

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

September 4, 2020

Sunday's Service

This Sunday, September 6, 2020 at 10 am we will gather inside the Red Doors Community Center (10959 Worcester Hwy, Berlin) for a Rite II Holy Eucharist service. Pastor Karen Wamester will officiate.

Click here to view the requirements set forth by the Diocese that we must maintain at all times.

Come and join us!

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect:

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lectionary:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Book Club to Meet in October



Prayer List:

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Sylvia Tyler, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Lou Anne Garton, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Pat Stephens, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Michele Werner, Joe Walcott, Tammy Johnson, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Lois Renn, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Jerry & Sandy Cushing, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Bonnie Caudell, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Margaret Hudson, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker

Please keep the family & friends of Gill Griggs, who passed away Monday, August 31st, in your prayers.

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Book Club will hold its first meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 1 pm via Zoom. They will be discussing *The Book of Longings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. This book is an historic novel supposing that Jesus actually married. Debbie Shuster will lead the discussion about this book.

Going forward, the Book Club will meet once a month, to discuss a different book each month. The discussion will be led by the person who suggested that month's book. At the October meeting, the group will decide on future books and meeting dates.

So that we can send out the Zoom link, those interested in being a member of the book club are asked to please contact Jody by email ([click here](#)) or call the church office 410-289-3453 ext. 100. For those without Zoom capabilities, please identify yourselves when you call so we can arrange the projection of the discussion at the Red Doors facility (social distanced, of course).

The book is available at Walmart, Target, Amazon, and other online book sellers. If you prefer a digital version, on eBay they are selling for \$7.99.

We need your help to keep the list current. Please contact the church office with corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

We remember Bishop Paul Jones, and the vital ministry of the Episcopal Relief and Development – may their work reach those in need worldwide.

Local Faith Community Prayer Cycle:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ocean City

Birthdays

9/6 Mary Rutka

9/9 Yvonne Field



Pastor Karen's 8/30 Sermon

[Click here](#) to read her sermon.

[Click here](#) to watch the Facebook Live version of the 8/30 service.



Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on August 31 via Zoom. Our Financial Advisors, Episcopal

Church Foundation, presented a quarterly report on our earnings. We are happy to report that our investment accounts have performed well, and the balance of our investments is approximately \$2.5M.

The Finance Committee is beginning to prepare the budget for 2021, which will be accompanied by our pledge drive. We are facing a deficit this year of \$21K for church operating funds, and \$27K for Red Doors operating funds, and looking at ways to deal with these shortages. St. Paul's did receive \$40K in PPP stimulus funds, which helped cover payroll costs during COVID.

Members of the Finance Committee all recognize the challenges that we are facing as we enter into this fall season - when we will meet in person in the Church (latest hoped-for date is September 27), how we envision the future of our church and our ministries, and when we can be free to socialize again.

We have been blessed to work under the leadership of our Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Nottingham, and our Treasurer Paul Rogers. Next time you "see" or "text" them, please be sure to thank them for their service to SPBTS."

[Click here to view the Parish Calendar](#)

