

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME. In the name of Christ, we offer you welcome to this church. May those who sorrow, find comfort; the weary, rest; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; the unhappy, joy; and to all, the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place. If you are new to this parish community, please give your name and phone number to the Rector or sign our guest register on the stand in the back of the Church. As our honored guest, we want to welcome you.

THE SERVICE. There are two main books used for our service; the smaller red book is the *Book of Common Prayer* and the larger blue book is the *Hymnal*. There is also a *Gray Hymnal*. They can be found in the bookrack on the back of the pew in front of you. A *Bible* can be found at the ends of the pew. The page / hymn numbers in the service bulletin help you find your place in these service books. We invite you to participate fully in our worship.

RECEIVING COMMUNION. Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all who are comfortable participating in the Communion of the Lords' Table. To receive communion, please form two lines in the center aisle and approach the front of the Celebration Altar. Please stand with one hand cupped on top of the other to receive the consecrated bread from the Celebrant. Then step to the side to the Eucharistic Minister and **take** the chalice and drink from it; or you may intinct the bread by dipping it in the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward for a blessing (fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive Holy Communion). Return to your pew by way of the side aisles.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn 493

Call to Worship

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Presider: Gracious God, you are power and wonder and might beyond our imaginings, yet beyond a doubt you care for each of us, know us intimately, fashioned as we are in your image. Turn our hearts toward you now, Lord Christ. Speak to us through your Word. Lift our hearts to the tune of your Spirit's voice as we worship you together, for we are yours, the work of your hands and we would praise you.

All: All praise and honor and glory be yours, God of

all generations. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Collect of the Day

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Second Reading Philemon 1-21

Gospel Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Gospel Response "If You Believe and I Believe" (2 times)

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, page 355

Hymnal S-280

Insert

pages 7-8 of bulletin

Insert

Hymn 178

Insert

Rev. J. Patrick Peters
Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer Leader: We remember in our prayers all the leaders of your Church especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; James and Barbara, the Bishops of our Lutheran brothers and sisters; Ronald, the Bishop of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters; clergy, especially Patrick, our Rector; Gina, Ingrid, Sud, Tim, Mark, Peter, Beth, and John, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes. May they, by their love and witness, inspire your children to greater joy and encouragement. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: We remember in our prayers the leaders of the nations, especially Donald, our President; the Congress and the Courts; Thomas our Governor; the Legislature of our Commonwealth; our Borough Council; Leo our Mayor, and all who wield power and authority in the world. May they choose ways of life and not paths of death. Deliver the nations of the world from violence and war. Set our feet on the way of peace. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: We remember in our prayers this Parish Family of Saint Paul. We ask you to bless our ministries, especially

today the music ministry and the Worship Assistants. May we encourage each other to delight in you. Let us appeal to each other on the basis of love and always remember our sisters and brothers in prayer. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: We remember in our prayers all of your creation. May we protect the trees, the streams and the fruits of the earth. Forgive us when our choices cause death where you intend life. May we ever celebrate the life-giving aspects of your creation. We praise and give you thanks for...

(mention any thanksgivings [if any] listed under the heading of “thanksgivings”)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add other blessings aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

We remember in our prayers all those who are in pain. Heal their bodies, their spirits, and their souls. Bless all with life and prosperity. We pray for...

(read the names of the sick listed on the prayer list. Also read the names [if any] listed under “for the special needs of,” read the names [if any] listed under the heading of “for healthy pregnancy and safe delivery”)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

We remember in our prayers all those who have died. May all who have carried the cross in the way of Christ also be raised with him to new life. We remember...

(read the names of the departed listed on the prayer list)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: For the imprisoned and the oppressed, the solitary and the unwanted, that they may know the love of Christ in the care of the Christian community. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: For those who decide to follow Jesus in the Way of Love that they may keep sight of his cross and the joy it holds for them. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: For those who live far from family and friends, that they may find companionship and friendship. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: For the young who are searching for their lives, and for those who seek honest work, that they may have the wisdom to know their gifts and use them for the Body of Christ. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: That the Parish Family of Saint Paul the Apostle on their Way of Love will make time every day to be in conversation with you – to PRAY– to set aside time to PRAY– everyday. Christ, in your mercy,

All: Refresh our hearts.

