



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
November 2, 2016



New and Notable...



Time Change this weekend!
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



Men's Breakfast

This Saturday at Kim & Patty's

8:00 a.m.

Newcomer Reception

This Sunday, November 6th

Following the Eucharist

For any and all of you who have become part of St. Paul's since last May (including those who missed that event and joined us since the first of the year), we are having a Newcomers Reception right after church this Sunday to honor and officially welcome you.

Guests and new visitors are most welcome, too!



Thoughts from Lori

November? Already? Doesn't seem possible. But there it is. Halloween is over, and although in the church calendar we celebrate All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls Day (November 2nd) - to say nothing about Thanksgiving on the 24th - social media has already declared that today is the beginning of the (wait for it) Christmas season. Deep sigh. I just refuse to give in to that. I mean, Advent doesn't even begin until the end of the month!

I read a piece not more than a week ago by the Rev. Charles LaFond about

Advent. You may remember that I mentioned him as the priest who led our recent clergy conference/retreat. He serves as the Canon Steward at the Cathedral of St. John of the Wilderness in Denver. Charles spent several years as a monk in the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). Although he decided to leave, he wrote lovingly about Advent in the monastery. Here is the link: <http://www.sjcathedral.org/DailySip/PostID/701>

In it, he describes the quiet, prayerful pace of Advent; the peacefulness of it, especially in contrast with the frenetic secular version. In truth, there is no secular version of Advent. Not as a holy season. This time of year has devolved into a commercial frenzy.

Now, I'm well aware that trying to fight that reality is like trying to put out a forest fire with a thimble. I have no intention of criticizing whatever pre-Christmas traditions and activities you truly enjoy. And therein lies the key: if you truly enjoy the things you do in preparation for Christmas, then to God be the glory! But... but, if much of it leaves you exhausted, unfulfilled, and in debt, why not consider consciously making other choices.

This will be our topic of conversation at C&C on Sunday, November 13 and 20. (This Sunday, the 6th, we're having our second newcomer reception after church.) So give it some thought and prayerfully consider how you want to prepare for the Feast of the Christ Child.

Faithfully,
Loritt



*The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
Bishop Elect!*

You may remember Jennifer as our guest preacher in Advent two years ago. She has been Bishop Lee's Director of Networking for the Diocese of Chicago since 2012. Last Friday, Jennifer was elected Bishop of Indianapolis; the first African-American woman to be elected as a diocesan bishop. See Bishop Lee's wonderful letter at <https://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-stories/2016/10/28/bishop-lee-jennifer-baskerville-burrows-elected-bishop-india>

Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "All Saint's Day/Weaving God's Promises." Leaders will be Amy & Jeff Zabor, and Katie 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....

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.

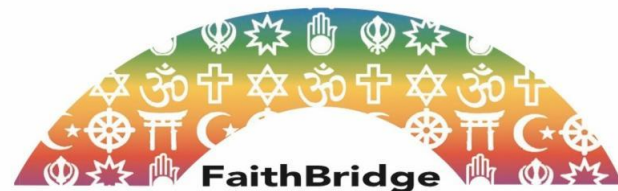
Materials and refreshments will be provided.

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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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

The usual fare...



Noon Eucharist- Wednesday, November 9, 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!

November 6th Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Lector: Michelle Wiejaczka

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer

Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, November 6, 2016
Pentecost XXV, All Saint's Sunday
(Proper 27, Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18. Daniel's dream ends with an affirmation, "But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom and possess the kingdom forever."

The Psalm: Psalm 149. "Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful to their King."

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23. Paul hails the inheritance that all Christians have from God through Jesus and affirms, "he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things."

The Gospel: Luke 6:20-31. Jesus offers the blessings and the woes of the kingdom of God ending with the words, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 287. "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest." This popular hymn for All Saints Day was written by the Rt. Rev. William Washam How (1823-1897), popularly known in England as the "Children's Bishop." The fourth verse connects those of us who struggle on this earth with those who live in glory in heaven: "O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine." The stirring tune, "Sine Nomine." was written especially for this hymn by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in 1906.

Sequence Hymn: No. 293. "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." Lesbia Scott, the wife of a British Naval Officer wrote this hymn for her own children to impress upon them that sainthood is a living possibility now-not just in heaven. It remains a favorite child's hymn with implications for all ages: "They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will." The tune, 'Grand Isle,' was composed in 1940 by John Henry Hopkins for use with her text.

Presentation Hymn: No. 526. "Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing." This hymn, which has been placed in the 'CHURCH' section of our hymnal, is actually one of Charles Wesley's funeral songs published in 1759. The words end with the image of Jesus as our constant guide through life-leading us towards our final and joyful union with God and all the saints in heaven. The tune, "Dundee," is from the Scottish Psalter of 1615.

Communion Hymn: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer." This is another Taize community musical paraphrase to a psalm (102:1-2). It was set to music by Jacques Bertheur (1923-1994) in 1991, shortly before he died.

The Psalm reads, "Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble."

Recessional Hymn: No. 287. "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest." This popular hymn for All Saints Day was written by the Rt. Rev. William Washam How (1823-1897), popularly known in England as the "Children's Bishop." The fourth verse connects those of us who struggle on this earth with those who live in glory in heaven: "O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine." The stirring tune, "Sine Nomine." was written especially for this hymn by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in 1906.

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



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