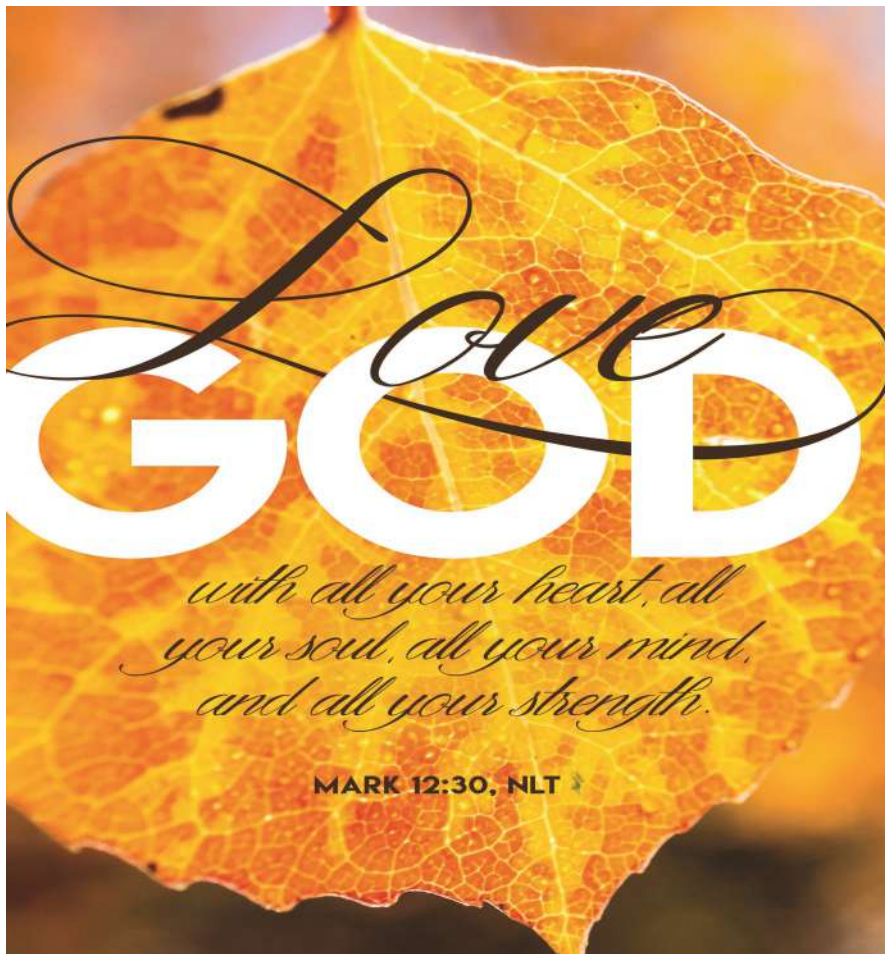


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Rector's Corner

"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4

Friends,

Your Vestry had a fantastic retreat day with our diocesan Congregational Development officer leading us as we discern where God might be calling this parish. One thing was made very clear, our parish puts a very high value on worshipping together and the quality of Sunday worship. As you know, just before pandemic, our former choir director left after Easter. Not being able to sing for over a year and not having a choir director left the burden of arranging for and playing our music to our amazing organist Julie Baglien. Julie asked me a few months ago if we would be willing to make her our permanent organist with a letter of agreement and updated job description. I was overjoyed that she wanted to become our organist and helped craft a letter of agreement with our new Human Resources Committee. This letter was presented to the Vestry and approved with joy. Julie's talent and her faithfulness is a great gain for St. Paul's and I will rely heavily on her as we begin a search for a new choir director.

As we come to the end of another pandemic year we pray mightily and plan for growth and vigor in the New Year. To build our choir and music program we will need to hire an energetic and skilled choir director who will provide the choral foundation of our liturgical worship. Like the organist position this will be a part-time job and one which we hope will attract a talented local choir director. We will be building a job description and start a search in the coming weeks. I ask your prayers for this endeavor and I ask you to consider this area of growth for our parish as you think about your pledge this year.

We are so grateful for our faithful pledging members and that our investments have been steady and strong throughout this stressful time. We will need to increase our budget next year to attract and pay for a choir director that has the talent we desire. We have increased the salary for our organist position to match the experience and skill Julie brings to her work and what other area churches pay their organists. We are investing in our future. Let me say that again...We are investing in our future! Please consider increasing your pledge for 2022 so we may build our choir and music ministry for our immediate needs and for future worshippers at St. Paul's. Our prayers and hymns are central to who we are as the Episcopal branch of Christendom and we are grateful for this beautiful heritage.

You will receive our annual pledge letter this month and we ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a pledging member of St. Paul's or if you are already pledging, please consider increasing that pledge by 5% for 2022. That incremental increase will go a long way in our hiring for the future of our music program. God bless and keep you as we enter Fall and I look forward to a lovely Feast of All Saints with you in November.