Prayer Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(a brief pause for the private confession of our sins)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**All: You call us to fullness of life, O Christ,
and set before us the way of discipleship.**

**But we acknowledge that we often drift away to other
priorities, following our desires and succumbing to
the attractions of a life lived free of your
commandments.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we long for the easy path,
for milder requirements and more comfortable
demands.**

**We want to follow you while satisfying culture and
family at the same time.**

**Forgive our divided hearts,
and anchor us firmly to your side in pursuit of your
kingdom.**

**Give us the clear vision and courage of heart that we
need to intentionally fashion our lives based on your
call to pick up our cross and follow.**

We love you, Lord, and want to be fully yours. Amen

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

Offertory

Presentation Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn 680

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum Corda

Hymnal S-120

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Creation

The Great Amen

Mass of Creation

Our Father

Celtic

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, page 364

Prayer of Humble Access

Prayer Book, page 337

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

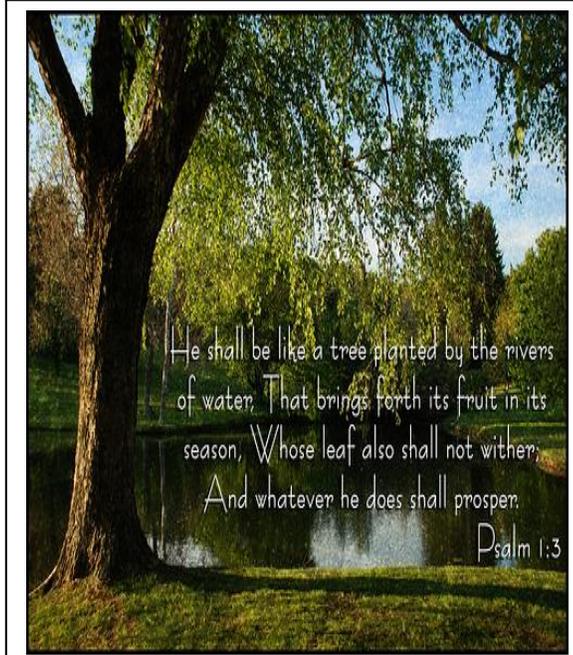
Prayer Book, page 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Hymn 780, pages 9-10
of bulletin

Dismissal



Prayer Requests September 8, 2019

Hospitalizations

Homebound

Delores Baker (Saint Anne); Ethel Edelman (Autumn House West)

Intercessions

Sue Ellen; Ruth; Ethel; Mike; Joann; Carolyn; Neil; Alf; DJ; Bryan; Bobby; Robert; Bently; Mitch; Toni and Pat; George; Janet; Father Patrick; Sophie; Bev; Everett; Stephanie; Becky

Birthday

Anniversary

9/10 Joel and Ericka Sipe; 9/11 Tim and Carol Fals

Departed

Thomas Martin; Margaret Frey

For Those in Positions of Public Trust

President Donald Trump; Governor Tom Wolf; Mayor Leo Lutz; All legislative bodies & all courts of law; for the leaders of all nations and people

For our Bishops, Rector, and Parish Members

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and his staff; The Most Rev. Michael Curry and his staff; The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan and her staff; The Rev. J. Patrick Peters; the staff and people of this parish, especially Gayanne Basham; Pat and Don Dancause; Ralph and Ann Jones

World Cycle of Prayer

9/8 Mauritius; 9/9 Mexico; 9/10 Federated States of Micronesia; 9/11 Moldova; 9/12 Monaco; 9/13 Mongolia; 9/14 Morocco

