

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS October 2024

Love God. Love Each Other.

It's just that simple.

—Jesus

A Note from the Secretary of the Vestry

Susie Watkins

As your Senior Warden Bill Gentry is continuing to recover, I have a few words for you.

Bill has been moved from Madisonville to Encompass Health in Newburgh. If you want to send him a card, his address is Encompass Health and Rehabilitation Center, Room #419, 9355 Warrick Trail, Newburgh, IN 47630

September has come and gone. The fall and Halloween decorations hang alongside the Christmas decorations! As usual we have been busy this last month!

We had a fall clean up day and many thanks go to Hannah Carroll, Leslie Newman, Marilyn Dixon, Louis Smith, Mitch and Kelly Deep, Giselle, Alexis and Miranda Purdy and I who worked to do some deep cleaning here at the Church. We got most of the tasks on our "to do" list finished. Mitch and Kelly provided us with a delicious lunch which included Boston butt, scrumptious baked beans, cake and all the trimmings. The lunch made our labors worth it. Not only did we get a lot done, we had great day of fellowship. Thanks to all who participated.



On the 15th we had a "guest" priest. Fr. Rich was in town and he agreed to conduct the Sunday service. We had a packed house. It was nice seeing the pews filled! After church a group also went out to lunch. It was a good day.

September 22nd we were treated with our young people conducting the service. Our very youngest to our "old" pros conducted a very special service. It was so nice watching our young ones leading our worship. John Tyler Caudill and Chandler Caudill read from their perch on a step ladder! There is not much they can't handle. It makes my heart sing to see our future in action. Thanks to Leslie for organizing the service.



Congratulations to Bill Brodsky and Lisa Cox who were married September 14, in Central Park.

Finally, on September 29th, we had our annual picnic at Audubon Park. We were a little worried about the weather, but Mother Nature cooperated and we were able to have our service and lunch. The food was good and as usual we had plenty of desserts. Deacon Larry conducted the service and Stacey Howell provided the music. A number of people hung around to help clean up and enjoy the company of our fellow parishioners. We took our leftovers to Harbor House which were appreciated by the residents we met.

Deacon Larry and Judy both took vacations this past month. While they both enjoyed their trips, I was really glad to see them return! They keep us up and running and I, for one, appreciate both of them.

I hope to see you all soon. Please come and join us next Sunday.

Susie

Upcoming Events

We are delighted to continue to welcome you to join us for in-person worship.
You are also welcome to experience services livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsHenderson>

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, 27 — Morning Prayer with Deacon Larry

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 22, 29 — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics, 6 p.m. at Rookies

Tuesday, October 15, 5:45 p.m. — Vestry Meeting, Rector's Study

Saturday, October 26 — Prayer Shawl Ministry

September Happenings



My AML Journey

from the Deacon

We had gone home for the weekend, Michael wanted to mow the grass and pick up Peaches so he could give her a bath. We decided to keep Peaches for the weekend and drop her off at my brother's late Sunday afternoon on our way back to Vanderbilt University Hospital. Peaches was thrilled to be home with us, she never left my side, if I laid down she would lay beside me also. I wish we could have taken her with us but no pets were allowed at the Village Apartments.

We arrived at the apartment around 7:30, we decided to stop and eat at Cracker Barrel in Clarksville on the way home to the apartment. Michael decided to go to Kroger to get what groceries we needed for the week. While he was gone I filled my weekly pill box with my medicines and decided to do my daily walk in the hallway. I finished my eight rounds and had just entered the apartment when Michael arrived with the groceries.

I was feeling tired so I went to bed at 9:00pm, my appointment wasn't scheduled until 10:00am Monday morning. I woke up several times to go to the bathroom, I had drank one liter of water plus a can of sprite. Seven o'clock came pretty fast for me. I got up and did my morning prayers and reading while waiting for Michael to get up. Michael had gotten up at eight o'clock and fixed our breakfast, while he cleaned the kitchen and dishes I took my shower. We left at 9:45 walking down to the clinic.

