



St. Paul's Quarterly Newsletter

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

Michaelmas 2021 Edition

Dear Parish Family:

It is hard to believe that after 22 years together in ministry, this is the last newsletter article I will write as Rector of St. Paul's. If all goes as planned, I will be starting my new position on December 1st. My last Sunday will be November 21st. These are hard things to write, but I have become more and more aware of the time of transition that we are in together, and soon will be apart.

First, a word about how I am feeling during this time of transition. I have two stories, one Biblical and one personal. The Biblical story is that of the calling of Abraham. I have been thinking about how he might have felt when he heard the words of the Lord to him, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1) Abraham was an older man when he heard these words. Perhaps he thought, "But I like where I am. I am comfortable here. I know this place." These words are as true for me as they would have been for Abraham. But, God called Abraham into a new place and a new relationship. This is also true for me. And this is what is exciting for me, personally. It is yet to be seen what this new adventure, this new calling, will have in store for me.

But it will also have new things in store for you as well. You will have a time with someone who has been trained in interim ministry. This means that they will be able to help you through whatever feelings there may be because I am no longer the Rector of St. Paul's. And then there is the excitement of what will come when you find the new Rector. They will have many gifts and who knows how the Lord will use those gifts in your lives together!

Back to my second story. I have had in mind the first time I went to over-night camp. I was really excited when my parents and I signed up for that week of camp. But as the time for me to go got closer, I began to be anxious. I had never been to camp before. What was it going to be like? The closer I got to the week of camp, the more anxious I became. I finally told my parents that I did not want to go. But they insisted. By the time they came to pick me up at the end of the week, I did not want to leave camp! I had had such a wonderful time and made new memories, some of which I remember to this day. This is also how I am feeling at the moment. I am anxious because I have not had a new job for a long time. But I know that once I get there and begin my new position, I will begin to feel at home and make new memories, new stories to tell!



Before I try to end this article, I feel that it is necessary to say something. It is hard, but necessary. When I leave St. Paul's, it is important that I be clear that I cannot act in any way as the Rector of this place. This may mean that there will be times in which you may want to reach out to me and I will have to say, "I am no longer the Rector, you will have to talk to the Interim/New Rector". That will be as hard for me to say as it is for you to hear. But it is necessary. I does not mean I no longer love you. But for St. Paul's and for me to be healthy going forward, it is the way it must be.

How do I sum up these years together? I could go on forever, but the truth is I am who I am today because of my time as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Worcester Parish. We share much history. We share many stories. We have been through 9/11 and a pandemic together. We have been through tears and laughter. St. Paul's will always have a special place in my heart, and I only hope that I will have a place in yours as well. If you need to talk before I leave, please know that I am available.

In Christ,

The Very Rev'd Michael D. Moyer, Rector

Bishop's Annual Visitation

Bishop Marray will make his annual visitation on Sunday, 14 November. We will have one service at 9:30 that day. During the service we will have the liturgy of "Leave-taking from a Congregation", which is an official liturgy recognizing the end of a pastoral relationship between a priest and congregation. After the Eucharist, there will be a reception in Neville Hall. We hope that you can join us!

A Collect for Father Michael

O Lord who led your people through the wilderness to the Promised Lane, help us as we look to the past with joy and to the future with hope. We give you thanks for the years of relationship with father Michael as our rector and we ask for your guiding hand during this time of transition. May he go with our love and be received with open arms. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Church Directory

We are updating the Church Directory and if anyone has an updated name, address, phone number or email, would you please email Patty Hammond, pattyw316@yahoo.com or call 410-200-3486 . There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Parish Timeline of Events and Memories

Please visit the Parish Hall and share your important life events, experiences and memories at St Paul's on our Parish Timeline!!

Fr Michael has been here for 22 years and we have a timeline for each one!

Altar Guild News

Congratulations to Mary Hall - St Paul's new Altar Guild Directress! Mary will be leading the teams as they care for the Altar linens, set up for the services and make sure the Church is ready each week. Thank you to the entire team: Carol Vaughn, Faith Stanley, Nancy Lehman, Patty Hammond, Susan Mariner and Sarah Hooper. We wish a fond farewell to Jane Dougherty and Emma Hopkins who have served for many years. Thank you Jane and Emma, you will be missed!

The Altar Guild welcomes new members.

Please contact Mary Hall or any Altar Guild member

Please have your names into the office by 21 October

All Souls' Day Remembrances

Requiem Eucharist

Thursday, 21 October, 2021

10:30 in the Morning

(Your Name) _____

Please Remember these departed Loved Ones at the service
Please Print

"The Souls of the Righteous are in the Hand of God"
(Wisdom 8:1)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| October 3 | 2:00 Blessing of the Animals |
| October 17 | 2:00 -4:00 p.m. A Public Celebration
of: Fr. Moyer's ministry with us
Renovation and Restoration of our
Historic Church
Our Connection with the Community |
| November 2 | 10:30 All Souls' Day Requiem
Eucharist |
| November 7 | All Saints' Day Eucharist
(Incense at 10:30 Service) |
| November 14 | One Service at 9:30 Bishop's Annual
Visitation including "Leave-taking
from a Congregation" and Reception
after service |
| November 21 | 8:30 & 10:30 Fr. Moyer's Last
Sunday with Reception after both
services |



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
- 29 Karen Way
- 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

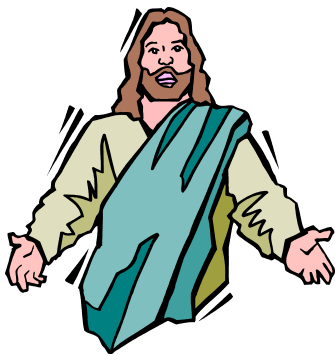
- 11 Steven & Nancy Lehman
- 25 Buddy & Laura Jenkins
- 26 Wade & Susan Wellman
- 28 Roger & Sandy Pacella



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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to offer and nourish a relationship with God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, through worship, outreach, fellowship, and study.

Vestry and Officers

Senior Warden: Sarah Hooper, Junior Warden: Dave Hammond
Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members:	Bob Abel	Bill Blackmore	Dave Hammond
	Patty Hammond	Sarah Hooper	Sandy Pacella
			Deb Ritz