

## 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 1, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

Call to Worship

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

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

**Amen.**

Presider: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**All: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob**

Presider: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**All: But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.**

Presider: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to

follow their own counsels.  
**All: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel  
would walk in my ways!**

Presider: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and  
with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.  
from Psalm 81:1, 10-13, 16

Collect for Purity	Prayer Book, page 355
Collect of the Day	
First Reading Sirach 10:12-18	Insert
Psalm 112	Insert
Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Insert
Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14	Insert
Sermon	Rev. J. Patrick Peters
Nicene Creed	Prayer Book, page 358

### Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Brothers and sisters, God will never leave us or forsake us. Let us humbly appeal to our faithful God in prayer.

Prayer Leader: We pray for our church leaders, 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, John, and Nancy, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes, and all those who speak your word to us. May your whole Church listen for your voice and obey your words. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: O God, you exalt the humble and humble the exalted. We pray that 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, will serve their people in humility and manage their affairs with justice. May the poor and lowly be treated with respect and shown mercy. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for all laborers: for those who work, that they might be fulfilled; for those in need of work, that they might find meaningful employment; for those who are struggling to make ends meet, that they might receive a fair wage for their labors. In labor and in rest, be glorified by all we do. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: You have created a beautiful planet, full of wondrous creatures and magnificent works. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. We praise and thank you 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 the strength to do your will. May we boldly and compassionately welcome the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. May all of us know you as God our helper. 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)

O God you invite those who have died to feast at your heavenly banquet. We take great hope in the promise that not even death will cause you to leave us or forsake us. We pray for...

**(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)

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: You come to us unarmed. May we never use you as a way to war. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: You come to us penniless. May we never use you as a way to wealth. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: You come to us innocent. May we never use you as a way to corruption. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

Prayer Leader: O God shame us out of our arrogance – our arrogance of power and prestige. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

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. We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

**All: We offer the fruit of our lips.**

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: God of mercy, may we spend our lives in grace.**

**The psalmist has sung, “So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart,” yet we confess times and ways in which we have not cherished time nor have we achieved fullness of wisdom.**

**Forgive us, O God, for our lack of discernment and seasonable choices.**

**Rekindle in us the vision that harmonizes our lives with your ever-living word.**

**Remind us that we have life because of you.**

**Give us the wisdom to choose life and in all things to praise your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution  
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332  
Prayer Book, page 360

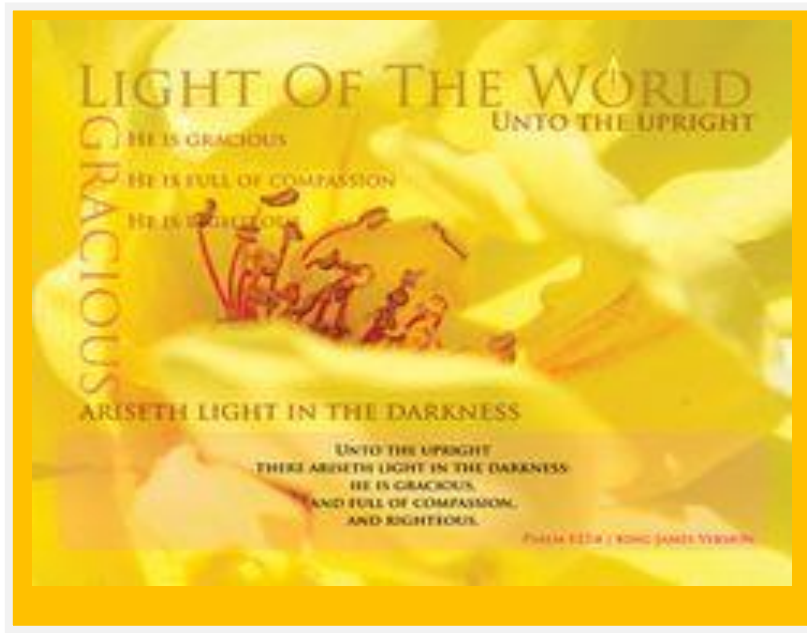
#### Greetings and Announcements

Offertory  
Eucharistic Prayer C  
Sursum Corda  
Sanctus  
Memorial Acclamation  
The Great Amen  
Our Father (Contemporary Version)  
The Breaking of the Bread  
Prayer of Humble Access  
Communion  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 369  
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Prayer Book, page 337

