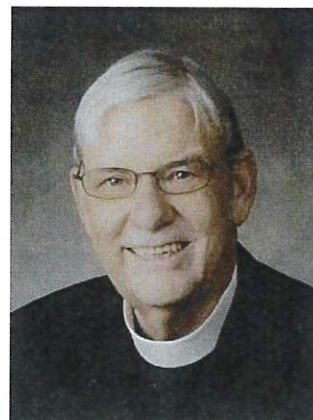


THE ALTON ANGELUS

September 2023

The Reverend Christopher L. Ashmore, Interim Rector

*The Episcopal Parish of Alton has as its mission:
To live and show Christ in our midst.*



The Bishop's Expectations of the Episcopal Parish of Alton

I have been using these monthly *Angelus* articles to write about things that are important for our Parish. In the past few months, I have written on my first impressions of the Parish as I came to be your Interim Rector, and on the rationale and practical aspects of pledging to the parish church.

For this month (September) and for next month (October) I would like to write on two subjects that are very important for our Parish in the next few months. In this article I will write about the Bishop's expectations of us as a Parish, and in October I will re-visit the practice of pledging, specifically as it applies to our Pledge Campaign coming up in November.

In the Episcopal way of Church life, each Parish is a member of a Diocese—the Episcopal Parish of Alton is a member of the Diocese of Springfield. The Diocese is led by a Diocesan Bishop—in our case, Bishop Brian Burgess. The Bishop does not have unlimited authority and power, but he does have a lot; as a Parish, we need to pay attention to and take seriously his expectations of us.

Bishop Burgess has been “pro-active” toward our Parish since the beginning of his Episcopate. He played a big part in negotiating a settlement between the Parish and Mother Cindy, took a lead role in securing the services of Mother Edie Bird to lead us in the reconciliation process, and actively recruited me to be your Interim Rector. I believe all these actions of Bishop Burgess have helped us to move to a more stable position as a Parish.

But there is, of course, more to be done. Uppermost in our minds, and in the mind of Bishop Burgess, is the calling of a new Rector for the Episcopal Parish of Alton. But in order to do so, there are certain criteria which the Bishop rightly expects us to meet. For the sake of this article, we can narrow it down to two.

First, we must attain a level of financial stability that will enable us to fairly compensate a new Rector. This is why I have written extensively (and will continue to do so) about the importance of our upcoming Pledge Campaign, and the need for every parishioner to, at least, give it serious consideration.

The monies pledged by the parishioners of a Parish are the very heart of a Parish's financial soundness and a concrete indicator of a Parish's "spiritual health." Investment income is a tempting answer, but in my experience, using investment income has a way of morphing into using investment principal, which constantly decreases until one day we wake up and realize it is gone—kind of like killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. Investment income can be a valuable supplement or a lifeline in times of crisis, but to depend on it is a very risky venture. It is the Parish's financial pledge base that gives a Parish, at least in part, the "spiritual muscle" to do the work God has given it to do.

The second expectation that the Bishop has of us is an increase in average Sunday attendance—a fancy phrase for how many people attend the Parish's weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sundays.

Let me be a bit more direct than I usually am to make this point clearly; the Parish that has "members" who do not regularly participate in the work of "praise and thanksgiving" to God at the Sunday Eucharist, and who do not regularly receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ for their spiritual nourishment, suffers from an organic anemia in its Parish life. This stems from the fact that the Church is not merely a "group" or an "institution"; it is a unique, living, spiritual organism—the Body of Christ, animated by the life of Christ. While participating in the worship of the Church and receiving the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood may not seem important—even optional—to a "group" or an "institution," it is a rock-solid necessity for the health and vitality of a Parish as the Body of Christ.

This is what lies behind Bishop Burgess's expectation of us for an upward trend in average Sunday church attendance. In the same manner as our pledge base, Sunday church attendance is a concrete indicator of the "spiritual and ministry muscle" of the Parish, a commitment and willingness to do the work God has called us to do in the Episcopal Parish of Alton.

