



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

December 2024

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

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The Mission of our Parish
is to be an
active community reflecting
God's presence
in Chittenango
and other communities
we represent.

Our Services

Sundays at 10 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our
Facebook page every week

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Another church year has come and gone. This coming Sunday, December 1st, is the first Sunday in Advent. The church will have the beautiful blue hangings and the wreaths on the front door will have blue ribbons.

Advent – the time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. Happens every year, just about this time. We light the Advent candles, we say special prayers that are said once a year.

Let's talk about the Advent wreath, starting with the shape. The circular shape of the wreath represents the eternal nature of God—His never-ending love, mercy, and faithfulness. It also symbolizes the unending cycle of seasons and the continuous nature of time.

Next, the Evergreen branches, which do not lose their leaves in winter, represent the everlasting life found in Christ. They are a symbol of hope and renewal, pointing to the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

And of course the candles, the first one lit (blue) represents Hope. Hope for what is yet to come. The second one lit (also blue) represents Peace, a reminder that we can find peace in the love of Jesus. The third candle is Pink or Rose, that represents Joy, it is sometimes referred to as Gaudette Sunday, we are looking forward to the joyful birth of Jesus. The fourth candle (blue) represents Love, we are reminded to love one another. There also is a lone white candle, which is the Christ candle, that is lit on Christmas Eve, to symbolize the birth of Christ.

We would love to have those of you on the fence about coming back to Church, to come back during Advent. It is such a wonderful time to join us, and then seeing the beauty of the church, when it is finally decorated for Christmas.....well, it's downright stunning. So please, consider this an invitation to join us, we would love to see you.

A reminder of a few things coming up – first is the Lighting of the Tree Parade happening on Dec. 7th at 1:00, followed by the lighting at 4:00. We, at St. Paul's will be handing out Popcorn and will have Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Tea available for anyone who wishes.

The following Saturday is the Children's Clothing Exchange/Giveaway – which is growing and we are so glad we can help those who need a boost.

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Not sure how to do it online?

Go to: <https://cnyepiscopal.org/give/> click on "Give to my Parish" and look for St. Paul's Chittenango.

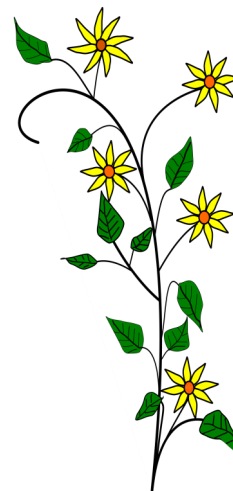
You will get an email stating your donation has gone thru and our Treasurer will get an email, with your name and amount given.

Prayer List

Ethel Barber, Ron Beaty, Catherine Carter, Stephen Cominsky, Barb Dayo, Ida Goins, the Rev. Charles Grover, Joan Grover, Neil Huebler, Violet Irwin, Sandy Jensen, Diane Jillson, Amy Kenneson, Roberta Kincaid, Patricia Ladd, Don Lee, Betty Lesczynski, Ed Link, Woody McAllister, Carolyn Moredock, Sam Parker, Roe Salamone, Ruth Williams, Ronald Ziegler, the People of Gaza and the West Bank, the People of Israel, the People of Ukraine.

New Prayer List for December 2024/January 2025 has been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at bak092364@gmail.com/ 315 382-9056 or Robin Weisbrod at rdweisbrod@gmail.com / 315 655-4321.



If anyone would like a written copy of the weekly lessons/Gospel, Psalm, and Fr. Leon's sermon, either mailed to you or emailed to you - please contact the Church, by phone or by email and let Becky know. She will drop them in the mail to you weekly.

Please email
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About St. Paul's

The earliest record of Episcopal Church services in this vicinity was 1816 when St. Stephen's Church of Perryville was incorporated. At that time Chittenango was little more than a gathering of frame and log houses. From 1816-1832 rectors from St. Stephen's held missionary services in Chittenango.

Around 1849 a few gentlemen who greatly admired and revered the beautiful services of the Church, agreed to make an effort to have services occasionally held. By the spring of 1855 services began to be held regularly once a month in the Bethel. St. Paul's was officially organized as a parish on June 18, 1855. St. Paul's church was built in 1865 as a Gothic Revival-style structure. The lot, building, furniture and windows cost \$5000. The building was completed in less that six months. The first service was held in the church on Easter Day, April 1, 1866.

On May 12, 1866 the church was consecrated by Bishop Coxe. It was added to the U.S. National Historic Register of National Places in 1996.

