



# The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

January 2024

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year"

- Vern McLellan

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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.

## Our Services

Sundays at 9 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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Happy New Year!! We have made it thru another 365 days!! So exciting! Traditionally, the New Year is when you make resolutions – stop bad habits, start good ones, and we all start out gung-ho and then about 2 to 3 months into the year, we start sliding. We don't mean to, life happens, as they say. Well, I have a resolution for St. Paul's and with the help of the Vestry, the resolution will come to fruition and flourish.

Resolution: We are going to strengthen our commitment to help those in the Community of Chittenango and surrounding area. We will be careful, but we will be loving. We will do our best to "judge not" or second guess someone's need. We will put our bias aside, as best we can and we will call each other out, when we hear bias creeping into the conversation.

It's going to be hard, but we need to remember, we ARE the Church. And if we are trying to live into what Jesus says to us, then we need to remember to "Love our neighbors as ourselves."

Nowhere in there does it say, we only love those we know or like, or who think like us or look like us – nowhere. It just says simply – Love. There is no cost to us to love and the reward is great.

This little community of St. Paul's does wonderful things and we will continue to do wonderful things. We may not all agree all the time, and that is fine. But when the Vestry decides to follow a path and the majority agree, then so be it. One can have reservations and still help out, right? This is why I love St. Paul's so much. This is why we all love St. Paul's so much.

Coming up in the next few weeks will be our Annual Meeting. On January 28th to be exact. We will enjoy a Dish to Pass that day and we will enjoy our Annual Meeting. The Rev. Jay Sidebotham, who is not only an Episcopal Priest, but founder and senior advisor to RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement and an illustrator. He does the Church Pension Group calendar. He did a cartoon about Annual Meetings, that I just loved. The Priest is in the Pulpit and says, "In past years, we have noticed a decrease in attendance of the annual meeting when we announced it ahead of time, soooo..." (next picture) The Priest pulls down a screen that says (in big letters), "Welcome to the 1st Come-As-You-Are Surprise Annual Meeting!" As he is saying "Sexton, lock the doors! The Annual Meeting is now called to order!" I ABSOLUTELY love this. I even look forward to the event, it's a

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Go to: <https://cnyepiscopal.org/give/> click on "Give to my Parish" and look for St. Paul's Chittenango.

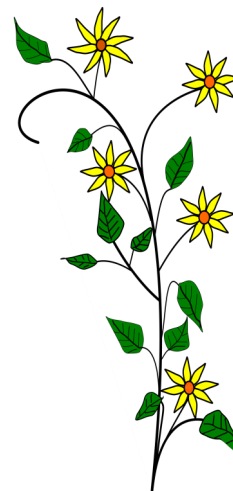
You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

## Prayer List

Fran Abriola, Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Catherine Carter, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, The Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Donna Hoffman, Ed Hoffman, Diane Jillson, Patricia Ladd, Bob Kraus, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Eileen May, Woody McAllister, Brian Mozeliak, Lynn Mozeliak, Ed Pokorny, Roe Salamone, Pat Stucker, Ruth Williams, prayers for the unknown Stage 4 Cancer patient from the laundromat, the People of Gaza, the People of Israel, the People of Ukraine.

New Prayer List for December 2023/January 2024 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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### About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorporated. At that time Chittenango was little more than a gathering of frame and log houses. From 1816-1832 rectors from St. Stephen's held missionary services in Chittenango.

Around 1849 a few gentlemen who greatly admired and revered the beautiful services of the Church, agreed to make an effort to have services occasionally held. By the spring of 1855 services began to be held regularly once a month in the Bethel. St. Paul's was officially organized as a parish on June 18, 1855. St. Paul's church was built in 1865 as a Gothic Revival-style structure. The lot, building, furniture and windows cost \$5000. The building was completed in less that six months. The first service was held in the church on Easter Day, April 1, 1866.

On May 12, 1866 the church was consecrated by Bishop Coxe. It was added to the U.S. National Historic Register of National Places in 1996.

# January

## Birthdays

17 Christie Corrigan  
 19 Claudia Jensen  
 22 Jim Kraus  
 24 Dana Kraus

## Anniversaries

30 Ed and Donna Hoffman

## Ministry Team Schedule

**January 7, 2024**

**Holy Eucharist**

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
 Lessons: Claudia Jensen  
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Valerie Travers  
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

**January 14, 2024**

**Morning Prayer**

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Tania Mousaw  
 Prayers: Tania Mousaw  
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Valerie Travers  
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

**January 21, 2024,**

**Morning Prayer**

Robin Weisbrod

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted  
 Lessons: Sue Gerling  
 Prayers: Sue Gerling  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Valerie Travers  
 Coffee Hour: Dish to Pass

**January 28, 2024**

**Annual Meeting**

**Holy Eucharist**

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

Lessons: Meg Hermann  
 Prayers: Meg Hermann  
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman  
 MIDI: Valerie Travers  
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

**Altar Guild for January:**

Meg Hermann

Mary Jane Pokorny

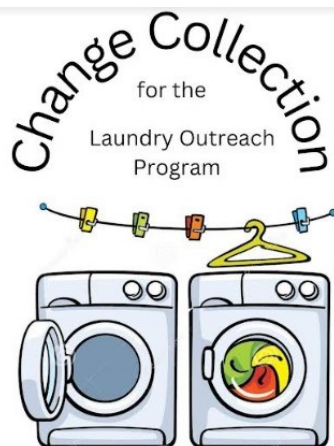
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chance to be heard, a chance to find out what is happening, a chance to take stock in what has happened. Oh heck, a chance for us all to be together and enjoying a meal together!! So I hope to see as many of you as possible.

We will be sitting down and working on our calendar for the year and will get the information out to you of the events and what they entail. Communication is interesting - we have people who prefer getting information in the mail or over their house phone, right up to texting or emailing as the preferred method. Makes it interesting!

So Happy New Year and here's to another turn around the sun for St. Paul's

Robin Weisbrod  
- Sr. Warden



Annual  
Meeting

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.

January 28th,  
following  
the service

Dish to Pass

## The Lord is my Shepherd

Every once in a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are lots of reasons she may do this. If the shepherd tries to return the lamb, the mother might even kick the baby away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind.

These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with their little necks. Their spirits are broken.

These lambs are called "bummer lambs."

Unless the shepherd intervenes, that little lamb will die - rejected and alone.

Do you know what the shepherd usually does?

The shepherd will take that rejected little lamb into their home, hand-feed it and keep it warm. They will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to their chest so the little lamb can hear their heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock.

That sheep never forgets the shepherd's love and care when their mother rejected them. When the shepherd calls for the flock, guess which sheep runs first? That sheep knows the shepherd's voice.

The bummer lamb isn't loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it. It trusts the shepherd because it has experienced love from the shepherd.

Many of us are bummer lambs. Rejected and broken. But Jesus is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heartbeat.

We may be broken but we are deeply loved by the Shepherd who will never leave us.

- Author Unknown

## Apostle John (Snake in a Chalice)



According to legend, an attempt was made on John's life by putting poison in his chalice. Stint John was the only one of the 12 to live to a ripe old age and die naturally.

He is remembered as a beloved disciple who was close to Jesus and who looked after Jesus' mother.

Quick fact: Was the first to see the grave and believe Jesus had risen, one of the 7 disciples who saw Jesus at the shore. His close relationship with God earned him the name "the disciple whom Jesus loved".

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