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

9/8 *Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum;* **9/9** *Osaka (Japan), The Rt Revd Andrew Haruhisa Iso; Canterbury (England), The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby (Primate); Canterbury (England), The Rt Revd Norman Banks; Canterbury (England), The Rt Revd Jonathan Goodall; Canterbury (England), The Rt Revd Roderick Charles Howell Thomas; Canterbury (England), The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott;* **9/10** *Osun (Nigeria), The Rt Revd James Afolabi Popoola; Cape Coast (West Africa), The Rt Revd Victor Atta-Baffoe;* **9/11** *Osun North (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Abiodun T Olaoye; Cape Town (Southern Africa), The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba (Primate); Cape Town (Southern Africa), The Rt Revd Garth Counsell; Carlisle (England), The Rt Revd James Scobie Newcome; Carlisle (England), The Revd Emma Ineson;* **9/12** *Osun North East (Nigeria), Vacant; Cashel & Ossory (Ireland), The Rt Revd Michael Andrew James Burrows;* **9/13** *Ottawa (Canada), The Rt Revd John Holland Chapman; Ottawa (Canada), The Rt Revd Nigel Shaw; Central Buganda (Uganda), The Rt Revd Michael Lubowa;* **9/14** *Otukpo (Nigeria), The Rt Revd David Bello; Central Busoga (Uganda), The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula; Kisangani (Congo), The Rt Revd Lambert Funga Botolome*

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

9/8 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea; 9/9 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States; 9/10 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; 9/11 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname; 9/12 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela; 9/13 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia; 9/14 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

St. James, Exchange and St. John in the Wilderness, Eagles Mere and their congregations; The Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia and their congregation

Companion Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Ecumenical:

Rev. Beth J. Costlow and the people of Saint John Lutheran Church, Columbia

Rev. Mark Kopp and the people of Saint James Lutheran Church, Columbia

Rev. Stephen Kelley and the people of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church,
Columbia

Rev. Anthony Swamy Anthappa, MSFS and the people of Saint Peter Roman Catholic
Church, Columbia

Rev. David Powers and the people of The Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia

Rev. Thomas Grubbs and the people of The Columbia United Methodist Church,
Columbia

Rev. Patricia McAllister and the people of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Columbia

Rev. Hub Smith and the people of The Columbia Christian Fellowship, Columbia

Rev. Greg Impink and the people of Ironville United Methodist Church, Columbia

Rev. Mary Ann Kingsborough and the people of Concordia Lutheran Church, Columbia

Rev. Dione Kleptka and the people of Saint John Herr Estate Retirement Community

Rim Parishes of the Lancaster Convocation:

Rev. Gina Bautista and the people of Saint John Episcopal Church, Marietta

Rev. Ingrid Andersen and the people of Saint Luke Episcopal Church, Mount Joy

Rev. Sud Tiwari and the people of Saint Paul Episcopal Church, Manheim

Rev. Tim Small and the people of Hope Episcopal Church, Mt. Hope

Rev. Mark Scheneman and the people of Bangor Church, Churchtown

and the Revs. Beth Mollard, Pete Greenfield, John Emmert, Ellie Garner and Nancy
Rementer

Peace and Justice

South Sudan; Nigeria; Iraq; Israel; Kenya; Afghanistan; Palestine; Somalia; Iran; Libya; Syria; Egypt; Tunisia; Yemen; Ukraine; Venezuela; North Korea; Turkey

Amount needed each week to meet the 2018 **income budget:** \$2,763.00

Amount budgeted each week from fundraisers and investment income: \$1,764.00

Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet income budget: \$ 999.00

Amount needed each week to meet the 2018 expense budget:	\$3,535.00
Amount expected each week from fundraisers and investment income:	\$1,764.00
Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet expense budget:	\$1,771.00

	09/01/19	09/02/18
St. John Herr Estate	15	16
9:00 a.m.	<u>19</u>	<u>28</u>
	34	44

Weekly Impact Attendance: w/e 9/01/19: 74

Pledge and Plate:	\$1,549.00	\$870.00
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Be Thoughtful
Be Silent
Be Reverent.....
For this is the House of the Lord
Before the service,
speak to the Lord
During the service,
let the Lord speak to you
After the service,
speak to one another

REVERENT



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 14, 2019
St. John Herr Estate
5:30 p.m.

