

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

October, 2016

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

We welcome you to join us on our journey as we strive to share the love of Jesus through worship, Christian education, fellowship and service to each other and the community beyond our walls.

From Your Rector

Growing up as a child where the church was the center of activity, most everyone I knew went to church. It was school, church and the neighborhood where your basis of friends was formed. Everyone seemed to know you and your family and your parents were usually aware of your activities before you arrived home. Your cue to be home for the evening was when the streetlights came on. As a child we had few worries and seemed to be invincible. Life was great; we had 3 channels on a black and white TV, a rotary dial phone and typewriters. We wrote letters, rode our bicycles till we dropped and, in the winter, went sleigh riding down the hill. Life seemed so simple and it seemed to take forever for the next birthday to come around. We didn't have microwaves and I can only remember going out to eat at Mama Lena's once in a great while. We went camping and for rides in the car.

Today, we have technology and things have changed. The church has become a non-entity in the lives of many and that number seems to increase as time goes by. The way we as a church exist is also changing. We have followers on the Internet and a whole group of people that follow us on Facebook and through our web site. We keep in touch in totally different ways. We communicate through texts and emails rather than a telephone and mail. We seem so busy with all of this that at times we miss the point and need to be called back to the center. This center is Jesus.

I must admit that communicating by text and e-mail is a bit different but it seems to be the way of communication these days. I guess my point is that I must continually adapt myself to the changes and challenges of the times. The church today is not the church I grew up in. It is not better or worse, it just is. People like to keep in touch and these new methods allow us to accomplish that on our time when it is convenient. I must also remember that not everyone is on board with this new wave of technology. This places the responsibility on those of us who are technological to be conscious of those who might not be for whatever reason. No one wants to be left out. That is not what church is about; it is about welcoming and affirming people in their faith life. Today, we have more methods at our disposal to be able to accomplish this richness in all its variety.

Father John+



Thank you to Karen Cahill for playing the piano while Paula was on vacation.

Thank you to Jane Parker and Sue Jones for providing the Movin' On Lunch in September.

Thank you to Ted Wolf for repairing the sidewalk near the elevette and repainting the railings to the church doors.

Thank you to David Krzyzewski for mowing the lawn as well as edging the sidewalks. It looks great!



WOMEN of the CHURCH

Fall is here and the Women of the Church are back in full force. Our sleeping bag ministry continues and our reflective mirror workshop was a big success. Now it is time for the fall rummage and bake sale. On Sunday, October 9th, following each service we will move all the rummage from storage rooms to the undercroft. Monday through Wednesday mornings (9 – 12) our focus will be on sorting and set up. Thursday and Friday mornings will be our back up days if additional efforts are needed. Bake sale items may be dropped off in the kitchen on Thursday or Friday morning. Please be sure they are marked "bake sale." Saturday, October 15th, is the rummage sale which starts at 9 and ends at 3. Please note that a sign-up sheet has been placed at the back of the church to ensure adequate coverage throughout the day for all areas needed. We also need workers (men and women) to come in for packing and clean-up at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please note that although we voted in May for a clothing bag sale to take place all morning, at our September meeting we voted to revert back to the standard bag sale from 1 to 3. This is due to the loss of clothing from Fabulous Finds, which will greatly cut down on the quantity of clothing we have for our sale. This event is one of the two fund raisers carried out by the WoC, which enables us to provide financial assistance to the parish, our community and worldwide ministries. Rummage is still being collected. Please ensure that all items: clothing, housewares, toys, etc. are clean and in good condition.

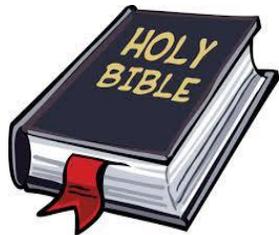


On November 2nd we will have a covered dish dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by a program at 6:30. We are fortunate to have Jennifer Vallone as a member of our parish, and I recently learned that Jennifer is a nutritionist. There is so much focus today on what is good to eat, what isn't, obesity, staying healthy, and just when we think we know what to do it seems to change again. Plus, as we age, it is important to know what helps us and what hurts us and as we certainly want to remain healthy and mobile, there must be a way to do this without spending hours in the kitchen. Jennifer is going to speak to us about nutrition and a healthy life style and answer our questions (but she won't mind if we have a high calorie dessert before the program or maybe even nibble on a cookie while she is speaking). Join us for food, fellowship, and a program that will benefit us all. If you know Jennifer, then you know it will be a fun and informative presentation delivered with a smile.

