



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



October 5, 2022

***Sunday Worship with St. Paul's
In-person and on Zoom
10:30 am***

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98034316249>

Meeting ID: 980 3431 6249
To dial in: 312-626-6799

Boy Scout Troop 131 Northwoods Wreath and Greenery Sale

The Boy Scouts at FUMC are selling wreaths and greenery for Christmas and taking orders through October 9. Delivery will be the week before Thanksgiving. Please see Kyle or Charlie at the AV desk to place an order, or let the office know. [Click here to see the order form with prices.](#) [Click here to see the flyer.](#)

Ladies Lunch

TOMORROW, October 6
11:30am at Uprooted

All women are welcome! Hope to see you there!





From Bishop Clark: Our Shared Ministry Has Begun

September 30, 2022

Dear People of the Diocese of Chicago,

It is a great joy to write to you as your bishop! Now that the festival of the ordination and consecration is a glorious memory, we have work to do together, and I am eager to get started. I give thanks to God that our shared ministry has finally begun.

In the last several months, many of you have asked me what my priorities as your bishop will be. I have responded the same way each time: The most important thing to me right now is to learn more about you. I want to learn about what your congregations need to respond to the complicated world in which we find ourselves, and what you need most from a bishop in these times. I want to hear your stories, ask questions about your ministries, and find out what you need to respond to God's call in your communities. My calendar is filling up with opportunities to meet with lay and clergy leaders about all of the questions, challenges and joys you encounter in serving God, and I am looking forward to every one of those conversations.

In the weeks ahead, as we talk and pray together, we will develop our shared priorities for ministry and mission. I want to assure you that I am committed to two priorities I already know we share. Your longstanding witness against violence on our streets and in our communities is known across the Episcopal Church. I am proud to join you in work that was also part of my ministry in Washington D.C. I have also heard from so many of you that our lives on the shores of Lake Michigan and on the prairies and bluffs of central Illinois commit us to caring for God's creation. I am eager to join you in advocating for policies, practices, and initiatives that honor and safeguard the abundance and diversity of God's creation.

Between now and when we gather online for diocesan convention, I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you about how, together, we can courageously serve God and our neighbors. Thank you for your steadfast faithfulness in these challenging times.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark
Bishop of Chicago

PADS Desserts

Each month on the 1st Sunday, our friends at FUMC deliver a meal to PADS. St. Paul's has offered to supply the desserts for 35 people. There is a signup sheet with the dates listed, and desserts can be homemade or store bought. They can be dropped off that morning for them to be delivered later that afternoon. This is a great way to help out!

Refugee Collection

The Northern Illinois United Methodist District is collecting items for the refugees that are being sent up to our cities from the Southern states. Following is a list of items that are being requested. Items can be dropped off in the café area, and monetary donations (made out to FUMC - Refugee Donations) can be left in the office.

NEW adult clothing, smaller sizes
Diapers, baby wipes, Pedialyte, toys and activity books
NEW children's clothing - socks, underwear, shirts, pants, coats
Pajamas, hats, gloves, shoes (all sizes)
Medications (over the counter, both adult and children) –
Ibuprofen, Tylenol, allergy meds, Tums, Chapstick
Band-Aids, women's sanitary products, razors, deodorants, shampoo

Questions? Please contact Pat Wilson:
847-826-9091 or patmwilson72@comcast.net

MCC Scholarship Recipients

St. Paul's has received thank you notes from this fall's scholarship recipients. Below is the third of five letters we received:

