



October

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



What's weighing you down?

Recently I have lost a few pounds. I had let my weight creep up on me inch by inch. It was a slow process, one that I didn't even notice all that much. I might not have felt the pounds being added, but I knew it to be true. I saw myself in the bathroom mirror every day. Maybe I was just in denial, or maybe I thought having a spare tire was a good thing.

I had to be intentional to take some of the air out of that tire. I had to intentionally eat healthier foods. I had to consume better fuel to run my body; less beef, more fish; less sugar and salt, more veggies and fiber.

I had to intentionally eat smaller portions and this was tough. I could pack away a lot of food. The more calories I let stack up and more I got weighed down...it's funny how that works.

The same holds true in our spiritual lives. If we spend our time doing things that are more like sugar and salt and less like veggies and fiber, our lives get weighed down, like we are carrying around a spare tire. When we choose to spend our time doing things that are equal to empty calories, the more our lives become empty.

Like with food, the weight sneaks up slowly. We don't really notice that our relationship with God is suffering. Maybe we are afraid to look in the mirror?

So, what is weighing you down? What might you do less of in order to make time for you to nurture your connection with God? If you want to get out from under what is weighing you down, give me a call or send me an email.

Like with changing what we eat to better our bodies, a choice has to be made. I'm here to help when you are ready.

Kirk

Blessing the Animals: October 7th

The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held this year during the 5:00 p.m. service on Sunday, October 7th. Yes, during the service and yes, it will be loud at times (and we will have Holy Communion.) Please bring your pet in an appropriate carrier or restraint. Thank you.



Special Worship Time: October 14th

Sunday, October 14th, we will have only **ONE** worship service at **10:00 a.m.** This is



Bishop Dan's last official visit to St. Paul's and we want to send him off with a bang! A Special Luncheon will follow the service. **Please bring a hat to wear during the luncheon. We are going to tip our hats to him.**

"Hill Gang" Meeting

The "Hill Gang" is an informally structured men's fellowship group open to all male members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and their friends. The "Hill Gang" holds "once-in-a-while" quarterly meetings.

The next meeting of the "Hill Gang" will be Monday evening, **October 22nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Boulevard Pizza, 1076 North Rock Boulevard in Sparks.** The meeting agenda is to have fellowship, eat, and drink for about an hour and a half and then adjourn to a nearby movie theater to view an action/adventure or similar film.

For more information, please contact Steve Smith at 626-3307.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on **Sunday, October 28th** **from 6 to 8 pm** in the parking lot and the Parish Hall. You can participate in the fun by decorating your trunk and passing out treats to the kids who attend. In addition, fun carnival-type games will be set up in the Parish Hall. Bring your kids and grandkids for all the fun. Invite your friends and neighbors, too!



October in the Food Pantry

“Trick or Treat so others can eat!”

Donate Food, Hygiene Products or even \$\$.



Healing Ministry Class: Oct 6

Training to be a healing minister begins October 6th in the St. Paul's Lounge from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Our healing team offers prayers for healing in the back of the nave (worship space) during Communion time on Sundays.)

Do you have a gift for helping people through prayer or touch, but you're not sure how to go about it, or where to start? I have a class for you. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Stracner, 775-354-1164.

NurseStracner@aol.com

Laundry Love

We are collecting quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters :-)) \$\$ can either be handed to Linda Devon, or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

If you have an interest in helping with this monthly ministry at St. Paul's, contact Linda at LSD4764@hotmail.com.

Prayers of the People

Please help us keep our Prayer Chain List up to date. Let someone in the Prayer Chain Group or Robin in the office know each month if we are to continue to pray for your special people. Thank you.

Diane, Pat, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker, Fr. Mike & Pastor Jody, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Mary, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Steve, Ruthie, Vedda, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, Lerae, Julia, Kathleen, Ken, Patti, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Sue, Nick, William, Nancy, Ruth, Dee, baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Ted, Al, Sharon, Peggy, Stan, Bonnie, Frankie, Keith, Toni, Jaemie, Michelle, Janice, Rae, Debby, LuAnn & family, Jeff, Mike, Olga, Mary Lou, Frank & family, Val, Emily, Julie, Sandy, Irene, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everette, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Evanne, Alex, Suzanne, Mason, David, Paul, Roger, Shylo, Alberto.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mon, Tues, Fri: Spanish Ala-non @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Gam-anon Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

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Thanks to Sharon in California (See Revelation 3:20) 03-22-2005
HOW LONG DO YOU SUPPOSE HE WILL KEEP KNOCKING?

Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in grades 7-12 are invited to come and participate. The focus will be different each week, but you can count on whatever the EYC is doing, it will stimulate our growth with God and with each other, and our growth in serving Christ in the world. We invite you to come join us for food, fellowship and fun! If you are new to St. Paul's we welcome you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Woodliff at triciawoodliff@hotmail.com or Tia Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 or by email at tia.mittel@gmail.com.

EYC will meet in the youth room from 10:15 AM until 12:15 PM unless listed differently in the schedule. Please join us for the following activities:

October 7: Fall Break - No Meeting - Enjoy your break!

October 14: No Meeting.

Sunday, October 14 is Bishop Dan's last visit to St. Paul's before he retires. There will be only one service at 10 a.m. and a special luncheon after the service to honor Bishop Dan. Please come and help honor him.

October 21: Coconut Bowl

We will go to Coconut Bowl to go bowling. Meet in the youth room at 10:15 a.m. to carpool. We will return by 12:30. Bring \$5 to help cover costs.

Sunday, October 28: Trunk or Treat

We will be running the games at the Trunk or Treat event at the church from 6 to 8 pm.

Please meet at the church at 5:30 PM to help set up the games and get ready. Wear a costume!

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers & Squares meets in the Parish Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month, where quilts are cut out, sewed, and prayer threads inserted. Knowing how to sew is not necessary as there are many other tasks involved in making the quilts. Everyone is welcome. When the quilts are completed they are placed in the new Quilt Cabinet in the Narthex. Anyone can view and select a quilt for someone in need.

To request a quilt, contact Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com, Peg Bibby at ragladypeg@att.net, the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

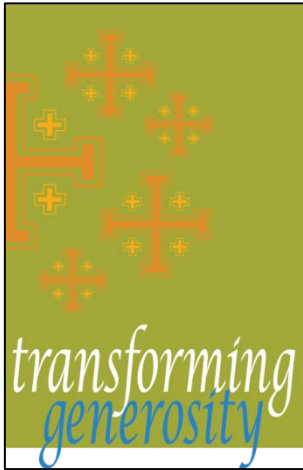
Because of your generous donations, we were able to send a total of \$1,285.50 for the Cuba Pension Fund. Other donations received were as follows:

\$355.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mark Sullivan;
\$65.00 to the Prayers and Squares Quilt ministry;
\$10.00 to the Laundry Love ministry;
\$4.00 for school supplies;
\$405.00 to the Community Food Pantry (includes \$40.00 in memory of Shelby Thistlewhite and \$50.00 in honor of Mike Patterson's birthday).

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

Advance Pledge Campaign

Vestry and church leaders will turn in their pledge cards this year by Sunday, Oct 21.



They will be praying over their callings and about God's

transforming generosity before filling out a pledge card. They'll bring their pledge cards forward during worship on **Kick-off Sunday, Oct 21**. We ask for your prayers for our Vestry

and church leaders that the gift of the Holy Spirit will guide them through this process.

The theme for this year's year-round giving campaign is "transforming generosity". We are generous when we share our finances, talents and ourselves with each other. Generosity, following the example of Jesus and his love for us, transforms us, our community and St. Paul's. On **Sunday, October 21**, the congregation embarks on our annual giving campaign. Please join the celebration!

Let's Party!

The Vestry and Stewardship Team invite you to a spaghetti dinner on **Friday, Nov 2nd at 6 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will break bread together and celebrate all the time, talents and treasures given by the congregation to St. Paul's and our communities in 2018. All these gifts help God's love shine through St. Paul's into our parish and the world, so let's celebrate!

There will be a banner on the wall displaying the many different ministries of St. Paul's as well as the many charitable organizations that members support and volunteer for inside and outside the church. Everyone will be invited to help decorate the banner.

Everyone is invited and there is no cost. Please look for a sign up in the Narthex so we can plan for enough food. This is a great opportunity to celebrate and get to know each other a little better, so please mark your calendars.

