



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

January 20, 2016

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*All are cordially invited  
and urged to attend  
St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting  
this Sunday, January 24  
following our morning worship.  
The meeting begins with luncheon  
after which we will review the  
business of the parish.  
Please bring a covered dish to share.*

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### **The Nominating Committee Announces its Slate**

*for New Vestry Members:*  
**Carol Toft  
Sally Berweiler**

*for Junior Warden:*  
**Michelle Wiejaczka**

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**Quick Links**

**St. Paul website**

**Vestry Minutes**

January 2015

February 2015

March 2015

April 2015

May 2015

June 2015

August 2015

September 2015

October 2015

November 2015

**Diaper Bank**

**Episcopal News  
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**Diocese of Chicago**

**Lectionary Calendar**

**Forward Day by Day**

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
AND THE BIBLE STUDY  
FOCUSING ON LUKE/ACTS  
WILL CONTINUE IN FEBRUARY.**

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**Thoughts from Lori**

About the Anglican Communion

In my sermon Sunday morning, I promised a special edition of The ePistle that would include some information about the recent goings-on in the Anglican Communion and links to the response by our Presiding Bishop and our own Bishop, along with some other helpful reflections. But our dance card was full-up on Tuesday, so that wasn't going to happen. So here it is today.

First, a bit of background. The Anglican Communion is made up of all the national churches (also known as provinces) that have historic ties to the Church of England. It's a result of England's colonial days: as it colonized different parts of the world, the CofE (that's code for Church of England) laid down roots in those places. Then, as those colonies - including the United States of America - became independent, so did those "Anglican" churches. In fact, The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as it was originally known, was the first. Now more familiar as "The Episcopal Church" (TEC), we are and always have been an autonomous branch of Christendom. But we like the Brits, and we generally celebrate our heritage, both theological and liturgical.

The spiritual and symbolic head of this conglomeration of autonomous churches is the Archbishop of Canterbury (ABC for short), currently the Most Reverend Justin Welby. The ABC is one of the four "instruments of communion," the other three being the Lambeth Conference (a meeting once every ten years of all bishops in the Anglican Communion), the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Primates Meeting. None of these bodies have binding authority over the Anglican Communion or any of the provinces. They are, as once source puts it, vehicles of

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consultation and persuasion.

The issue at hand is the full inclusion of homosexuals in all aspects of the church, including ordination, and the blessing of same-gender marriages by The Episcopal Church and the movement in that direction by other provinces. Other parts of the Communion, notably in Africa and Asia, have seen this as a departure from their understanding of orthodoxy.

Last week at the ABC's invitation, the 38 Primates met for prayer and conversation. The contents of the meeting were kept very private, but in the end, it was announced that the conservative majority called for a period of three years during which The Episcopal Church would no longer have representation on ecumenical and interfaith bodies and should not be appointed or elected to any internal standing committees. The Primates do not actually have control over the membership of such bodies, which typically relate to the more broadly-constituted Anglican Consultative Council. But those are details. The struggle to understand and accept each other will continue. The bottom line is this: no, TEC did not get kicked out of the Anglican Communion. We are and ever shall be Anglican. The Episcopal Church lives and thrives.

Our own Primate is our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry. Here are links to his statements following the meeting.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-presiding-bishop-and-primate-michael-curry-actions-anglican>

And here is the letter from our own bishop, the Rt. Reverend Jeffrey Lee.

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/01/15/chicago-bishops-letter-to-the-diocese-on-primates-statement/>

If you do already do so, I urge you to subscribe to Episcopal News Service. It is free and very informative. Just do a search for it by name and it will come up. Be careful about some of the other sites you may come across. There are those out there who spew hatred and vitriol. Although I always try to listen to all perspectives, I long ago gave up letting that kind of nastiness into my life. As the song goes, you will know they are Christians by their love! Or others by the lack of it.

So that's it for now. All is well. All manner of thing shall be well, as St. Theresa said. One thing is certain: we mean it when we say:

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.\*

\*All who love. Or are trying to.

All who are searching for a closer relationship with God.

All who want to participate in the Reign of God.

All who are trying to wrap their minds around the idea  
that we are all children of God.

As faithful as I know how to be...

*Loritt*

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Holy Eucharist and  
Laying on of Hands for Healing  
Every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Vestry** - Tonight, 7:15 p.m.  
**Annual Parish Meeting** - Jan. 24

**Shrove Tuesday** - Feb. 9  
Tacos - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
**Ash Wednesday** - Feb. 10  
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
Noon and 7:00 p.m.

