

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE GOOD NEWS October 2025

Love God. Love Each Other.

It's just that simple.

—Jesus

The Long Green Time

The Rev'd Benjamin J. Newland

The liturgical season known as “After Pentecost” lasts as much as half the year. This is the Long Green Time.

Advent and Lent have such resonance that they loom large in my mind even though Advent is never more than four weeks and Lent always exactly 40 days. Christmas and Easter, too, have an outsized impact on our liturgical calendar for the space that each one takes thereon.

Yet Pentecost is just a day, and after the first Sunday following Pentecost, which we call Whitsunday or Trinity Sunday, there's just a long—nearly six month—stretch of liturgically green Sundays. The Sunday after All Saints breaks things up around the 1st of November, but otherwise we are in what the calendar refers to as “Common Time” for upwards of 29 Sundays.

In my own head I've long divided this extended green season into “Summer”, “Fall”, and “After All Saints”. This summer I've been thinking about updating that internal nomenclature to “Summer”, “Harvest Season”, and “Pre-Advent”. It is quite possible that nobody is very interested in this other than myself, so here's the summary view from the pew: for October and November you'll notice some adjustments to the Sunday morning service that are intended to highlight the Harvest Season.

Our music and prayers both will look to themes of creation. Jieun has selected a Sanctus (the “Holy, Holy, Holy” that comes near the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer) from the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal and

adapted that tune again for our fraction anthem later in the service. The subtle gospel feel of these tunes puts me in mind of thanksgiving for the natural and agricultural world and the people who work within those realms. We'll also be singing our Psalms over the next two months, using a method that takes popular hymn tunes and sets the psalm text to them so it feels more like singing another hymn than learning to chant in a monastery (not that there's anything wrong with that!)

Our Eucharistic Prayer for this season I've taken from *Enriching Our Worship* vol. 1, an officially endorsed liturgical supplement of The Episcopal Church. Eucharistic Prayer 1 has all the same components of Prayers A, B, C, and D which you've heard many times, but focuses again on themes of creation.

To help worshippers understand what's happening, and more importantly (to me at any rate), why it is happening, I'll be doing several small bits of instruction during the Sunday morning services on October 12th, 19th, and 26th. These things often get called “Instructed Eucharists” so that's what I'll call them as well. The general idea is that, two or three times during the service, we'll pause and I'll speak to what is happening and why. I'll keep the sermon shorter during those days in order to balance out the extra bits of talking. I also plan to write these small pieces of explanation out, partly to keep the time under control and also so that anyone who misses one of those Sundays but would like to catch up may do so.

I can't tell you what a joy it is to be doing this work. Jieun and I both are still so enamored of this place and all of its possibilities. I look forward to diving into Harvest Season here in Henderson and at St. Paul's.

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>

Tuesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:15 p.m. — Evening Prayer

Friday, October 3, 12-4 p.m. — Senior Expo, Henderson County Extension Building

Sunday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 — Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, October 5 — EYC - Swan Lake, Preston Arts Center

Wednesday, October 1, 15, 29, 6 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 11, 25 - 10 - 11:30 a.m — Memory Café with Ane Crabtree, Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 21, 5:45 p.m. — Vestry Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. — Prayer Shawl Ministry

Annual Parish Picnic at Audubon Park



Leslie and Buzzy Newman named Henderson Chamber's Distinguished Citizens of the Year



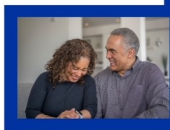
Congratulations to Leslie Newman and her brother, Buzzy, who were both named the Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Citizens of the Year.

According to *The Hendersonian*, Buzzy Newman was recognized for his leadership in a host of community development projects, fostering trust and collaboration among various community partners and serving as both a mentor and a team member to many.

Buzzy nominated his sister for the honor of distinguished citizen for her decades of support of local non-profits, her work with local music festivals, as well as her support of the youth of Henderson, including her work with the youth of St. Pauls.



 Cooperative
Extension Service



Senior Expo & Scam Jam + DOCUMENT SHREDDING

What to Expect:

- Expert Speakers – Learn valuable tips to protect yourself from scams and stay informed
- Vendors – Explore resources and services designed for seniors
- Snacks & Refreshments – Enjoy light bites while you mingle
- Document Shredding – Safely dispose of sensitive papers
- Door Prizes – Enter to win exciting giveaways!

OCTOBER

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12:00-4:00 p.m.