I believe that these two expectations of Bishop Burgess are realistic and proper. I also believe that they are attainable goals for our Parish, **with God's help**. It is a common feeling for us, who live in a world immersed in the material and secular culture of our time, to be blind to the possibilities that God has for us. Please remember, this is not just about us having our comfortable Parish Church; everything I've written is also about God's desire and will for the Episcopal Parish of Alton to be a beacon of light in a dark world to those in our communities who so desperately need the grace and love of God in their lives.

Pray for our Parish that God may be glorified in and through us,

Fr. Kip Ashmore+



Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Senior Warden...



At its meeting on August 15th, the Vestry selected members of the Search Committee by consensus, picking from a slate of individuals who had indicated willingness to serve in that capacity (see next page under “Search Committee News” to read the names of new Search Committee members). I am pleased that we have a good cross-section of the parish—men and women, long-time members and newer members, younger members and older members, those who attend Trinity Chapel and those who attend St. Paul’s Church. Tony Springman, who with his wife Lisa have attended Trinity Chapel for the past two years, was selected to be Chair of the committee. Tony is also a member of the Vestry.

At the same meeting, the Vestry approved a resolution on “Pledge Campaign 2024” that elaborates our plan for the process of gathering pledges for next year. Expect to see a letter and pledge card in the mail in October. Fr. Kip has talked about the importance of pledging in previous newsletters, also noting that the Bishop expects us to attain a level of financial stability that will enable us to fairly compensate a new Rector. It wouldn’t be right to call a priest and then, in say a year or two, to tell the priest that we don’t have money to pay him or her. We will not be addressing our financial situation with a sense of lack and fear, however. We are approaching everything with trust in God and a sense of love and gratitude for this parish family!

Fr. Kip will be on vacation from September 3rd-15th. While he is away, I am pleased to report that Fr. John Henry will be our Supply Priest on Sundays, September 3rd and 10th. Fr. Henry was here last year, so we are somewhat familiar with each other. Please give him a warm welcome!

Ann Bowen, our new Office Assistant, now has regular office hours Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please note that she will be out of the office September 18th-22nd, however. Ann will be keeping a master calendar for the parish, so please let her know about any scheduled events—you may call the office at 618-465-9149 or email her at episcopalalton@gmail.com and put “Calendar event” in the subject line.

Nancy Weiss-Hayes, head of the Altar Guild, notes that our Flower Fund is low on funds, which means that there may be some Sundays that we don’t have flowers on the altar at St. Paul’s. As always, individuals may donate flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. If you wish to give money for flowers, please make your check out to the Altar Guild. For more information, contact Nancy at 618-830-3046.

Because I am going to be on vacation September 13th-28th, the October edition of the *Angelus* is no doubt going to be late in coming out. Because of that, I have added the first week of October to the calendar on pages 12-14. One special event for St. Paul’s is being part of the Alton Landmarks Association tour of historic churches on Saturday, October 7th. We need an army of volunteers to help with that event, so if you are willing and able to be a part of it, please let Irene McLaughlin know.

The minutes of the August Vestry meeting have been posted on the bulletin board at St. Paul’s and at Trinity Chapel. Those interested in reading more details of the workings of our parish are welcome to find them there.

Susan Lukasik

The Search Committee conducted its first meeting on Tuesday, August 15th with all members present – April Drennan, Robbie Cupp, Liz Bumbacher, Linda Dunnagan, Marti LoRusso, Bill Moyer, Elias Silkwood, Dereck Cook, and Tony Springman - Chair.

The initial work of the committee will focus on creating a survey of characteristics of a priest who will be the best possible match for our parish. Once we have completed our work it will be submitted to the Vestry for approval and distribution to the congregation will follow. Our expectation is to have that done in September.