We have not yet set a date for our next sleeping bag workshop but stay tuned to the Sunday bulletin and your email for further notice.

Sandy Schwab, Chair





Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina continues to meet on Monday, October 3 and October 17 at 6:00 PM in the home of Linda Littell, 525 Airey Ave. in Endicott. Lectio Divina is a meditative way of looking at Scripture. No reservations or notification needed; just come! Speak with Fr. John if you have any questions.



Stewardship Thought

What is the sin that clings so closely to each and every one of us? Simply put, it is greed. We are greedy people. We live in a greedy culture that places material goods and access to them as a supreme value. It makes us greedy people and greed is a sin - in our culture it is a sin that clings very closely to each one of us - every day - and will, unless we decide to do something about it. The remedy for greed is giving. Greedy people need to give to get over their greed and become spiritually healthy. This morning, do something for yourself. Give and give generously until that nervous feeling induced by greed gives way to joy which is what we feel when we are delivered from a sin that clings so, so closely.

Fr. John+



Our Annual Asking Campaign

The Vestry of St. Paul's has fiduciary responsibility over the financial matters of the church. Each year about this time we have a "pledge campaign" where we ask you to pledge your financial commitment to the church for the next year. It helps the vestry to plan and navigate the budget for the coming year if we have an idea of our income. Even though we have the Bernice Gould Fund we try to keep our withdrawals below the recommended 4%. In order to preserve the fund we look to members of the congregation to support us in our vision and mission. We rely on the generosity of our members to help us financially but also by their prayers and support. Your attendance at our services and programs is as important as your financial commitment.

We use the term stewardship in varied ways. Stewardship by its very definition is about time, talent and treasure. I don't think we can separate them from the definition but must incorporate all three of them into our spiritual lives. All three of them give balance to the expression of our Christian faith. Some people work towards tithing or sacrificial giving where a 10% of their income to charitable organizations such as the church.

Fr. John+



Not able to attend services? Not to worry, we'll bring church to you! Holy Eucharist is available to people who are in nursing home facilities or are homebound. Please request a Eucharistic Visitor by calling the parish office at 607-748-8118.





Prayers for Our Ministries



Each week a different ministry area of St. Paul's is featured in the bulletin to highlight, encourage involvement and give thanks for the people who make it happen. During the month of October we pray for the following ministries:

October

10/02	Chimes 4 Jesus	10/09	Christian Educaation
10/16	CHOW	10/23	CHOW Garden
10/30	Chimes 4 Jesus		



Flower Memorials

- 10/02 available
- 10/09 available
- 10/16 available
- 10/23 available
- 10/30 available



Sanctuary Candle Memorials



- 10/02 available
- 10/09 The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of William Russell from Dick and Sandy Schwab.
- 10/16 available
- 10/23 available
- 10/30 The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ken Kidder, Sr. from Verona and Ken Kidder.



Note: Please call the office (748-8118) any time during the month if you would like to designate the altar flowers or candles in memory of a loved one, to recognize a special event or simply in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Forms are in the back of the church. Dates may be shared.





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| 10/02 | David Fenty | 10/17 | Michelle Wolf |
| 10/03 | Dan Knight, Robert Hess | 10/19 | Tony Farrand |
| 10/05 | Amy Dieffenbacher | 10/20 | Sandra Schwab |
| 10/07 | Charlie Collison, Garvin Alexander | 10/21 | Lew Jones, Kelly Browning |
| 10/09 | Debra Colón | 10/22 | Suzanne Pettit |
| 10/14 | Beth VanDervort | 10/23 | Eunice Barton, Marley Cohen |
| 10/15 | Victoria McGlashon | 10/25 | Lukas Parker |
| 10/16 | Susan Young, David Wilson | 10/26 | Mark Baileys |



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| 10/06 | Dan and Bette Knight | 10/18 | Bruce and Barb Dailey |
| 10/14 | Roger and Carolyn Doolittle | 10/30 | Ron and Jackie Reece |
| | Garvin and Stephanie Alexander | 10/31 | Joseph and Maureen Wilson III |



Are you an October birthday or anniversary but you don't see your name here? Please let the office know so we can update our records! We don't want to miss anyone!





Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 16, 8 & 10AM

Have your pet blessed as we celebrate the life and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your "other" family members on Sunday, October 16 for a blessing of the animals. Furry, scaly, winged or hooved; all are welcome.



Acolytes Wanted

Are you in 3rd grade or older? Then you are eligible to become an acolyte! Fr. John will be training all interested persons, youth through adult. Please let him know if you feel a call to this ministry. All servers are needed: alms bearers, torch bearers and crucifers. If the ranks grow big the flags will be included as well!



