

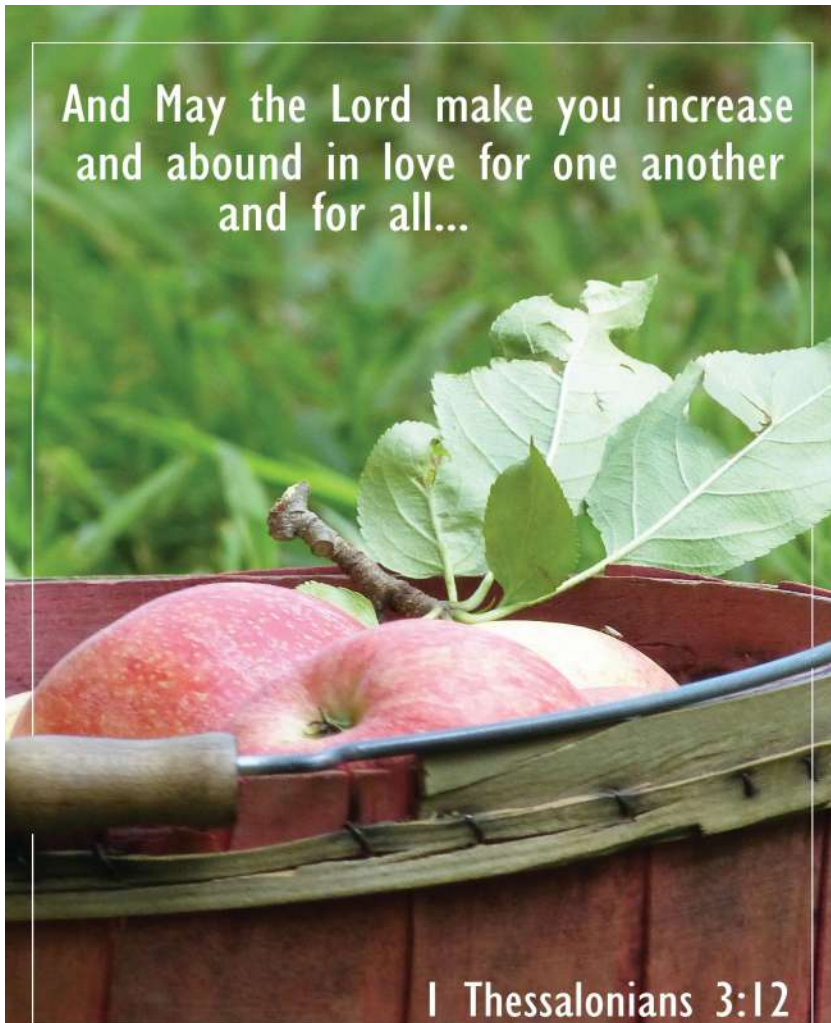
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And May the Lord make you increase
and abound in love for one another
and for all...



1 Thessalonians 3:12

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Rector's Corner

"Oh God most high, when I am afraid I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

Friends,

Twenty years ago I was in my first semester of seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. One beautiful, clear morning we heard an explosion, heard what had happened on the news and smelled the smoldering wreckage of the Pentagon for 4 days afterwards. Each year is hard remembering how our world changed that day and all of us know where we were when we heard about it or saw it on TV. Fear is real and fear is a necessary part of the human experience to keep us safe. And we as Christians are called to place that fear into the hands of God and walk on holding hands with each other and with Christ who leads us into paths of righteousness and not sin.

As we live in this time of fear and doubt let us walk together, hand in hand with our Lord who will show us the way each day to walk with grace, kindness and love through a weary world. This world needs what we know of God's love, what we have experienced through the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us be the bearers of that love so the world might know Jesus in us.

We pray for our teachers, students and parents as the school year begins. Everyone is working hard to make sure students are educated and all are safe. The fears of Covid are real and we can face them together with grace and courage. I'm so grateful for our Sunday School teachers, kids and families as we begin this school year together. Rev. Melissa is working hard to make sure we have the staff, supplies and tools we need to help our kids learn about God's Word and their place in this world. May God bless each one engaged in the teaching of our children.