Henderson County
Extension
In the Expo Building
3341 Zion Road
Henderson, KY 42420

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US 270-826-8387

September Vestry Minutes Summary

Marty White

- A financial statement was distributed. A letter has been sent with pledge accounting to parishioners.
- Building and Grounds committee reported that the women's and men's bathrooms have been painted and new hand towel dispensers have been ordered. The small sink in the kitchen has been repaired.
- Jieun reported that choir practice has started and the piano has been tuned. Organ repair is being discussed.
- Fr. Ben and Marty have visited several parishioners in the nursing home, assisted living, and the hospital.
- Henderson Manor project was discussed. Becky will check for upcoming visits.
- Delegates to the diocesan convention were elected.
- Parish picnic will be September 28 at Audubon Park.
- Stewardship campaign will begin in October.
- Discussion about door access during services. Should we lock the back door after the service starts? A locksmith will be contacted about rekeying the two doors that lead upstairs.
- Saturday services were discussed.
- Safe Church training was discussed. It was recommended that we go through the company to receive our training.
- Fr. Ben wants to have our young people in church as well as at Godly Play and his thought process was that once a month we will have Godly Play in church.
- Continued discussion about the communication systems and continuing to refine the bulletin and liturgical systems.
- Discussed adult advent formation.
- The Bishop will visit Sunday November 9.
- The next meeting will be November 18, 2025.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Needs Volunteers

Gisele Purdy

The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs volunteer knitters and crocheters. St. Paul's supplies the yarn and the shawls are donated to St. Anthony's Hospice and Deaconess Hospital. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the last Saturday of each month from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Youth News

Leslie Newman—

With thanks to St. Ann's Guild, St. Paul's sent a sizeable contingency of twelve children, youth, adults, first-timers and seasoned counselors, to our diocesan camp, All Saints Retreat Center outside



Leitchfield KY on Labor Day weekend. It was delightful to see Caitlin introduce Avery to her favorite place and to listen to and watch the young people who spent treasured summers at camp and were so very happy to be back. All Saints Director Bill

Beam welcomed us and provided campus tours and held a listening session to talk about the future of All Saints. Our group experienced a variety of tent camping, lodge housing and all enjoyed the patio, firepit and labyrinth. We were pleased Javon could join us from Louisville and to spend time with former St. Paul's youth and lifetime camper Aaron Noon, now of the Diocese of Lexington and his family, Fr. Matt Bradley, now Dean of Christ Church Cathedral and his family, and to meet new friends and families from around the diocese.



The weekend kicked off with the first of all good, healthy, hearty meals provided by the camp staff, a welcome and get-to-know-each other party and a talent show. Caroline showcased her musical talent from this summer's HAAA theatre camp. It's possible there was an impromptu version of "I will follow Him" from the movie Sister Act. We ended Friday evening with a beautiful compline service, led by Alexis.



Saturday morning began with a hike, breakfast and a visit from Fr. Ben., his first time to All Saints.



Activities that day included creating an event banner, messy games, swimming, flashlight tag and a bonfire with s'mores provided by St. Paul's. Eleanor was the first to volunteer to serve at Sunday morning mass and all our St. Paul's youth jumped in to help with whatever was needed all weekend.

We did make our traditional stop at the Dairy Queen in Leitchfield, which is still the nicest DQ around. Our St. Paul's family is of consensus about the significance of All Saints to our youth, our parish and our diocese. We look forward to meeting the new Canon we understand will be charged with oversight of camp and youth and young adult ministries. All Saints is available to our parish for a weekend retreat and perhaps to invite another parish. If you are reading this newsletter and would like to be involved with planning a getaway and encouraging our parish family to participate, see Alexis, Brandy, or me.



EYC attended training sessions Fr. Ben. provided after coffee hour on September 7 and 14 for all who serve or want to serve St. Paul's during worship. Fr. Ben. explained his expectations for those who serve the Lord through this ministry and his plans to implement some changes that will help to refocus our efforts. The training was educational, informative and Fr. Ben. was open to questions and suggestions. I was proud of Alexis for taking charge of our younger acolytes to be sure they are fitted with a robe that fits and work with them on how to carry the cross and handle other objects bigger and heavier than they look.

St. Paul's Calendar October 2025

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2	3 12 - 4 p.m. Senior Expo - Henderson Co Extension Bldg.	4
<u>5—17 Pentecost</u> 10—Holy Eucharist Rite II EYC - Swan Lake Preston Arts Center	6	7 5:15 p.m. - Evening Prayer	8	9	10	11 10 - 11:30 a.m. Memory Café - Parish Hall
<u>12—18 Pentecost</u> 10—Holy Eucharist Rite II	13	14 5:15 p.m. - Evening Prayer	15 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
<u>19—19 Pentecost</u> 10—Holy Eucharist Rite II	20	21 5:15 p.m. - Evening Prayer 5:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting	22	23	24	25 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Volunteers needed) 10 - 11:30 a.m. Memory Café - Parish Hall
<u>26—20 Pentecost</u> 10—Holy Eucharist Rite II	27	28 5:15 p.m. - Evening Prayer	29 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	30	31	
Services in person and livestreamed on St. Paul's Facebook page. facebook.com/St.PaulsHenderson						

