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# Rector's Corner

Friends,

October is a busy month. So many of our ministries have events this month or become more active after the summer. It can be daunting to look at our schedules and find

peace in our hearts about them. The practice of stillness before God for even five minutes a day can help us from becoming anxious and letting that define us.

As we move forward this Fall I hope you'll consider joining our Thursday evening activities with First Presbyterian Church. I'll be leading the first 3 week class on looking at the Abrahamic Faith traditions. This class will be here at St. Paul's at 6:15pm Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. For those who cannot come to our Adult Forum classes on Sunday mornings this is a good opportunity for Adult Ed and fellowship during the week!

Our seminarian, Melissa, is helping me put together a schedule for our youth who have aged out of Sunday School to meet Sunday mornings for Confirmation instruction, Acolyte training and Youth Fellowship. We are excited to get things started and see where it goes. We have such great kids and want to help them form a good community for their age group!

Your Vestry has added Chef Jeremiah Hepzibah to our staff part time to help support our ministries in feeding people at St. Paul's. His catering and kitchen management skills will give us a solid foundation in the kitchen and increase our capacity to feed people at Bereavement lunches, special parish meals and meals for the community. We are excited about this new partnership and will be notify the parish of new policies and procedures for the kitchen going forward.

We are still searching for a new sexton. If you know anyone who might have the time and be interested in working with us in this role please let us know! I am so grateful for the tireless work of folks like Debbie Batchelder who has done our Sunday dishes for months since Sam's departure. We hope to have this vital position filled soon.

Finally, I hope you can make it to our farewell dinner for Bishop and Karlah Gibbs on Sat. the 12<sup>th</sup>. As we prepare to welcome Bishop Bonnie we want to send the Gibbs off with prayers and thanksgiving from our Lyster Deanery and the Capital Deanery Churches. A good time and a good meal will be had by all!

Faithfully,  
Sarah+

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Mt. 6:33-34



# MW2

## Midweek Music and Worship

### MW2 Fall Session

#### CARDIO DRUMMING CLASS

September 19 - December 19

Thursday afternoons 5:15 to 6 at St. Paul's  
Michelle Gibson

#### FAMILY DINNER

September 19 - December 19

Thursday evenings 5:00 to 5:45 at JFPC *\$donation*

#### KIDS MUSIC & WORSHIP

September 19 - December 19

Thursday evenings 6-7:30 at JFPC  
Jackie Livesay and Lori Tate

#### ADULT EXERCISE

September 26 - November 14

Thursday evenings 6:15-7:15 at JFPC *\$donation*  
Leslie Taylor-Oring Clinical Exercise Physiologist  
September 26 is a personal evaluation with Leslie

#### KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - date night for parents

September 27, October 25, December 6

Friday evenings 6-9:00 at St. Paul's  
Pizza dinner, movie, snacks, fun and laughter.

#### ADULT CLASS - Session ONE

October 3, 10, 17

Thursday evenings 6:15-7:15 at St. Paul's  
3 Faith Traditions from Abraham with Pastor Sarah

#### ADULT CLASS - Session TWO

October 31, November 7, 14

Thursday evenings 6:15-7:15  
Topic, teacher and location TBD

#### MW2 KIDS SING in SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 13, November 10, December 8 and

Christmas Eve - times to be announced

Kids sing in the Sunday morning worship services.

#### ADDITIONAL FALL ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, September 21 - 8:30-4 at JFPC

Enneagram Workshop with emphasis on the harmony triads and Ignatius spirituality. Cost \$115. Info and register at <http://souldig.org/wordpress/events/>

Friday, October 4 or Saturday, October 5 - 8:30-noon

Transformational Retreat at JFPC

Half day retreat on prayer, led by Chris Murphy, a congregational minister from Horton. Cost \$30

Info and register at <http://souldig.org/wordpress/events/>

Saturday, October 19 - 9-noon

Nutritious Cooking Workshop with Leslie Taylor-Oring at JFPC. Details and cost will be determined.