Faithfully,
Sarah+



Curate's Report



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"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth." -2 Timothy 2:15

Learning and new insight, especially with regard to scripture, is something we emphasize at St. Paul's. Opportunities for learning are kicking into high speed. Many adults have gone back to adult forum in person and many of our kids have come back to Sunday school. Others (adults and kids) are learning how to run the technology to broadcast our services online. And certainly everyone engages in learning when we pray, ponder on scripture, and look and listen for the Spirit whether it be during the Sunday service or other times during the week.



Along with learning comes teaching and we've had two additional adults step up to help teach our kids. Sandra Kilian and Ron Rowley have come on to substitute when needed so our kids can have consistent schooling when teachers Kim Perlos, Tom Holsinger-Friesen and/or Pastors Sarah & Melissa need to be away. Teaching and working with the kids has been very rewarding thus far. It is an honor to help our youngest members learn and grow. With backpack and teacher blessings thrown into the mix a lot of good things are happening.

A special event coming up for our kids on October 10 during their church school time is the opportunity to have their favorite stuffed animal blessed. They will learn about blessings and also it will be a good lead in for the blessing of the pets later that afternoon at Horace Blackman park later that day.

In faith,

Melissa





From Our Sr. Warden...

Fall is in the air! You can smell it, feel it and the leaves are just starting to turn. So far fall has been very pleasant, minus the two days of constant rain. The students are back in school, fall activities have begun and college football is back on Saturdays.

We have been increasing our numbers of parishioners at in person services every week and it is wonderful to see the church start to fill up again. We have also had new faces each week and we hope they continue to join us each week. So many of our normal activities have returned and it is nice to see people enjoying all we have to offer. Our numbers on Facebook have also been holding steady.

Sarah has initiated a Human Resource committee to help with the hiring process, contracts and evaluations. One of our first tasks was to oversee the hiring of Julie Baglien as our permanent part time organist. Julie has done an excellent job for the past several years working on a week-by-week basis. She is now permanent, and we all benefit by hearing her wonderful musical talents each week. Welcome aboard Julie!



Debbie
Sr. Warden

Building & Grounds

The walk in cooler (refrigerator) experienced a problem this past month. There was lost food items. The system was overwhelmed by the door not being closed completely causing the unit to freeze up. This can be prevented by everyone making sure the door is closed. I am looking into installing a device that will alert folks to close the door.

Office area: Roof leaks, yes it continues to sprout new leaks...the flat roof has exceeded its life. I don't remember if it has been totally replaced before my tenure. I have not requested any quote to replace. The days are getting shorter so it's time to think about snow removal. We have a new person to plow snow this season and a new supplier for our ice melt. Terry Treadwell our sexton, will continue to help as well. We have not set a time for the fall clean up yet, I figure by November it should be ready.



Regards,
Kyle King

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 7th**. 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.

October



BIBLE PLAN

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| 1 Psalm 44:1-16 | 17 2 Timothy 2:20-26 |
| 2 Psalm 44:17-26 | 18 2 Timothy 3:1-9 |
| 3 Psalm 45:1-9 | 19 2 Timothy 3:10-17 |
| 4 Psalm 45:10-17 | 20 2 Timothy 4:1-8 |
| 5 Psalm 46:1-11 | 21 2 Timothy 4:9-22 |
| 6 Psalm 47:1-9 | 22 Ephesians 6:1-9 |
| 7 Psalm 48:1-7 | 23 Ephesians 6:10-17 |
| 8 Psalm 48:8-14 | 24 Ephesians 6:18-24 |
| 9 Psalm 49:1-9 | 25 Daniel 5:1-12 |
| 10 Psalm 49:10-20 | 26 Daniel 5:13-21 |
| 11 Psalm 50:1-15 | 27 Daniel 5:22-31 |
| 12 Psalm 50:16-23 | 28 Mark 6:45-56 |
| 13 2 Timothy 1:1-10 | 29 Deuteronomy 18:9-14 |
| 14 2 Timothy 1:11-18 | 30 Acts 19:8-20 |
| 15 2 Timothy 2:1-10 | 31 1 Thessalonians 5:15-28 |
| 16 2 Timothy 2:11-19 | |



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The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

Fall is officially here now and so are cooler nights. The late summer, early fall days have been beautiful and I hope you all are enjoying them as much as we are here. And with fall comes the October Epistle – already! Is it me aging or is time flying on by? So, let's get to it!

ECW met on September 11, 2021. We had a great attendance, and a lot of people were able to catch up during the social time. The main thrust of this meeting was to accept or reject the changes to our By-Laws necessitated by changing times and roles. Those at the meeting having heard the proposed changes voted to accept the amended By Laws.

The October meeting is scheduled for October 9. As usual social hour with snacks will be at 10:30 a.m. and a sign up sheet is available in the glass narthex. There will be a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the food. The program will begin at 11 a.m. Sandra Kilian, M.D. will give a presentation on viruses in general and COVID-19 in particular. She will also discuss the COVID vaccine. In addition, Geraldine San-Juan-Dunford, LLPC will be sharing updates on the increase in anxiety and depression related to COVID. She will also offer coping skills for dealing with these issues. So, get your questions or concerns ready for these very qualified professionals who will be more than willing to help answer them.