We have some great events coming up and I hope you'll join us! Our 10:30 service on Sunday, Sept. 12th will be at the Clarklake Beach and Boat Club with a catered lunch provided. Just BYOB and sign up so we know how many will be coming. On Sunday Sept. 19th you're invited to play Mini Golf for a good cause at the new Mini Golf course in Jackson! Love INC is holding their annual fundraiser at Jurassic Golf and we hope you'll join us as we support this ministry in Jackson.

Finally, please pray for our Vestry as we go on retreat Sat. the 18th with the diocesan Congregational Development officer the Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag. She will lead us as we discern what ministries we want to focus on this liturgical year and in what direction we want to grow. Thank you for your support and prayers and blessings for the end of your summer!

Faithfully,

Sarah+



Curate's Report



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“Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”— Isaiah 40.30-31

I'm guessing many others are wearying at the current wave of the pandemic, especially for parents of youngsters who are starting to tackle another pandemic start to the school year. And for everyone at St. Paul's, we are seeing another pandemic start to our program year, just as we were starting to ramp things up looking ahead to some new “normal.”

A saving grace is that although we may be weary, God never grows tired, God is always there to listen to us without fail. We wait, we trust, with patience and hope That things will improve. Regarding the pandemic I feel that I have had to channel the fruit of the spirit, patience, more times than I can count. And unfortunately, it seems as this will continue into near and distant future.

In the same breath I will say that we have some very faithful and resilient young people and young families in our parish. It is my prayer that our members under the age of 12 and their peers are afforded the opportunity to get the vaccine soon as possible.

We wrapped up Summer Art Camp in August with a fun art event. Local artist Sheryl Amburgey worked with our kids and the kids from Jackson First Presbyterian Church for this event. The kids learned how to draw and paint their own face and got a framed picture to take home.

Plans are being finalized for our Christian Education for children and youth to start up this month. We will be kicking things off by celebrating our kids while we worship at Clark Lake Beach & Boat Club on September 12th. There we will have backpack and teacher blessings and the Pastors and church schoolteachers will be serving up ice cream provided by Bishop Perry to the kids after a lunch catered by Big Guy. Following this kickoff, Christian Education classes are slated to start on September 19th.

Lastly, some have asked me how long I will be at St. Paul's. Please know that I have a three-year covenant to be your Curate which runs until the end of August of 2023. Therefore, I will not be leaving any time soon! I feel blessed to be able to work and learn here with such an outstanding group of siblings in Christ.

In faith,

Melissa





From Our Sr. Warden...

Summer is over and fall activities have begun. Most everyone is sad when summer comes to a close, but are happy for the coming of fall. Even though we all enjoy the lazy days of summer, it is nice to get back into routines and activities. School has returned and students are back in the classroom and able to see their friends and continue the learning process. Of course, COVID is still hanging around and the Delta Variant seems to be nasty. Hopefully our community will rally together to help fight the spread of the variant. We all pray students and teachers will be safe in the classroom and able to learn without the use of masks, but I fear masks may come back into play this fall and winter. Hopefully wearing masks and the majority of people over age 12 being vaccinated may allow us to continue with normal life.

We are still enjoying not being mandated to wear masks in church, but we do encourage anyone who is concerned to please wear your mask. We continue to increase our numbers every week and it is wonderful to start seeing the church fill up with friends and newcomers. If you see a new face, please introduce yourself and encourage them to continue attending - and attend coffee hour after the service. We had a large group the last several weeks and it is wonderful to look out and see folks enjoy each other's company, coffee and a few snacks.

We are starting to see committees and groups returning to gathering and meeting in person. Cardio Drumming has been drumming the beat and getting people excited and back into shape. ECW has had a few meetings, Koinonia is meeting again, and church school is starting their fall schedule. The church is slowly starting to get busy again with activities and groups and it is nice to see people out and about.