It was a pretty day for a walk and we arrived in plenty of time for my appointment. I did my usual check in, we were assigned to room five. The nurse came in to do my vitals, the aid was on vacation, every thing checked was Ok. We saw Dr. Jananai at 11:00 and left for the apartment.

Tuesday I had my physical therapy appointment at 1:00pm. We walked down to the center for my physical therapy. Sharon was my physical therapist, we got started as soon as I signed in at the desk. I had done my leg lifts on three different machines. I continued with my arm lifts, but when I started with my chest exercise, I noticed feeling a little light headed. The next thing I remember was waking up laying on the floor. Sharon and several others looking down at me asking if I was Ok?

I was put on a gurney, loaded into an ambulance and taken to the ER at Vanderbilt. I was taken straight to a room and checked by one of my transplant team doctors. I had to spend the night in the hospital because my blood pressure was low. I was dismissed from the hospital the next morning. I was told not to do my physical therapy for Thursday, but I did continue my evening walks. The following week I was scheduled to come once a month so I got

to go home for good on April 28th. As you all know I am still on my AML journey, the transplant is not a cure, but thanks be to God! I am still in remission and living one day at a time.

Ray

A Note from the Junior Warden

Marty White

Here is a little update on some of our projects here at the church.

Embry roofing has repaired all the problems that they found on our roof. These have been problems for a long time so now time will tell whether we have taken care of the leak that is causing the water and plaster problems as seen in the picture next to the organ pipes. Neal has checked our bucket that has been catching the water from the leak, and after the major rain, the bucket is empty!! This will be our next project!



Also HomeCrafters Paint and Glass has replaced the broken window in the atrium upstairs as well as a broken window in Judy's office.

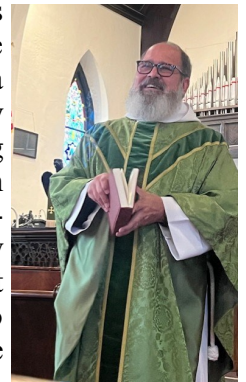
The church is in need of a donation of a couch for the hall seating area to replace the nearly 30 year old couch that we are currently using.

A special thanks to the team of people who gave up their Saturday to do some deep cleaning at the church.

A Thank You Note from Fr. Rich

Thank you all so much for your wonderful welcome during my visit last month. I wasn't at all surprised, really. After all, I knew well before I joined you that while almost every parish *talks* about being family, St. Paul's actually lives that way.

As I've told you so often, I was looking for some place to love me and let me love them. For over a decade, I got to live into the Holy Spirit's graceful wisdom in calling me to join you in Henderson. From our worship, to conversations at coffee hour, to blessing Caitlin's new home, to lunch with the kids at Rockhouse, it was an absolute joy to experience first hand your love once again.



Youth News

Leslie Newman—

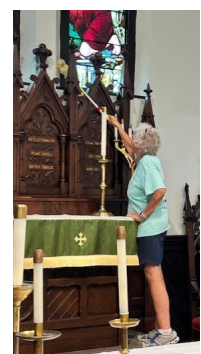
Thanks to the Walaskays for hosting our youth and children for the last swim party of the season on September 8, which turned out to be a cool and windy day which resulted in some changes of plans. Unfortunately, only I could attend. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and appreciate Connie, Dave and David graciously opening their home and their pool for EYC and for their love of our young people.

Mark your calendars now to attend the Caitlin Walker family Habitat for Humanity home dedication on Friday, November 15 at noon at 1028 Pringle St! A good group of our St. Paul's family was present on September 15

when Fr. Rich blessed Caitlin and Avery's new home after the 10 a.m. service where Fr. Rich was our supply priest. Then 18 of the well-wishers adjourned to Rockhouse on the



River for lunch and fellowship among themselves and to catch up and visit with their beloved Fr. Rich. Thanks to Marty for overseeing the crew; I had to adjourn to Lexington for a conference and was sorry to miss the good time had by all.



Thanks to our youth and their parents who participated in CleanUp Day on Saturday September 21, and to Mitch and Kelly Deep for feeding us!

Thanks to our youth and children who participated in Youth Sunday on September 22. Thanks to Alexis for serving as celebrant and to Kaleigh, Miranda, Addyson, Will and Caroline who have been readers and part of prior Youth Sundays. This year we welcomed first time participants John Tyler Caudill, who acolyted for the first time and he and his brother Chandler Caudill who read the suffrages (with sister Mallie observing), to Liam and Noa Knight and Brooks O'Nan who processed (with a little help from parents), and Zara Buchanan who assisted Miranda and her brother Zayden Buchanan



who observed. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our young people and to watch them embrace the opportunity to be part of the worship service. Thanks to Margaret Kimberling for providing the music.



Thanks, too, to those who helped provide coffee hour for our parish family.



Upcoming Youth Opportunities

There are two upcoming opportunities for our parish family to participate in the diocesan program Dismantling Racism - on Saturday October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to no later than 2:30 p.m. for a virtual training via Zoom and on Saturday November 16 from 9:30 a.m. to no later than 3:30 p.m. at the beautiful Trinity Episcopal Church in Russellville. Lunch will be provided whichever way we attend. Registration deadline for the Zoom training is October 22 and November 12 for the in-person training. I sure would appreciate getting a count sooner. Please let me know if you are interested.

The deadline for applying for the Kohler Family Scholarship for winter/spring semester is November 1. Qualifying students must be accepted into an accredited course of post-secondary study at a university, college or vocational program at a non-profit institution. The student must be baptized and must be a member of a church and resident in the Diocese of Kentucky, show academic promise, have financial need and have a letter of recommendation from Deacon Larry. The application is available through the diocesan website, www.episcopalky.org. Please contact me with any questions you may have and I will help find the answers.



It's not too soon to remind you to save your allowance to purchase EYC calendars and to please save your mums, viable pumpkins and other fall décor for decorating our St. Paul's altar for Thanksgiving.

And please remember Episcopal Relief and Development and the work they are doing to provide for our dioceses and the many parishes impacted by Hurricane Helene. www.support.episcopalrelief.org

St. Paul's Calendar October 2024

| SUNDAY | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Parish Hall - DAR |
| <u>6—20 Pentecost</u> 10—Morning Prayer with Deacon Larry Jenny Donnelly - Organ | 7 | 8 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| <u>13—21 Pentecost</u> 10—Morning Prayer with Deacon Larry Margaret Kimberling - Organ | 14 | 15 5:45p.m. — Vestry Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| <u>20—22 Pentecost</u> 10—Morning Prayer with Deacon Larry Stacy Howell - Organ CCO—Travel and Trial Sizes | 21 | 22 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| <u>27—23 Pentecost</u> 10—Morning Prayer with Deacon Larry Neal Biggers - Organ | 28 | 29 6 p.m. — Saints, Sinners, and Cynics | 30 | 31 | | |

Services in person and livestreamed
on St. Paul's Facebook page.
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Lay Ministry October 2024

| Date & Lessons | Altar Guild <i>Altar Flowers</i> | Ushers | Acolytes | Lay Readers | Coffee Hour |
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| <u>6 - 20 Pentecost</u> Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 | Gisele Purdy <i>Mrs. Marie Huber</i> | | The Purdys, Caroline White | Marty White, Mike France | |
| <u>13-21 Pentecost</u> Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31 | Susan Sauls Ella Thomas <i>Mrs. Martha Letson</i> | | | Susan Sauls, Cooper Lilly | The Purdys |
| <u>20-22 Pentecost</u> Job 38:1-7 Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45 | Alexis Purdy <i>Martha Polk</i> | | The Purdys, Caroline White | Cooper Lilly, Leslie Newman | |
| <u>27-23 Pentecost</u> Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52 | Marilyn Dixon Ellen Redding <i>Mike France</i> | | | Susie Watkins, Marty White | |

