



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

March 2023

Hope is the Only Thing Stronger than Fear

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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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Hopelessness. This is what I hear, from so many of the younger than me, generations. This came from a meme I saw posted, and this is what followed.

"I tried to explain to my parents (very gently) that basically nobody under the age of 40 right now expects good things to happen ever again."

LET THAT SINK IN.

Now here are some of the following responses.

"Reagan is the one who got it all started...great politician in many people's minds maybe, but his policies were the beginning of a continuous road towards greater inequality."

"I was born in 1980 also, and have watched it all fall apart my whole life too. The life strategy that worked for our parents didn't work for me and the prospect of a decent life slips further out of reach every year."

"I can imagine my grandparents generation felt the same way, living through two wars, a depression and a nuclear bomb. My parents generation though cannot fathom much more than their own retirements and pensions."

"Yep! Civil war in the US has been predicted and will definitely will lead to some sort of apocalypse. I've just been trying to figure out how to survive it when it does happen."

"I'm 42, trans, partially disabled from a lifetime of military service and it was probably in my mid 20's that I realized the window for things to get better in my lifetime was rapidly closing. Now? Now I fully expect to end up an enemy of the state and fighting for every day I can wrestle from the tight fists of this dystopian nightmare"

"And then there's another part of this I didn't catch you mentioning, and that is the feeling of betrayal. We were lead to believe that there was a recipe to success, and that one of the main ingredients in it was higher education. That spending time and money on getting a degree was the gateway to a well-balanced, healthy and wholesome life. And here we are: miserable, too *overqualified* to get the jobs we were told would be waiting for us on the other side of university, we have to work more, often for less, in order to support our families. We have had problems dumped on our heads that have been known, and been possible to rectify since the 60's. The safety nets that the baby boomers greatly benefited from (health care, unions, etc.) have been, or are currently be-

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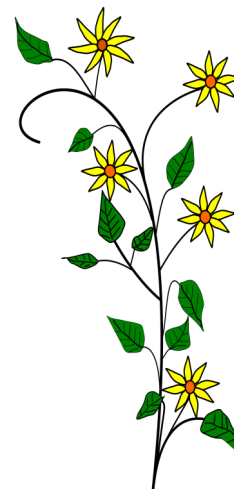
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Prayer List

Ethel Barber, Collette Cook, Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Donna Hoffman, Ed Hoffman, Leonard Jensen, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Gerry Weisbrod, Mike Weisbrod and Ruth Williams.

New Prayer List for February 2023/March 2023 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 than 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.

March

Birthdays

03 Ed Hoffman
 12 Katherine Weisbrod
 22 Evelyn Huttar
 26 Joanne Furtado

Ministry Team Schedule

March 5, 2023 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

March 12, 2023 Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Judy Olmsted
 Prayers: Judy Olmsted
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

March 19, 2023 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: Please volunteer

March 26, 2023 Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

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

Altar Guild for March:

Judy Olmsted
 Robin Weisbrod

Tidbits from the Vestry:

There will be an Audio/Visual person coming to St. Paul's, who will be updating/improving our system, so hopefully our ZOOM services will be vastly improved for those watching at home.

The Vestry is always trying to find ways to be all inclusive for those who are unable to join us.

Hopefully this will help.

Popular Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May God be with you and bless you;
May you see your children's children,
May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.*

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.*

*May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.*

At the January meeting of the Vestry, the following financial information was shared:

Income:

- Pledges: 3,724.00
 - Loose Offering: 30.00
 - Gifts: 200.00
 - St. Pauly Textile: 176.46
 - Votive Candle donation: 15.00
- 4145.46

Outgoing:

- Parish Priest: 1,276.26
- Secretary: 160.00
- Sexton: 312.37
- Newsletter/Web Site: 75.00
- SSA Payroll: 158.65
- Employees S/S: 76.80
- Employee Benefit: 379.04
- Office Supplies: 169.14
- Postage: 126.00
- Copier: 57.00
- Clerk of the Vestry: 50.00
- Heat/Lights: 380.00
- Sewer: 35.00
- Telephone: 139.97
- Plowing/Mowing 520.00
- General Supplies: 135.23
- Website: 119.25
- Diocesan Assessment: 718.86
- Worship: 785.19
- Pastoral Care: 127.00
- Outreach: 115.00
- Fellowship: 47.99

5,963.75

Balance forward from December: 20,353.54

Plus: 4,145.46

24,499.00

Minus: 5,963.75

18,535.25



Happy
St. Patrick's Day

ing stripped away and sold as parts to the highest bidder. We are slowly realizing that those in power aren't actually that concerned with our and our children's future, and that many of them object to change because they know they won't have to live long enough to see the really catastrophic consequences."

So, you say – we went thru “stuff” too. Yes we did, but what age were you? And did you experience it 24 hours non-stop?

If you were born in 1991 – by the time you were 4,

- 1995 - Oklahoma Bombing (all those innocent kids) happened. (age 4)
- 1996 - Centennial Park Bombing. (age 5)
- 1998 -1999 – Clinton/Lewinsky scandal (age 7-8)
- 1999 – Columbine (age 8)
- 2001 – 9/11 occurred (over and over and over again) (age 10)
- 2001 – Anthrax in your mail (age 10)
- 2002 – Beltway sniper (age 11)
- 2003 – The Challenger explodes on entry – on live TV (age 12)
- 2004 – Facebook goes “live” – (age 13)
- 2007 – Virginia Tech Massacre (age 16)
- 2008 – Northern Illinois Massacre (age 17)
- 2012 – Sandy Hook (all those innocents) (age 21)
- 2013 – Boston Marathon bombing.....

And the list goes on. They have SEEN, HEARD, EXPERIENCED violence every day of their lives. And NOW, they are seeing, hearing, experiencing, the division propagated by our ELECTED OFFICIALS.

HOW, how can you trust that anything will get better, when the supposed adults in this world are sowing distrust, hate and conspiracy theories???

WHO do you believe in? WHO do you trust?

This is part, not all, of the reason you don't see the 40 something's in churches. They want ACTION, they want us to take care of OTHERS – you know, the ones who aren't in our buildings, because they don't think they belong or are welcome – the races other than ours, the gay, the trans, the non-believers. They have seen killing after killing and what has been the response? Prayers and nothing more. No wonder they are suspicious of churches and our government. We both have failed, not only them, but our grandchildren and future generations, but worse still, we have failed ourselves.

So how do we overcome hopelessness, fear, hatred, trust issues? I guess we start at home. We hear how we speak to others and what we say to others. Our actions speak louder than words. We need to be more like Jesus – love your neighbor as yourself – and less like Roosevelt – speak softly and carry a big stick. When you complain, try to sound less strident and more thoughtful. Yes, we have issues in the church – don't all. We, as “Christians” are observed more, watched for a sign of wrong – they want to point at us and say “See? They pretend to be better than us, but they aren't.” As Christians, we have come across as thinking, because we go to church and sit in a pew, that we are better – only we know the truth. We aren't, we are trying to find our way too. I'm no better than you, I struggle daily to be better, to remember to love my neighbor, even when they irritate me, or don't do what I want them to do, or are different from me.

After all, isn't that what Jesus wants us to do?

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