Hope to see you all soon in church or watching on face book.

Debbie
Sr. Warden



HELP WANTED!



Our tech team is stretched thin and could really use more people to help run our livestream services. They are happy to train you, and running the cameras is easy to learn!

If anyone (youth or adult) is interested in helping to join this very important ministry please contact Nathan Randall. (517) 914-3066 or email: technology@stpauljxmi.org

The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

While it's sad to see the summer end, it's great to look forward to cooler days, evening sweaters and the blue skies only fall can provide. We hope you are all enjoying your summer. These are the last days of the summer as fall arrives on September 20. The year has in some ways zipped along and in other ways it feels like a lifetime.

But no matter the season, the ECW Board is hard at work planning for the year to come. Our next meeting will be on September 11 in the small dining room. Social hour will begin at 10:30 AM with the business part of the meeting starting at 11 AM. Food for this meeting will be supplied by the board. However, a sign-up sheet for people to take care of food for future meetings will be available. Order forms for this year's nut sale will be available also. Please check your gift lists and see if some of these wonderful nuts would fulfill part of your gift giving for the upcoming season. Order some to take as gifts at Thanksgiving. Everyone likes a hostess gift and gourmet nuts make a great choice. We are also accepting the voluntary ECW yearly fee of \$10 for those who may have missed it the first time around.

Also on our agenda for the September meeting will be proposed changes to our By-Laws. Changing roles and timelines has made this a necessity. While the changes are small, they are nevertheless important. The changes must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present at the General Membership meeting in September. They have already been approved by the board following the same guidelines.

We are still in great need of a secretary for the ECW. This is an important position and other board members filling in is placing an undue burden on already hardworking members. Please, please, please give this some thought and prayer and see if you feel called in any way to fill this void. Your board would be most grateful.

Otherwise, we are excited about the year ahead and look forward to sharing important information on a variety of topics and to spending quality time with you all. Always remember, ALL women are welcome to join ECW.

Enjoy the rest of the summer sun while it lasts – soak it into your bones. For those traveling over the holiday weekend we pray for safe travels. Stay healthy. Wear your mask when necessary. May God bless and keep you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Rowley, Vice-President, ECW.



A Year of Thanks

-by Curate Melissa

For the calendar year of 2021 I'd like to emphasize a year of thanks to those ministries which help make St. Paul's all that it is. Each month this year you will see me highlight one or more of the ministries and thus ministers of our parish community. Stay tuned to see if your ministry is one highlighted!

The ministry I am highlighting this month is the ministry of parenting. While this may not be something we normally think of as a traditional ministry of St. Paul's, it shows an emphasis on the ministries we do outside of St. Paul's that impact or St. Paul's family and beyond.

When a young person is baptized, they are presented for baptism by parents and sponsors. These parents and sponsors vow to be responsible for seeing that the person they are presenting is brought up in the Christian faith and life, and that they will help them grow into the full stature of Christ. They say they will do so "with God's help."

With that I would like to highlight our parents of young families and remember the many other parents we have in our parish as well. Our young family parents we have seen recently are:

Paul & Bethany Bickel

Sandy & Ruth Genyk

James & Carrie Grant

Tom & Sarah Holsinger-Friesen

Nick & Cassie LaGow

Larry & Kim Lloyd

Eric & Natalie Magnusson

Nathan & Christy Randall

Benjamin & Elaine Themm

YOU'VE GOT
THIS, PARENTS!
We love you.

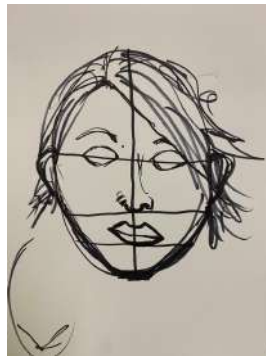


It is also important to remember that those present at baptisms also vow to "do all in our power to support the person being baptized in their life in Christ." That's everyone at St. Paul's! The next time you see one of our young family parents, please take a moment to show support and give thanks for what they are contributing to St. Paul's and the world around us.