Tony Springman

Restoration Committee Concludes



On July 29th, the members of the Restoration Committee met at Castelli's Restaurant, where we voted to officially disband the committee and celebrate the completion of our work that began with our first meeting on July 29th, 2020. Since that time, well over fifty committee meetings were held to track progress and make various decisions, and many other onsite meetings with the contractors were also held. Those serving at the conclusion of our efforts were Marti LoRusso, Tom Harris, Chuck Drennan, Ron Downey, Mimi Almonroeder, Judy Jones, Anna Potter, Irene McLaughlin, and Dereck Cook.

Thanks to all for your dedication through all the highs and lows that were encountered throughout this process!

Dereck Cook

Our next **Pet Food Pantry** is scheduled for Sunday, **September 3rd**. In October, it will be held on the 1st. The pet food pantry is open one hour monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance to participate. Marti LoRusso, who is leading this outreach ministry, welcomes any volunteers to help with the Pet Food Pantry. Baskets for donations of pet food are located near the entrance at both Trinity and St. Paul's. Monetary donations are also much appreciated!



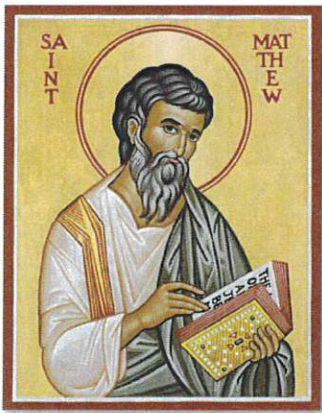
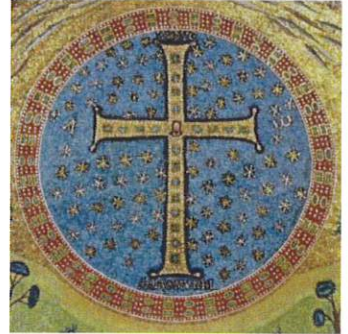
Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated in September

Fr. Kip will continue celebrating the Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical Calendar with Holy Eucharist **held at noon at Trinity Chapel.**

Holy Cross Day—September 14th

This feast day may be celebrated privately. There will be no noon Mass as Fr. Kip will be out of town this week.

On this day we give honor to Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation. The collect for the day recalls that Christ was "lifted up high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself," and prays that "we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him" (*BCP*, p. 192).



The Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist— September 22nd (transferred from September 23rd)

St. Matthew was a tax collector working for the Roman government in Capernaum. It is said that when Jesus passed him by, Jesus invited him quite simply with the words, "Follow me!" At once, Matthew left everything and followed Jesus. Matthew became a loyal disciple and evangelist. Levi was his original name, but "Matthew," meaning "gift from God," was given to him after he became a disciple.

The Gospel of Matthew has been attributed to him even though some scholars have insisted that it seems so unlikely that this gospel could have been written by a former Galilean tax collector. Matthew is venerated as a martyr; however, the time and circumstances of his death are unknown.

The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels—September 29th

The word "angel" (Greek: *angelos*) literally means "a messenger." Only four angels are called by name in Scripture: Michael, Gabriel, Uriel and Raphael. Angels are pictured in many ways in Christian art—wings, with or without swords, dazzling raiment or as mythical beasts. Angels can assume human and non-human forms and are powerful agents of God.

The Archangel Michael is the powerful angel who "wards off evil from God's people and delivers peace to them at the end of this life's mortal struggle." Angels in many forms protect us, defend us, lead us, and watch over us.

Michaelmas, a feast in England as well as in other countries, is a popular celebration in the Christian year. Michael is the patron saint of many churches and is considered a champion of justice, a healer of the sick, and a guardian of the Church. He also plays a big part in the Revelation of St. John.



From the Organ Loft

Beginning Friday, October 5th, St. Paul's musicians will be launching a new fall rehearsal experiment. As most of you are aware, on Sunday mornings Roy and I don't arrive at St. Paul's from the Trinity service until 9:30 at the earliest. With the change in time for the 2nd service to 10:30, this just won't allow enough time for a proper rehearsal.

