



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's Church!

Seasons

A Message from Pastor Paul Forrey

Although the first day of fall came on September 22, October is usually when it begins to *feel* like fall. We experience that first chilly morning. Leaves begin to turn and fall from the trees. Stores are already packed with Halloween and Thanksgiving products. And yes, the neighborhood in which Patricia and I live continues to strive for the inflatable lawn ornament prize every holiday, so Halloween inflatables have been out for some time.

The change of seasons reminds me that our spiritual journeys—individually and collectively—are marked by seasons. We journey through seasons during which we sense the joy and fulfillment of Christ each day. We experience seasons of hardship and a sense of separation from God's love. Some seasons are marked by profound growth and insight; other seasons are filled with questions and doubts. The Covid pandemic brought a season of isolation and fear that forced us to rethink what it means for us to be a congregation of God's people. Our nation has been experiencing a prolonged season of alienation, suspicion, and hostility.

Though we certainly enjoy some seasons in life more than others, the key for us is to live each season to the fullest, to learn and grow from our experiences, and to discover God's still-speaking voice within and within those around us. We may be tempted to try and race through the difficult seasons, longing for the joy and peace of those more pleasant seasons. The vital skill to develop, though, is the ability to be fully present in all of our circumstances. To become aware of ourselves and those around us, to become aware of God's activity in our hearts and minds.

Friends, all of life is an adventure! There is much that each season of life—the good and the bad—can teach us about ourselves and God. And the best part for us is that our adventure is a *shared journey*. We share our lives with one another, and our precious relationships offer companionship along the journey.

Let us celebrate our communion within our congregation, and thank God for the gift of our church. Patricia and I thank God for all of you each day!

Blessings and peace to you,

Pastor Paul Forrey

Fall Book Club

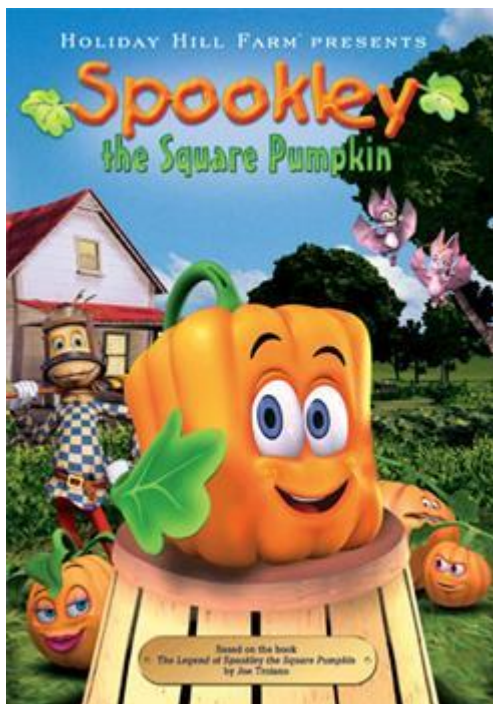
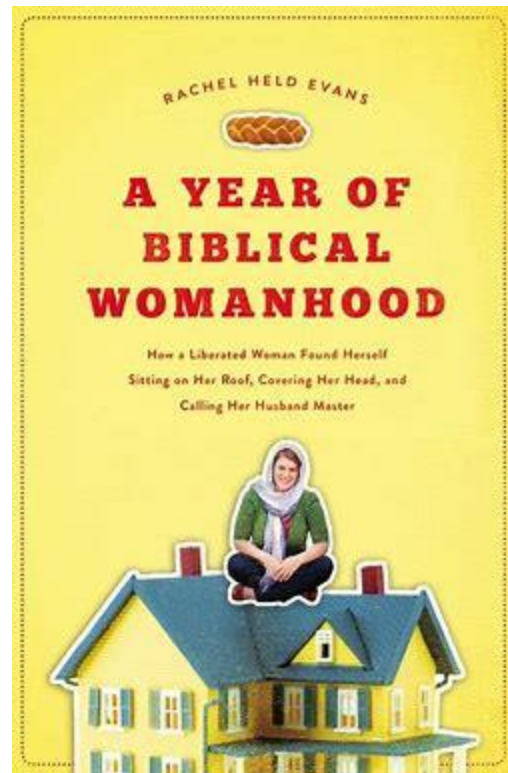
Where: conference room in Parish House