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### **A Note About Flower Dedications**

The Vonderohe family has generously donated flowers for the entire year in memory of Anne's parents, the late Donald and Patricia Seaton, who were long-time members of St. Paul's. Other dedications are still welcome for a donation of \$35. Dedications are always TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of or thanksgiving for specific people or occasions. The Vonderohe's donation and your continued donations will enable us to improve and continue to beautify our worship.

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# Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, January 24, 2016  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

***The Old Testament:*** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10. Ezra reads the law of God to the people and reminds them that "God is their strength."

***Psalm 19:*** This portion of the psalter contains the preacher's favorite words, "Let the words of my mouth..."

***The Epistle:*** I Corinthians 12:12-31. Paul continues his ideas about the Holy Spirit and the gifts related to the Holy Spirit.

***The Gospel:*** Luke 4: 14-21. Jesus reads from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth where he grew up.

## THE HYMNS:

***Processional Hymn:*** No. 525. "The Church's One Foundation." This hymn was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) in response to the liberal interpretation by the Rt. Rev. John William Colenso (1814-1883), the first Anglican bishop of Natal. Bishop Colenso was also a mathematician, theologian, biblical scholar, and social activist. Stone was an Anglican priest who felt deeply troubled by Colenso's ideas about Christianity and especially the interpretation of the Bible. Thus the third verse of his hymn: "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song." The tune, "Aurelia" was composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

***Sequence Hymn:*** No. 255. "We Sing the Glorious Conquest." This hymn was written by John Ellerton on February 28, 1871, for the commemoration of the Conversion of St. Paul in the SPCK'S Church Hymns, 1871. The words both recall the dramatic conversion of Saul and calls for us to respond with our own vocations and callings. The tune, "Munich," is an old German melody harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

***Presentation Hymn:*** No. 577. "Here In Christ We Gather." This hymn was translated from the Latin original by James Dominick Quinn, S.J. (1919-2010), a Scottish Jesuit

priest, theologian and hymnwriter. The words of this hymn call forth a Christian community based on love rather than discord. The tune, "Ubi Caritas," was composed by Gregory Murray, O.S.B., (1905-1992) and is best sung with spirit and movement.

***Communion Hymn:*** No. 316. "This is the Hour of Banquet and Song." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) a famous Scottish cleric who was a prolific hymn writer and editor of a church newspaper. He wrote this hymn at the request of his elder brother, John James Bonar, in 1855, to be sung in Horatius' parish church, St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. The tune, "Canticum, Refectionis," is the composition of David McKinley Williams (1887-1978).

***Recessional Hymn:*** No. 539. "O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling." The author of this hymn, Mary Ann Thomson, was born in London, December 5, 1834 and became the wife of a librarian in Philadelphia, John Thomson. She wrote many poems and hymns published and used widely in the Episcopal Church. She died in Philadelphia, March 11, 1923. She says the hymn came to her while tending to one of her children, sick with typhoid fever, but it was three years before she could come up with a suitable refrain: "Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release." James Walch wrote the tune especially for this hymn.

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### **January 24th Servants**

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

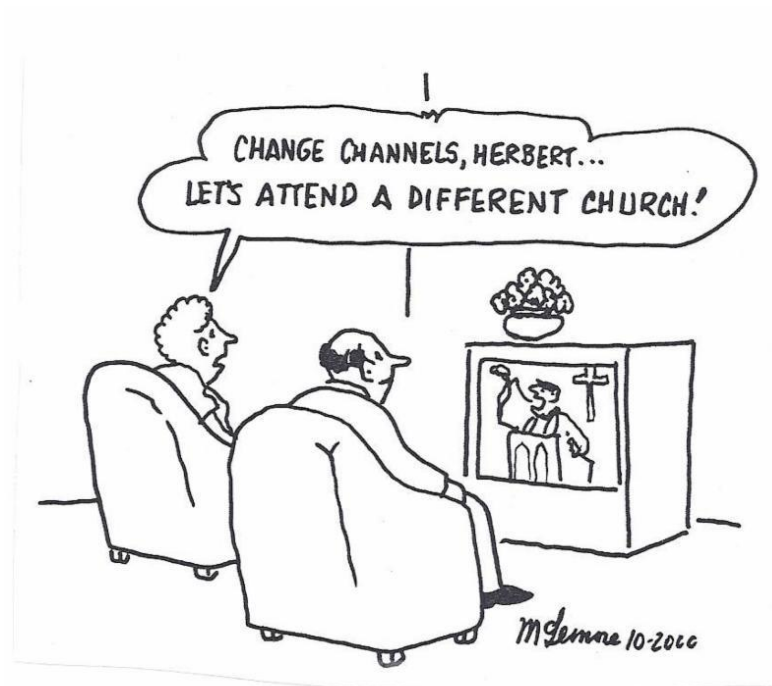
Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

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From the cartoons created by  
*the Rev. William P. McLemore*



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*"Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa."*