



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

June 14, 2017

New and Notable...

Reminder!

Mobile Food Pantry here at St. Paul's
This Saturday!

Volunteers - Please arrive by 9:00 a.m. for check-in.
Hospitality/Kitchen volunteers - Please arrive by 8:00 a.m.

Thoughts from Lori



The first Book of Common Prayer (BCP) was written and put into practice in 1549. Its first revision took place only three years later in 1552. Since then, it has undergone many revisions. In The Episcopal Church (TEC), the last revision was in 1979, memorable for the controversy it generated. Unlike earlier prayer books, it was the result of the work of a committee, not a single author. Congregations were given "trial liturgies" in advance. One was known as the "green book" (for the color of its cover) and another was called the "zebra book," (for its oddly striped cover). While that was a good idea in theory, it stirred up a lot of resistance. There was even a so-called "Society for the Preservation of the 1929 Book of Common Prayer."

As a great compromise, the beloved Old English language was preserved in versions of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and The Holy Eucharist labeled Rite One. Almost all the other services were in more contemporary language

and were labeled Rite Two. Over the years, the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music has provided - and General Convention* has authorized - additional versions of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and the Eucharist in a collection called *Enriching Our Worship*. Those services, especially the Eucharist, offer some rich images and creative language. They are intended to be options, not a new BCP.

Generally speaking, I love the comfort of familiar words and ancient prayers. But new words have the value of making us think about what we are actually saying. Including The Lord's Prayer. No, we will *never replace* the King James Version that we've known, all of us, all our lives. It's one of the few things that unites Christians - English speaking Christians, anyway - across so many denominations. But the contemporary version is also a treasure and, yes, we'll be using that for a few months along with a Eucharistic prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*.

None of this is permanent. We'll go back to Rite Two from the prayer book in September and we'll use Rite One in Advent. It's good to remember that there is no such thing as "the way it's always been" in the church! So let's live into this for a while and see how it might feed our spiritual lives and our worship.

Faithfully,

Lori

**The General Convention is the governing body of TEC.*

Fond Farewell to Diana Brown

This past Sunday, we bade farewell to our beloved Diana Brown. She has been a vital and faithful part of this church since 1980, wearing many hats, including but probably not limited to: altar guild, choir, vestry member (several times!), and more recently, helping with the hospitality crew for our Mobile Food Pantry. She will be greatly missed! She's not going too far, however; just to Lincolnwood to be closer to her Evanston daughter. So we may see her from time-to-time. With her permission, here's her new address and contact information:

7000 N. McCormick Blvd.
Apt. 319
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
Phone: 847-673-7166
Cell: 815-403-1711

May this new season of her life be filled with unexpected blessings!

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Evelyn Underhill

The feast day of Evelyn Underhill is this Thursday, June 15th. She was the only child of a well-known English lawyer and his wife. She was born December 6, 1875, in Wolverhampton, England. The family moved to London, where she attended a girl's school, and was confirmed into the Anglican Church. At the age of 16 she started writing, which was to become her life-long vocation.

She and her husband, Hubert Stuart Moore, grew up together, and were married on July 3, 1907. Evelyn was initially an agnostic, but eventually was drawn to Catholicism, against the will of her husband, and became a prominent and outspoken Anglo Catholic. She led a life of reading, writing, meditation, pacifism, and prayer. She published her first great spiritual book, "Mysticism," in 1911, which dealt with this subject in a romantic and theoretical fashion, rather than historical or scientific. In 1937, she published "Worship," which became her most widely-read and studied book. She begins chapter one by declaring that "Worship, in all its grades and kinds, is the response of the creature to the Eternal: nor need we limit this definition to the human sphere...we may think of the whole of the Universe, seen and unseen, conscious and unconscious, as an act of worship."



Evelyn Underhill's writing proved appealing to many, resulting in a large international circle of friends and disciples, making her much in demand as a lecturer and retreat director. She died June 15, 1941, at the age of 65.

What we learn from Evelyn Underhill is to appreciate the mystery in our faith journey, especially as it relates to Christian love. It is important to look behind the words of faith, and peer carefully into the haze of spiritual possibilities that rest there. It is one thing to say "I believe," but truly another to say, "I love." One implies science; the other implies uncritical faith!

In case you missed it....

Important Dates for Your Calendar

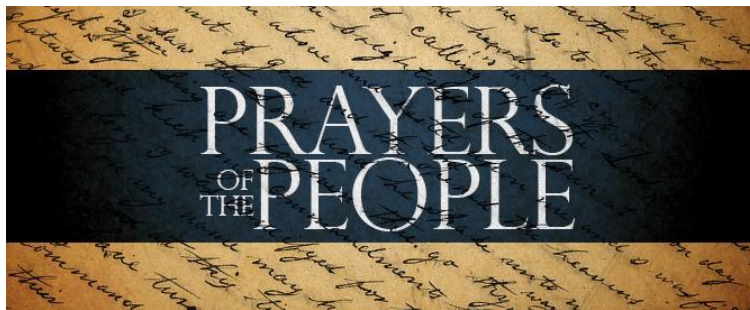
Saturday, June 17th
Sunday, August 13th
Sunday, Sept. 17th
Sunday, October 22nd
Saturday, Nov. 4th

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY #7
Parish Picnic - 4pm
Fall Parish Meeting
EPISCOPAL VISIT*
Ducks-in-a-Row workshop**

*"Episcopal Visit" means that our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, will be here at St. Paul's to preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. In anticipation of that occasion, we will offer a series of classes for anyone who wishes to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. Those classes will be on Sunday mornings during Coffee & Conversation on the following dates: Sept. 24, October 1, 8, and 15.

