



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

February 2025

A summary of the Annual Meeting.....

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The Mission of our Parish
is to be an
active community reflecting
God's presence
in Chittenango
and other communities
we represent.

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Our Annual Meeting went off without a hitch, which was nice. I took care of the immediate business, opening the Annual Meeting, appointing the Clerk for the meeting and taking nominations from the floor. That done, I turned it over to Fr. Leon and we proceeded with the service.

I was able to set up a ZOOM for the online members, when we moved it to the Parish Hall after the service was over. Everyone got their food and after an appropriate amount of time, we moved forward with the meeting.

I regretfully accepted the resignation of Lynn Mozeliak from the Vestry—she has been such a wonderful addition, and I will miss her. With Lynn off, this left a position open—Meg Hermann agreed to go on the Vestry, so her name was put forward and she was voted in.

Don Lee is going to be Treasurer, with support from Judy Olmsted and Judy moved to position of Clerk of the Vestry. Unfortunately, after I got home, Judy had sent in her resignation from that position, which I also regretfully accepted and now the search is on for a Clerk. In the meantime, different members of the Vestry will fill that piece.

We accomplished quite a bit this year, not only on the physical building but with our Clothing Exchange—such a wonderful outreach, I am quite proud of it.

We still have quite a bit to do to the physical church, with the Steeples needing to be rebuilt and the chimney in the Parish Hall needing to be removed. Hopefully that will be the last of the BIG jobs that need to be done.

Fr. Leon has mentioned in sermons about inviting your neighbor, and to be honest—it's been quite a long time since we have had an actual Sunday dedicated to inviting your neighbor. So, we will be setting a date soon, and I encourage everyone to invite someone they know, that doesn't belong to a church. We chuckled about what someone might consider a neighbor, and honestly, a neighbor is not JUST your next door neighbor—they can be anyone you know. We are all neighbors of sorts.

I know you are probably tired of hearing this—but gentle reader, are you a member of St. Paul's? Some of my readers are former members who moved away, and keep up with our comings and goings, via the newsletter. Some are former members who still live in the area, and have faded away for different reasons, and I get that. Imagine this—a minister's daughter, that wasn't going to church at all from college on. Not that my father didn't try to encourage me, but I was too busy and didn't want to get tied down. Then Katherine came along. Some of you know, that Katherine is our adopted daughter, that she came into the world as my step-granddaughter. It was after we had been given

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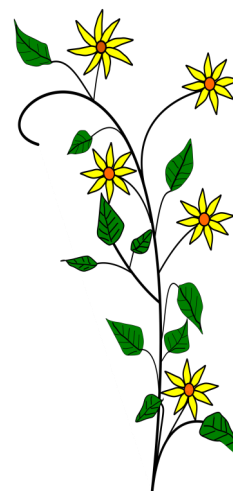
You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Prayer List

Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Hunter Brink, Catherine Carter, Stephen Cominsky, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, the Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Neil Huebler, Violet Irwin, Diane Jillman, Amy Kenneson, Patricia Ladd, Don Lee, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Woody McAllister, Suzie Miles, Carolyn Moredock, Sam Parker, Ed Pokorny, Roe Salamone, Bob & Barb Semian, Mickey Temple, Ruth Williams, the People of Gaza and the West Bank, the People of Israel, the People of Lebanon, the People of Syria and the People of Ukraine.

New Prayer List for February 2025/March 2025 has been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com / 315 382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com / 315 655-4321.



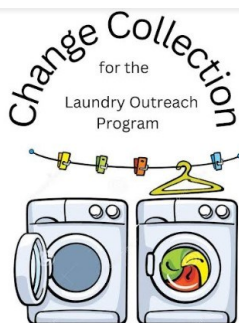
If anyone would like a written copy of the weekly lessons/Gospel, Psalm, and Fr. Leon's sermon, either mailed to you or emailed to you - please contact the Church, by phone or by email and let Becky know. She will drop them in the mail to you weekly.

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Join us in saving Quarters and drop them in the change container in the Parish Hall.

Not able to get to the Parish Hall?
- make a donation to the church and on the memo line put Laundry Donation!!

Thank you for supporting this new Outreach program.



February

Birthdays

06 Ida Goins
10 Pat Davis

22 Neil Huebler
23 Roberta Kincaid

Anniversaries

09 Jim & Becky Kraus

Ministry Team Schedule

February 2, 2025 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Tania Mousaw
Prayers: Tania Mousaw
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

February 16, 2025 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.
L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Robin Weisbrod
Prayers: Robin Weisbrod
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild for February:
Becky Kraus
Robin Weisbrod

February 9, 2025 Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod
Lessons: Judy Olmsted
Prayers: Judy Olmsted
Acolyte: TBD
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

February 23, 2025 Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod
Lessons: Meg Hermann
Prayers: Meg Hermann
Acolyte: TBD
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please Volunteer

Children's and Babies Clothing Exchange

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

custody and I needed something more in both of our lives. Seriously, a couple of hours—(the first hour the service, the second hour just chatting with others) can do wonders for you. Time to slow down a bit, get in touch with God via the corporate prayers and to hear a good sermon. Think about it—we would love to have you revisit us and perhaps become regulars in the pews. We all are trying for the same thing—to be better people. And honestly, if we are going to improve on our outreach, we need help. Helping others is so heartwarming and good for you and them!!

