



St. Paul's News 2018

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John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

"St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed."

Pastor's letter



The month of May brings joy as we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13. We all look forward to this day. It's a special day honoring mothers and motherhood that was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

On the following Sunday, May 20, we again will have the opportunity to celebrate the tradition of Whitsunday or, as it is better known, the Sunday of Pentecost. As a Christian celebration, Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekostos*, "fiftieth"), or the fiftieth day after Easter, can be traced to the third century. It is also called "Whitsunday" because of the white garments traditionally worn on that day.

As a Jewish tradition, Pentecost marks the completion of the barley harvest, which began when the sickle was first put to the grain (Dt. 16:9). It is also called the "**Feast of Harvest**," and "**Day of The First Fruits**" (Ex. 23:16; Nu. 28:26). With all this having been said, one might best remember the term Pentecost as a term rich in Biblical heritage.



The idea is that of a great outpouring of gifts. God has blessed his people with an abundance of wonderful things with which to nourish the body. Consequently, it is not a great surprise that God chose this day to pour out his Holy Spirit upon the Early Christian Church (Acts 2:1-4). The Holy Spirit brings us the spiritual nourishment of God's promised forgiveness by the means of Word and Sacraments. This forgiveness, of course, brings to mind the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as he sacrificed himself for the sin of the world.

As we prepare for this coming month, let us sincerely remember some of the sacrifices of our mothers, and also always bear in mind that our Lord's sacrifice provides us the pure white purity needed to come before God the Father. For this reason, St. Paul celebrates salvation, saying, "**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**" (1 Cor. 15:57)

In Christ,

Pastor Schultz

1st Tongor Langer
 2nd Titilaya Adekeye
 Lisa Goodlin
 Nucha Varfley
 Taurus Varfley
 4th Kevin Riley
 6th Kathy Fruggiero
 Ruth Phillips
 7th Alvin Buffington
 8th Melitta Lambert
 9th Marion Gbaie
 11th Andrew Hencler
 14th Donald Kuepker

 Arthur Watson
 15th Kolu Clark

May Birthdays



17th George Dauda Sr.
 Haley Stamp
 18th David Ballah
 Elizabeth Riley
 Marthin Faria

 19th Muriel Anderson
 21st Mark Richard
 23rd Corvah Akoiwala
 24th Danielle Schultz

 31st Versa Stamp

May Anniversaries

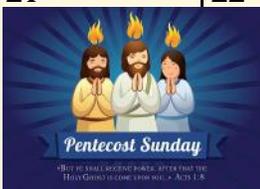
15th Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Clark (7th)
 23rd Mr. & Mrs. Corvah Akoiwala (20th)
 24th Mr. & Mrs. Julius Kolawole (21st)



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Readers/ Acolyte	Comm. Assistant	Altar Guild	Ushers
6	ABEL DOBSON/JACOB MASTROSTEFNO	RICK SINNIGEN CORVAH AKOIWALA	MARY ABBENANTE HELLEN MILLER	LEELA BALLAH SEANIAH BALLAH SOLOMON PAYE HARDLYN DAUDA
13	KEVIN RILEY/HAWA MULBAH		MARY ABBENANTE HELLEN MILLER	RICK SINNIGEN MACK MAKOR JOE NORRIS
20	BILL OEHLKERS/ GEORGE ROBERTS	JOE NORRIS BILL OEHLKERS	MARY ABBENANTE HELLEN MILLER	KIM KING BILL KING DENNIS KOLLIE HELEN MILLER
27	PAT MARTIN/DANE WATSON		MARY ABBENANTE HELLEN MILLER	KEVIN KEHYEI DANLETTE NORRIS GEORGE DAUDA GRACE DAUDA

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6 9:00 Bible Class Worship 10:00 Communion	7	8 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 Bible Class Worship 10:00 MOTHER'S DAY	14 	15	16	17 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19
20 9:00 Bible Class Worship 10:00 Communion PENTECOST	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 Bible Class Worship 10:00	28 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office is closed	29 	30	31		

RENEWAL OF CARETAKER TEAMS. We will be renewing our Caretaker Team Program at the beginning of June. There are four Caretaker Teams, and each team is responsible for maintaining an assigned area of the church. The teams work two hours on a Saturday morning on a rotating basis: Team One works the first Saturday of the month, Team Two works the second Saturday, Team Three works the third Saturday, and Team Four works the fourth Saturday. New sign-up sheets will be posted in the Parish Hall. If you are already a member of a Caretaker Team and would like to continue, please sign up again. If you would like to join a team, here is your opportunity. St. Paul's is our church. Let's all take care of it.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: Yas Kanno, James Woods, Viakadeya Forkpa, Bill Oehlkers, Grace Dauda, George Dauda, Victoria Ware, Eva Ballah, David Ballah Sr., George Norris, Julia Norris, Seaniah Ballah, Leela Ballah, Joe E. Norris, Rose Kolawole, Sandra Wuo, Joyce Roberts and David Martin for participating during our **SPRING CLEANUP**.

