



St. Paul's Quarterly Newsletter
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worcester Parish
3 Church Street, Berlin, Maryland 21811

Michaelmas 2019 Edition

Dear Parish Family:

“Good things come to those who wait!” That is how the old saying goes. But, we live in a culture that has become more and more impatient with waiting. We can go through the drive thru to get a meal, and when the food is not ready when we arrive at the window we may get upset because we have to wait (at least I know I do!)

I have been thinking about patience and waiting lately. The other day, when I ate lunch at IHOP, the manager was able to finally give me the check from our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at IHOP in February. But the wait was worth it! We received a check for a little over \$100! We did not have to work for it, except to eat our meals – I think we are up to that challenge. It took awhile because of the bureaucracy of a big business, but “good things come to those who wait”.

We are in the midst of preparing the Parish Hall to be named after Barry Neville. But, on the Eastern Shore it sometimes takes awhile for people who have skills in construction, etc. to get us on their calendar. We hope to have all of the “sprucing up” completed before the end of October, so that we can officially name the Parish Hall as Neville Hall. It will happen sometime this autumn. Good things come to those who wait!

Then there is the waiting on God. Answers to prayers, figuring out His plans for our Parish. These things will be understood in His time and not ours. I have had to learn about learning to listen and to wait. How about you? It will all become clear in His good time. Good things come to those who wait!

In Christ,

(The Rev'd) Michael D. Moyer OGS
Rector



Our New Logo

You will see on page one of the newsletter that St. Paul's has a new logo, designed by Katelin Murphy, who we hired earlier this year to do some PR for us through social media. The Logo combines the shield of the Episcopal Church and the shield of St. Paul. We may find a variety of ways to use this new Logo. Look for them in the future!

Music Ministry

The choir has started up again! It is the goal of the choir to sing an anthem every month during the academic year. Jenny Anderson, our Music Director, has chosen anthems for September through November. If you like to sing, or know someone who does, please consider joining us. We rehearse after the 10:30 service on Sundays – so you do not have to make an extra trip to Church because you are already here for worship!



Ocean Cluster

The Ocean Cluster will be having an event together to mark our local History – see the bulletins for details!

CHURCH MOUSE

As Summer starts winding down, we are changing over to our fall/winter mode. Thanks to all for the donations of warm weather clothes. We are now accepting gently used/clean/not requiring repairs fall and winter items. **PLEASE NO MORE WARM WEATHER CLOTHES** for now. If you have such items and have room to store them until spring we appreciate it. If not we understand if you have to dispose of them. In donating to

other thrift stores please check with them first to assure they will accept them.

The Church Mouse along with most other town merchants is going Purple in September to bring awareness to drug overdose issues.

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives. This observance celebrates the millions of Americans who are in recovery from mental and substance use disorders, reminding us that treatment is effective and that people can and do recover. It also serves to help reduce the stigma and misconceptions that cloud public understanding of mental and substance use disorders, potentially discouraging others from seeking help.

(Any purple seasonal clothing donations would really be appreciated!)

Fall brings several festivals to town including the Fiddlers Convention, which always proves to be a busy day for Berlin Merchants. The Semi Annual Cruisers show always gives chance to see several out of state customers that visit each time, and make us one of their first stops. We have developed quite a following of out of state customers during this event.

As always we need small household/kitchen items, and books. Please only Novels, Cook Books and Children's Books in good shape without writing and notes in them.



OUTREACH

Our recent outreach includes Meals on Wheels, Camp Agape, Operation We Care, Habitat for Humanity , Believe in Tomorrow and Cricket Center. We also helped with a rental assistance for a local resident. Photo shows Helen presenting check to Cricket Center.

Helen and Mike Wiley along with Father Moyer and several other church members recently attended a cook out at the Hope 4 Recovery House. The "Ocean Cluster" along with residents of the house hosted the event. An enjoyable afternoon for all.



Greetings St.

Paul's

Greetings St. Paul

I wanted to share with you a brief update on my journey to ordination in the Diocese of Easton. As you are well aware I was declared a Postulant for Holy Orders to the Priesthood in January 2019. I was assigned to St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church in Pocomoke City. As of September 1st, I have been reassigned from St. Mary's to All Hallows Episcopal Church in Snow Hill under the direction of The Rev. Chuck Hatfield. I am looking forward to working with Chuck and the members of All Hallows.

I would like to also share that I am starting my 4th year as the Chaplain at Atlantic General Hospital.

Please continue to pray for me as I continue on my journey to being Ordained a Priest in The Episcopal Church.

Blessings....

Andrew Cropper



The 4th Annual Advent Tea is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:00. Please ask all your friends to come and enjoy an afternoon filled with food, friendship, entertainment and door prizes. We are having a special participation activity for our entertainment. Please sign up on the chart on the podium in the Narthex.

For your reading enjoyment.

Three men stand before St. Peter awaiting admission into Heaven. However, St. Peter has been informed that Heaven will only admit 33% of applicants today. The admissions standard: Who died the worst death? So, St. Peter takes each of the three men aside in turn and asks them about how they died.

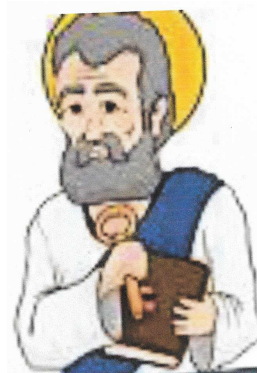
First man: "I'd been suspecting for a long time that my wife was cheating on me. I decided to come home early from work one afternoon and check to see if I could catch her in the act. When I got back to my apartment, I heard the water running. My wife was in the shower. I looked everywhere for the guy, but couldn't find anyone or any trace that he had been there. The last place I looked was out on the balcony.