Lector:	Charlene
Eucharistic Minister:	Les

Prayers of the People:

Bev

September 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Lectors:	Jessica/Tracy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Alf/Bill K.
Crucifer:	Bill K.
Server:	Georgie
Gospel Bearer:	Georgie
Prayers of the People:	Christine
Ushers:	George/Ralph
Greeters:	George/Ralph
Verger (Open):	Tracy
Verger (Close):	Bev



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

Sun: -THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-

9:00 AM – Eucharist

10:15 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

10:30 AM – Vestry Meeting in the Library

5:00 PM – Girl Scouts meet in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: 9:30 AM – Morning Prayer and Healing Service in the Rector’s Office

Thu:

Fri:

Sat: 5:30 PM – Eucharist – St. John’s Herr Estate

5:30 PM – Free Community Dinner in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Sun: **-THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-**

9:00 AM – Eucharist

10:15 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

A man who does a daily blog named Seth Godin recently wrote the following and I have to think this describes where Saint Paul is right now:

There are two polar opposites: Staying Still and Breaking. It’s easy to visualize each end of the axis, whatever the activity. In between is Stretching.

Stretching is growth. Extending our reach. Becoming more resilient, limber and powerful. Stretching hurts a bit, and maybe leaves us just a little bit sore.

But then, tomorrow, we can stretch further than we could yesterday. Because stretching compounds. If you’re afraid of breaking, the answer is not to sit still but to dedicate yourself to stretching.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are available for the weeks of September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of September 15, 22; October 6, 13, 27.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27.

Prayer Ministry: Please take an active part in our three Core Prayer Ministries:

- 1) Send those birthday cards to the people who have a birthday in September. The names and dates are on the Prayer Calendar you received and there is also a list on the table in the

back of the church. Birthday cards are available in the back of the church for a small donation.

- 2) Remember your Prayer Partner every day in September. Take the time to pray for them and the needs that they may have. Just remember them and ask God to bless them.
- 3) The Daily Prayer Intention Calendar was sent out for September. Please use it. Prayer changes lives! Lots of prayer changes lots of lives! Your prayers are heard and answered! Pray always!

Prayer Meditation: Each month you will find a meditation by Steven Charleston in our Sunday bulletin. These messages are taken from his book "The Medicine Wheel."

For September

"Like the unexpected call of a friend just when you need it most, grace arrives unannounced. A door opens. A path becomes clear. An answer presents itself. The right person walks into your life. These thousand silent streams, the movement of grace, weave through our lives, protecting, nurturing, supporting, transforming us from helpless to hopeful, giving us tools to craft change, revealing a different future. Grace is the Spirit's art; each one designed uniquely, shaped to fit perfectly, given in beauty, received in wonder. Grace is what it feels like to be touched by God."

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service: Our Wednesday Morning Prayer service has resumed.

Missed You Cards: Father Patrick will begin sending his weekly "Missed You Cards" as of today. Coming together each week is very important and we hope that you will make every effort to attend our Sunday Eucharist. Common Parish Family Prayer on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning is important every week.

"Rediscover Jesus": On the table in the back of the church are copies of "Rediscover Jesus". If you would like a copy of this book, please take one after the service. There is no charge for the book.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School: We do not have a Sunday School teacher as of yet, so Sunday School will not begin on Sunday, September 22, 2019, as previously scheduled.

Monday Night Adult Forum: Monday Night Adult Forum begins on Monday, October 7, 2019.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Please, Please, Please: If you missed church the past several weeks, please make up your weekly contribution so that we can keep on budget. The treasurer needs to pay bills whether you are here or not. We are behind in pledged and non-pledged income. Thank you.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Free Community Dinner: Our Free Community Dinner will be on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the Sign-Up-Board in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center on which you can indicate what item and/or time you will donate. This way we will know what needs to be bought.

Columbia Food Bank Online Information: Information regarding the Columbia Food Bank can be found on their website: <https://www.columbiafoodbank.org/> or on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/columbiafoodbank/>.

Food Donations: You are reminded to bring your food items to church each week so that on the last Sunday of the month we can present them to the Lord for blessing and then give them to the food bank. Whenever you go shopping, please add extra non-perishable items to your order for this outreach ministry. Jesus never forgot the last, the lost and the least in his ministry and neither can we.

