communicating with you about next steps in the transition process.

My decision in making this announcement comes from a happy place in my life both personally and professionally. In both the good times and hard times that come to all of us in church leadership, I've been constantly amazed and gratified by the amount of love and support that you, the people of this diocese, have given to your bishop and to each other. I have joyfully and faithfully served with you since 2008, but now it's time for me to begin the process of stepping aside to allow a fresh generation of leadership to guide us as a diocese into the future.

We've accomplished much together, and for the next few years we have much more to do. In living into our vision of being a community of love, we are continuing our mission efforts in congregational vitality, new church starts, Christian formation and racial reconciliation. I'm energized about upcoming efforts to support both the Claggett Center and the Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment program in exciting new ways. In these and in so many other ways, our common mission of encountering Christ everywhere and engaging in God's ministry of reconciliation in Maryland and beyond continues.

May God bless us, and may the Holy Spirit lead us as we journey together in the years ahead.

Faithfully yours,



The Right Reverend Eugene Taylor Sutton  
14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland



## **Fall into a New Season: Embrace the Possibilities**

As the leaves start to display their true colors, we know change is happening. A sign of the continuing evolution of creation. We know falling leaves hint of death and rebirth – for Spring will come.

New seasons may bring wonderment and anxiety. The beautiful mystery of what will happen next. And the uneasy stirrings of the unknown. What is next? Easy answers are not always readily available. This may increase our stress level. Or not. We may trust divine timing. We may trust ourselves. We may trust our leaders. We may trust our faith community. We can trust because we know the Holy Spirit is in the mix. Prayer and Holy discernment lead to fruitful engagement of change and the possibilities presented can become real.

How blessed is St. Paul's! A new season has begun, a season of transitions, formation, transformation, and renewal. The real good news is that we have new companions along the Way, the clergy, staff and parishioners of St. Andrews', Glenwood. May God bless us all as we embrace a new season. Carrie A. Brown

## **Crop Walk – Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Watkins Park, Mt. Airy MD 21771**

Anyone interested in contributing to this effort to end Hunger- locally & globally – you can log on to [www.crophungerwalk.org/mountairymd](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/mountairymd). Then find the St. Paul's group. Or you can leave your donation in the envelope at the Parish Hall.

Many Thanks. Wendy Gahm

## **An Impactful Opportunity**

Are you retired and in need of an impactful opportunity?

The Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center in Glenwood, MD is seeking able-bodied adult volunteers to work with our challenged riders to assist in their lessons. If you've never had the opportunity to work with horses but might want to learn how these magnificent creatures can impact our lives, we'd love to train you to work with them. In the process, you might just fall in love!! There are blocks of time available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we can adjust to a schedule that will be convenient for you. If you're interested, please reach out to Lynn Moorhead, Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@trrcmd.org](mailto:volunteer@trrcmd.org) for more information.

Dr. Helen S. Tuel; Founding Director  
Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center  
3750 Shady Lane, Glenwood, MD 21738  
[www.trrcmd.org](http://www.trrcmd.org)



**Congratulation To** Zowie & Teacon on the birth of their son, Naade Adesoji Teacon Everage. Born Sept 11, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. Big sister Zowie Yejide is happy to have a little brother. Mom & son are doing well.



**St. Paul’s Fall Service Schedule**

Worship at St. Paul’s - 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

The schedule: Holy Eucharist, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays ; Morning Prayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

You may worship with St. Andrew’s at 8 a.m. Union Chapel or 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall.

**Scrip: Gift Cards**

Good News! We are stocked up on gift cards. Therefore we (hopefully) have any cards you need.

Do your part to help St. Paul’s thrive. You can. It is so easy. Buy Scrip – Yes Gift Cards.



We all shop. Groceries, gas, summer gear, clothes, shoes, eating out, and the drug of choice – Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts, etc. You know your passion.

Plan ahead! Make it a habit to purchase gift cards for all of your shopping needs. There is no extra cost to you, yet a benefit to St. Paul’s. A wonderful, painless contribution to the ongoing ministry of St. Paul’s. Peter McIntosh

**Stewardship**

During this time of transition, it is important to pray and work for our ongoing vitality and continued presence in this community.

