

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

October 23, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lectionary:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

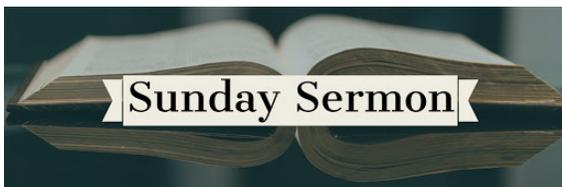
Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Officiant: Pastor Karen Wamester
Organist: Shirley Hailey
Altar Guild: Mary Wright
Counters: JeriLyn Holston Andrews,
Jody Farley



October 18th Service

Click here to watch the FB Live video of the service.

Click here to read Pastor Blake's



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, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, 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 corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

We give thanks for the witness of God's people at All Hallows, Snow Hill

sermon.

and their Rector, the Rev. Chuck Hatfield and his wife, Adele.

Covid Protocol Reminders

Everyone must enter through the orange doors on the north side of the FCCC building. Do not use the office door or the DeWees Hall doors.

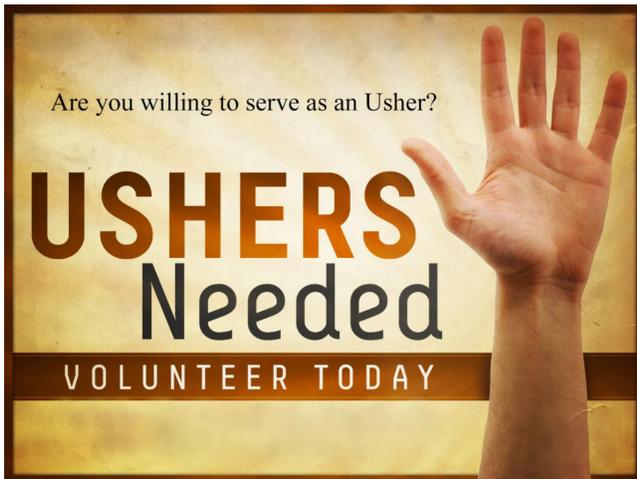
Masks must be worn at all times.

Upon entering the building you will be asked for your signed covenant (**Covenant for Regathering**); you will sign the log book; and your temperature will be taken.

Only 3 people or a family will be allowed on the elevator at a time. You can also use the inside stairs.

After the service, you must exit the building using either the elevator or the steps just beyond the elevator that take you outside.

At no time, is mingling permitted inside the building.



Local Faith Community Prayer Cycle: Taylorville United Methodist Church, Berlin

Birthdays:

10/29 Kathie Jordan

A Message from the Altar Guild

The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle are wonderful ways to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and thanksgivings. The cost for two formal arrangements for the Main Altar is \$55. We have many dates open and unfortunately, on Sundays on which nobody signs up, there will not be flowers.

The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Main Altar to the Glory of God to signify the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the form of reserve sacrament. The cost is \$15 for two weeks or \$30 for a month.

Due of COVID restrictions, the flower and candle charts are no longer hanging on the second floor bulletin board. If you would like to sign up, simply contact the church office by phone 410-289-3453 or email office@stpaulsbythesea.org.

Be sure to let us know how you want your dedication worded in the bulletin.



Ordination of Laura McCarthy

October 24, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. – St. Peter's Parish, Salisbury
Watch this Ordination: via [St. Peter's Facebook Page](#) OR [St. Peter's Website](#)

Deployment: Deacon – St. Peter's Parish, Salisbury
Clergy Mentor: The Reverend David Michaud



Summary of Parish Workshop

On Sunday, October 18, 2020, Sandy Cormack, Managing Director of Strategic Diagnostics, LLC and the Senior Warden of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Bel Air, Maryland, led a Congregational Workshop with members of St. Paul's by-the-Sea.

The workshop was open to all members of the parish. Those who enrolled were asked to complete the Innermetrix Disc Plus Profile before the meeting. A parish survey was also sent to the entire congregation, and 28 parishioners responded to questions regarding their opinion of the relationship between the Rector and the Vestry. Sandy provided feedback on the outcome of the Disc Profile results and the Parish Survey.

During the course of the afternoon, we were asked to list the successes of St. Paul's by-the-Sea during the last year, evaluate some of our ministries, assess the strengths of the last seven Priests who served our parish (in both interim and full-time roles), and determine the characteristics that we do and do not wish to see in our next priest. All of these things will help to guide us as we head into the future.

Some of the strengths of the church identified by the group for the past year included: the continuing operation of Shepherd's Crook, the fellowship and fun experienced during the Italian Dinner last February, the successful transfer of the parish's investments to the Episcopal Church Foundation, the ability to provide some kind of worship experience during COVID, the continuing work of the altar guild, and the experience of a church family coming together to support Karen Gordon at the memorial service for her husband Brian.

There was a focused conversation on our mission statement, as noted on our website. The consensus was that there may be a disconnect with who we say we are and what we are currently able to do.

The group also discussed items that have caused dissension within the parish. Some of these included: the aftermath of the fire, the return of Shepherd's Crook to Dewees Hall, and the purchase of the property on Worcester Highway to house the Red Doors. Sandy asked the group to have an extended discussion of the impact of the Red Doors Program. What followed was a discussion about the origin of the program and its mission. Joy Connor requested that an oversight board be established for the Red Doors Community Center.

It became clear that the need for open, honest, and parish-wide communication was a continuing theme throughout the afternoon.

Sandy's recommendations, received on Tuesday, October 20, are that St. Paul's by-the-Sea needs to:

1. Finalize a priest benchmark and interview strategy
2. Further issue resolution
3. Develop a clear VISION of where we're going
4. Develop a roadmap for our Vision
5. Create a cross-functional mission team (Body-Soul-Spirit) with team development
6. Develop a communications plan

The workshop was held at The Red Doors Community Center of St. Paul's by-the-Sea, which provided a socially distanced environment, desks, a projector, safe bathroom use, and the opportunity to step outside for a breath of fresh air during breaks.

Those who participated were: Sally Hales, Linda Ballenger, Director of Music Shirley Hailey, Bob Rothermel, Amy Rothermel, Vestry member Andy Diaz, Treasurer Paul Rogers, Kay Ayres, Beverly Cooper, Elsie MacMullin, Patricia Mulcahy, Debbie Andrew, Vestry member Karen Gordon, Senior Warden JeriLyn Holston Andrews, Red Doors Director Joy Connor, Debbie Shuster, Vestry member Tom Shuster, Vestry member John Knotts, Nancy Knotts. Some participants left before the meeting ended.

If you wish any more information about this afternoon, please feel free to call any of the participants.

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!

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