Last Sunday after the service at St. Paul's, Fr. Kip, Susan, Jeanie, Roy and I met to try to come up with an alternative solution. Since I have been coming to Alton once a week during the day to practice on the new organ at Trinity (and also at St. Paul's when it is cool enough in the church that I won't fry in the loft), we suggested a Friday daytime rehearsal from 2:00-3:30 p.m. I sent out an email to our musicians and have had an overwhelmingly positive response!

We may not meet every week, and for now will concentrate on bells only. We will still have some "mini" 20 minute rehearsals on Sunday morning when we are playing on that particular day, but the bulk of learning new music and getting "organized" will be relegated to the Friday practices.

If anyone is interested in playing bells, we would love to have you join us! My email is brierbankfarm@juno.com and cell 618-530-3697. Let's make music!

Gay Anderson



On Monday, September 18th, St. Paul's will host the St. Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Gay is Secretary of the organization, which is made up of church organists and musicians in the St. Louis area. She says that it's a very big deal that their meeting is being held on this side of the Mississippi River because 90% of the members live in Missouri, and meeting in Illinois does not happen very often!

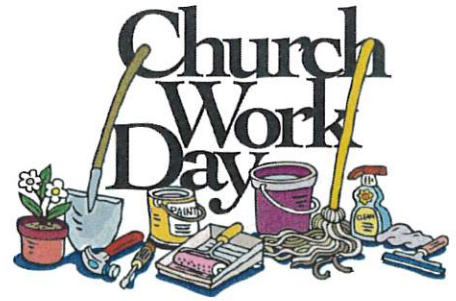
After a meeting of the officers and board members, there will be a catered dinner in Heneghan Hall at 6:30 p.m. After the meal, they are planning a "meet and greet/music swap." Gay will also have an opportunity to show them our organ. Irene McLaughlin and Jean Downey plan to be on hand to answer any questions our guests may have about the church itself.

This is a great opportunity to "show off" the newly updated pipe organ, and we welcome the AGO to our premises!

Susan Lukasik

Help Wanted for Fall Cleanups!

With the approach of fall and the cooler temperatures that accompany it, the Property and Maintenance Commission has scheduled two work days to catch up on items that need to be addressed at Trinity Chapel and St. Paul's. The first, scheduled for **Saturday, September 9th**, will be at **Trinity Chapel** from 8:00 a.m. to no later than noon. We will be working on things such as trimming the bushes, painting the railings, replacing light bulbs, and whatever else we find that can be addressed fairly easily.



The second work day is scheduled for **St. Paul's** on **Saturday, September 30th**, again from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This will involve performing a deep cleaning of the church in preparation for the Alton Landmarks Association Church Tour that is scheduled for October 7th. We will want to do all we can to get the church ready to welcome our guests, so this will involve work on the inside and potentially in the garden as well.

Please consider participating in one or both of these events; the more that participate the faster the work will go! For questions or more information, please contact Dereck Cook, Tom Harris, or Donna Fisher.

Property and Maintenance Commission

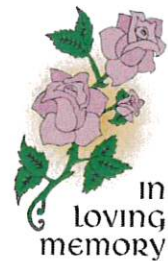
Let's Walk for Good Health and Fellowship!



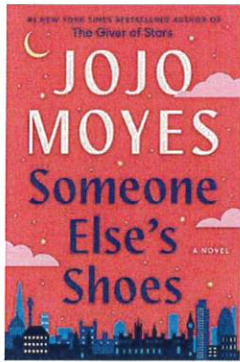
Our group of walkers gather on Friday mornings when people are available to walk. The exact time and location are determined each week--Mimi usually notifies everyone ahead of time to see who wants to walk that Friday. **Pleasant fall weather should be coming our way, so this is a great time to join us!** If you are interested in joining in the weekly walk, please contact Mimi Almonroeder at diamondzoe@charter.net or 618-581-5756.

Our Sincere Condolences to:

--Lisa and Tony Springman on the death of her mother
Fran Ferguson on August 28, 2023.