Adult Cereals (less sugar)
Soups
Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter
Rice

Jelly
Boxed Potatoes

Let's all bring one non-perishable food item each week as committed to in our Mission and Ministry Plan.

Food Bank Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Columbia Food Bank is closed on holidays.

Greeting Cards: We are collecting greeting cards so that adults with autism and other intellectual disabilities can recycle them into new greeting cards. Don't throw away your greeting cards – just bring them to the church and put them in the box on the back pew. This will be an ongoing outreach ministry project. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE: THE DATES ON THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2019 ARE INCORRECT! THE DATES SHOULD BE NOVEMBER 2 -3; NOVEMBER 9-10; NOVEMBER 16-17; NOVEMBER 23-24. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 8:00

a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Office is closed on holidays.

Use of St. Paul's Facilities: Please call the Parish Office if you want to reserve the Parish Hall or Church.

Reminder: Please remember that when you use the Parish Hall nothing can be put on the walls or the woodwork. Using scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, and even some types of painter's tape has the possibility of pulling the paint off the wall or damaging the surface. Items can only be placed on the wooden food bank cabinets or the metal kitchen window and its metal surrounding. Only masking tape or painter's tape can be used on these surfaces. This applies to both parish members and outside groups that use the hall and is clearly stated in the policy outlining use of the parish hall or the church. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS

September Once-A-Day Lottery: The drawings will continue for the entire month of September.

Stewardship "Thank You" Dinner: On Saturday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. we will have our Annual Stewardship "Thank You" Dinner. This will NOT be a pot-luck supper. In addition, there will be door prizes and other awards for those who attend. This dinner is for everyone who gives of their time, talent, and treasure to the mission and ministry of Saint Paul – that means EVERYONE.

Celebrating 170 Years: On Sunday, October 6, we will celebrate 170 years as the Parish Family of Saint Paul the Apostle. We will celebrate this anniversary with a brunch following our Sunday service on that Sunday. We will not have our Annual Homecoming and Open House celebration this year; however this lunch for members will be a celebration of our mission and ministry together.

Parish Halloween Pot-Luck Supper: On Saturday, October 26, at 5:00 p.m. we will have our Annual Parish Halloween Pot-Luck Supper. The parish will provide the drinks and you are invited to bring an entrée, a salad, a side dish, or a dessert to share. We will play our "Now You Have It – Now You Don't" game. Sign-up sheets will be in the church and the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center beginning on Sunday, October 6. Come and have fun.

Attention Readers: St. Paul has a small library located in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. Feel free to borrow a book (or books). When you have finished reading it, please drop your book into the "Book Return" basket located to the left of the book shelves. We have also included a donation box if you would like to make a contribution. Enjoy! Thanks to Vickie Stump for all her hard work in organizing and maintaining our library.

Quilts for Kids: If you know how to quilt, want to learn how to quilt, know how to sew, don't know how but want to learn, or just have a relaxing hour or two finding out how, we can cheer up a sick kid with a quilt. If you have quilting supplies you do not need anymore, we may be able to

use them too. Call Gayanne Basham through the parish office (717-684-8496) if any questions. The quilting group meets Wednesday afternoons.

Thank You: Thanks to Bob Brubaker and Bob Henry for preparing and painting the wrought iron fence and railing in the churchyard.

OTHER EVENTS

ECW Fall Retreat: The ECW Fall Retreat will be held September 13 – 15, 2019 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Shippensburg. The program titled, "Adventures with the Psalms," will be presented by Janet Strickler – The Third Order, Society of Saint Francis and the Rev. Linda Watkins, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Waynesboro. For further information contact Shirley Wagner: srw2052@gmail.com.

LARC Day of Dialogue: The Annual LARC Day of Dialogue will take place on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administrative Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. The topic is "Division in Society, Division in the Church: Healing and Hope in the 21st Century." Speakers will be from the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran traditions. If you would like to go, please let Father Patrick know. He will take care of the registration fee and provide transportation

Free Sunday Breakfast: On the last Sunday of every month, the Columbia United Methodist Church offers a Free Community Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in their Fellowship Hall. All are invited.