



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
October 26, 2016



New and Notable...

Please note: The office will be closed Friday, October 28th.



***Mobile Food Pantry at St. Paul's
THIS SATURDAY!***

St. Paul's will be hosting another event from The Northern Illinois Food Bank this Saturday, **October 29th**. This event will be slightly different: instead of the open truck, the food will be delivered on pallets. **Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:30am.** Thanks!



Thoughts from Lori

Every now and then, I'm struck by the absurdity of things. Usually specific, ordinary things that we all seem to take for granted. Things we don't question; just accept as the way they are. Take for instance the way gas - gasoline, the stuff we put in our cars to make them go - the way gas is priced. \$1.99.9 or \$2.29.9. Who came up with that? Why not \$2.00 or \$2.30? Are we supposed to feel better about the difference between \$1.99.9 and \$2.00?

And whose bright idea was it to divide highways with a little yellow line? I mean, really! We are speeding towards one another at speeds usually over the speed limit with nothing to separate us other than a yellow line on the road. This could be seen as a plot to reduce over-population were it not for the inexplicable fact that there are far fewer accidents than this situation would suggest.

Then we have TIME CHANGE. Twice a year, we confuse our inner body clocks - to say nothing of our pets - by pretending to change the time the sun rises and sets. Yes, yes, I've heard several explanations for why this got started in the first place and why we keep doing it. But so far, not one good reason for us to keep doing it. Nor have I met a single person who likes it.

Where and who are the powers-that-be in control of these things? Are we powerless to change them? Maybe not, but it seems so, doesn't it. And maybe that's part of the general malaise of our time. Of course, you may not care a whit about things like the way gas is priced or the time change business. Could be that such things fall into the category of small stuff; not worth stewing about. But clearly, the divide in our current environment indicates that some of us feel powerless. And powerless people are depressed, then angry.

Never before has the so-called Serenity Prayer been more applicable than it is now. The first part is generally familiar and often associated with twelve-step groups like AA. Here is the whole prayer, and I offer it to you (and as a reminder to myself), especially as we approach our national election.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.

Amen.

(attributed to Reinhold Neibuhr, 1892-1971)

Faithfully,

Loritt

SPECIAL THANKS

We're offering special thanks to an anonymous donor who has given money for a new air conditioning unit for the Upper Room. Though we won't need it until next spring/summer, this is a good time to buy one. You know who you are: THANKS!

Other needs include a small refrigerator, a small (gas) stove, a wall clock, and kitchen supplies. If you would like to donate (or contribute to) the purchase of one or more of these items, please contact the rector or one of the wardens. We would very much like to have the Upper Room fully functional for parish and community use.



Could YOU be a Mentor?
Could YOU help someone wanting to escape poverty?
Come to HTA's Mentor Training. Learn how YOU can be a
Coach - Guide - Role Model - Advocate - FRIEND

Fundamentally, mentoring is about building a personal relationship - becoming a supporting friend. Each relationship will be as unique as the personalities of the people involved. The mentors aid the 'Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-by World' participants while they implement their 'future story' to transition out of poverty. The mentors walk with the graduates of the Getting Ahead workshops through their personal journey to self-sufficiency. Mentors acknowledge, validate, question, and affirm their actions and assist in facilitating community connections. Interaction with the mentee will require about 45 minutes per week on average, depending on agreed arrangements made between mentor and mentee. Mentors DO NOT provide financial support.

No prior training required!

Hope Takes Action is presenting Mentor Training for those people interested in helping others to escape poverty. Training will be Saturday November 12, 2016. Please register to attend. See below for more information. Thank you for your participation in HTA.

[Hope Takes Action Mentor Training:](#)

When: Saturday, November 12, 2016, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Where: St Mary Church, 1407 N Richmond Rd. McHenry, IL. Mary Hall - downstairs.

Cost: Free

Pre-registration required so we can plan food, materials etc.

Materials and refreshments will be provided.

Continental breakfast available at 7:30 am.

[Register now for HTA Mentor Training](#)

You can make a lasting a difference in people's lives. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please call us at 815-385-3251.