Book Club



Please join us on Wednesday, September 27th at 9:30 a.m. at LuciAnna's on Broadway in Alton to discuss *Someone Else's Shoes* by JoJo Moyes. Below is a description for our September book selection:

Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous life. But in the meantime, she must scramble to cope--she doesn't even have the shoes she was, until a moment ago, standing in.

That's because Sam Kemp – in the bleakest point of her life – has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. But Sam hardly has time to worry about a lost gym bag--she's struggling to keep herself and her family afloat. When she tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes, the resulting jolt of confidence that makes her realize something must change—and that thing is herself.

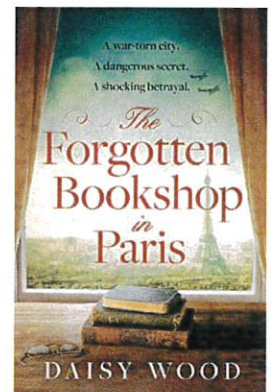
Full of Jojo Moyes' signature humor, brilliant storytelling, and warmth, Someone Else's Shoes is a story about how just one little thing can suddenly change everything.

Sneak Peek for October: ***The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris*** by Daisy Wood

Paris, 1940: War is closing in on the city of love. With his wife forced into hiding, Jacques must stand by and watch as the Nazis take away everything he holds dear. Everything except his last beacon of hope: his beloved bookshop, La Page Cachée. But when a young woman and her child knock on his door one night and beg for refuge, he knows his only option is to risk it all once more to save a life...

Modern day: Juliette and her husband have finally made it to France on the romantic getaway of her dreams – but as the days pass, all she discovers is quite how far they've grown apart. She's craving a new adventure, so when she happens across a tiny, abandoned shop with a for-sale sign in the window, it feels fated.

And she's about to learn that the forgotten bookshop hides a lot more than meets the eye...



For more information, please contact Jean Downey.

Education Commission

Join our Weekly Bible Study



Fr. Kip teaches Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at St. Paul's following the usual Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel. Bible study starts at 10:15 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. We are currently studying *The Letter of Paul to the Philippians*. **Please note that there is no Bible Study the first two weeks of September.**



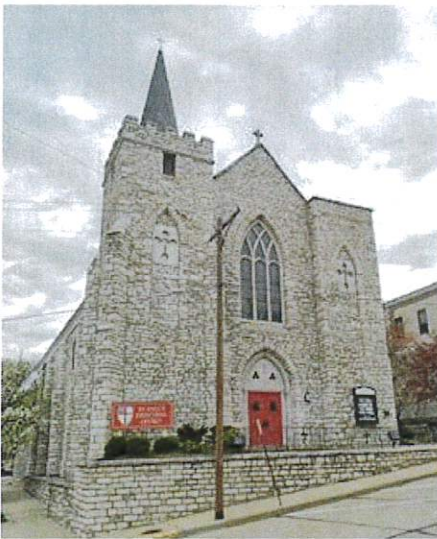
Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with

Blessing of the Animals

*in the Garden at St. Paul's Church
Sunday, October 1st, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.*

*The brief liturgy is open to the public
to present their cherished family pets for blessing.
Pets must be suitably leashed or caged.
Please invite your friends and their animal companions
for this very special liturgy.*

St. Paul's Church to be on Tour of Historical Churches



St. Paul's Church is slated to be part of the Alton Area Landmarks Association's fall historical building tour, which will take place on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to see our church after the post-fire restoration, and we are pleased to be part of this event, which is showcasing historical churches this year.

Ann Davidson, secretary of Alton Area Landmarks Association, created an informational pamphlet with photos that we can hand out that day. A big thank you to Lurna Godwin Hutchinson, whose company is doing the layout and printing! In addition, we are planning to put together a display of photos and newspaper articles that will tell the story of the June 2020 fire and the subsequent restoration.

On the day of the tour, we will need greeters, people to be stationed in various areas of the church as well as others helping with light refreshments in the church garden (or parish hall in case of inclement weather). For those who cannot attend that day, you can help by donating cookies or dessert bars to serve to our visitors.