When: Mondays 7pm

October 4 & 18

November 1 & 15

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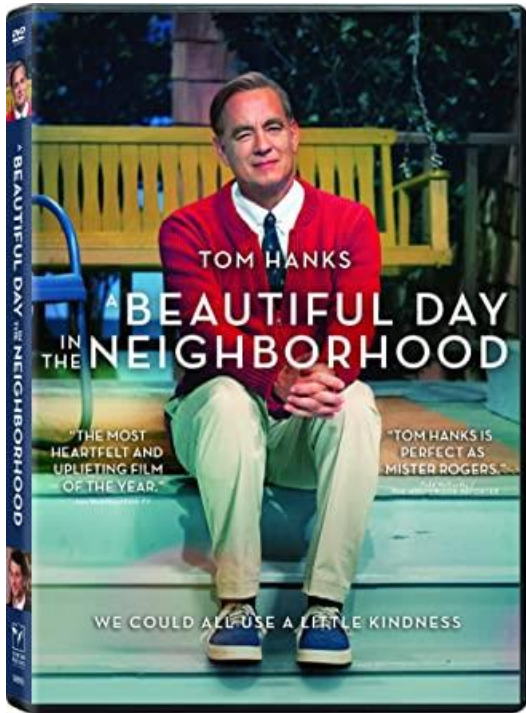
Trunk or Treat

In St. Paul's Church parking lot
Saturday October 30th @ 6 pm

Then stay outdoors to watch
Spookley the Square Pumpkin
6:45-7:30

pretzels & waters provided

bring chairs & blankets



Join Us for Movie Night!
 Sunday November 7
 5:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Snacks provided

Serving in October

Liturgist

Oct. 3 10:00 am Debbie Fowee
 Oct. 10 10:00 am Claudia Chalk
 Oct. 17 10:00 am Evelyn Dietz
 Oct. 24 10:00 am Amity Kukla
 Oct. 31 10:00 am Debbie Yeager

Coffee

Oct. 3 9:00 am Patricia Ross & Paul Forrey
 Oct. 10 9:00 am Debbie Yeager
 Oct. 17 9:00 am Shawn & Beekee Hayslette
 Oct. 24 9:00 am Debbie Yeager
 Oct. 31 9:00 am Patricia Ross & Paul Forrey

Ushers

Oct. 3 10:00 am Everett Harrison, Sarah Lester, Margaret Perry and Gary Sperry
 Oct. 10 10:00 am Pat Schuchter and S. Hayslette
 Oct. 17 10:00 am Roger & Kathy VonStrohe
 Oct. 24 10:00 am Sue Hatfield and Everett Harrison
 Oct. 31 10:00 am Wanda Hornsby and Jim Miller

Teachers

Oct. 3 Beekee & Shawn Hayslette
 Oct. 10 Evelyn Dietz and Barb F. & Helen McAlpin
 Oct. 17 Claudia Chalk and Shae Weinell
 Oct. 24 Debbie Fowee and Mary Weinell
 Oct. 31 Sarah Lester and Amity Kukla

Communion Set-up: Oct. 3
 Sally McNichols and Mindy Connell

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 5 Carrie Bihl
7 Lilla Losey
14 Alden Fryman
15 Camren Losey
18 Scott Fryman
19 Judy Munninghoff
20 Audrey Thomas
26 Claudia Chalk
30 Janet VanNevel