**Sunday, Oct. 6th @ 5pm in  
Horace Blackman Park Downtown Jackson**



**The Blessing of the Pets**

**All people with their pets (properly leashed, caged or in  
photos) are welcome!**

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# Building & Grounds



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September, a month of change. Leaves falling. Changing clocks, means time for preventive maintenance! Sounds exciting? Well not so for most people to consider. However, Buildings & Grounds is committed to look ahead for the seasonal change. Harry Strait has been diligent replacing ceiling tiles stained by past roof leaks. A leak was detected after the roof repairs. The contractor was contacted, they were responsive, applied a fix and will watch for further developments.

The memorial garden looked very special for the funeral of Maryann & Bob Fowler's son Michael. Thank you Susan Smar and Cheryl Gumper for the special care given to the flower garden. Buildings & Grounds need others to step forward to help maintain this special place with coordination. Please see, text or call me with ideas if you can help with this parish mission. Let's also thank Helen and Ed Green for maintaining the foliage on South Jackson St. this past year! With the efforts of Dennis Marsh and Clark Hutchens the "old" pool table was removed from the upstairs education area as requested, it was disposed of at no cost to SPEC. Thank you Dennis for the use of your truck and labor supplied as with Clark.

Preventive maintenance is being done this week changing air filters, inspecting drive belts, inspecting our equipment for possible problems in the future. City of Jackson requires annual back flow preventer water valve checks. This is to assure the City we are not letting water leak back into the public water supply. There are other items being identified as to possible problems in the future throughout our facility. All HVAC equipment is being inspected to prevent inconvenience during the colder months. There have been some items identified as needing repair. We are awaiting further information as to costs for repair. You may notice our parking lot has been seal coated and yellow stripes have been refurbished, blue stripes too on the parking lot. Yellow stripes have been repainted on the steps as well. Ice melt for side walks is in the storage closet ready for the first snow.

Buildings & Grounds will continue to move forward as labor (volunteers) permit us.

Submitted by,

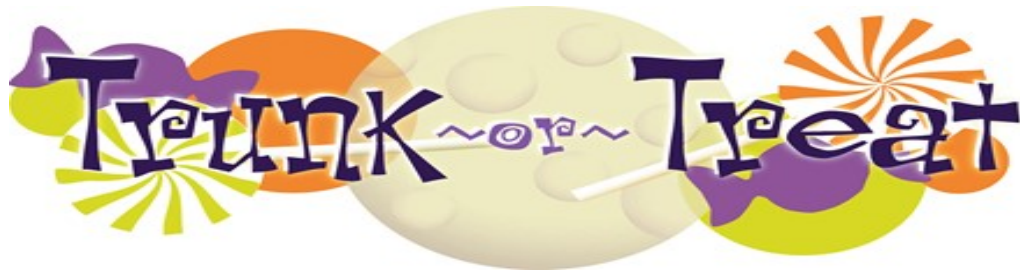
Kyle King

Chairperson, Buildings and Grounds



# Mission & Outreach

Happy Fall Everyone!! Our Pajama Drive for DHHS Foster Children has one more week! We are planning to deliver **NEW PJ'S**, all sizes from infant through age 17, after October 6. Please be generous, as we always are! These pajamas are given to children who are being immediately removed from their homes for their protection. The case workers must be able to grab a duffel bag with toiletries, a change of clothing and a pair of pajamas at a moment's notice to give to these traumatized children as they are placed into temporary housing. They are in desperate need of pajamas right now. Many of these children have never owned pajamas, EVER. Let's fill the shelves at DHHS to help make this agonizing task easier for the case workers and the children. **THANK YOU!!**



October is **TRUNK OR TREAT TIME!!!** We want to “kick it up a notch” this year and need volunteers to make it happen! Let's serve some fresh fruits and veggies along with the 650 hotdogs and chips that have been the standard fare of years past. We can fire up the popcorn machine, and have a pumpkin carving contest for St. Paul's people to do before Halloween. Our jack-o-lanterns can light the path to our door!! If anyone has a fog machine or wants to get dry ice for that special spooky “atmosphere”, we can certainly use your help and creativity! Let's make this a real Halloween Bash for our neighborhood Trick or Treaters! We will be collecting candy donations for the trunks and we need people to sponsor a trunk or two from St. Paul's. Let's make Holy Spirit Hall full of spooky Spirits for a night to remember for these kids!!