Showcasing our church for the tour will take a group effort! Please contact Irene McLaughlin at 618-530-8589 or Susan Lukasik at 618-910-2726 if you can help that day.



Public Relations and Publicity Commission

Learn CPR and Save a Life!



Calling all those interested in learning how to respond to a cardiac or respiratory emergency!

Susie Sweetman, certified Red Cross instructor, will teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation to us in the parish hall at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 10th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The class will include adult and infant CPR, obstructed airway, and use of an AED (automated external defibrillator). The maximum number of students is 12 and the minimum is four.

The cost is \$35 payable to Susie the night of class. If you want to be certified, the cost is \$65. Please contact Irene McLaughlin for more information or to register for the class: 618-530-8589 or ibmpat17@gmail.com.

A Good Deed for Our Neighbors



Members of our parish handed out free water and popcorn Friday, August 18th for people attending a concert at the nearby Alton Godfrey Rotary Park, located up the hill on Third Street between Marquette High School, First Unitarian Church of Alton, and Alton City Hall. Alton Main Street, Great Rivers & Routes, and Simmons Hanly Conroy Law Firm sponsored the free concert held at the new park, which opened just this year.

Thanks to all those who made labels with our church name and address and attached them to the water bottles, to Mimi Almonroeder for creating the sign advertising our project, and to those who came out to help the evening of the concert—Dereck Cook, Irene McLaughlin, Mimi Almonroeder, Meg Dorris, Tom Harris, Connie Terry, and Elias Silkwood. We appreciate your help!



Evangelism and Outreach Commission

Saturday Café—In Service with our Neighbors

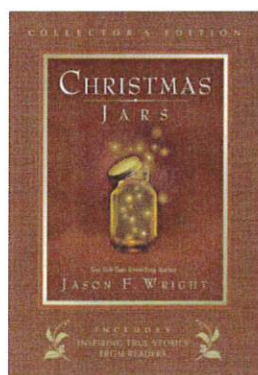
On August 19th, our parish once again served meals at the Saturday Café, a program held at First Presbyterian Church on Alby Street serving free lunches to those in need. **Our next date is November 18th.** Would you like to help?

We generally meet in the kitchen at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. and are done by 12:30 p.m., but you are welcome to come for a shorter time if you wish. For more information about how to help, please contact Bruce Bayer by texting 618-798-1310. For monetary contributions, please write a check to *The Episcopal Parish of Alton* and note "Saturday Café" in the memo area.

Evangelism and Outreach Commission



What Is a Christmas Jar?



A Christmas Jar is a pickle jar, peanut butter jar, Mason jar or anything else you have to collect spare change each day. All coins are dedicated to the jar all year long, and during the week before Christmas you carefully select someone to give it to anonymously.

Was a neighbor laid off? Is a coworker struggling with health problems? Has a friend lost a loved one? Simply put your jar on their porch, in their car, on their desk — wherever — and you could change their life ... for good! \$50, \$100, even \$200 — you'll be surprised how much change you can generate and how much you can impact someone's life.

You might have noticed a Christmas Jar sitting on a table or on the coffee cart in Heneghan Hall. The Episcopal Parish of Alton is looking forward to blessing someone this Christmas season and if you haven't already started a Christmas Jar in your home, how about adding a few coins or dollar bills to our jar?

To learn more about Christmas Jars, visit christmasjars.com where you will find information and true stories about the tradition based on the novel by Jason F. Wright.