Christian Community Outreach Items for October:
Personal Hygiene
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Lotion, Deodorant

Lay Ministry October 2025

Date & Lessons	Altar Guild Altar Flowers	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Coffee Hour
5-17 Pentecost Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Gisele Purdy <i>Mrs. Marie Huber</i>			Susan Sauls, Cooper Lilly	
12-18 Pentecost Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Susan Sauls Ella Thomas <i>In Memory of Mrs. Martha Letson</i>		The Purdys	Mike France, Susie Watkins	
19-19 Pentecost Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Alexis Purdy <i>Martha Polk</i>		The Purdys	Marty White, George Relyea	
26-20 Pentecost Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Marilyn Dixon Ellen Redding <i>Mr. Mike France</i>			Ellen Redding, Leslie Newman	

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

In Memoriam

1 Dennis and Kathi Ranes
10 Louis and Debra Smith
16 Kaleigh Purdy
18 Marcia Stinnett
20 Connie Spivey
22 Eleanor McMichen
23 Aaron Thomas
30 Sarah Littrell
31 Martina Russelburg

Martha Letson
1928 - 2025

If you are having a birthday or anniversary this month, and you are not on the list, please let Judy in the church office know.

Please Join Ane Crabtree for Henderson's first ever
Memory Café:

The Nostalgia Café

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
5 south Green Street Henderson, Ky
Saturday October 11, 2025
10am-11:30am

Every second **and** fourth Saturday of each month

**(An inclusive place for people with
Dementia/Alzheimer's+ Their Caregivers)**

A memory café is an inclusive non-judgmental place
to have coffee, play memory games, hear music,
make crafts, but mostly be together in the spirit of
unity, acceptance, and friends experiencing the
same life situation.

I can't wait to meet you and celebrate YOU!



St. Paul's Picnic a Success

Leslie Newman—

Fr. Ben. included children in his sermon at our annual picnic and told of his plans to involve them in future services as well. "From the mouths of babes" rings true and teach us of all ages. Some of our annual picnic attendees participated in at least part of the scavenger hunts provided by John James Audubon State Park. We hope to return another day with more time to search throughout the park. Just sayin', on this day, Liam Knight found more gnome doors than I did! A completed hunt will earn a gift from the museum shop. There was some temporary disappointment the hunt did not include Easter eggs!

We went from the shade of the park to the sun of the library lawn for the opening program of the Henderson Area Arts Alliance season, featuring Big Bang Boom, a fun band geared to the kid in all of us. BBB inspired audience participation and shared songs with good messages for all. Local nonprofits had booths set up and Hercules Manufacturing provided free snow cones from Sophie's, the first year hit you may have seen near the Second Street pocket park

this summer, with its pink and white stripes and awning. It was heartening to see the interest in checking out library books while we were there.

Those of us not vacating the County for fall break will attend the Russian ballet production of Swan Lake at the Preston Arts Center on October 5. Please let us know if you would like to join us.

Please watch for the weekly emails from Judy this month, for updates about upcoming activities which may include seasonal/fall fun and our annual visit to Cates Farms. We'd love for you to join us.

Rest In Peace, Martha Letson

EYC will miss our Christmas visits to carol with Martha Letson at Homeplace of Henderson on Adams Lane. She enthusiastically greeted us with her big smile, hearty laugh, love of life and sheer joy as she welcomed us into her home. Martha loved and voiced her support for our young people during the years she was able to attend church and was so happy to receive us as visitors. May Martha rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Financial Summary as of August 31, 2025

Pledged Income Received to Date	\$49, 263
Total Pledges for 2025	\$116,567
Percentage Collected	42%
Outstanding Pledges	\$67,304
Percentage collected last year same month	41%

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

The Rev'd Benjamin J. Newland, Rector
The Rev'd Larry Courtney, Deacon Emeritus
Jieun Newland, Organist and Choirmaster
Leslie Newman, EYC Director
Judy Duncan, Parish Secretary
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Service Times

Holy Eucharist Rite II - Sundays 10 a.m.

Vestry Ministry Teams

Sr. Warden
Jr. Warden
Secretary
Treasurer
Clerk

Susie Watkins
Mitch Deep
Bill Gentry
Mike France
Marty White

Budget and Finance
Worship and Music
Communications
Christian Formation and Youth

Marilyn Dixon, Mike France, Bill Gentry
Marilyn Dixon, Mike France, Marty White, Connie Spivey
Bill Brodsky, Marty White
Alexis Purdy, Miranda Purdy, Leslie Newman, Marty White,
Monessa Curry
Marty White, Mitch Deep, Russ and Kathy Gubernot, Joe Mattingly
Becky Carroll, Susie Watkins, Susan Sauls
Dcn. Larry, Marilyn Dixon, Susie Watkins, Marty White

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