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

MARCH 15, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m., on Thursday, Mar. 15, 2018, by President David Ballah. Present were: President Ballah, Vice-President Richard Sinnigen, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Buco, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees James Woods, and Pastor Leon Schultz. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor.

Treasurer Dan Robinson and Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris joined the meeting shortly after it was convened as did Corvah Akoiwala who attended as an observer.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Feb. 15, 2018, Church Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Feb. 28, 2018. Total income during this period was \$35,639.93 and total disbursements were \$30,572.66, resulting in net ordinary income of \$5,067.17. Offerings are approximately \$1,300.00 above the amount budgeted. The balance of Memorial Funds as of Feb. 28, 2018, is \$251,132.61.

Pastor's Report. Pastor reported that he baptized Madeline Kay Laroche on Sunday, Feb. 25. He will confirm Hawa Victoria Mulbah, Dane Carthur Winqvist- Watson, and Cameron Michael Arrundell on Palm Sunday, Mar. 25. The confirmands will be gowned using acolyte robes which have been sized by Danlette Norris. Samantha Robinson and Charlene Mastrostefano have been organizing the Sunday School materials. They are requesting new tables and chairs for the Sunday School.

Deacons. Joe Norris reported that the list of readers is working well as it enables members who are unable to read on their scheduled Sunday to contact another member on the list and ask that member to read for them. Joe is calling the acolytes to remind them to be at church 15 minutes before the service starts. He is also informing them that Pastor does not want them coming out on the altar late as Pastor feels it is disrespectful. Richleau Norris will give the Deacons the price for printing the church directory.

Trustees. David Martin reported that he had called Gordon Chandler Roofing & Consulting, Inc., about the leak in the parish hall ceiling near the door to the office. Gordon and one of his men responded on Mar. 12, and the man and Steven Nagbe went up into the attic. They thought that the leak was due to a hatch in the attic roof not being tightly secured. Steven secured it. However, the leak reoccurred on Mar. 13. David has called Gordon again and is waiting for a return call. The Carter Street door is sticking and is difficult to open. The Trustees will look into this. The toilet on the left in the parish hall restroom does not always stop running. David will ask Andrew Mastrostefano if he will look at it.

Stewardship. Bill Oehlkers reported that photographs of members have been posted on a bulletin board in the parish hall. He hopes that photos of members whose photographs are not yet on the board will be added in the future. Pastor commended Bill and the other members of the Stewardship Board for this work and suggested that the members whose photos are missing be invited to have their photos taken.

Social Ministry. Danlette reported that we have raised the money to pay for the freezer. There will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner this Sunday, Mar. 18, and a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 14. Danlette is continuing to send cards and visit the sick and shut-ins. She observed that we seem to be going through kitchen supplies at a rate greater than ordinary and that she does not know why.

Old Business. Rental Policy Forum. Bill Oehlkers reported on the forum held on Mar. 11 at which the church's rental policy was discussed. Several participants expressed the concern that the cost and the requirements were too stringent for members. It was agreed that anyone who wanted to see changes in the policy should submit written suggestions to the church office within two weeks and that Bill would collect and compile them. A future meeting will be held to consider the suggestions.

Child Protection Policy. David Martin asked Pastor if he had spoken to Samantha Robinson about being Sunday School Superintendent because the Child Protection Policy references that position. Pastor had not but will do so.

New Business. Nominating Committee. David Martin noted that the By-Laws require the Church Council to announce in March of an election year the selection of a Nominating Committee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint David Martin, Bill Oehlkers, Danlette Norris and Pastor as a Nominating Committee. David will provide a list of the offices and positions for which candidates must be nominated. The election should be held in May.

Assignment of Alarm Responder. David Martin moved that a member who lives close to the church be assigned the task of responding to church when there is an alarm and that member be compensated \$70 for responding between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and compensated \$35 for responding between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed. Donna suggested asking Julius Kolawole if he would be willing to be the responder as he lives near the church. Danlette said that she would be willing to be the responder if Julius declines. Rick said that he was willing to be the backup responder.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary