



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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

–1 Chronicles 16:34



A Message from Pastor Paul Forrey

The spiritual practice of giving thanks

Each year in late November, just before the month-long holiday extravaganza commences, we devote time to reflect on the goodness in our lives and to offer God our thanks. It is good that we devote a specific time each year to the practice of thanksgiving. Patricia and I hope that you have much for which to express thanksgiving to God this year and that your Thanksgiving holiday experiences are truly blessed.

The Bible teaches us that thanksgiving is an activity vital to our spiritual health and development. *Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever*, writes the psalmist.

In the New Testament, Jesus often expresses thanksgiving to God in his prayers that are recorded in the gospels. St. Paul regularly gave thanks to God for the life and witness of Christians to whom he wrote letters. A great example comes in the opening of his letter to the Corinthian church: *"I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus."*

In 1 Thessalonians 5 St. Paul urges readers, *"Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* He suggests something unique about the art of thankfulness. Thankfulness is not an activity reserved only for those experiences that bring us joy; God desires for us to learn how to live thankfully in every circumstance. This is an entirely different ballgame, isn't it? I'm sure that we can all list many people and experiences for which we are thankful this year, but can we find it in ourselves to express thanks in every circumstance, especially in those circumstances that bring hardship or challenge? Cultivating thankfulness in our hearts can change everything about how we view and respond to the circumstances in our lives.

Friends, I do offer God my thanks for every one of you and for the witness of our congregation in this community. I thank God each day for what I see God doing in your lives and through your lives. We serve an awesome God indeed!

Peace and blessings to you,
Pastor Paul and Patricia

***Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends November 6th**

Faith in Action Team Update

Many Thanks for Your Clothing Donations

A special thank you to everyone who helped support our mission of helping the racetrack workers have warm clothes as they take care of the horses in Florence and beyond. Jesus told us to clothe and feed those in need and our congregation is always up for the task.



Ready, Set, Rake!



On Sunday November 13, we will be hosting a **Rake Rally** to help some of our members and our neighbors clean up their yards and get ready for winter. *Did you know ... that raking leaves helps grass grow, especially cool-season grasses like Kentucky bluegrass. A thick layer of fallen leaves can deprive the grass of the sunlight it needs to revitalize itself before the snow.*

Here's something else you should know ... On that Sunday, we will meet downstairs and share a meal (which will be provided) after the church service and then get out and rake. Bring your rakes and a change of clothes (you don't want your Sunday Best messed up). This event is for all ages and we look forward to seeing you there.

White Gifts

Have you been in a store lately? Then we don't need to tell you that Christmas is just around the corner! That means it's White Gift time. As usual, we will have tags with children's gift lists available for you to shop on your own or you can donate and we can do the shopping for you. This is such a great event for all of us at St. Paul's and a wonderful way for us to share our gifts with those in need. Gift tags will be available Sunday, November 20. Stay tuned for updates.

Family Promise - Thanksgiving

At the moment, we are on the schedule for Family Promise on Thanksgiving evening. We have the dinner and evening hours covered but could use your help for overnight and Friday morning. Please let Sarah Lester know if you would like to volunteer on this very special day.



How Would You Like to Help?

As we come to the year's end, the Faith in Action team is reaching out to learn more about what mission and volunteer events are near and dear to your hearts. Please tell one of our team (Sarah Lester, Patricia Ross, Evelyn Dietz, and Debbie Yeager) if there is an organization you support or would like to support, that others in our congregation may be interested in. It would help us in our mission to:

- Advocate for peace and justice
- Raise awareness of ministry opportunities
- Inspire action
- Serve and bring peace to others
- Collaborate with community organizations

Help us help others.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Who is known as the strongest man in the Bible?
2. What were the names of Adam and Eve's first two sons?
3. In which two books of the Bible can you read about the birth of Jesus?
4. In which book of the Bible can you find the story of Jonah and the big fish?
5. Complete this Bible quote, "Blessed are the meek...."
6. Name the town where Jesus was born.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Name something you look forward to.
2 cups of coffee in the morning and going on vacation.
2. If you could repeat an age over, what age would it be and why?
21 because I would be in college and I would have done it differently.
3. What makes you laugh?
Watching the Seinfeld show.
4. Have you lived in KY all your life?
No



Barb Fausz

5. If you could share a meal with some famous who would it be?

Oprah

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Samson
2. Cain and Abel
3. Matthew and Luke
4. Jonah
5. "for they will inherit the earth."
6. Bethlehem

All Saints Service November 6!