December

Birthdays

04 Cory (CJ) Huebler
09 Jan Lee
20 Don Lee
21 Tania Mousaw

Ministry Team Schedule

December 1, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Tania Mousaw
Prayers: Tania Mousaw
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

December 15, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Claudia Jensen
Prayers: Claudia Jensen
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

December 24th 2023,

The Nativity 5:00pm

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
Lessons: Tania Mousaw
Prayers: Tania Mousaw
Acolyte: Katherine Weisbrod
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Vestry

December 8, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Tania Mousaw
Prayers: Tania Mousaw
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

December 22, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Meg Hermann
Prayers: Meg Hermann
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

December 29, 2024

Morning Prayer

Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Judy Olmsted
Prayers: Judy Olmsted
MIDI: Valerie Travers
Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild for December:

Judy Olmsted
Robin Weisbrod

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Decorating the Church for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 22 immediately following the 10:00 Service. Stay and have fun with us!! All hands are welcome.

Christmas Eve service is Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 PM. We would love to see the pews full.

And looking forward to January, it will be time for the Annual Meeting, which will be held on January 26th, we will also have a Dish to Pass that day. So please join us for camaraderie and the short business meeting we have.

In case anyone is interested, not only do we vote in the Vestry, but there are a few other positions available, should anyone be interested in having their name put forward – if you are interested, let me know.

We are always looking for the following:

- 2 Delegates for the Chittenango Area Association of Churches – this meets bi-monthly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM
- 2 Delegates for the Annual Diocesan Convention and 1 Alternate Delegate – the Convention is in

October, starting Friday evening via ZOOM with the Saturday Meeting happening either Online (via ZOOM) OR in Person at one of the area Churches. There are speeches, there is voting on business, there are virtual get togethers where you have discussion on whatever the topic is.

If you are interested, let Robin or Sue know, between now and January 26th.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Editor of the Newsletter, Amy Veator, she has done the newsletter faithfully for the past few years. Amy will send me a gentle reminder that I need to get my part of the newsletter done and even would willingly rearrange the newsletter because I would remember there was something new to add. Thank you Amy!! Your service will truly be missed, but good luck with the new position at your job, and that sweet little boy Clayton!!! Visit us once in awhile!!!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, are looking forward to a thoughtful Advent and a truly Merry Christmas.
Yours in God,
Robin W.

A Letter from the Editor

Thank you for allowing me to be your editor for the past eight years. Yes, it's been eight years since Robin approached me about the position. I think it goes without saying how much has changed in the world and at St. Paul's in that time. I've been mostly behind the scenes, a witness to both the joyful and difficult times. There are a number of key parishioners that keep St. Paul's heart beating and who have made a lasting impression on me. They are beacons in an ever changing community.

My family has a lot of exciting changes coming down the road. We're planning to settle down in Georgetown in the next year and I've recently been given a promotion at work. Between work, nurturing

my family, and settling into a new house, life is delightfully busy. It was time to turn the page into a new chapter of life.

I've truly enjoyed being a steward of the newsletter and being able to help support St. Paul's with my time and talents. Finding a calling that combines your interests and experiences is rare and hard to let go of. Thank you for welcoming me as a member of your family.

For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

TIS THE SEASON!!

**We are helping the Foster Kids
again this year**

All ages from Newborn to 16

**Anything is gratefully
accepted.**

**Bring in your gift, unwrapped
and leave it in the Parish Hall.**

Thank you Tania for spearheading this.



Dear Friends,

Our country and world continue to be sharply divided; some of us are terrified and some of us are delighted by news of the election. Whatever we may feel, it is certain that our world needs to be 'healed by love.' This is a time for prayer, for caring for one another, and for compassion. I ask you to reach out to those who are most vulnerable and those despairing. My heart is heavy as I think of those who are sorrowing and fear for their own safety and the safety of those they love.

Those who feel delighted by the outcome have a particular responsibility to speak and act with compassion toward those who are suffering. In our baptismal covenant, we vow "honor the dignity of all persons;" a promise that does not depend on any particular government or circumstance.

It may be helpful to know that this is not the first time our world has faced this level of division and acrimony. Historically, after pandemics, significant social and national division, and perhaps most significantly for us, spiritual renewal, has occurred. This is a time when many are seeking an alternative to hatred, division, and dehumanization.

Regardless of our partisan views, we are a community who knows that what unites us is the love of Jesus Christ, and together we are committed to "Loving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to loving our neighbor as ourself."

Know that you are loved and that we continue our mission of "Learning to love God, one another, and all God's creation," and above all else we know that our 'help truly is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.'

May the words of St. Paul guide our way: Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Godspeed,

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

Upcoming Events

- 1) Brass Cleaning on December 21st - 9:30 AM
- 2) Decorating the Church December 22nd, following the service.

Change Collection
for the
Laundry Outreach
Program



Monthly Clothing Giveaway/Exchange of Baby and Toddler Clothes

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Red Door Church

Next to Library

204 Genesee Street, Chittenango

**Enter at the Ramp at the rear of the
Church**

Every 2nd Saturday

10 AM - 2 PM

**Come even if you haven't got anything to
exchange**

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