God bless you,
Hope Takes Action Planning Committee
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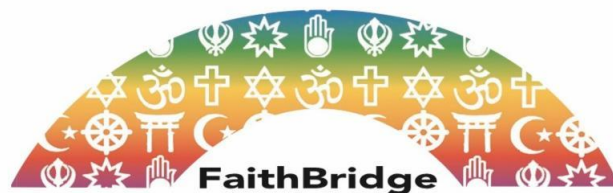
Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "All Saint's Day/Weaving God's Promises." Leaders will be Bobbi Fiali, and Katie & Bill Lang.



All children are welcome to come to the Seaton Room after the service for a story, snack, and activity.

In case you missed it....



When we "celebrate" in our traditions, *what* are we celebrating? Join neighbors from various religious traditions on **Sunday, November 13**, to learn and share the spiritual meanings that enrich celebrations within our faiths that mean the most to us. We will gather from **2:00 - 4:00 pm** at the **Algonquin Public Library**, 2600 Harnish Drive. Please come!

Rabbi Maralee Gordon (Judaism), Barbara Marian (Catholicism) Bhante Suyama (Buddhism), Dr. Muhammad Eissa (Islam) and Bob Armbruster (Baha'i Faith) will each speak briefly, followed by small group discussions among attendees. We will share how and why religious celebrations are important to us and our families, the larger community, and the world. How does a rhythm of religious celebrations increase our spirituality? What is the role of celebration in the life of faith? Of the community?

For more information, click [here](#). There is no charge.

Peace,

Budd Friend-Jones

2017 Diocese of Chicago Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat

To the men of your congregation about this increasingly popular retreat: those who want to attend should immediately send their completed registration form and check for \$145.00 made out to James Massie. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Individual paid registrations will be confirmed on a "first come, first registered" basis, using post mark dates to determine the order in which they were sent/received. Room is limited so please do not wait.

Thanks for your help!
Jim Massie

Mobile (630) 267-7688, or jmassie@ameritech.net for questions.

The usual fare...



Noon Eucharist- Wednesday, November 2, 12:15 pm

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, November 5, 8:00 am

Newcomer's Reception - Sunday, November 6

Vestry - Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 pm

Eve of Thanksgiving Service - November 23, 7:00 pm

Advent begins Sunday, November 27!

October 30th Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski

Lector: Barb Moriarty

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: John Patnaude

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, October 30, 2016
Pentecost XXIV (Proper 26, Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 1:10-18. The Lord takes exception to the types of sacrifices his people are making and says, "Come now, let us argue it out."

The Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7. This psalm extols the benefits of seeking forgiveness from God.

Second Lesson: II Thessalonians 2:1-4, 11-12. Paul praises the faith he finds in the church in Thessalonica.

The Gospel: Luke 19:1-10. Jesus praises Zaccaeus for the faith he finds in him and his household.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 533, "How Wondrous and Great." This is one of the nine hymns written by Henry Ustick Onderdonk for the Hymnal of 1820. It is a paraphrase of the Song of Moses and the Lamb, Revelation 15:3-4. This hymn also reflects the missionary spirit of Epiphany: "To nations of earth thy light shall be shown." The tune, "Lyons," closely resembles a Haydn minuet.

Sequence Hymn: No. 510, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." This Isaac Watts hymn was published in his "Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1707." Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was a prolific hymn writer and there are 17 of his hymns in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. Unfortunately a fourth stanza was omitted: "Dear Lord! and shall we ever lye at this poor dying rate? Our love so faint, so cold to thee? And thine to us so great?" The tune, "St. Agnus," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) and is a popular common meter tune.

Presentation Hymn: No. 469, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." This is only part of a much longer hymn written by Frederick William Faber that appeared in "Hymns 1862." The words express an expansive image of God's love and mercy that pours forth over all the earth. "For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind." The tune, "St. Helena," is new to our 1982 hymnal, composed by Calvin Hampton who was the organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church, Gramercy Park, New York City, for twenty years (1963-1983). This setting is best sung simply with deep meditation on the words.

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name." This hymn is a 1991 paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taize Community in France. It was founded by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." During the war he helped people in difficulty and hosted German

refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest Brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

Recessional Hymn: No. 594, "God of grace and God of glory." Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this hymn during the summer of 1930 in anticipation of the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City. It was first sung at the opening service October 5, 1931 and then at the official dedication in February of the following year. The phrase "grant us wisdom, grant us courage," appears in all four verses of the text which desperately calls for Christian responsibility in the world. The tune, "Cum Rhonda," was composed by John Hughes (1873-1932).

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



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