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Dennis & Kathi Ranes
10 Louis & Debra Smith
Pat Wilson
16 Kaleigh Purdy
18 Marcia Stinnett
20 Connie Spivey
23 Aaron Thomas
31 Martina Russelburg

CCO Collection for October Trial and Travel Sizes

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes,
Lotion, Deodorant

Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership

Leslie Newman



You may recall our youth were able to attend the triennial Episcopal Youth

Event in Baltimore thanks to St. Paul's, Marty White and the Diocese of Lexington. Cindy Sigmon, the Youth Missioner/Camp Program director from the Diocese of Lexington remembers St. Paul's and how our youth long to be involved in the larger world of the Episcopal Church. Cindy has reached out to let us know of the Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting that will take place at Camp McDowell in the Diocese of Alabama from December 5-8. Province IV consists of the 20 Southeastern US dioceses and, with strong leadership, is recognized as a leader in the Episcopal Church. This annual gathering provides the chance for sharing our successes, our challenges and our ideas to help shape the future. It provides an opportunity to listen to one another, to develop ministry opportunities and to have fun together. Two to three young people who are leaders and two adult sponsors from each diocese are invited to attend.

Could these young people be from St. Paul's? Could a chaperone or both be from St. Paul's? The registration deadline is October 21 so if you or your youth are interested, please talk with me as soon as possible so we don't miss this opportunity. Camp McDowell is about an hour from Birmingham.

There is a kicker, though. This leadership opportunity takes place over the weekend that is the Henderson Christmas parade.

West KY Presbytery Fall Gathering



Our friends at the Presbyterian Church also remember how our youth love the opportunity for

ecumenical sharing and the camp experience. The West Kentucky Presbytery will host their fall gathering at Camp Loucon (near Leitchfield) the weekend of November 1st-3rd and Cynthia Hoey was thoughtful to include our St. Paul's youth! The camp is for middle and high school students – there will be a speaker, games and fun activities. There also is a need for a couple of chaperones. The fee is \$60 and scholarship money is available. This weekend is guaranteed to be a special experience for our youth and to help them grow in their faith, to meet new friends, and provide what I hope would be the next best thing to All Saints. If your youth are interested, or if you are interested in serving as a chaperone, registration deadline is October 6, so please let me know as soon as possible.

Stewardship Cards Coming Soon

From the Church Office

Watch your mail for your annual stewardship card. Please prayerfully consider how you will support St. Paul's. As your Vestry works to construct the 2025 budget, we are doing our best to hold the line on expenses. However, it takes financial support for the work of the church to continue. Please support our church with your pledge, and if you are able, please increase your pledge for the year ahead.

Please complete your card and return it to the church by mail, place it in the collection plate or drop it by the church office.

Financial Summary as of August, 2024

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| Pledged Income Received to Date | \$53,113.00 |
| Non-dividend Investment Income Transferred | \$10,000.00 |
| Other Operating Income to Date | \$51,722.00 |
| Total Budgeted Expenses to Date | \$114,556.00 |

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

The Rev. Larry Courtney, Deacon
Leslie Newman, EYC Director
Judy Duncan, Parish Secretary
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Service Times

Morning Prayer - Sundays 10 a.m.

Vestry Ministry Teams *(*denotes chair of the committee)*

Sr. Warden
Jr. Warden
Secretary
Treasurer

Bill Gentry
Marty White
Susie Watkins
Mike France

Budget and Finance
Worship and Music
Communications
Christian Formation and Youth

Marilyn Dixon, *Mike France, Bill Gentry, Joe Mattingly
*Marilyn Dixon, Mike France, Bill Gentry, Miranda Purdy
*Christie Johnson, Bill Gentry, Susan Sauls, Susie Watkins
Alexis Purdy, *Miranda Purdy, Leslie Newman, Marty White,
Monessa Curry

Building and Grounds
Fellowship/Outreach
Pastoral Care
Search Committee

*Marty White, Bill Brodsky, Joe Mattingly
Marilyn Dixon, *Susie Watkins, Marty White
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Mike France, Bill Gentry, Cooper Lilly, Christy Mattingly,
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