Oct. 5 Delbert & Margaret Perry
58 years
11 Kevin & Claudia Chalk
34 years
19 Jason & Sarah Edington
18 years
26 Dave & Cammy Burling
8 years
28 Barb Fausz & Helen McAlpin
7 years
30 Jeff & Julie Enyart
16 years

A Message from the Faith in Action Team

Fill the Bowl Overflowed with Donations

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fill the Bowl campaign last month. We collected hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food, a variety of toys to keep our pet friends entertained for hours, and stacks of blankets and towels to give them comfy places to rest. The folks at the Campbell County Animal Shelter were delightfully surprised with all of our donations when we dropped them off. Some of our congregation made giving to the shelter even simpler, by making their purchases through online retailers who could send the supplies directly to the shelter—no having to go out to the store, carrying heavy bags, or trying to fit it all into an already busy day.



Even though September is over, you can always give a bag of food or a toy to the shelter throughout the year to help them care for these amazing animals. We look forward to doing this as a congregation next year!

Racetrack Collection

For several years, St. Paul's has supported the workers at the racetrack in Florence. These workers live a transient life, following the horses they care for around the country. Many of them come from warmer climates, and as we all know, the fall and winter in Northern Kentucky can be unpredictable, and sometimes downright cold.

But did you know that it was just by chance that our congregation was invited to help those at the racetrack? One day, a gentleman just happened to be speaking with a Mindy Connell's brother, Jim Thomas, and told him about the racetrack workers' need for warm clothes. Jim asked Mindy if our congregation could help out. The call went out for men's sweatshirts, hoodies, and work coats. Boxes were filled with lightly used clothes, as people in our congregation cleaned out their closets. Some donated new packs of underwear, socks, and work gloves for the workers.

Our giving has helped so many men have the right clothes to work hard and provide for their families. We continue to support these hard-working men with our October Racetrack Collection. It's time to go through your closets or maybe pick up some inexpensive men's outerwear at the thrift store to donate when you come to church each Sunday during October. This is a great example that God is still speaking to us and we heard the call. Thank you for being so generous to God's children!

October is Bullying Prevention Month

The goal of National Bullying Prevention Month is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages. Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.

The national organization, STOMP Out Bullying, provides weekly activities to help children learn ways they can help stop bullying.

The Week of October 4 - Get Informed

Learn more about how to stop bullying from those who have been bullied and those who have done the bullying. Check out these great videos from Stopbullying.gov.

The Week of October 11 - Make New Friends

Talk to your children about making friends with someone new they don't know at school, on their sports team, or at church. It's hard to be new and not know anyone. These can make some children feel very isolated. It's not hard to say hello, sit with someone at lunch, or find out what they may have in common.

The Week of October 18 - Make Kindness Viral

Make kindness go viral with an act of kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness. One way children can share their kindness and encourage others to do the same, is to create positive messages on post-its and hand them out to students at school or to people at church.

The Week of October 25 - Celebrate Our Differences

It's a time to see everyone's differences and celebrate them. Learning more about people who may look different, have different customs, or different abilities can help children make new friends.

Monthlong - STAND UP for Others

Empowering children to tell adults when they see someone being bullied is a great way to stand up for others.

PRESENT: President- Charlene Rogers, Vice President-Claudia Chalk, Financial Secretary-Jeff Enyart, Recording Secretary-Debbie Yeager, Treasurer-Sandy Smith, C.E. (Faith Formation) -Evelyn Dietz, Mission (Faith in Action) Trustees-Roger Von Strohe, Worship/Ministry—Connie Ballinger, Tech Support-Craig McAlpin, Pastor Paul Forrey.

Charlene opened the meeting with a prayer. Council recited the Council Covenant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) SECRETARY'S REPORT— Claudia made a motion to accept the June Council meeting minutes as posted to OneDrive. Sandy seconded and the motion carried.
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT— Temporary account=\$19,699.82; Checking account=\$25,067.72. Jeff moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Claudia seconded and the motion carried. Sandy was instructed to contact Fred if she sees that money needs to be transferred from the investment fund.
- 3) FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT-Jeff reported:
 - July giving \$10,868.
 - August 1 and August 8 combined giving \$6,827.
 - Year-to-date 2021 operating budget only =\$93,672 (2020 January thru July=\$92,027)
 - Jeff suggested adding a Finance, Administration and Technology category to the budget in 2022. This would separate these from the Trustee's budget.
 - For the 2020 audit, Jeff and Sandy will use 5 samples and take another look at the risk scenarios. The 2020 audit will take place in November and the 2021 audit will hopefully take place in early 2022.
- 4) TECH REPORT-Craig had nothing to report.
- 5) PASTOR'S REPORT-- Paul reported:
 - Craig installed a streaming device in the conference room so that anyone with any kind of device can stream in that room.
 - Paul urged the leadership teams to find ways to involve the confirmands and other young people in their ministries.
- 6) CE (Faith Formation)—Evelyn reported:
 - Children's Chats are still being recorded. They need volunteers.
 - The Book Club will read *A Year of Biblical Women* this fall.
 - A movie night is being planned for adults The movie is *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.
 - Planning a Trunk or Treat event for families around Halloween.
 - Christmas around the World event will depend on COVID restrictions.

(Charlene reminded all the teams that there is place in the library for displaying/advertising events.)
- 7) MISSION (Faith in Action)—Sarah reported:
 - Soup Kitchen is returning to normal
 - Still waiting for some mission opportunities to start up again.
 - We have purchased backpacks and earbuds for CCMS.
 - Our next rotation for Family Promise is October 5 and December 7 if they are accepting families at that time.

- Each month the team is highlighting a focus area. Patricia Ross is heading up this effort. There is an article in the newsletter, fliers in the back of church each week, and the issue is mentioned at the beginning of each service.
- 8) STEWARDSHIP (Development Ministry)—No report.
- 9) TRUSTEES—Roger reported:
- We've received a survey from the Church's insurance company. Many team leaders will need to answer sections of the survey.
 - Four of the large heavy tables need to be moved out of the Fellowship Hall. It has been decided to store them in the nursery which is not being used now.
 - We should have a bid for replacing the HVAC in the Parish House by the September meeting.
 - The 3 sets of steps around the Educational Building need concrete work. We should get 2 bids soon.
 - We are waiting to get equipment in for the media system. Hopefully, all the equipment will arrive soon and be installed.
- 10) WORSHIP/MINISTRY—Connie reported:
- Coffee Hour has been reinstated and we need more volunteers to prepare the refreshments.
 - The theme for the service on September 26 is Make a Joyful Noise.
 - We are preparing for our role in Celebration Sunday, Aug. 29.
- 11) VICE-PRESIDENT---Claudia reported:
- Darlene will be on vacation the week of Aug. 16. Paul only needs the office covered one day that week, and Evelyn Dietz will do that.
 - We need to pay Mindy Connell for filling in for Melinda one Sunday in July.
 - Ben will need to clean the floors after the tables are moved in the Fellowship Hall.
 - The Investment Committee meeting was Aug. 7. There has been a 10.9% return on our investments so far this year. Someone from this committee will speak on August 29.
 - Claudia will get a cake for after Celebration Sunday. This will come out of Worship/Ministry budget.
- 12) PRESIDENTS REPORT: Charlene reported:
- A nominating committee will be appointed soon.
 - If a leadership team is adding new members, the names need to be given to Charlene by October.
 - We are hoping to have the Annual Congregational Meeting in November.
 - The committee working on rewriting the constitution will meet on Aug. 16.

OTHER BUSINESS: Charlene initiated a conversation regarding the current issues with COVID. Several members said they plan to start wearing masks again. Paul will remind the congregation of safety precautions this Sunday.

Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 14, 2021 at 7:00. Connie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sandy seconded and the motion carried. Council prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Yeager, Recording Secretary



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