Sign Up sheets will be posted soon in the glass narthex! **BOO!!**

Barb Markowski  
Barney Rudolph  
M&O Co-Chairs



*Give Thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
Psalm 107:1*



Don't Forget  
Daylight Savings  
Time on  
November 3rd



Larry Bullen	October 2
Barb Markowski	October 3
Evan Lagow	October 5
Chuck Sinclair	October 7
Sue Hammett	October 10
Laura Orr	October 10
Dominic Themm	October 11
Raymond Hartsuff	October 12
Autumn Boody	October 20
Michelle Gibson	October 26



Richard & Elaine Hale October 7



## United Thank Offering (UTO) Corner



### It's United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering!

The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church helps local, national and international ministries thrive based on grants funded by our Thankfulness! Each day brings opportunities for thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. We are asking each parishioner to take home a UTO blue and white box or envelope to stick a few coins or bills in every time we are thankful to God. We ask you to do this in the month of October and then we will gather these offerings on All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday of November. Make sure to get your envelope or box to keep handy in your car or at home for your thankful donations. As we give thanks for all our loved ones who have gone on to glory in the past year we will lift our UTO offerings to God to be shared with those who need them most. Thank you for your generosity!

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex for names of our deceased loved ones who have died in the past year. Their names will be read at the Eucharist on All Saints Sunday November 3rd. We will set up a table of remembrance in Holy Spirit Hall for parishioners to put pictures and mementos of their deceased loved ones that day so we can cherish their memories during coffee hour after service.







## **Important Finance Committee Announcement**

All heads of ministries and committees that have line items in our budget need to begin organizing their 2020 budgets and what they will ask for their funding this for the next fiscal year.

The deadline for turning in budget requests is **Oct. 31st.**



St. Paul's will host one of three Diocesan dinners in celebration of the nearly twenty years of faithful service and leadership of Bishop Gibbs and Karlah Gibbs. In honor and thanksgiving for their time here, we invite you to attend a Retirement Celebration & Holy Eucharist here at St. Paul's on **Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 6-8:30 pm.** RSVP with this link or on the paper sign up in the glass narthex.

<https://edomiforms.formstack.com/forms/retirementdinner RSVP12>



## ECW

Fall has arrived and with it hopefully slightly cooler temperatures. ECW is up and running for a new year and we are looking forward to the different and exciting things ahead.

ECW met September 14 and Dee Hurlburt was our speaker. The title of Dee's talk was Mindfulness for the Overwhelmed and she talked about how with a meditative approach we could cope better with the burdens we all carry. It was a very interesting talk and one which we seldom take the time to consider. One of the things which surprised most of us was that during meditation we do not have to totally empty our mind in order to achieve a meditative state. But over time we can learn how to get more and more from meditating for 15 minutes a day. It helps focus the mind and body on the inner voice rather than the outer distractions. Thank you to Dee for giving of her time to help us with this introspective method.

As mentioned in the September article we are currently taking orders for the liturgical calendar. This is an additional fund raiser for the ECW and the cost for each calendar is \$4.00. Please see Sandra Kilian by October 13 to secure your copy. As in the past few years the nut sale will be done by preorder only. Order forms are currently available at the church. This is our major fundraiser and it is hoped that you will all consider using this wonderful product to fulfill your Christmas list this year. The deadline for orders is October 13. Please see Romelle Frey with any questions.

Our next meeting will be October 12. Please remember we will be meeting AT Ella Sharp Museum. We will be doing a tour of the house and plus the added bonus of a tour of the museum basement where they store articles not on display. It promises to be a most interesting tour. After the tour we will reconvene at Knights restaurant where we will have lunch. Sounds like a fun time and we hope lots of you will join us.