September Calendar

Friday, September 1st

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

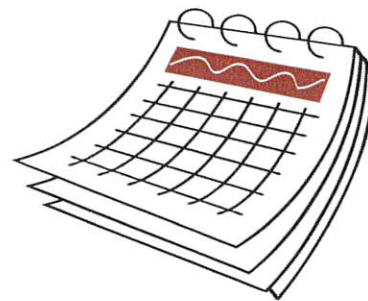
Sunday, September 3rd *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry



Monday, September 4th – *Labor Day* – Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 5th –

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

No Bible Study

Wednesday, September 6th – ECW/Guild of Grace meeting 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Friday, September 8th –

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Saturday, September 9th – Work day at Trinity Chapel, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday, September 10th *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, September 12th –

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

No Bible Study

Friday, September 15th –

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Saturday, September 16th – ECM meeting 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, September 17th *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Monday, September 18th

St. Paul's hosts the St. Louis Chapter of American Guild of Organists 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19th

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

6:00 p.m. Vestry meeting at St. Paul's

Friday, September 22nd

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (transferred from September 21st)

--Noon Holy Eucharist at Trinity

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Sunday, September 24th *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Special Coffee Hour at St. Paul's for Anna Potter

Tuesday, September 26th

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

6:00 p.m. Guild of Grace meeting – The Old Bakery Beer Company

Wednesday, September 27th Book Club

9:30 a.m. at LuciAnna's in Alton

Friday, September 29th

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

--Noon Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Saturday, September 30th – Work Day at St. Paul's 8:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday, October 1st *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 3rd -- 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Friday, October 6th

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Saturday, October 7th Alton Area Landmarks Association Home and Building Tour

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Paul's

Sunday, October 8th *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, October 10th CPR training 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Ann Bowen, our Office Assistant, will be out of the office September 18-22.

Attention All Women of the Parish:

We are going to combine the Guild of Grace and ECW meetings in order to come together to talk about our Chili Supper coming up October 31st and other future fundraisers.

Please join us Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's in Heneghan Hall. Bring an appetizer to share and wine or other drink (such as soda or tea) of your choice for some fellowship and meeting of the groups to brain storm ideas. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Connie Terry and April Drennan

ECM News

The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Men has been scheduled for Saturday, September 16th, at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. Breakfast (of some sort) will be served. Items we will be discussing will include the scheduling of future social events, our participation in the upcoming chili supper, and the usual shooting of the breeze! All men of the parish are welcome to attend! For more information, please contact Dereck Cook at cookdnj@yahoo.com.

**There will be a special Coffee Hour after church at St. Paul's
on Sunday, September 24th
provided by Anna Potter's family in honor of her 85th birthday.
All members of the parish are invited!**

September Birthdays

03 Nancy Weiss-Hayes
04 Bill Terry
05 Tim Foley
08 Colton Cook (Andrew's son)
11 Liam Downey
16 Lily Mills
22 Victoria (Sever) Wagner
24 Anna Potter
29 Linda Dunnagan
29 Margaret Engelmann
29 Mary Mills
30 Ruth Spencer
30 Britta Haggard
30 Diane Martin



October Birthdays

01 Jeff Dunnagan
02 Brennen Grassle
04 Marynell Eastman
05 D-Ann Kimbro
06 Patti Gibbs
08 Judy Napp
09 Tom Wrausmann
12 Alyssa Eagleton
12 Barb Prior
13 Marti LoRusso
13 Ruth Dague
14 Sue Goers
14 Barbara Admire (PAWS)
15 Dorothy Wrausmann
16 Kelly Harris
18 Amanda Hughes
20 Marti Benefil
24 Julie Cook
25 Benjamin "Elias" Silkwood
26 Vivian Monckton



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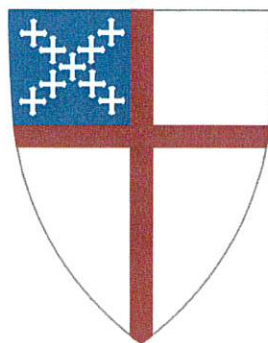
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Susan Lukasik—Rector's Warden

Jean Downey—People's Warden

Judy Jones—Treasurer

Lisa Springman—Clerk of the Vestry



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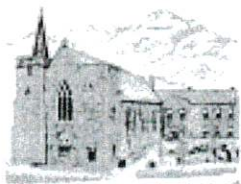
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