Anglican Prayer Beads

Sunday, October 2, 11:00 AM



On Sunday, October 2nd, Eunice Barton will hold a workshop for those interested in making Anglican Prayer beads. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church to determine how many bead kits we will need. Anglican prayer beads, also known as the Anglican rosary or Anglican chaplet, are a loop of strung beads used chiefly by Anglicans in the Anglican Communion. Anglican prayer beads were developed in the latter part of the 20th century within the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and this Anglican devotion has spread to other Christian denominations, including Lutherans, Methodists, the Reformed, and others, thus giving rise to the term Christian prayer beads. Anglican prayer bead sets consist of thirty-three beads divided into groups. There are four groups consisting of seven beads with additional larger beads separating the groups. The number thirty-three signifies the number of years that Christ lived on the Earth, while the number seven signifies wholeness or completion in the faith, the days of creation, and the seasons of the Church year. Even if you are not interested in making prayer beads, all are invited to stay for coffee and conversation. Hope you will join us!



The office will be closed on Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day.





Rector's Forum for October

During the month of October the Rector's Forum will cover a variety of topics led by a variety of people. The schedule is as follows:

- October 2 – Anglican Prayer Beads Workshop by Eunice Barton
- October 9 – Empty Rummage Room/Coffee and snacks by EVERYONE!!!
- October 16 – “Technology Today” by John Fillo (see article below)
- October 23 – Apostles and their jobs by Fr. John
- October 30 – Apostles and their jobs by Fr. John



Special Rector's Forum



On October 16th we will have a special Rector's Forum. John Fillo has graciously offered to spend time with us and help us to answer the question: “How Did We Get to Where We are? While technology is a key to unlocking our understanding of modernity, how we got to where we are is a fascinating tale. The Industrial Revolution ushered in humanity's first machine age, progress driven primarily by technological innovations that have led up to the second machine age or computer age.

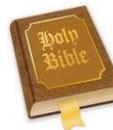
He will start with an introduction to human history, a brief trip back in time and the questions: What bent the curve of human social development? Was it domestication of animals, farming, writing, mathematics, the printing press or was it something else? The something else that John will introduce is the work of the historian, Ian Morris, and how he measures civilization; how social development decides the fate of nature. What has been cited is included in Morris' social development traits: energy capture per capita; organization; information technology; and war making capacity. It was the coming together of these four traits and the industrial revolution that bent the curve of social development.

After looking at the fundamental characteristics of the first machine age, we will discuss six innovations and their history: glass, cold, sound, cleanliness, time and light, all of which are the heart of the computer age.

John was with us a while ago and his presentation was informative and thought provoking. Please join us for this special topic.



Please note, there will be no Bible Study on Thursday, October 6.



Prayer Requests



If you know someone who might benefit from our prayers, please use the form in the basket on the table in the back of the church. You may place the form in the collection plate or drop it in the office.





Rummage and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 15, 9AM-3PM

St. Paul's bi-annual Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 9AM-3PM with the bag sale starting at 1. Volunteers of all types are needed and the weekly schedule will be as follows:

10/09:	11AM	Empty store rooms
10/10-10/12:	9AM-Noon	Set up sale
10/13:	9-Noon	Only if there is additional setting up to do
10/14:	9-Noon	Final touch-ups and set-up for bake sale
10/15:	9-3	Rummage and Bag Sale
10/15:	3PM	Clean Up...we could use a few strong arms for this one!



If you are interested in donating baked goods for the sale, they can be dropped off during the week and left in the freezer or they can be brought Thursday or Friday between 9 and Noon. Also, we are in need of brown paper bags for the bag sale; if you have any, please drop them off in room 102. Thank you.



Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, October 17, Noon



NOTE: The Movin' On Lunch will be held on the **3rd Monday** of October. The menu for the day will be a boiled ham meal. All widows and widowers are invited to share in this time of food and fellowship on Monday, October 17th at noon in Fellowship Hall.



Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 22, 9-Noon

It's time to ready the grounds and church for the upcoming winter. Raking, trimming and weeding as well as various other small projects will be undertaken. Join us any time after 9AM. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Bring your tools and gloves. All are encouraged.





A Farewell Celebration for Bishop Skip and Bonnie Adams!

Saturday, October 22nd
The OnCenter in Syracuse



11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
12:30 pm Luncheon Program and Presentations

RSVP and Register by Monday, October 3rd

The cost is \$24.00 per person.

www.adamsfarewell.eventbrite.com

If I only attend the Eucharist, do I need to register?
Yes! We need to be ready with chairs and bulletins!