Thank you, parents of our K-12 members!



Our young artists did a great job doing self portraits at Summer Art Camp 2021!



Christian education for K-12 at St. Paul's will be in person from 9:15-10:15AM on Sundays, starting **September 19th**.



Wedding Fever!



Janet Hughes has had **4** generations of her family marry at St. Paul's! Here are 3 of them. (*Not pictured:* Her Grandma was married here also (in the St. Paul's chapel) .

Thanks for sharing Janet!



Jack & Joyce Schultz
(Janet's parents)
August 21, 1952



Janet & Douglas Hughes
September 12, 1987



James & Kerri Hughes
(Janet's son & DIL) - (above & left)
June 18, 2016

*Let parish secretary Alice know if you have any wedding photos you would like to share for future issues of the Epistle!

“HOLY GLASS”

A Tour of the Windows of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Jackson, MI Part 4

This month we will be focusing on one window known as the “War Memorial Window.” It is located on the north wall of the Chapel. The window is a beautiful memorial to the eight men from St. Paul’s-Jackson who lost their lives in World War II. It was created by the Payne Spears Studio and installed at St. Paul’s after World War II.



We see Christ standing in the center of the window holding a crown. Three angels – the angel of Peace (top right), the angel of resurrection (middle left), and the angel of Sacrifice (lower right) appear in the window. The design, color and content of this window are exceptionally complex and beautiful. Rich reds, greens, blues, and golds are woven throughout the composition. The calligraphy is equally stunning – using various fonts that lead the viewer’s eye to the verse: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give me” (2nd Timothy 4:7-8 KJV).

The lower panel of the window contains likenesses of five of the eight men who perished in World War II in prayer. Below them are the names of the eight men who perished.

In the center of the bottom panel we find a portion of the poem “High Flight” by the pilot John Gillespie Magee, Jr., Royal Canadian Air Force:

“OH! I HAVE SLIPPED THE SURLY BONDS OF EARTH
AND DANCED THE SKIES ON LAUGHTER–SILVERED WINGS.
HIGH IN THE SUNLIT SILENCE, HOV’RING THERE
I’VE CHASED THE SHOUTING WIND ALONG, AND FLUNG
MY EAGER CRAFT THROUGH FOOTLESS HALLS OF AIR
AND WHILE WITH SILENT LIFTING MIND I’VE TROD
THE HIGH UNTRESPASSED SANCTITY OF SPACE
PUT OUT MY HAND AND TOUCHED THE FACE OF GOD” (*edited*)

The War Memorial window reminds us that we are mortal, life is a gift and how much we need God’s guidance and grace.

P.S. The Wickwire and Carter families took the proceeds from their son’s insurance policies and started the Jackson Community Foundation, which continues to serve education, charities and community agencies to this day.

Please enjoy our windows!

Joyce Grace, September 2021



Look who had a birthday this month already! Our sexton Terry works hard at St. Paul's so we enjoyed spoiling him on his special day!



P.S. If our organist Julie B. gets wind of your birthday, watch out. She's the ninja master of b-day celebrations!