I would love to give you a hug, the best part of the day as far as I'm concerned. Think about it. Please?

God's love surround you and yours,
Robin Weisbrod—Sr. Warden

Clothing Exchange Setup Schedule for February

Feb 4: 10-12

Table setup and sizing/sorting of clothes

Feb 5: 3:00—5:00

Continuation of setup

Feb 6: 10-12

Continuation of setup

Feb 7: 10-12

Finishing of setup

Saturday Feb. 8 10—2

Clothing Exchange

3:00—4:00

Breakdown, sweeping, mopping and cleaning of Parish Hall

We especially can use help with the breakdown.

Thank you!

Standing against mass deportation using this action alert, which would have severe consequences for our communities and economy.

Supporting orderly border management that is proportional and humane and respects the right of asylum.

Supporting programs that protect vulnerable groups of people, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Deferred Enforced Departure (DED), humanitarian parole, and the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

- Speaking out against anti-immigrant rhetoric and actions, including race-based targeting, vigilantism and violence, family division, and detention and deportation without charges or convictions. As Christians, we must stand against these expressions of hatred and fear with a clear witness to our sacred promise to respect the dignity of every human being.

Encouraging our congregations to use the resources of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network as we embody the Gospel through direct witness on behalf of immigrants in our communities.

Across our church, migrants are members of the Body of Christ and part of our congregations and communities, and our common life is richer thanks to their contributions. To our siblings who are at risk of deportation or of being separated from those you love, know that your story is our story, and your dignity is inseparable from our own. We stand with you, and we will face these challenges together.

As one church united in the Body of Christ, please pray especially for families who live under the shadow of separation, and for all who seek asylum for protection from persecution. Pray, too, for the people of our congregations and dioceses who work tirelessly to serve immigrants and refugees, and who now face new and heart-breaking challenges to their ministry.

Finally, as faithful Episcopalians have done for decades, please join us in giving generously to Episcopal Migration Ministries and its ministry with refugees seeking a new life in the United States.

In Christ's Peace,
The Most Rev. Sean Rowe

A Pastoral Note from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

Dear People of God in the Episcopal Church:

Yesterday, Donald Trump was sworn in as president of the United States. We pray that he and all of our elected officials will, in the words of the Book of Common Prayer, have the wisdom and strength to know and to do God's will and be filled with the love of truth and righteousness.

Even as we gave thanks for a peaceful transfer of power, we learned from news reports that the new presidential administration has issued a series of executive orders that are a harbinger of President Trump's pledge to deport undocumented immigrants at a historic scale, restrict asylum, and direct other immigration actions. We read this news with concern and urge our new president and congressional leaders to exercise mercy and compassion, especially toward law-abiding, long-term members of our congregations and communities; parents and children who are under threat of separation in the name of immigration enforcement; and women and children who are vulnerable to abuse in detention and who fear reporting abuse to law enforcement.

As Christians, our faith is shaped by the biblical story of people whom God led into foreign countries to escape oppression. Exodus tells us the story of the ancient Israelites escaping slavery in the land of Egypt and wandering in the wilderness without a home. In Leviticus 19:33-34, God commands that we remember this sojourn as part of our own story of faith: "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt."

Now, as Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:12-19, we are no longer aliens. Christ Jesus has made us citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. As we read in 1 Peter 2:9-12, we have received God's mercy, and we must demonstrate this sacrificial love in our lives and deeds. Because our true citizenship is not here on earth but in heaven, we are called to transcend the earthly distinctions made among us by the leaders of this world. We must proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is promised to the persecuted and answer Christ's call to welcome the stranger among us.

This vision of God's kingdom, this new reality, is the one to which we Christians are pledged in our baptism above any political preference or policy, and to which our church must bear witness through word and deed. This sacred call shapes both our churchwide commitment to stand with migrants and the ministries of congregations across our church who serve vulnerable immigrants and refugees in their communities.

Since the late 19th century, The Episcopal Church has followed this call by welcoming immigrants and refugees to the United States, and today, Episcopal Migration Ministries is one of 10 resettlement agencies through which refugees enter this country. Our Office of Government Relations is a persistent advocate for immigration resolutions adopted by General Convention, and works with ecumenical and interfaith partners to urge compassionate and humane policies that at the same time recognize the need to protect borders and address security threats. Thousands of Episcopalians participate in this ministry of advocacy through the Episcopal Public Policy Network.

As more immigration enforcement policy changes are announced, our churchwide ministries will continue to provide practical pathways to protect the most vulnerable among us. We invite you to join us by:

Advocating with our members of Congress by using this action alert to take action to protect immigrants, known as Dreamers, who were brought to the United States as children and have lived here most of their lives. The long-

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