I found the guy hanging from the edge, trying to get back in! So I started jumping up and down on his hands, and he yelled, but he didn't fall. So I ran inside and got a hammer, and crushed his fingers with it until he fell twenty-five floors screaming in agony. But the fall didn't kill the guy. He landed in some bushes! So I dragged the refrigerator from the kitchen (it weighed about a ton), pulled it to the balcony, and hurled it over the edge. It landed right on the guy and killed him. But then I felt so horrible about what I had done, I went back into the bedroom and shot myself." St. Peter nodded slowly as the man recounted the story. Then, telling the first man to wait, he took the second aside.

Second man: "I lived on the twenty-seventh floor of this apartment building. I had just purchased this book on morning exercises and was practicing them on my balcony, enjoying the sunshine, when I lost my balance and fell off the edge. Luckily, I only fell about two floors before grabbing another balcony and holding on for dear life. I was trying to pull myself up when this guy came running onto what must have been his balcony and started jumping up and down on my hands. I screamed in pain, but he seemed really irate. When he finally stopped, I tried to pull myself up again, but he came out with a hammer and smashed my fingers to a pulp! I fell, and I thought I was dead, but I landed in some bushes. I couldn't believe my second stroke of luck, but it didn't last. The last thing I saw was this enormous refrigerator falling from the building down on top of me and crushing me."

St. Peter comforted the man, who seemed to have several broken bones. Then he told him to wait, and turned to the third man.

Third man: "Picture this. You're hiding, naked, in a refrigerator..."



Stewardship

During the course of the year, we have spent time once a month in Bible Studies between the services looking at Bible verses that had to do with the Stewardship of Time and Talent. Below, you will find verses which have to do with the Stewardship of Treasurer. You will find also on this page a Stewardship card for the year 2020. Please fill it out and bring it to Church with you (or mail it to the office) on the First Sunday in November, which is All Saints' Sunday. One of the things that distinguishes us as the Saints of God is that the Saints are called to be good stewards. Let's celebrate our identity as the Saints of God by making our commitment to be good stewards.

Some Bible Verses about the Stewardship of Treasure...

Malichi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Matthew 6: 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Mark 12:41-44 "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.'"

Stewardship Card For 2020

In support of our parish's mission and ministry, I/we pledge the following Amount \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Signature _____

Weekly Monthly Yearly

All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

This pledge can be changed at any time by contacting the church office.

In conjunction with your annual pledge, you may also want to consider making a planned gift, such as a bequest in your will, gift of life insurance, or a charitable trust.

Please bring this card to Church with you on Sunday, drop in plate, or mail by the First Sunday in November

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, 29 September:

2:00 in the afternoon

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3 Church Street

Berlin, Maryland

Animals must be on leashes, held

in your arms, or otherwise

contained. For more

information, call St. Paul's at

410-641-4066



September Birthdays

- 1 Deb Ritz
- 3 Emma Hopkins
- 6 Sara Thompson Jerrie Birch
- 12 Clay Warrington
- 16 Mary Hall Jason Cole
- 18 Mike Wiley
- 19 Raymond Nichols, 3rd.
- 20 Charles Nichols
- 21 Ann Hastings Andrew Cropper
Sylvia Angstadt
- 25 Christopher Ashley
Sandy Pacella
William Fsham, 3rd
- 28 Wayne Hopkins
- 30 Kirk Burbage

October Birthdays

- 4 Mechelle Nichols Ruth Dodds
- 5 Carolyn Cummins
- 10 Jessica Beckstead
- 13 Ruth Kemp
- 14 Douglas Berry
- 17 Ray Coates, Jr.
- 18 Alex Reddick
- 21 Liz Warrington
- 24 Sara Backstead
- 30 Jane Doherty

November Birthdays

- 5 Shirley Hartman Ellie Scott
- 6 Colin O'Neill
- 14 Brooke & Brittany Wellman
- 15 Melissa Reid
- 18 Diane St. Clair Ramona Smith
- 19 Susan Wellman
- 20 Lindsey Coates
Stephen Nichols
- 23 Joe Moore Cliff Birch
- 29 Lauren Coates Jude Cole



September Anniversaries

- 5 Jim & Sylvia Angstadt
- 18 Jerry Freeman & Karen Ready
- 29 Clay & Liz Warrington

October Anniversaries

- 5 Maury & Susan Wimbrow, 3rd
- 9 Wayne & Emma Hopkins
- 11 Joe & Susan Moore
- 15 Dick & Diana Brown

November Anniversaries

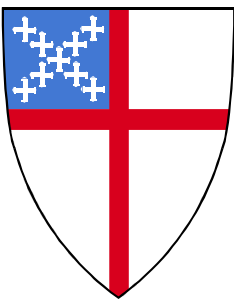
- 11 Steven & Nancy Lehman
- 25 Buddy & Laura Jenkins
- 26 Wade & Susan Wellman
- 28 Roger & Sandy Pacella

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Father Moyer Named Dean



“On the advice of the Southern Convocation Clericus I am pleased to inform you that I have accepted the nomination of the Reverend Michael Moyer to be appointed Dean of the Southern Convocation with immediate effect. A Service of Recognition for the ministry and dedicated service of the Reverend Frieda Malcolm in thanksgiving for her faithful service as Dean of the Convocation is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church, Salisbury. The new dean will be installed during that service.”

Bishop Santosh Marray