** The Ducks-in-a-Row workshop is an opportunity to create your own notebook of vital information for your family, including end-of-life wishes and funeral planning. Every adult should have this material available for their loved ones. There's nothing macabre about this workshop! If anything, it's really interesting. Plan to attend.

We'll have sign-ups for these various events as the dates approach. Meanwhile, have a safe and refreshing summer.



Intercessors are needed!

Currently, there are only three people who read the Prayers of the People on Sunday mornings, and they also volunteer as Ushers and Lectors as well. An Intercessor simply reads the prayers from a notebook which has been prepared for that purpose. This is a good way to start out being involved in the service without having to be "up front." If we can get at least one or two more volunteers, your commitment would only be once a month.

If you'd like to help out, please let Lisa know. Email (lisa@stpaulmchenry.com) or call the church office: 815-385-0390.

Additional Lectors and Ushers are always welcome as well!



DEDICATE ALTAR FLOWERS

Our flower dedication chart is almost empty. Please consider signing up to dedicate flowers for a special occasion or for a loved one. Your dedication may be "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" or "in honor of..." The donation is \$35, and our Flower Guild will make it look like you've given twice that amount! Your thoughtfulness and generosity will enrich the beauty of our worship. Thank you.

***Join the folks of St. Mary's for their next
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL*
June 17th***

Guests and volunteers eat together and get to know each other. Great food and conversation. Note: St. Mary's is a big supporter of our Mobile Food Truck. Let's return the favor.

Where:

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
210 S. McHENRY AVENUE
CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009
No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday**

2017 DINNER DATES

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

July 15	August 19	September 16
October 21	November 18	December 16
Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!		

*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food.

The usual fare...

Servants for June 18th

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Barb Moriarty- *Intercessor*
Michelle Wiejaczka, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Vestry Persons of the Day*
Cassidy Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Noon Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.
Music Therapy - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, June 17, 10-noon
Vestry - Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.
Office closed - Week of July 4th

Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 13, 4:00 p.m.
Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 17
Bishop Lee at St. Paul's - October 22
Ducks in a Row - November 4

Inquirers/Confirmation Classes - Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

Lessons and Hymns

June 18th - Proper 6

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS: There are two choices for an Old Testament lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Exodus 19:2-8a. Genesis tells about Sarah and Abraham; the Exodus passage tells of Moses getting a message from God and sharing with the Israelites. Two readings from the Psalms: Psalm 116:1, 10-17; and Psalm 100. The Epistle is Romans 5:1-8 and here St. Paul talks about the spiritual benefits from suffering. The Gospel is Matthew:35-10:8 (9-2) and here we find the names of the Apostles' and Jesus relates the work of discipleship.

THE HYMNS:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 401. "The God of Abraham praise." This hymn was written by Thomas Olivers and is based on an ancient Jewish creed called the "Yigdal." It has thirteen articles that praise God in every way imaginable. Translated into English, it begins with these words, "Extolled and praised be the living God, who exists unbounded by time." The tune was written by a Jewish cantor, Meyer Lyon, thus the name, "Leoni."

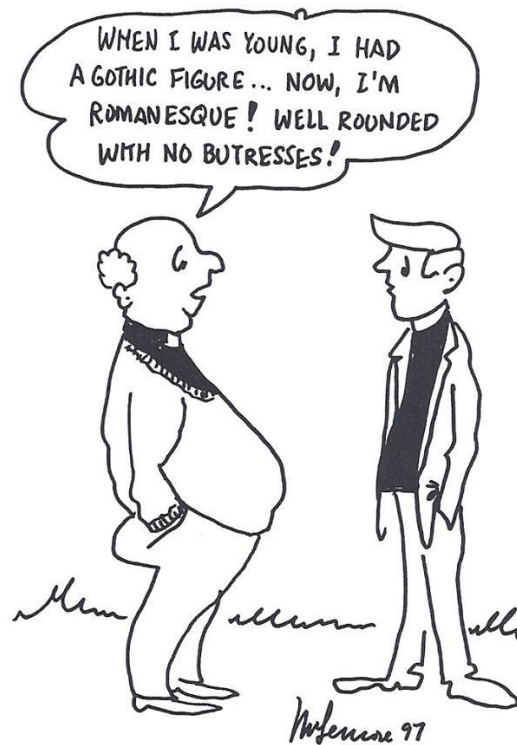
THE SEQUENCE HYMN: No. 455. "O love of God how strong and true." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), a priest in the Church of Scotland, who authored many hymns. The tune, "Dunedin," was composed by Thomas Vernon Griffiths, a New Zealand music teacher and lecturer-composer (1894-1985). This hymn was one of those sung at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, June 10, 2004, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C. (The National Cathedral).

PRESENTATION HYMN: No. 686. "Come thou fount of every blessing." This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The words reflect our wandering nature and how God seeks us out and lead us home through Christ. The tune, "Nettleton" is a melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music" (1815).

COMMUNION HYMN: No. 712. "Dona nobis pacem." These three words are Latin for "Grant Us Peace" and the hymn is an old monastic canon of unknown authorship and composing. As we approach the altar for Holy Communion, we want to pray for peace in our hearts and souls and these words are a wonderful preface to receiving this sacrament.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 535. "Ye servants of God." Charles Wesley, the son of Samuel Wesley, was born at Epworth, Dec. 18, 1708. He was educated at Westminster School and afterwards at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated M.A. In 1735, he took Orders and immediately proceeded with his brother John to Georgia, both being employed as missionaries of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel of the Church of England. He returned to England in 1736. For many years he engaged with his brother in preaching the Gospel. He died March 29, 1788. This great hymn calls forth our outreach, sharing Christ with others-a prominent aspect of the Epiphany season. The spirited tune is from a 1765 melody in a German Catholic hymnal.

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



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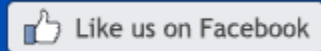
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