



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fremont, Ohio



Eagle's Wings

October 2020

Loving Worshipping Learning Serving,
In the name of Christ.

Introductory remarks at the anti-racism vigil in Fremont, Ohio June 3, 2020.

The Rev. Matt Wahlgren
St Paul's Episcopal Church
Fremont, Ohio

Today I am here to repent. I am here to repent for all the times I have been silent. All the times I didn't stand up to racist statements, and demeaning jokes, and systems of oppression. I repent of the deep damage my silence has done to this world.

Rabbi Joachim Prinz, a refugee from Germany at the March on Washington said, "The most urgent and most disgraceful, the most shameful, the most tragic problem is silence."

We are here to lift the dark veil of silence.

We are here to stand with those who have been oppressed for far too long. What has been happening in this country to our black and brown friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens is not civil and it's not right. We gather because there is clearly more work to be done. I am sorry that I have not been moved to this point earlier in my life. I am sorry that I thought I could pretend I was not part of the problem and quietly live my life. But the time for that delusion is over. So today I stand with all of you. I have learned that it is not enough to say 'I'm not a racist'...it is not enough claim to be an ally and stand beside someone else in their fight. I have learned that we need work hand in hand to make change. Today we raise our voices together and cry out ENOUGH! and tomorrow and the days after we work for long lasting systemic changes for equality and equity for all.

This is not a momentary stand we make together today, but a turning and setting a new trajectory that must continue until justice is done. And justice is not done until laws are created to hold accountable those that abuse power, until the talks I have with my children are the same talks black families have with their children, until the schools in primarily black neighborhoods are of the same quality as schools in white neighborhoods, and until our text books finally acknowledge the sins of our nation so we do not repeat them.

We stand against racism in all its subtle and not so subtle forms.

We stand against the systems that incarcerate black and brown bodies at unjust rates

We stand against those that fear others, and do violence to bodies because of pigmentation.

We stand against the hurt that continues to be caused by even those that are supposed to protect.

We are only against these things because we are for something so much greater. Today...

We stand for equity and equality for all.

We stand for love that can celebrate the differences between us.

We stand for ears that can hear even when the message hurts because it shines a bright light on our souls.

We stand for a world where we all come together.

We stand today because love calls us to. Love calls us to go out and open some eyes.

James Baldwin said, "Neither love nor terror makes one blind: indifference makes one blind."

Today we stand out here with our signs and our voices because this blindness is unacceptable. I pray and I hope that love will open our eyes and the eyes of those passers by.

Lets get out there and help some people see! Let's heal the blind!

It has been four months since the Anti-racism rally here in Fremont. At this rally more than 500 people gathered and marched for equity and justice. Today there is still work to be done. This work cannot be ignored or pushed off to a later date. On Sunday, October 25 we will have an anti-racism Sunday here at St Paul's. We will pray, repent, and learn how God expects his people to act when they face systems of oppression. Come join us at 10:00am.



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COMMUNITY MEAL
Sunday, October 25
from 5 to 6 p.m.
Carry-out only.



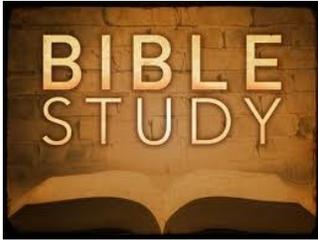
ST. PAUL'S IS GOING BACK TO THE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 11TH

October 4 Benevolence Sunday

10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, Outdoors at 2740 Progress Road or Facebook (Find us on Zoom if it is raining or cold)

October 11, 18, 25

10:00am Indoor Services begin or watch on Facebook.