Is there free parking?

Yes! Park in the OnCenter garage.

www.oncenter.org/maps-and-directions#parking

May I join the choir?

Yes! Check the Choir box when you register.

If I can't attend, may I donate to the Bishop's gift?

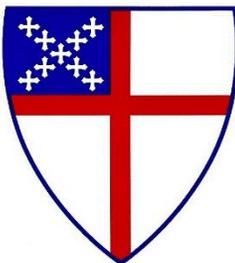
Yes! Visit the registration page and see how!

Are there hotels nearby?

Yes! Marriott Syracuse Downtown (walking distance)
Holiday Inn Express Syracuse Airport

Can I get more information?

Yes! Contact Kathy at kdengler@cnyepiscopal.org





UTO Fall Ingathering

Sunday, October 23



The Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be on Sunday, October 23. Please convert the coins in your UTO Blue Box into bills or a check, and bring to church in the enclosed UTO envelope; envelopes will be distributed in the bulletin and are also available on the table at the back of the church.

It is the mission of the United Thank Offering to expand the circle of thankful people and to promote mission work throughout the world. To achieve this, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of God's blessings.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UTTER THANKS OFTEN



Trinity Canteen

Sunday, October 30

St. Paul's Church has once again committed to supporting the Trinity Canteen, at Trinity Church in Binghamton, by taking on each 5th Sunday of the month. We, as a church: purchase, prepare, serve and clean up for the Trinity Canteen on each of those Sundays. Your donation of bananas and salad ingredients (we have plenty of brownies and salad dressings) will be appreciated.

Our next Canteen will be on October 30. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church. Our youth will be sponsoring this month's Canteen. We will meet at 10AM on Sunday to carpool to Trinity.



Night of Hope for Mom's House

Thursday, October 27, 6:00 to 9:00 PM



Help support Mom's House! Come spend a casual fun-filled evening that includes hors d'oeuvre stations, wine, raffle baskets, silent auction, wine pull, and more on Thursday, October 27th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Binghamton Country Club, 1401 Robinson Hill Road, Endicott. The cost is \$50.00, or you can register online at momshouseny.org, or call 607-644-9972.



Volunteers Needed at Danielle House

If you are looking to invest a few hours each week to serve families in a medical crisis, Danielle House may be the charity you would love to be a part of. Danielle House is our local healthcare hospitality home. To learn more, please visit the website at www.daniellehouse.org, or call 724-1540.



October Liturgical Ministers Schedule

October 2	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Sue Jones
1 st Reading		Youth
2 nd Reading	Garvin Alexander	Youth
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Suzanne Pettit
Readings	Lamentations 1:1-6	2 Timothy 1:1-14

October 9	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak	Karen Cahill
1 st Reading		Carl Kinne
2 nd Reading	Luther Chergosky	Judy Shannon
Chalice	Chip Kinne	Judy Doherty
Readings	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7	2 Timothy 2:8-15

October 16	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher	Georgia Wilber
1 st Reading		Zach Manchester
2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher	Kelly Parker-Seeley
Chalice	Mary Cermak	Eunice Barton
Readings	Jeremiah 31:27-34	2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

October 23	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann	Jim Garceau
1 st Reading		Barb Dailey
2 nd Reading	Jackie Reece	Judy Doherty
Chalice	Jennifer Westermann	Jim Buffum
Readings	Joel 2:23-32	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

October 30	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann	Ruthie Koerts
1 st Reading		Bob Pettit
2 nd Reading	Garvin Alexander	Suzanne Pettit
Chalice	Luther Chergosky	Sue Jones
Readings	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Note: If you are unable to serve on a given week, please try to find a substitute. **Luther Chergosky is available as a substitute Lay Assistant for 8:00 services.** If you need a phone number, please call the office at 748-8118. Copies of our church directory are available as well for your convenience.

St. Pauls' Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes, July 12, 2016
Approved as Amended

To love God, Love others, Help Others to love God

Rector: Fr. John R. Martinichio

Wardens: Bruce Dailey, Jennifer S. Westermann

Vestry:

Eunice Barton(A)

Mary Gilfoyle (A)

Ruthie Koerts(A)

Karen Cahill

Lynda Helmer

Robert Pettit

Duncan Finlayson

Lynne Jones (A)

Richard Schwab

Treasurer: Jack Westermann

Fr. John opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer from the book We Are Theologians by Frederica Harris Thompsett.