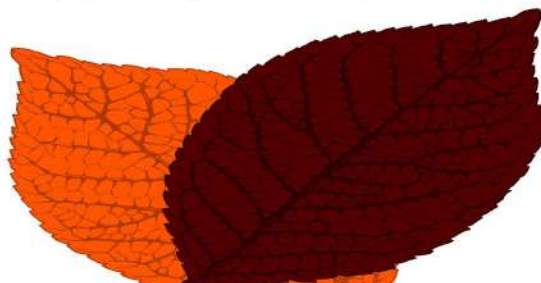


September

Courage

Day 1 – Joshua 1:9
 Day 2 – Deuteronomy 31:6
 Day 3 – 2 Timothy 1:7
 Day 4 – Proverbs 28:1
 Day 5 – Psalm 27:14
 Day 6 – Psalm 31:24
 Day 7 – Ephesians 6:10-11
 Day 8 – Psalm 112:6-8
 Day 9 – Isaiah 41:10
 Day 10 – Psalm 16:8
 Day 11 – Isaiah 12:2
 Day 12 – Psalm 56:3-4
 Day 13 – Psalm 27:1-3
 Day 14 – 1 Corinthians 15:58
 Day 15 – John 14:27
 Day 16 – Ephesians 3:8-12
 Day 17 – Acts 4:29-31
 Day 18 – Hebrews 4:14-16
 Day 19 – Hebrews 10:19-23

Day 20 – 1 John 5:14-15
 Day 21 – Romans 8:15
 Day 22 – Acts 1:8
 Day 23 – Luke 10:19
 Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 12:9
 Day 25 – 1 Corinthians 4:20
 Day 26 – Colossians 1:9-14
 Day 27 – Ephesians 3:14-19
 Day 28 – Isaiah 40:29-31
 Day 29 – 2 Corinthians 3:9-12
 Day 30 – Ephesians 3:20-21



Organist's Corner



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A Bit of Our Organ's History

In March of 1926, St. Paul's had an organ with 23 stops (sets of pipes), but only 11 of those played. That organ had been installed 31 years earlier, so a decision was made to purchase a new organ. There was a Music Committee that evaluated a number of different organ builders and decided on the E. M. Skinner Co. That organ served the church well until 1958.

The 1960 Organ Dedication program gives me this information: "The work of redesigning and rebuilding the organ at St. Paul's was assigned in the spring of 1958 to Guido Nenninger of Munich, Germany, the second largest organ builder in Germany." The organ became twice its



The Guido Nenninger organ console

1926 size, now having 3838 pipes (2700 of those were new). Most of the ranks of pipes from the 1926 Skinner organ were preserved, reused and revoiced to fit the tonal design of the Skinner/Nenninger organ. Much work was done to improve the acoustics in the organ chamber to allow the pipes to speak more clearly. The Skinner/Nenninger organ had four manuals (keyboards) and a pedal board, as opposed to the three manuals that we now have. There was also an echo organ located in the balcony but played from the console downstairs. This organ was dedicated on February 18, 1960 with a recital by Jack Zimmerman, who was the church organist at the time.

By 1987, St. Paul's was again ready to improve and update the organ. At this time, our current organ company, Muller Pipe Organ Co. of Toledo, Ohio, was awarded a contract for the work after six different organ builders were evaluated. Again, much of the original E. M. Skinner organ was reused but many of the Nenninger additions were not retained due to ongoing deterioration. This current version of the organ was dedicated on October 8, 1989. A very generous donation from the Herrick Foundation assisted with the costs of this construction. I was amazed to find that Gerre Hancock, the long-time organists of St. Thomas Church in New York City, came to Jackson to conduct a choral workshop in the afternoon and the dedicatory recital in the evening. (I was privileged to hear Mr. Hancock, a renowned improviser, at an organ workshop that I attended as a youth.) In the dedicatory recital program, it states that at the end of the recital, "Mr. Hancock will be given the names of three hymns, all of them familiar to the general public, and will literally compose a new song, using bits and pieces of music from each of the three hymns." Music of Franck, Bruhns, Bach, and Reger made up the first part of the recital.

I hope that you have enjoyed learning a bit of our organ's amazing history as much as I have!