God has blessed St. Paul’s with many talented members (and their families and friends). Repairs are done by our handy men and women. Hospitality abounds here. All of these help our bottom line however, there are bills to be paid, outreach commitments, diocesan assessment, and other ongoing expenses. Your financial support is St. Paul’s most important and necessary asset. **Please keep your pledge up to date.** Remember those special events you may want to recognize by way of a donation, in loving memory or thanksgiving. Together we can do the work God is calling us to do.

## **St. Paul's Thrift Shop**

Our Thrift Shop is open, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fall and winter apparel is now available. Donations are being accepted. The donation shed is open all the time for donations. Come shop and support the ministries of St. Paul's.

The Thrift Shop is holding a Halloween Wreath Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and available in the Thrift Shop. Drawing will be Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. The raffle benefits St. Paul's Thrift Shop.

## **Remembering our Parishioners**

Each month St. Paul's would like to honor a parishioner with notes or calls.

For October Linda Barnes has been selected. Please let her know that we are praying for her and thinking about her.

Ms. Linda D. Barnes                      443-604-3402  
315 Lambeth Rd.  
Catonsville, MD 21228

## **Pastoral Concerns**

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. Please contact the church office, (410) 489-4411, email: [stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net).

Emergency Pastoral Needs: Dina van Klaveren, Priest in Charge - 443-995-5347 cell/text.



## **Prayer List**

Nancy McIntosh; Sandra Napier; Gerlinde Phlaumer-Yeater; Natalie Gahm; Dave Lawson; Bryan Landry; Susan; Pam; Trish; Ruth; Joe; Sandra; Bill; Phyllis Heffner, Susan Kelley; Jaxon & Nathan Buckley; Chris Tuel; the Harrington family; John Michael; Al Yeater; John Tuel; Joe & Eileen; Clair & Kevin Murray; Inez, Bertyl Girod, Ayana Fenton, Eduardo Acevedo, Andrea, Josie, Matthew, Amy, Brianna and persons, who have died from Covid-19 and their families.

## **Prayer for Healing and Comfort**

*Lord of Heaven,*

*I rest underneath your mighty wings of love.*

*I dwell within your gentle heart.*

*I know there is healing in your touch.*

*Through the sufferings of Christ I can ask for restoration and trust in your goodness. You are my Lord, my Savior, My healer and my friend.*

*I dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.*



**Happy Anniversary to:**

Pete & Nancy McIntosh Oct. 16  
Al Yeater & Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater  
Oct. 27

**Vestry Officers & Members**

Jeff Spaulding: Senior Warden  
Pete McIntosh: Junior Warden  
Treasurer: Linda Sharp  
Registrar: Nancy McIntosh  
Kathleen Alexander Stephen Jones  
Suzanne Bourg Phyllis Weston  
Ron Alexander Wendy Gahm



**St. Paul's  
"A Shining Light"**

**Staff**

Rev. Dina van Klaveren: Priest in Charge  
Rev. Amy Shimonkevitz: Deacon  
Jennifer Grimelli: Associate for Ministry  
Lynda Sheckels: Administrative Assistant

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Mission is:

To carry the good news  
of Jesus Christ into the community  
by word deed and to help all people  
experience God's presence in their  
daily lives.


"You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore,  
before you decide to be happy."

Nightbirde





October 2021~ SERVICE CALENDAR

	October 3 <sup>rd.</sup> , Pentecost Green	October 10 <sup>th.</sup> , Pentecost Green	October 17 <sup>th.</sup> , Pentecost Green	October 24 <sup>th.</sup> , Pentecost Green	October 31 <sup>st.</sup> , Pentecost Green
	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Greeter	Volunteers Needed				
Chalicer/Acolyte	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding
Lector	Kathleen Alexander	Dick Wilcher	Carrie Brown	Kathleen Alexander	Bill Toole
Psalm	Lee Hajek	Helen Tuel	Wendy Gahm	Lee Hajek	Helen Tuel
Prayers of the People	Ron Alexander	Stephen Jones	Bill Toole	Jeff Spaulding	Dick Wilcher

**Volunteers Needed for greeters . Please let the office know if you are interested.**





*God of Creation, you have blessed us  
with the changing of the seasons.  
Remind us to take time to rest.  
Remind us of the wonder of your creation.  
Remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.  
Amen.*