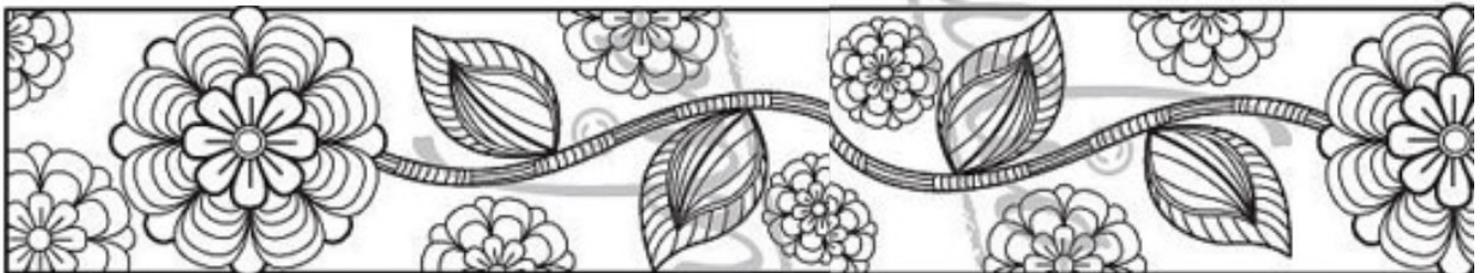
RETURN OF MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY ON OCTOBER 7TH

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Midweek Bible Study: Joel (Minor Prophets) continues through the month. *(Bible studies will resume in the Parish hall as long as Sandusky County has been yellow for two consecutive weeks.)*



Summer Sunday Services





Oct. 4
18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:7-14 (BCP 703)
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

Intercessor: Tina Hasselbach
 Lector: Bev Hart
 Altar: Bernadette Earhart
 Usher: Bill Young

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God BCP 355
 The Collect of the Day BCP 234
 The Lessons (Track 2) See above
 The Sermon
 The Nicene Creed BCP 358
 The Prayers of the People BCP 383
 Concluding Collect BCP 394
 Confession of Sin BCP 360
 The Peace BCP 360
 The Holy Communion BCP 361-366
 Eucharistic Prayer A
 Proper Preface BCP 377
 Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Oct. 11
19th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 25:1-9
 Psalm 23 (BCP 612)
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

Intercessor: Pattee Kuzma
 Lector: Bernadette Earhart
 Altar: Bernadette Earhart
 Usher: Ken Rutski

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Oct. 18
20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 45:1-7
 Psalm 96:1-13 (BCP 725)
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

Intercessor: Carolyn Speer
 Lector: Bev Hart
 Altar: Bernadette Earhart
 Usher: Rita Bryan

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Oct. 25
21st Sunday after Pentecost
 Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
 Psalm 1 (BCP 585)
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46

Intercessor: Bill Young
 Lector: Pattee Kuzma
 Altar: Bernadette Earhart
 Usher: Randy Speer

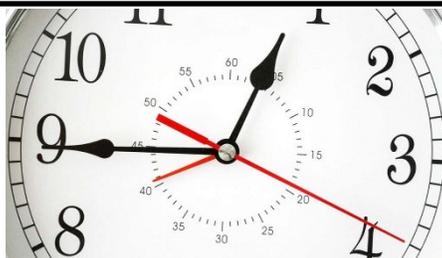
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Services Bookmarks to help you follow along during services. Just cut them out and place in your prayer book. (**Note: Ministry roles are noted on the bookmarks.**)

VESTRY SECONDS . . .

**A shortened version of the Vestry minutes
September 20, 2020**



- Alcoholics Anonymous will begin meeting again in the church basement once some sanitation and safety issues have been addressed.
- Before returning to services in the church, back hall and entrance way painting will be finished and wiring for virtual church will be installed. Target date for reopening the church is October 11. If it gets too cold outside in the meantime, service will be virtual only.
- Bible studies will resume in the parish hall as long as Sandusky County has been yellow for two consecutive weeks.
- Bill Young, Carolyn Speer and Randy Speer will be our delegates to the virtual Diocesan Convention on November 8 and 9. Beth Hackenburg will be the alternate.
- If you are interested in running for Vestry to begin your term in January of 2021, let Tina Hasselbach or Kay Klein know.
- At their request, Matt is going to return to doing one evening service a month at St. Paul's in Bellevue.
- The Fall Stewardship Campaign will be held in November, with pledge cards due December 6. Watch and listen for future developments!
- The Parish Work Day on October 3rd was cancelled. The less people in the building, the better, according to our Sexton Beth Hackenburg.
- There will be a Healing Service on October 11. Since there is no coffee hour, it will be held immediately after church, with no touching or anointing.
- Sunday, October 25 was designated Anti-Racism Sunday. That day such things as the sermon, Confession of Sin, Prayers of the People, and the Old Testament or Epistle reading could change to focus on this theme.
- Carolyn reported that the Foundation's balance as of August 31, 2020, was \$316,695.29.