Remember ECW is open to all women whether they are St. Paul members or not. Please feel free to invite a friend to our next meeting so they too can enjoy all that Ella Sharp museum offers.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Rowley, Vice President ECW



# Hospitality

Hospitality is a very important service of the church as well as being a ministry that provides opportunity to bond over food and fellowship. Serving as a coffee hour host/hostess allows one to serve our church in a very special way. Hosts can sign up as single individuals, a couple, two couples, or even a group who would be willing to share the responsibility of several Sundays. Items brought in for coffee hour can be as simple as cookies, or crackers and cheese, chips and dip /salsa. Typically a sweet and /or salty item. We also request that some sort of fresh fruit or veggie also be served for those who may have sensitivity to processed food items. We will be instituting a new signup sheet by hanging it in the glass narthex area beginning in October. We hope this will help people to both sign up as well as remember when they are hosting. As always, you may submit your receipts to be reflected as donations to the church or if needed, reimbursement.



## Coffee Fellowship

Mark your Calendar for the following dates:

**Saturday, October 12th from 6:00 -8:30 p.m.** - Diocesan Dinner to honor Bishop and Karlah Gibbs (Signup in Glass Narthex or Online ) RSVP requested for accurate count.

**Harvest Dinner – Sunday, November 17th, 2019** in Holy Spirit Hall.  
More details to follow. Watch for signs to be posted.

**St. Nicholas Party – Sunday, December 1st. 2019**

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with the Hospitality Leader on duty for the month. The name is posted on the counter along with their photo to help you identify them. If you are interested in becoming a Hospitality Leader, please let Rhonda Rudolph. You may contact Rhonda Rudolph at [rlrudolph61@gmail.com](mailto:rlrudolph61@gmail.com) or (517) 474-4368. (Hospitality Co-Chair).





# Choir News & Notes...

Thank you to all the faithful choir members. Starting up in the fall is fun!

We really need female choir members! If you or someone you know is interested in joining us (even part time) we would love to have you. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Thanks for all your support!

-Genette,  
Choir Director



## THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Open my mind so I can learn about You;

 Cut off the top 

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.

 Clean out the inside 

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

 Cut two eyes 



I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.

 Cut a nose 


Open my ears so Your word I will hear;

 Cut two ears 

Open my mouth to tell others You're near.

 Cut a mouth 

Let Your light shine in me so others can see.

 Place a candle inside 

**MY HAPPY LITTLE PUMPKIN SHOWS  
HOW MUCH GOD LOVES ME!**



St. Paul's Episcopal Church ECW  
NUT and CANDY SALE  
2019

Please note that we are only ordering what is preordered. Please have your forms in to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 309 S. Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201 by October 13. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church ECW with Nut Sale on the memo line.



<u>All sold in one pound bags</u>	<u>\$Price</u>	<u>#Ordered</u>	<u>\$Total</u>
Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves	11.00		
Smoked Pecans	11.00		
Light Walnut Halves and Pieces	11.00		
Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)	11.00		
Giant Whole Cashews (roasted, salted)	11.00		
Colossal Natural Pistachios (roasted, salted)	10.50		
Whole Almonds (roasted, salted)	9.50		
Chipotle Mixed Nuts	10.50		
Wasabi Almonds	9.50		
Turkish Apricot Halves	7.25		
Spicy Party Mix	7.25		
Praline Pecans	11.00		
Heart Healthy Nut Mix (raw nuts, seeds, etc.)	10.00		
Fruit & Nut Mix	8.25		
Tropical Blend	9.50		
Milk Chocolate Coated Pecans	11.00		
Milk Chocolate Coated Giant Cashews	11.00		
Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix	8.75		
Mixed Yogurt Raisins	7.25		
Giant Malted Milk Balls	8.25		
Dark Chocolate Almonds	10.25		
Dark Chocolate Cranberries	8.50		
Mixed Chocolate Cranberries	8.50		
<u>Total # Bags Ordered</u>		<u>Grand Total \$</u>	

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Unpaid \_\_\_\_\_

Any Questions ? Please Call: Romelle (517) 414-3768



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:30 am Bereavement Group 5:15 pm Cardio Drumming 5:30 pm Mission & Outreach 6 pm Toastmasters	11 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Choir	5:15 pm Cardio Drumming 6 pm Handbells 6:15 pm MW2 Adult Christian Ed Class		10 am Worship Committee
6 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV	7	8	9	10	11	12
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