**All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

The Blessing  
Dismissal



## Prayer Requests September 1, 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

### **Birthday**

9/1 Shirley Wagner; 9/3 Kim Morrow; 9/5 Abby Peters

### **Anniversary**

### **Departed**

Mae Euculano; Zelma Kuhns

### **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 Jean Dosch; Monte Ann Finegan; Alf Kuhns

### **World Cycle of Prayer**

9/1 Madagascar; 9/2 Malawi; 9/3 Malaysia; 9/4 Maldives; 9/5 Mali; 9/6 Malta; 9/7 Marshall Islands

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*9/1 Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; 9/2 Ondo (Nigeria), The Very Revd Stephen Oni; Calabar (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Tunde Adeleye; Kinshasa (Congo), The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu; 9/3 Ontario (Canada), The Rt Revd Michael Oulton; Calcutta (North India), The Rt Revd Probal Kanto Dutta; 9/4 Oqbmoso (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Titus Babtunde Olayinka; Caledonia (Canada), The Revd David TJ Lehmann; Calgary (Canada), The Most Revd Gregory Kerr-Wilson; Calgary (Canada), The Rt Revd Sidney Glenn Black; 9/5 Oregon (The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd Michael Hanley; California (The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd Marc Andrus; 9/6 Orlu (Nigeria), The Most Revd Bennett Okoro; Cameroon (West Africa), The Rt Revd Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango; Kirinyaga (Kenya), The Rt Revd Joseph Kibichwa; 9/7 Oru (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Geoffrey Chukwunenye; Canberra & Goulburn (Australia), The Rt Revd Mark Short; Canberra & Goulburn (Australia), The Rt Revd Trevor Edwards; Canberra & Goulburn (Australia), The Rt Revd Stephen Pickard*

### **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

9/1 Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia; 9/2 Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil; 9/3 Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway; 9/4 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; 9/5 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; 9/6 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile; 9/7 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

Christ Memorial Church, Danville and their congregation; Victory 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

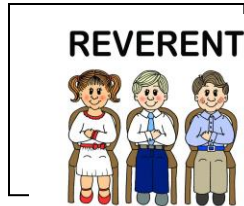


	08/25/19	08/26/18
St. John Herr Estate	15	14
9:00 a.m.	<u>22</u>	<u>43</u>
	37	57

Weekly Impact Attendance: w/e 8/25/19: 120

Pledge and Plate: \$817.00 \$1,505.00

**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**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**September 7, 2019**  
**St. John Herr Estate**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Lector:	Deb
Eucharistic Minister:	Peter

Prayers of the People:

Charlene

**September 8, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

Lectors:	Mary Lynn/Danielle
Eucharistic Ministers:	Danielle/Ralph
Crucifer:	Ralph
Server:	Ralph
Gospel Bearer:	Danielle
Prayers of the People:	Bea
Ushers:	George/Ralph
Greeters:	Evelyn/George
Verger (Open):	Alf
Verger (Close):	Bev



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL**

**Sun:**

**-THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-**

9:00 AM – Eucharist – Birthday Sunday

10:15 AM – Annual Ice Cream Social in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

**Mon:**

**-PARISH OFFICE CLOSED-  
LABOR DAY**

**Tue:**

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

**Thu:** 2:00 PM – Council of Trustees Meeting – St. Paul, Harrisburg

**Fri:**

**Sat:** 10:00 AM – Safeguarding God's Children Training – St. Thomas

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

**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

*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 AND CENTERPIECE ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:** Mae Euculano on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death by her loving husband Benedict Euculano and family, Joe and Bev; Bill and Teresa; and Benedict, Jr.

**The Altar Flowers** are available for the weeks of September 8, 15, 22, 29.

**The Sanctuary Candle** is available for the weeks of September 8, 15, 22.

**The Bread and Wine** is available for the weeks of September 8, 15, 22, 29.

**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 will resume this Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

**Missed You Cards:** Father Patrick does not send his weekly "Missed You Cards" during the summer. However, 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, even during the summer.

**"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:** Our Sunday School-for children age 4 through 10 has ended for the summer. Please watch your bulletin for more information on the start of Sunday School in the Fall.

**Sunday School:** We are in need of a Sunday School teacher beginning in September, 2019. Please talk to Father Patrick if you are interested.

## 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 old 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

**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 begin today, September 1, 2019.

**Annual Ice Cream Social:** Our Annual End of Summer Ice Cream Social will be held today Sunday, September 1 in the parish hall following the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist. Come and share some ice cream with all the toppings and lemonade as we say good-bye to the summer.

**Attention Readers:** St. Paul has a small library located in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center – Middle Classroom. 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.

## 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](mailto:srw2052@gmail.com).

**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.