



The Good News

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Chittenango, New York

September 2022

Change is Inevitable, Growth is Optional

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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 9 AM

Join us on Zoom!

Link will be posted to our Facebook page every week

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"There's a whole lotta change coming your way, 'cause like it or not, nothing stays the same, so hold on tight, and follow real close 'cause God is good and He's in control." Whole Lotta Change, Lifetime Kids, Roar VBS

This, hands down, was my favorite VBS song that we sang. And honestly, I liked them all. But the message from this one hit home. Nothing stays the same (thank goodness) and God is in control (another thank goodness). Be it your personal life, your professional life or your church life. Sometimes, we fight the change tooth and nail, but you know what, it is going to happen regardless. So instead of fighting the change, embrace it. So much easier, God knows.

What these changes look like, I don't know. Perhaps it's newer members of our church family, bringing a bit of a different view to our church. Nothing wrong with that. We have our Liturgy – which does change periodically (okay more like years....), but it DOES need to change. I loved the 1928 Prayer Book, but you know what? I love the 1979 Prayer Book – did it take some getting used to? Yup. But it happened.

Speaking of new and different, Fr. Leon is going to try something new and different for us – I hope we will wholeheartedly support this venture – it can only bring good things to and for us!! It is called "Wine and Wisdom" – and it will start on September 15th. You are invited to ask questions that have been on your mind. This sounds fascinating!! The community at large is being invited to this also. So encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. Start time is 7 PM!!

I also want to thank Fr. Charles for his loving care of St. Paul's the past few years. He has come to that crossroad in life, where he needs to step back from his Voluntary duties, and turn his loving care to Joan and himself. As I have said often, we, at St. Paul's have been very blessed. Thank you Charlie and Joan!! We are so grateful for your service, and if there is anything any of us can do to make this part of your journey any easier, please let us know.

Also a heads up, we will be starting our Stewardship Campaign soon. Fr. Leon and I will be discussing our vision soon.

I am sorry that this months opening note from your Warden is so short, but internet has NOT been my friend. So I have grabbed this opportunity to write something short and will hopefully be able to write something longer next month (you lucky devils...LOL).

Robin W. from the Fairgrounds

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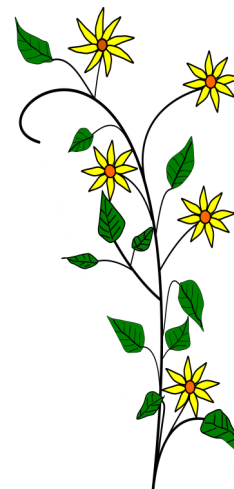
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New Prayer List for August 2022/September 2022 has been posted on the bulletin board.

If you wish to have someone added to St. Paul's Prayer list, please contact Becky Kraus at

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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.

September

Birthdays

02 Joan Tedford	15 Lewis Reals
04 Judy Olmsted	16 Robert Stanton
07 Natalie Benjamin	23 Becky Kraus
07 George Stanton	25 Dorothy Saunders
09 Meghan Titus	27 Elyza Judd
13 Richard Matthews	28 Woodson McAllister
13 Helena Brown	29 Frances Abriola

Anniversaries

02 Don & Jan Lee	25 Bob & Roberta Kincaid
04 Richard Matthew & Edna Brown	28 Bob & Judy Olmsted
10 Travis & Molly Huttar	
21 Jerry & Jennifer Jackson	

Ministry Team Schedule

September 4, 2022 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Sue Gerling
 Prayers: Sue Gerling
 Acolytes: Ed Hoffman, Clayton Weisbrod
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Vestry

September 11, 2022 Morning Prayer Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Claudia Jensen
 Prayers: Claudia Jensen
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman, Clayton Weisbrod
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

September 18, 2022 Holy Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr.

L.E.M.: Judy Olmsted
 Lessons: Tania Mousaw
 Prayers: Tania Mousaw
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman, Clayton Weisbrod
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

September 25, 2022 Morning Prayers Robin Weisbrod

Lessons: Roberta Kincaid
 Prayers: Roberta Kincaid
 Acolyte: Ed Hoffman, Clayton Weisbrod
 MIDI: Valerie Travers
 Coffee Hour: Please volunteer

Altar Guild for September:
 Mary Jane Pokorny
 Robin Weisbrod

“Unity Across Difference” at the 15th Lambeth Conference

By Meredith Sanderson

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe was among more than 650 bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion who traveled to Canterbury for the 15th Lambeth Conference, which began July 26th and concluded Sunday, August 7th. The conference, held approximately every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, is an “instrument of unity” for the worldwide Anglican Communion, bringing bishops together to build relationships between the diverse churches of our international Christian community.