During this sacred service we will remember loved ones who have passed during the last year, including members of our church family who have entered their eternal rest.

Church Movie Night - CODA

Sunday November 6 ~ 4:30pm light meal + movie
Winner of 3 Oscars, including BEST PICTURE



(2021)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023 is November 21st.

Did You Guess Correctly?

WE NEED MORE PICTURES!



On the right is Melinda Schamer
On the left is Darlene Haigis

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday school class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to church, would I get to heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get to go to heaven?" Again the answer was "NO!" "Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?" In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted, "You gotta be dead."



Nov. 1	Terri Lewis	Nov. 11	Mike & Evelyn Dietz
2	Mike Dietz		22 years
2	Hannah Winstel	24	Asbury & Carole Turner
3	Janice Painter		58 years
5	Mary Weinel	29	Lance & Judy Munninghoff
7	Ben Losey		8 years
10	Nick Snelling		
12	Pat Schuchter		
15	Jeanne Greiser		
21	Eric Bihl		
23	Everett Harrison		

Serving in November

Liturgist

Nov. 6	Sarah Lester
13	Kathy VonStrohe
20	Roger VonStrohe
27	Debbie Yeager

Ushers

Nov. 6	Dorothy Gosney, Jim Miller, Gary Sperry and Margaret Perry
13	Sarah Lester and Debbie Fowee
20	Sue Hatfield and Everett Harrison
27	Shawn & Logan Hayslette

Coffee

Nov. 6	Julie Enyart
13	Barb Fausz and Helen McAlpin
20	Debbie Yeager
27	Patricia Ross & Paul Forrey

Communion Set-up

Nov. 6	Barb Fausz & Helen McAlpin
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PRESENT: President - Claudia Chalk, Vice President-Mark Vogt; Financial Secretary- Jeff Enyart; Development - Cammy Burling; Faith In Action - Sarah Lester; Trustees - Sally McNichols; Faith Formation – Amity Kukla; Worship & Ministry – Debbie Yeager; Staff Parish – Jeanne Greiser; T Pastor - Paul Forrey.

Claudia called the meeting to order, over Zoom. Paul led an opening prayer. Claudia read the Council Covenant.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion made by Sally and seconded by Mark to approve August minutes. Motion carried.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Current checking balance is \$47,503.96. The balance of the temporary account is \$29,042.34. Sarah motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, and Cammy seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff called attention to YTD shortfall of \$17,500.44 as of the end of August and projection of a shortfall of \$26,250.00 for the year. A discussion was held regarding budgeted money vs special collections. Jeff also explained that the Temporary Account is a savings account. He suggested that some teams look at those funds to cover some relevant expenses.

3. APPROVAL OF TEAMS' WRITTEN REPORTS:

Claudia asked if there were plans to bring back children as acolytes. This will be put on Worship Team's agenda. Claudia volunteered to do a training.

Jeanie made a motion to approve all the written reports as posted and Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff shared several documents that will be useful to teams as they prepare their 2023 budgets such as: Yearly Projection of Giving, YTD Counters' Report, 2022 forecast, 2023 Draft Operating Budget and Capital Budget. Teams need to submit their budgets before the October meeting so they can be reviewed and discussed. Council will vote on the budget at the November meeting.
5. PASTOR: Paul will give Mark a contact person who can be notified for pastoral care while Paul is on vacation in October.
6. VICE PRESIDENT: The Investment Committee will be meeting on September 24.
7. PRESIDENT – Claudia would like to form a Nominating Committee for Officer Candidates for 2023. We will need a Vice President and a Financial Secretary so far.

Next meeting on Sunday, October 9th at 11:15 in the Parish House.

Amity made a motion to adjourn, Cammy seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Yeager