-Julie J. Baglien, Organist



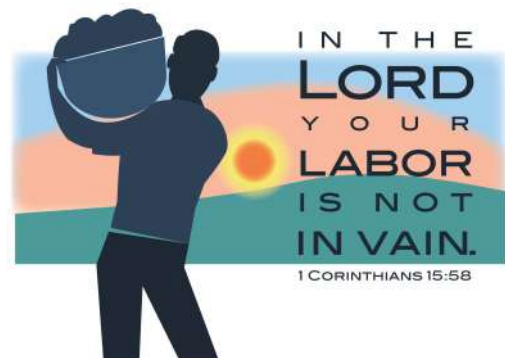


Terry Treadway	September 1
Lane Perlos	September 3
Bill Boody	September 6
Janet Hughes	September 6
Omar Themm	September 9
Marcia Hudson	September 11
Macrae Randall	September 11
Joe Lathrop	September 13
Elizabeth Rogers	September 18
Bob Lock	September 20
Melaina Magnusson	September 22
Lincoln Lloyd	September 24
Samuel Holsinger-Friesen	September 29
Evelyn Magnusson	September 29
Maliyah Radabaugh	September 30



John & Donna Kurcz	September 3
Terry & India Treadway	September 7
Edward & Helen Greene	September 10
Doug & Janet Hughes	September 12
Tom & Sarah Holsinger-Friesen	September 29
Dr. John & Josephine Alipit	September 30

The Church Office will be closed after noon on Friday, September 3rd and on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday weekend.





You can still worship at home:

**Watch the Facebook Livestream
of our 10 :30 am Sunday service
from inside our sanctuary:**

[https://www.facebook.com/
stpauljxmi](https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi)

**Sunday Worship Bulletins are on
our website at**

<https://stpauljxmi.org/>

**You can also view the service
later on Facebook.**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A
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OUR VIDEOS!**

Bible Study



Bible Study is in person
on Wednesdays at
10:30 am in the Small
Dining Room.

(It will continue to be
on Zoom also for those
who would like to still
attend online.)

Follow this link to Zoom in: [https://
us02web.zoom.us/j/83005898502](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005898502)
No Password required



**Wednesdays @ 12:15 pm -
Holy Eucharist in the chapel**



Join Pastor Sarah each Wednesday at
8pm on Facebook live

[https://www.facebook.com/
stpauljxmi](https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi) for the service of Compline
from the Book of Common Prayer with
the commemoration of saints that day.

Adult Forum

9:15 am-10:15 am on Sundays in the
small dining room.

Email Eric Magnusson
(emagnusson75@gmail.com) for more
info or questions.

Fall 2021

Fitness at St. Paul's

Contact Dee 517-290-0305

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➤ Private Fitness Coaching

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➤ Wellness and Fitness Consultation - Always free for members of St. Paul's.

FREE at St. Paul's. Beginning September 8, 2021



Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM

Cardio Drumming Happy Hour

@ St. Paul's. Seated or Standing.

Begins 9/8. Sign-up at St. Paul's or

<https://:drumminghappyhour.eventbrite.com>

PENDING Class – If enough people register for each week

➤ Build & Burn for the Balance, Mobility, and Strength!

This class has no music and is excellent for those with balance and mobility challenges, use a chair/walker/cane, and hearing and vision challenges. Must have at least four people each week for class to be held. Sliding Scale = pay what you are able from \$0 zero to \$15. Your support allows me to continue to make fitness classes at St. Paul's accessible to everyone.

Call/Txt: 517-290-0305

www.facebook.com/persistfit

**Please*
Contact Me
-not Alice
or Sarah*



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September 19th from 2:00pm -4:00pm
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Love In the Name of Christ








Support Love INC by playing a round of PuttPutt. Golfers will receive a water bottle, goodie bag, possible instant prizes.

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Kids - 12 and under \$5.50
Kids - 3 and under Free
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(2 Adults and up to 4 kids)







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easy to forget
that there are nice people
out there doing nice things
for others.

Thanks for being
such a special reminder.
I'm sending you this thank you
for help with Consumers Energy Bill
it has taken the worry away of
how I was going to pay it. I can
not thank you enough for your
help. I thank you from the bottom
of my heart. Heather [redacted]

**We wanted to share this
thank you card we received:
Your generosity is helping
our community every day!**



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**>>>Be sure to sign your family up for
the meal count<<<**



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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | 10:30AM**

**Catering provided by Chef Jeremiah. Ice
cream provided by Bishop Perry. BYOB,
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\$20/family**

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