Dear St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

I want to start off by saying thank you - thank you for allowing me to continue on with schooling again. My first year at MCC has been so amazing and I am so grateful to be able to attend school to pursue my dream career - a school counselor. I have wanted to be a school counselor since I started high school. Growing up in a broken home takes a toll on a person, let alone a child, and I reached out to my school counselor and she helped me through a lot. Which helped me do better in school and have a better outlook on life, I feel like she changed my life and helped me find my passion. I have always been a caring person, but I never knew how I could even share that with others that were not my friends. At first, I was thinking of becoming a psychiatrist, but I feel like I would not be able to find enjoyment in prescribing medication, but instead better help them through life or help them heal from trauma. So then I thought about becoming a therapist, which still sounds fantastic and could be something I do on the side, but I dug deeper inside of myself to figure out what I actually would find peace in. The career that would make me feel the most at peace and accomplished would be a school counselor for preferably a middle school. Middle school is when kids are the most impressionable and that is where they need someone to guide them, but more importantly be there for them. I want to be able to help kids at a younger age so they can have the best life they can. I know that if I had someone like my school counselor in middle school, I would be a different person for the better. As far as how MCC is going for me, it is going really well. Just this past spring semester, I ended with a 4.0 GPA, which is something I am very proud of. I plan on finishing up my associate's degree at MCC and transferring to a few possible colleges like Northern Illinois University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, or the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater! Once I transfer, I will be able to get my Master's in counseling, and then be able to be a school counselor! It is so crazy to think that I am going to pursue my dream career. I know I will strive at school like I already am, but I know I will strive at being a school counselor as well. I will continue on with the path of becoming a school counselor and will help as many

*kids and even other colleagues as I possibly can! Again, thank you so much for your generosity and for helping my dream career become even more real and achievable than I could ever imagine!
With much love, Ashley*

Gift Cards Appreciated

As many of you know, St. Paul's has a ministry of caring for those who are out of work, are underemployed, and/or who have basic needs that are not being met. One of the ways we help is by giving out Walmart gift cards to those in need of help with gas, groceries, or other items. We give out cards (paid for from the Clergy Discretionary Fund), but we can always use more, especially with increased cost of food.

If you are shopping at Walmart and have extra room in your grocery budget, consider buying one or two \$25 or \$50 Walmart cards. You can bring them to the office, or drop them in the offering plate. **Thanks!**

Sunday Servants for October 9

Reader/Usher - Rick Carlstedt
Intercessor - Kathy Biggerstaff
Vestry Person of the Day - Bill Lang

Updated Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 1:30 pm



An invitation to sing

FUMC's annual Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Sunday morning, December 18th at 9:00 am. More singers are definitely welcome. Most of the songs are quite easy. Music sheets are available ahead of time, and many of the songs are also on Youtube. Practices will be

held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am on Nov. 12 & 19, and Dec. 3, 10, and 17. Come join the fun!

On the calendar

TOMORROW, October 6 – Ladies Lunch
11:30 am at Uprooted
Sunday, October 9 – Holy Eucharist
Sunday, October 9 - Deadline for Wreath sale
Sunday, October 16 – Morning Prayer
Sunday, October 23 – Vestry meeting, 8:30 am
Sunday, October 23 – Morning Prayer
Sunday, October 30 – Holy Eucharist

Almighty and merciful God, we come to you with heavy hearts and troubled minds over the mass shootings that plague our land. We bring before you all the innocent men, women and children who are victims of these senseless and vicious acts. May the souls of all the departed find eternal safety and rest in your loving arms. Please send your peace and comfort upon the surviving families and friends who are living with the pain of unimaginable sorrow. We pray for the perpetrators of these crimes. Please send your divine help and mercy upon our nation for only in you do we trust. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of October 9 - 15

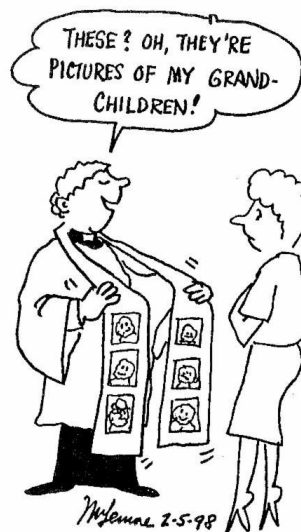
Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, Janice, and Jerry

Current prayers: Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Rebecca, Kelly, Arne, Jimmy, Rick, Jan, Kristin, June, and Amy

For our MCC scholarship recipients: Ashley, Ciara, Julia, Yaksi, and Gavin

For those celebrating birthdays: Marilyn Bell (Oct 14)



Cartoon by the Rev. Bill McLemore

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: Gramlukas2@gmail.com

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts: shanleyroberts@gmail.com

or

Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

Office Hours

Tuesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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