

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly news & updates*

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September 11, 2020

### **Sunday's Service**

This Sunday, September 13, 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!***

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### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Collect:**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### **Lectionary:**

**Exodus 14:19-31**

**Psalms 114**

**Romans 14:1-12**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

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**Pastor  
Karen's 9/6  
Sermon**



#### ***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, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzinger

*We need your help to keep the list current.  
Please contact the church office with*



The Gospel reading last Sunday was from the book of Matthew, chapter 18, verses 15-20.

In this scripture, Jesus gives instruction on how to handle

conflict. We are all aware that SPBTS is in the midst of great conflict, therefore this reading, and Pastor Karen's sermon based on this reading, were very appropriate and inspiring. The following is an excerpt. To read her entire sermon [click here](#).

"Even though no one likes conflict in the church, most churches have some now and again. Sometimes conflict helps us hear another point of view. But many times conflict has destroyed adult classes, youth groups and on rare occasions even whole congregations. Conflict can lead to anger, hurt feelings and loss of membership. How can we fulfill the mission of the church in spite of the conflict that happens now and again?"

[Click here](#) to watch the Facebook Live version of the 9/6 service.



*corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you!*

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

We give thanks for the witness of God's people at Christ Church, I.U., Worton, and for the faithful service of the lay leadership.

### **Local Faith Community Prayer Cycle:**

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Ocean City

### **Birthdays**

9/13 Colby Connor

9/19 Kylie Nottingham

SPBTS Projected Budget July-Dec 2020



	Income	Expenses
Budget July-Dec 2020	\$160,494.00	\$163,023.90
Projected July-Dec 2020	\$118,806.00	\$140,316.22

■ Budget July-Dec 2020 ■ Projected July-Dec 2020

### **Pledge Reminder**

It comes as no surprise, that due to the Covid 19 related suspension of services, SPBTS has experienced a sizeable reduction in income. We sincerely thank all those who have continued to send in their contributions during the closure. Those who have not, we kindly ask you to consider bringing your pledges up to date. Thank you!

## **Shepherd's Crook Update from Nancy Knotts**

During the pandemic, the Shepherd's Crook has not only remained open, but has kept their normal hours of operation. We have a handful of faithful volunteers who have helped us to continue to feed the homeless, under-employed, and disadvantaged of Ocean City. NOEL has continued to make and deliver sandwiches every Saturday, and to deliver cases of water when needed. We so appreciate the help of our sister mission. We also continue to receive breads from ACME, sandwiches from WAWA and produce from Food Lion, all delivered by our volunteers.

Starting in March, along with Joe Fisher, a co-founder, we have lost a half a dozen or so of our regular clients and/or people associated with the Crook due to illness or accident. Gratefully, none were due to Covid 19. We miss them all.

If you would like to donate food or money, or would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 410-289-3453. Stay safe and we all hope to see everyone again soon.

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### SPBTS Book Club

The Book Club will hold it's first meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 1 pm via Zoom. The discussion will be about *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. All are welcome to join.

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.

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