“This is the most diverse meeting I’ve ever been to in the Church,” Bishop Duncan-Probe reflected. “We focused on unity across our differences. Archbishop Welby encouraged us to be curious, and Lambeth is an opportunity for us to hear one another. All of us are trying to love people and live for the Gospel—in very different circumstances.”



The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and spouse Caroline Eaton with the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York and spouse Christopher Probe at the 2022 Lambeth Conference.

Recent Lambeth Conferences have been the site of controversy about the relationship between the church and the LGBTQ+ community, and the 2022 conference was no exception. The Episcopal Church and other member churches of the Anglican Communion uphold marriage equality and prohibits discrimination in the ordination process based on gender identity and expression, but other Anglican Communion churches do not. “The majority of the Anglican Communion does not align with The Episcopal Church in the ways we embrace our LGBTQ+ siblings,” said Bishop Duncan-Probe. “But rather than judge them because we disagree, Lambeth is an opportunity to ‘roll up our sleeves,’ get in there, and witness to our Anglican Communion siblings about the inclusive love of Jesus,” she said.



LGBTQ+ Bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion at the 2022 Lambeth Conference. Photo: Frank Logue

At the 2022 Lambeth Conference, openly LGBTQ bishops were invited to attend for the first time (although their spouses were excluded from the official program for bishop’s spouses). And all the bishops participated in a conversation around the Lambeth Call for Human Dignity, which addressed human sexuality. In his opening remarks on the Call, Archbishop of Canterbury the Most Rev. Justin Welby acknowledged the theological divisions between Anglican Communion member churches. Importantly, he noted that affirming churches like The Episcopal Church “have come to a different view on sexuality after long prayer, deep study and reflection on understandings of human nature.” (The full text of the Archbishops’ remarks is included here.) At the close of the day’s conversation, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry sent a message to The Episcopal Church stating he left the conversation “hopeful...not because we all came to

agreement across all of our differences” but “because this group of bishops today seem to be able to recognize and affirm our love and respect for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in the body of Jesus Christ.”

Episcopal and Anglican bishops across the Anglican Communion, including Presiding Bishop Curry and Bishop Duncan-Probe, issued a statement later that day recognizing the wounding of LGBTQ+ people by the Church, affirming the “holiness of their love,” and committing to “working with our siblings across the

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Communion to listen to their stories and understand their contexts, which vary greatly” while refusing to “shy away from tackling discrimination and prejudice against those of differing sexualities and gender identities.”



Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe (in orange) with the bishops of the Bible study group she facilitated for the 2022 Lambeth Conference. Bishop Duncan-Probe's group included bishops of dioceses in South Sudan, Pakistan, Canada, England, and an archbishop visitor from the Roman Catholic Church in India. "Through honest conversation and mutual respect, we all grew in our respect for one another," reflected Bishop Duncan-Probe.

"The commitment of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Central New York to the full inclusion of our LGBTQ+ siblings is not going to change," said Bishop Duncan-Probe. "We're dedicated to helping all people fully live out God's call." Now that she's returned to Central New York, the bishop looks forward to continued conversation and witness, and to focusing on building discipleship and formation programs in the Diocese in partnership with Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Canon Tom Ferguson, and other diocesan leaders. "Here in Central New York, how are we going to witness to the love of Jesus? How are we going to show our communities what Christian discipleship means? Coming out of Lambeth, that's where my heart is," she said.

This theme of witness to the wider world was echoed by many of Bishop Duncan-Probe's colleagues as the conference closed. Episcopal News Service's report on the closing day of the

conference, "Bishops wrap Lambeth Conference with look ahead to unity, despite persistent divisions," lifts up bishops' hope for new beginnings in the Anglican Communion and energy around the "theme of Anglicans engaging with the wider world."

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The bishops of Guatemala, Columbia (ret.), Central New York, and Vermont at the 2022 Lambeth Conference.



Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe with Bishop David Alvarado of our Companion Diocese of El Salvador and their respective spouses, Mr. Christopher Probe (l) and the Rev. Irma Alvarado (r) at the 2022 Lambeth Conference. Bishop David was recently elected Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in Central America, and will serve a four-year term in that role.



Bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion at the 2022 Lambeth Conference. Photo: Neil Turner for The Lambeth Conference.



Female bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference. Photo: Neil Turner for The Lambeth Conference.

Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Lambeth Call on human dignity

I'm in Canterbury, England, at the Lambeth Conference of bishops. It's August the second. I don't have a script in front of me, but I did want to talk with you—just briefly, especially for our LGBTQ family. I know that there is legitimately some anxiety and concern about the conversations and the direction that might emerge from this Lambeth Conference, specifically regarding same-sex marriage.

I want you to know, though, that at the end of this day, when we did discuss same-sex marriage and marriage in general, in the context of talking about human dignity, and the ministry of reconciliation in Christ, I left that conversation hopeful. I left it hopeful, not because we all came to agreement across all of our differences. No, no, we didn't even try to do that. I left hopeful not because I convinced anybody of where I stand, or that they convinced me of where they stand. I left hopeful because this group of bishops today seem to be able to recognize and affirm our love and respect for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in the body of Jesus Christ. And that we could find a way to honor and respect our differences. If we love each other, and love our Lord. That, my friends, is a sign of hope. That is a sign of hope. That makes room and space for all of us to be in the course of our conversations.

There was a document that we reflected on—we didn't take any votes; we didn't try to do that—it was called a call on human dignity. And in this call on human dignity, the premise that was behind the document was that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God. And that that image of God confers a dignity and a worth on every human being. My daddy used to say nobody got any more of that image than anybody else. We all got it equally which means we are equal before God, and we should be equal before the law.

We began our discussions around human sexuality and around marriage. With that in mind, and in the document that we were reflecting on, that document said that we in the Anglican Communion live with a plural-

ity of views on marriage. That there is what might be called a traditional view of marriage between a man and a woman, and that view is held probably by the majority, certainly, of Anglican churches around the world and probably Anglicans—but that there is another view equally to be respected: a view that includes and embraces same-sex couples who seek the blessing of God on their loving relationships, their commitments and their families.

My friends, I've been a bishop 22 years. I've been a priest over 40 years. And I have to tell you that as far as I know that is the first time a document in the Anglican Communion has recognized that there is a plurality of view on marriage. And that these are perspectives that reflect deep theological and biblical work and reflection. That they reflect and respect the context in which we live and seek to address the pastoral needs of our people, of all the children of God—that's why I say today is a hopeful day.

There is work to do, but hope can help us run the race that is set before us. As the prophet Isaiah said, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

This group of bishops today are finding a way to walk together as a church. And the words that have echoed in our ears over and over again have been the words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." Not that you agree. But that you love one another. And so we are still walking together. And in our church, we are making "plenty good room" for all of God's children.

God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.



Wine &

a crack at

Wisdom

You're invited to help us explore...

... the **Questions** *that have been on our minds...*

7:00 P.M. - Thursday, September 15

at: **St. Paul's Church**

204 Genesee Street

Chittenango, NY

...parking behind the church...

Vestry Synopsis of July Meeting

New Business that was discussed at the meeting, started with Fr. Leon doing a presentation about Columbarium's. While not only giving parishioner's a final resting place, but studies also show that having a Columbarium attracts new members to a church. Fr. Leon shared a video, that showed different styles and shapes to the Vestry. If interested in learning more, parishioners can reach out to Fr. Leon.

Also under new business, the new proposed trash collection in village brought up many questions. Tania has written letter to village asking questions about how this will work, since we take in a lot of trash from the St. Pauly's Box and sometime we have large items to handle. The way it was explained by the Village, this would be an extra cost for a designated extra pickup. Tania, Jan, Judy will attend a meeting of the village to try and get answers for Vestry.

Old Business covered, was discussion held regarding takeover of cemetery at Gates land on Rte 173. Robin had asked everyone to prayerfully think about the proposal that had been presented to the Vestry. Motion made to turn down offer due to not being workable - we do not have people available to work and maintain.

The Vestry was in agreement with the motion.

Don Lee announced his retirement from his position as treasurer of St. Paul's as of December 30th of this year. Robin thanked him for all his years of service and assured him he would be missed and regretfully accepted is resignation. Don also noted he would stay on to help, which was gratefully accepted.

There will be no August meeting of the Vestry, the next meeting will be September 15th at 3:00 PM.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Submitted by Ida Goins

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