June Minutes: One correction noted: The reference to the nativity set was noted twice in the Rector's Report. **Motion** made by Lynda Helmer with second by Richard Schwab to accept the June minutes with the abovementioned correction. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Bob Pettit – noted that if we continue with our budgeted monthly draw from the Gould fund of \$14,500/month the year-end total draw will equal 3.7% which is below the recommended maximum amount of 4%.

Jack Westermann – reported that nothing major had occurred with the church finances over the months; we are in pretty good shape. Also included the monthly statements from the following funds: Rector's Discretionary Fund, CHOW, CHAP, and Flower/Candles Memorials. Of note is that the contributions to the Flowers Memorial (altar flowers) is currently \$600 less than what has been spent on flowers this year. The feeling is that that number may go up since we have switched florists and the flower arrangements are nicer.

Motion made by Richard Schwab with second from Duncan Finlayson to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Gould Grants – The grant committee presented grant requests from the following organizations: Mom's House of Endicott, Samaritan Counseling Center of the Southern Tier and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New Jersey. **Motion** made by Duncan Finlayson with second by Karen Cahill to approve the grants as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Smoke-Free Campus – Proposal made to make the church grounds smoke-free. This primarily affects the members of the groups that use our building and the CHOW clients. They will be asked to move to the sidewalk to smoke instead of in the courtyard. The reason for this is to keep the air around the doorway cleaner as well as the office air smoke free as smoke from the courtyard gets drawn into the office. **Motion** made by Duncan Finlayson with second by Richard Schwab to make the church grounds-smoke free.
- Landscaping Plan – Hillside Gardens presented the church with the plans it generated for the new Scattering Garden in the courtyard. The new landscaping will span the front of the church buildings from the far left corner of the Christian Education building (by the parking lot) to the front right corner of the church building with the Scattering Garden located in the courtyard area. The cost of

the project as presented will be \$7,050.00 and will be covered by an anonymous donor. Suggestion was made to ask Hillside Gardens to include the landscaping around the brick sign on the northeast corner of the property with the extra cost coming from church funds. **Motion** made by Lynda Helmer with second by Bob Pettit to accept the Hillside Gardens proposal with the addition of the brick sign landscaping.

Rector's Report:

- Stained glass windows – A representative from Hauser Willets, the company that installed the windows in the church and Gould chapel, at our request, conducted an inspection of the condition of the windows. He pronounced the windows in excellent condition. He recommended that the Plexiglas that is currently protecting the windows be replaced by cast acrylic. The advantages of the acrylic are twofold: the acrylic coverings are vented to disperse heat and moisture that builds up between the current coverings and windows, thereby lengthening the lifespan of the windows (technology not developed when the windows were installed) and it provides a clear cover as opposed to the Plexiglas which has yellowed over time. He is going to do an appraisal of the windows and give us a quote for the acrylic coverings.
- Synagogue Window – the stained glass window from the nearby now closed synagogue was delivered to the church. Fr. John asked the Hauser Willets representative for ideas on the best way to display it. His suggestion was to set it in a light box and mount it on the eastern wall of the chapel where the cross and sconces used to hang. He will provide us with a quote for this project.
- TASC – Fr. John reported that the TASC (GED) program relocated to the Methodist church on McKinley Ave. The reason given is that this church is on the bus line whereas St. Paul's is two blocks off the bus line. The hope is that more people will enroll if it is more convenient to get to.
- Newcomers' Dinner – will be scheduled for the fall

Warden's Report:

- Bruce Dailey shared thank you notes from Grace Episcopal Church in Syracuse, the Dr. Garabed A. Fattal Community Free Clinic and the Broome West Senior Center for Gould grants. Also a note from Mercy House for the donation of funds raised at our annual Pancake Supper.
- Maintenance Issue – Bruce reported that the new sump pump in the boiler room is doing its job. It was put to the test after a downpour in June caused some flooding. Thank you to Bruce for handling the elevette area that flooded into the undercroft and Barb Dailey for bringing a shop vac!
- Life Line Screenings – Jennifer Westermann reported that The Life Line Screenings group contacted the church about hosting a day of screenings. They run tests for vascular disease and osteoporosis. There is a modest fee and the screenings will be by appointment only.

Committee Reports:

- Christian Education – Jennifer reported that there is still a need for a teacher for the middle class on an every other week basis.
- Women of the Church – Karen Cahill reported that the group opted to have some gatherings during the summer. On Wednesday, July 20 all are invited to participate in a project to create a sleeping bag for a homeless person.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 7:00 PM. **Note: No meeting in August.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM with the praying of the service Night Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk