



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ November 11, 2020

From Deacon Deb

On more than one occasion I have been asked if our change in address means that we are now a Mission. The answer is No. Our status as a Parish stands firm. We are every bit as self-supporting and self-regulating as we have ever been. Our bold move to sell our building and ease our financial burden has, gratefully, breathed new life into our community.

We celebrated our first Eucharist this past Sunday. It was very good to see so many of you present to share in our worship and do what we are wont to do as the people of God. With the exception of a few minor tweaks, things felt quite familiar. As time goes on we are confident that we will continue to feel right at home. We are grateful to Pastor Kurt and his leadership team of Arne and Craig who have gone above and beyond to make us welcome and adapt the worship space to suit our Episcopal way. I am grateful for all of you as there is a tangible sense of working together in authentic community.

The physical aspect of our move is nearly complete. The spiritual aspect of our move is only just beginning. We are in a new place spiritually. How will we now define ourselves and what is our vision for the future? Where do we go from here? I invite you all to take these questions into your daily prayer. God has and will continue to guide us if we only but listen. What is certain from the past few months, God is not through with us. Thanks be to God.

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah

Words from Wardens

Good day to all!

If you were unable to join us this past Sunday for our first service in our new home you missed out! What a wonderful and uplifting experience. Father Kurt and the congregation at First United Methodist Church have truly done a wonderful job in making this transition as warm and welcoming as possible. Please join us this week if you can for Morning Prayer. The fun begins at 8:30.

If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2021 I urge you to please do so! We rely on the pledge cards to draw up and maintain a budget for the coming year. Your generosity is the backbone of our operating budget and is greatly appreciated.

The pandemic numbers are taking a turn for the worse as the weather changes. Please observe recommendations set forth by local and state officials. Wear a mask! Together we can beat this!

~~ Jesus, sitting at the table at the last supper, reviews the bill and with his eyes closed in irritation pinches the bridge of his nose and asks, "Who ordered wine and not water?"

Stay safe friends.

Prayerfully,

Jeffrey Zabor, Junior Warden

Navigating First United Methodist

For those of you who are unfamiliar with First United Methodist Church, [click here](#) for a diagram of the building. If you park in the main parking lot, you'll enter in the back door and go up some stairs. There's a large "ENTER" sign above that door. For those that are mobility-challenged, you may park in front of the church on Main St. or on the side off Center St. There is a ramp going up to the front door on Main St.



Please don't forget to turn in your 2021 pledge cards! You may turn them in at St. Paul's or feel free to mail them to our new address at 3717 W. Main St. These pledge numbers will enable us to plan our budget for next year. Thank you!

Servants for November 15 Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Rick Carlstedt - Usher
Rick Carlstedt - Lector
Judy Robel - Intercessor
Jeffrey Zabor - Epistle Reader

On the Calendar

Sunday, November 15 - Morning Prayer/Vestry
Worship at FUMC
New Time - 8:30 am

Sunday, November 22 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts

St. Paul's Prayer List
Week of November 15 - November 21

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, Edna, Amy, Tim, Bren, Brady, Jim, Marty, Barb, Marianne, Jim, Lucy, Vic, and Eleanor

Current prayers: Jenn, Stacy, Jeff, Keith, Bobbi, Rory, Bonnie, Brandy, Danielle, and Shirley-Patricia

For those celebrating birthdays: Edna Robel (Nov. 18) and Cindy Bishop (Nov. 21)

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Wardens - Beth Lukas (Senior Warden)
or Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden).

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

101 Reasons to be Episcopalian!

#83 *When you count acolytes, Chalice bearers, ushers, greeters, nursery people, altar guild, choir, and so on, there are more people involved in an Episcopal service than in any other. And there are more opportunities to be involved.*

-- Donna H. Barthle, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

#39 *From Miami to Manchester, from Lima to London, from Brisbane to Birmingham, Singapore to San Francisco, I can go to church and fit right in.*

-- John F. Schwaller, Diocese of Minnesota

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