The Bishop Candidates "Walkabout"

Keep your eyes and ears open for information about when and where you can meet the bishop candidates! Rumor has it they will be in our mission district on Nevada Day.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Reno, will be hosting a regional training for Eucharistic Visitors on Saturday morning, **November 3**, from 9:00 AM to Noon. This ministry will train you to take Communion to people who are unable to make it to worship. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the class; there is no cost for this. Please RSVP to Fr. Kirk 775-358-4474 Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

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OOH, DO THAT BISHOP THING WHERE YOU MOVE DIAGONALLY

The "Passing the Peace" Experiment

Now that the experiment is over, it's time to hear your feedback. Please complete the form below, via email or hardcopy. (The Birthday/Anniversary prayers, Special Blessings, and Quilt Blessings, will remain within the Prayers of the People.)

Offer Your Feed Back about the “Passing of the Peace Worship Experiment”

If you are reading this online, please submit your feedback via email to Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.

If you received your Epistle through the regular mail, please fill out the next page and drop it in the designated folder hanging on the Announcement bulletin board in the narthex.

The Passing of the Peace has a dual theological purpose. Though you will not be denied Communion, the Passing of the Peace was a reminder to reconcile broken relationships before making your offering and coming to Communion. The second purpose is to build relationships by giving congregations an intentional time in a sacred space to look past differences and greet another child of God. It is an outward and visible sign of unity with one another; a sign to set our focus on our unity with the real presence of Jesus found in Holy Communion.

1. **PRIOR TO** our experiment, do you feel the Passing of the Peace:

a) Helped heal broken relationships? **Yes or NO** Explain your answer _____

b) Helped build new relationships? **Yes or NO** Explain your answer _____

c) Set your heart on our unity with one another and the real presence of Jesus? **Yes or NO** Explain your answer _____

d) Enhanced or Distract your worship experience? Explain your answer _____

2. **DURING** our experiment, do you feel the Passing of the Peace:

a) Helped heal broken relationships? **Yes or NO** Explain your answer _____

b) Helped build new relationships? **Yes or NO** Explain your answer _____

c) Set your heart on our unity with one another and the real presence of Jesus? **Yes or NO** Explain your answer _____

d) Enhanced or Distract your worship experience? Explain your answer _____

3.) Other Comments and Suggestions (Include detail as to why) _____

Coming Events



October 2018

Wednesday	Oct. 03, 2018	Adult Formation Classes (Youth Room)	6:30 pm
Saturday	Oct. 06, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 06, 2018	Healing Ministry Class (in the Lounge)	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 07, 2018	No EYC Today	
Sunday	Oct. 07, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	Oct. 07, 2018	Fall Book Study (Youth Room)	3:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 07, 2018	Pastoral Care Meeting	3:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 07, 2018	Blessing of the Animals (@ 5:00 pm service)	5:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 08, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 10, 2018	Adult Formation Classes (Youth Room)	6:30 pm
Saturday	Oct. 13, 2018	Healing Ministry Class (in the Lounge)	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 14, 2018	Bishop Dan's Visit Only One Service @ 10:00 a.m.	
Sunday	Oct. 14, 2018	Pastoral Care Meeting	3:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 14, 2018	Fall Book Study (Youth Room)	3:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 20, 2018	Healing Ministry Class (in the Lounge)	10:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 20, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 21, 2018	Stewardship Kick-off	
Sunday	Oct. 21, 2018	Pastoral Care Meeting	3:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 21, 2018	Fall Book Study (Youth Room)	3:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 22, 2018	Hill Gang Meeting (Blvd. Pizza)	5:30 pm
Thursday	Oct. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 25, 2018	Laundry Love (Laundromat on Oddie Blvd.)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 27, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 27, 2018	Healing Ministry Class (in the Lounge)	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 28, 2018	Fall Book Study (Youth Room)	3:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 28, 2018	Trunk or Treat	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 31, 2018	Bishop Candidate Walkabout Time and Place TBA	

Recurring Events

Worship times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room

Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

AA (Women's group) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Spanish Alanon group meets, Mon. Tues. & Fri. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Alanon meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

Last Thursday of the Month, Laundry Love Ministry – Laundromat on Oddie Blvd. 6:00 p.m.

Food Pantry is open Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Unless otherwise noted.**

***Fourth** Wednesday of the month in the morning the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck are here

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Sun., 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Praise
Sun., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Traditional
Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music
Wed., 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Holy Eucharist