Getting to know your Vestry

Chyleen Scott
Vestry member

I started my church life journey being baptized and raised Lutheran. My first husband introduced me to St. Paul's when we were dating and we married here in 1968.

We were co-financial treasures for 8 years and we had a very active youth group for five years.

After my divorce and remarriage, I attended Sacred Heart with Tom and my four step-daughters. After they graduated, I didn't really attend church regularly until one day I met Carolyn Speer at Denny's and she invited me to St. Paul's. I went that Sunday and my heart has never left, "I was home!"

Since my return, I have taken a strong interest in Vestry, food pantry, Community meals, sending birthday and anniversary cards, Shrove Tuesday suppers, school supply drives, and mitten tree.

My greatest blessings from God are life to beautiful parents, His trusting me to raise His daughter Jodi, and a second chance at life in January of 2019.

My greatest wish for St. Paul's is that all of us financially and full heartedly fulfill our pledges to St. Paul's and God. Although our sanctuary isn't open, our church family is in operation. We need to pay bills and keep our doors open in future years. God fulfills His promise to us everyday. He loves us and blesses us. Let's keep our promises to Him, our pledges and walk forward to love and serve Him.

Forgiveness is nothing less than the way we heal the world. We heal the world by healing each and every one of our hearts. The process is simple, but it is not easy.

Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu



Time to Forgive

Tonight, at sundown, our Jewish sisters and brothers will begin to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, a celebration marking the beginning of the Jewish New Year. It is also the start of the Ten Days of Repentance, culminating with Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, on the evening of September 28th. As you may know, the practice of forgiveness is a primary focus during the

observance of these sacred holy days.

I heard a fascinating story on the radio this week about how some rabbis are preparing for what will be mostly online celebrations of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this year. As they work on preparing the messages for these upcoming services in this unique time of COVID-19, they are researching the texts of the messages given during the same High Holidays in the midst of the 1918 flu pandemic.

The radio story contained narrations of some of these 1918 messages, and I found they revolved around a common theme. Life is precious. Life is fragile. Life is fleeting. None of us know how much time we have. Knowing this, in the midst of this 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, the message of forgiveness was talked about as being even more crucial. And while it is always the right time to forgive, the vulnerability of what people were experiencing in that flu pandemic made forgiveness both more essential and urgent in 1918.

Is this not a timeless and timely message for today? Judaism and all of the world's religions stress the significance of forgiveness. And even if one is not a member of a religious faith, we know that the practice of forgiveness is foundational

to one's emotional and relational well-being.

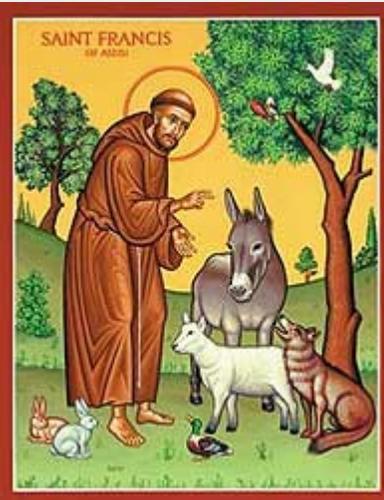
When talking about forgiveness, it is helpful to remember that forgiveness and reconciliation are two separate processes. This is crucial because people often say they can never forgive someone because they do not want to reconcile with them. One can forgive without ever connecting with the person being forgiven. That's why it is possible to forgive people we will never see again, including those who have passed away. This is because forgiveness is an internal, individual choice. And sometimes, that internal process of forgiveness we seek to practice is not of another person, but ourselves.

If you want to learn more about this complex subject, I highly recommend two books. The first is *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*, by Desmond Tutu, a Nobel Peace prize winner, and Mpho Tutu, the executive director of the Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation. The quote at the top of this column is from this book. The second book is *Forgiveness Is a Choice: A Step-by-Step Process for Resolving Anger and Restoring Hope* by Robert Enright. Enright is a psychology professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the president of the International Forgiveness Institute.

