

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Hymn 410

Call to Worship

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

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

Amen.

Presider: We come because our souls thirst for God.

**All: We come to offer our hearts, our thanksgiving,
and our praise to the one who grants us peace.**

Presider: Come, Holy Spirit, empower our worship and change our lives.

**All: Come, Lord Christ, receive and embolden your
church for your service.**

Presider: Come, Lord of All, open our hearts to your

wondrous grace.

**All: Come, Lord of All, open our lives to your
astounding love.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Collect of the Day

First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:2-17

Gospel Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

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 470

Insert

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Brothers and sisters, God is our refuge. Let us implore the Lord our God.

Prayer Leader: We pray for the leaders of the 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. Make them worthy examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life. May the Church place its hope in you, O God, and not in human wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: And renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Leader: We pray for 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 show mercy and advocate for the rights of the people. May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than self-interest. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: And renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Leader: We thank you for all you created. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in your creation, seeing the

Kingdom of God even in a field of sheep. We 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 pray for those who are lost, that they might be found. We pray for those who are sure they are not lost; we ask that you find them too. And we thank you that in your mercy you seek until you find. We pray for the sick, the anxious and the sorrowful. Make them hear of joy and gladness, that broken bodies and broken spirits may rejoice. We pray especially 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 trust to your mercy, O God, all who have died. May they rest eternally in your peace. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, our God, be honor and glory forever and ever. We pray for and honor...

(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)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: And renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Leader: For all who are alienated from us and who stay away from this table, that they may return home, and that we may be watching to greet them. Create in me a clean heart, O

God,

All: And renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Leader: That peace and forgiveness will mark our lives together as the Parish Family of Saint Paul the Apostle. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: And renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Leader: That the Parish Family of Saint Paul the Apostle may take the time on their Way of Love to make the time to WORSHIP; as a Parish Family especially at one of our weekend Eucharists. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: And renew a right spirit within me.

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: Lord, you are the good shepherd in search of lost sheep, while we are a people quite comfortable with our “own” kind.

Forgive us when we fail to reach out to those we judge beyond your interest and our own.

Forgive us when, through our hardness of heart, we fail to see your passion for all people.

Convict us of our self-righteousness, and lead us out into the world in pursuit of those you would gather into your kingdom.

**We need your healing touch, that we might truly see all people as belonging to you, through the wonder and work of Jesus.
Amen**

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	Hymn 423
Dismissal	

Prayer Requests September 15, 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; Bill

Birthday

9/15 Pat Dancause, Janet Herman; 9/17 Sharon Peters; 9/21 Christine Weinberg

Anniversary

Departed

Dorothy Nace; Elizabeth Cooper

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 Barbara Kuhns; Peter and Suzanne Ollar; Annabelle Vecero

World Cycle of Prayer

9/15 Mozambique; 9/16 Myanmar; 9/17 Namibia; 9/18 Nauru; 9/19 Nepal 9/20 Netherlands; 9/21 New Zealand

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

9/15 Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa - Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga; 9/16 Owerri (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Cyril Chukwunonyerem Okorocho; Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury; Kita Kanto (Japan), The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota; 9/17 Owo (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi; Central Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer; 9/18 Oxford (England), The Rt Revd Steven Croft; Oxford (England), The Rt Revd Colin William Fletcher; Oxford (England), The Rt Revd Andrew Proud; Oxford (England), The Rt Revd Alan Thomas Lawrence Wilson; Central Gulf Coast (The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick; Central Melanesia (Melanesia), The Most Revd George Takeli (Primate); 9/19 Oyo (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe; Central New York (The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe; 9/20 Pacong (South Sudan), The Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot; Central Newfoundland (Canada), The Rt Revd John Watton; Kitale (Kenya), The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis; Kitale (Kenya), The Rt Revd Samson Tuliapus; 9/21 Kiteto (Tanzania), The Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala; Kitgum (Uganda), The Rt Revd Wilson Kitara; Kitui (Kenya), The Rt Revd Josephat Mule

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

9/15 Evangelical Lutheran Church of France; 9/16 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong; 9/17 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia; 9/18 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania; 9/19 India Evangelical Lutheran Church; 9/20 Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church; 9/21 Lutheran Church in Chile

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, Gettysburg and their congregation; Holy Trinity Roman Catholic 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


	09/08/19	09/09/18
St. John Herr Estate	27	10
9:00 a.m.	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
	57	35

Weekly Impact Attendance: w/e 9/08/19: 140

Pledge and Plate:	\$2,876.00	\$1,977.00
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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 21, 2019
St. John Herr Estate
5:30 p.m.

Lector:	Darlene
Eucharistic Minister:	Les

Prayers of the People:

Charlene

September 22, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Lectors:	Christine/Bea
Eucharistic Ministers:	Danielle/Ralph
Crucifer:	Ralph
Server:	Ralph
Gospel Bearer:	Danielle
Prayers of the People:	Bea
Ushers:	George/Ralph
Greeters:	George/Bill W.
Verger (Open):	Christine
Verger (Close):	Bev



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

Sun: -THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-

9:00 AM – Eucharist

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

Mon:

Tue:

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

Thu: 5:55 PM – Lancaster Convocation Dinner – St. Thomas Episcopal Church
6:30 PM – Lancaster Convocation Meeting – St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Fri: 6:00 PM – Food Bank Board Meeting in the Library

Sat: 5:30 PM – Eucharist – St. John’s Herr Estate – Commissioning of Worship Assistants

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

9:00 AM – Eucharist – Commissioning of Worship Assistants

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 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of September 22, 29; October 6, 13, 27.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of September 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 has begun sending his weekly "Missed You Cards". 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. Only two copies left.

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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us on Sept. 28, 2019, for a fun evening with friends from the Lancaster Convocation and RIM Parishes. We will have dinner together at St. John's in Lancaster at 5:30 and then get lost in the

corn maze at Oregon Dairy about 7:00 PM. Make sure to bring your flashlights and \$15.00 for the corn maze and pizza. This will be a fun evening with a group of friends from the Lancaster Convocation! Families are both welcomed and encouraged. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp at cpayouthcom@gmail.com so we can be sure to get enough pizza! If you have any questions please contact Mary Ellen.

Here are other dates to put on the calendar for Diocesan and Convocational:

October 5, Youth Leadership gathering in Selinsgrove. This is for all who work with youth and Sunday School children.

October 11 - 14, PYE Pilgrimage (grades 9-12)

October 12, Acolyte festival in Washington DC (Bus going from Harrisburg)

October 18 - 19, Diocesan Convention

November 3, Battle of the Saints (Convocation event)

November 22 – 24, Winter Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther

January 11, Game night (Convocation Event)

February 14 - 16, Happening (Sr. high youth retreat at Camp Mt. Luther)

March 27-29, Middle School Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther - Theme is Narnia

I will be sending out information for the Diocesan events, just wanted to give you all a calendar to give to Children and Youth.

Blessings,

Mary Ellen

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.

OTHER EVENTS

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.