



# EPISTLE

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio**

*Helping all people find a connection to God's community.*

***October, 2023***

## **Senior Warden Notes**

I have now written this column for the past 14 months while we have been without a Priest. I am choosing to take a break with the column due to time considerations until the November Epistle. I am continuing to work along with your Vestry members and the Interview Committee in looking into all options re: a Priest position for St. Paul's. There will be more updates shared in the near future as soon as we have more information. Your Vestry and other people are also continuing to work hard to keep things running smoothly here at St. Paul's. We have 5 Sunday services at St. Paul's in October and I look forward to seeing all of you then. Please join us!

Kim Bohler, Senior Warden

## **Special Zoom Meeting Minutes**

August 23, 2023

A Special Zoom meeting was held at 1:00PM with the Vestry and the Interview Committee members with Susan Sczolgosz, the Interpreter for Holy Cow Consulting firm. Those who were in attendance were: Gary Benesh, Gail Benesh, Kim Bohler, Jan Dunwoody, Tim Burns, Jan Nelson, Chris Nelson, Rachel Grilliot, and Larry Hayes.

The purpose of this meeting was to have Susan interpret the results of the 28 church surveys completed and to find what is typical about St. Paul's and what is not, compared with other congregations that most recently have taken the survey. Most of our parish answered "on the fence" or in the middle, tending to agree or tending not to agree with the survey statements. This is typical of congregations in transition, usually low energy and anxious about the future. According to the survey we are undaptable, very settled and conservative. We need recovery or reinvention. We need to "think outside the box" and explore a variety of options for our future i.e.: shared pastoral leadership, merger, change of worship. We should explore how our church facility might be adapted to become a greater community asset that would increase utilization. We should call a priest who will slowly jump start our parish. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Benesh, Clerk

### **A Statement of Mission**



As Episcopalians in the  
Diocese of Southern Ohio,  
we commit to:

† Know the common story

Deut. 11:18-21

† Proclaim our common  
faith

Matt. 28:19-20

† Pray our common prayer

1 Thess. 5:16-19

† Drink the common cup

Mark 10:38

† Serve the common good

Matt. 25:37-40

In the name of our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is our common  
ministry.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Outreach Committee... "If we pop it, they will come".

No, that's not a takeoff on the Kevin Costner film "If we build it, they will come". This is our version of God's random acts of kindness. On Sat Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we participated again in a FREE fresh hot popcorn and ice-cold bottled water give-away to visitors and attendees of Downtown Greenville's Rolling 50's Car show event. Outreach Comm started this free give-away event several years ago. This year was our biggest attended and give away year to date!

This year's event had beautiful weather and a blowout volume of 550 car show entries parked up and down Broadway, immediate side streets, and totally around the downtown circle where we posted our "POPCORN" Episcopal tent. By the end of our event, we had given away approx. 410 bags of popped corn and approx. 195 bottles of ice-cold water.

Some may ask.... What does free popcorn and bottled water have to do with outreach needs to help the poor and underserved members of our community? Our Outreach Comm feeling is that it is a two-fold outreach response. Although we offer to come and enjoy "FREE" fresh hot popcorn and ice-cold water, we also inform our visitors that we gladly accept donations to our church's Outreach Program. And much of the donations will be given to our partnership with Grace Resurrection Christian Center, just down the street from St. Pauls. We currently donate personal hygiene and laundry supplies, since those items are not currently allowed to purchase thru typical Government subsidies /assistance programs...this year thru the generous donations of our many visitors in our 4.5-hour event, we received donations totaling \$178.32.

This donation amount will be presented to the Vestry for their eventual disbursements to GRCC and other Outreach needs for the remainder of this year. The intention of our Random acts of kindness outreach event at this car show is to also show our presence and willingness to be in the community, advertising our intention to help other people in need by sharing kind people's generous donations.

Let us not be boastful in our presence, Lord. But let us be seen and heard in your name.... to share your joy, and your love amongst our neighbors. Hopefully next year you may be able to stop by and visit or take a turn to help bag up some fresh popped corn. The personal payback was well worth our efforts, when we experienced the many joyous faces of the young kids that were drawn to the delicious aroma of fresh popped corn. We saw so many big smiles on their faces and they often asked.... Can I take a bag of popcorn for my sister... for my brother? Sure, my little friends! It's free from our Church.... Enjoy it!

I also want to thank the Members of our church that helped make this outreach event possible. Gary Benesh for his rigging skills to help put up and take down the large Episcopal Pop-Up canopy tent, Kim Bohler, Linda Cassel, and Jan Nelson (Outreach members), and Ted Finnarn for his gracious offer to provide electricity for our popcorn machine from his Law Office building.



<b>Date/Proper</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Assistants</b>	<b>Flowers*</b>
<b>October 1</b> The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Joe Grilliot, Officiant Jan Dunwoody, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher	Duane Johnson
<b>October 8</b> The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Fr. Mujete, Officiant Chris Nelson, LEM/ Prayers Duane Johnson, Reader Fred Dean, Usher	Sharon Wintrow
<b>October 15</b> The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Kim Bohler, Officiant Karen Burkett, Reader Richard Mote, Usher	Millie Mote
<b>October 22</b> The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9{10-13} 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Fr. Mujete, Officiant PJ Brumbaugh, LEM/ Prayers Gary Benesh, Reader Peter Hemer, Usher	Marty Davis
<b>October 29</b> The Twenty-second Sun- day after Pentecost	Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	Chris Nelson, Officiant Kim Bohler, Reader Fred Dean, Usher	Peggy Riegel

**\*\*Please notify the office of flower dedication by noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday listed.**

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## Monthly Planner

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