We are all very much aware of things that COVID-19 prevents us from doing right now. The list is long of things we are not currently able to do. One thing we will not find on that list, though, is the ability to forgive. The current pandemic in no way prevents us from practicing forgiveness. In fact, it might just be reminding us of what we always knew, but often forget. Life is precious. Life is fragile. Life is fleeting. None of us know how much time we have.

And while it is always the right time to forgive, the vulnerability we are all experiencing during this pandemic makes forgiveness both more essential and urgent.

Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Amanda Rutski 10/4
 Marcia Webster 10/5
 Eliot Parker 10/6,
 Koral Rohm 10/6
 Bev Hart 10/8
 Savana Ranzenberger 10/8

Maliyah Koenig 10/11
 Michelle Tolhurst 10/12
 Kaela Hinrichs 10/15
 Tom Hasselbach 10/16
 Amy Lawless 10/29
 Yena Hasselbach 10/31



- ♥ Philip & Marilyn Wastler 10/2
- ♥ Harry & Janet Burger 10/3
- ♥ Richard & Christine Smith 10/5
- ♥ Jeff & Kaitlyn Hasselbach 10/18

We give thanks to God for the following people and we give thanks to them as well.

A thank you to **Beth Hackenburg and Denise Sanchez** for organizing and preparing September's community meal. Thanks also to those who helped distribute the meals.

Thank you to **LaDonna Tarris** for her expertise in St. Paul's technology upgrades.

Thank you to Brian Earhart for volunteering to install, assemble all the equipment to get us ready for web streaming.

Thanks to **Pattee Kuzma, Chyleen Scott and Bernadette Earhart** for helping with newsletter assembly.

ICE & SNOWMELT FOR SALE

St. Paul's has an abundance of SAFETY MELT and has 50 buckets available for purchase at \$20.00 per bucket. It comes in 5 gallon buckets and weighs 50 pounds. This product is produced by the Royal Chemical Company and is a quality product. If you'd like to be prepared this winter, please contact Tina or Tom Hasselbach at 419-463-3480.



Prayers Requested



Susan Bergeman, Joe Binder, Samantha Burgess and family, Ted Goodwin, Richard Graeter, Jacob Hasselbach, Tom Hasselbach, Teresa Iliff, Keith Kuzma, Joseph Margoni, Mary Lynne Moyers, Mary Lou Parker, Lorelai Rife, Megan, Gary Sanchez, Clarice Sayle, Chyleen Scott, Isabel Sweeney and family, Brooke Taylor, Lori Tolhurst, Katherine Young.

In the Diocese of Ohio

October 4, 2020

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area.

St. John's Church, Cleveland

St. Luke's Church, Cleveland, The Rev. Christopher M. Decatur, Deacon-in-Charge, The Rev. Barbara J. Maxwell, Deacon.

Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens IV, Dean, The Rev. Adrienne M. Koch, Priest Associate.

October 11, 2020

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area.

St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights, The Rev. Jeanne Amole Leinbach, Rector, The Rev. Jessie Gutsell Dodson, Assistant Rector, The Rev. Kirby P. Colwell, II, Deacon.

Church of the Ascension, Lakewood, The Rev. Vincent Black, Priest-in-Charge.

St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, The Rev. G. Keith Owen, Rector.

October 18, 2020

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area.

All Saints Church, Parma

Christ Church, Shaker Heights, The Rev. Peter Faass, Rector; the Rev. James G. Greer, Adjunct Priest.

Advent Episcopal Church, Westlake

October 25, 2020

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Northeast Mission Area.

St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula, The Rev. Peter W. Nielsen, III, Rector.

St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls, The Rev. John Anthony Cerrato III, Rector.

St. Luke's Church, Chardon, The Rev. Christopher McCann, Rector.

Christ Church, Geneva, The Rev. Dr. C. Thomas Jackson, Interim Supply.

Church of the Epiphany, Euclid, The Rev. Rosalind C. Hughes, Rector.

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