In other news the ECW annual nut sale is currently underway. We are continuing the pre-order only sale this year. Order forms can be found on the table across from the office. There is one attached to this newsletter also. The deadline for orders is Sunday, October 10. Again, I say these nuts are of the highest quality around and can be used as gifts for just about anyone on your gift-giving list. They can be used as stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, service provider gifts, teacher gifts and family gifts. Keep a few deluxe mixed nuts or giant cashews on hand in gift bags for those unexpected times when you find you've forgotten a gift for someone. No need to be caught flat-footed again with such wonderful selections to choose from. And let's be honest who doesn't like to curl up in front of the fire on a cold winter night and indulge in a few chocolate-covered cranberries or my own personal favorite, bridge mix. Look it over and get to ordering. Gosh I hope some of the men read this too! Men like nuts too. Friends keep in mind it is our biggest fundraiser of the year. With this income we will continue to reach out to agencies in the community that service women and children.

Please keep the trafficked and oppressed women and children of the world in your prayers. Get out and enjoy the beautiful fall season and all it offers. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Get your vaccine or booster. Wear your mask. We look forward to seeing you all at our October meeting – it promises to be very interesting. As always, all women are welcome to attend an ECW meeting so bring a friend if you're so inclined. God's blessings on you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Rowley, Vice-President, ECW.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church ECW Nut and Candy Sale 2021

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES DUE TO COVID 19!

We will ONLY order those nuts and candies that are PREORDERED and also PREPAID. Please return your forms and checks to Romelle Frey, 2022 Forest Park Drive, Jackson, MI 49201 by **October 10, 2021**

Checks must be written to The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "nut sale" on the memo line.

As we have sold the same nuts for multiple years, most of you know what is in each selection. I can give you details if you have any questions – call 517-414-3768. Romelle Frey. (r & s) = roasted and salted

<u>All sold in one pound bags</u>	<u>\$Price/item</u>	<u>#Ordered</u>	<u>\$Total</u>
<u>Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Smoked Pecans</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Light Walnut Halves and Pieces</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Giant Whole Cashews (r & s)</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Colossal Natural Pistachios (r & s)</u>	<u>10.75</u>		
<u>Whole Almonds (r & s)</u>	<u>9.75</u>		
<u>Spicy Party Mix</u>	<u>7.50</u>		
<u>Turkish Apricot Halves</u>	<u>7.50</u>		
<u>Honey Roasted Cashews</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Praline Pecans</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Harvest Medley Mix</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Milk Chocolate Coated Pecans</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Milk Chocolate Giant Cashews</u>	<u>11.25</u>		
<u>Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix</u>	<u>8.75</u>		
<u>Dark Chocolate Almonds</u>	<u>10.50</u>		
<u>Dark Chocolate Cranberries</u>	<u>8.75</u>		
<u>Mixed Chocolate Cranberries</u>	<u>8.75</u>		

Total # Bags Ordered

Grand Total \$

Name

Phone #

Address

A Year of Thanks

-by Curate Melissa

For the calendar year of 2021 I'm emphasizing 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!

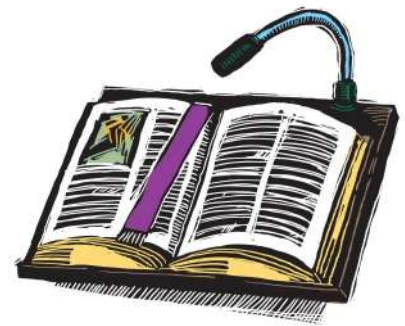
The ministries I am highlighting this month are lectors and intercessors. These ministries have been performed tirelessly though the pandemic to help bring together our worship whether it be in person or online or both.

Being a lector or intercessor means being gifted in speaking out loud, public speaking, and the discipline to prepare the readings prior to reading them aloud for Sunday worship. Lectors can conquer all the difficult to pronounce words we see in Scripture and help the Word come alive for us today.

Intercessors have similar gifts to lectors and are sometimes tasked with pronouncing difficult to pronounce names. They lead us in intercessions – prayers we pray for others. And they often include silent times when we can add our own petitions - those prayers we pray for ourselves. Because of this leadership, intercessors are good people to know!

Those currently serving lectors and intercessors are:

Barb Duke	Joyce Grace
Sue Hammett	Leah Holsinger-Friesen
Samuel Holsinger-Friesen	Tom Holsinger-Friesen
Sandra Kilian	Joe Lathrop
Eric Magnusson	Melaina Magnusson
Natalie Magnusson	Zoë Magnusson
Dennis Marsh	Sally McKinnon
Barney Rudolph	Phil Stout
Loren Swanson	Teri Utz



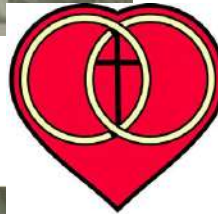
A big “**Thanks!**” goes out to all those who are lectors and intercessors. “If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.” -Meister Eckhart

Pastor Melissa

Wedding Fever!



Harry Strait shared these wonderful photos of his and Rose's wedding here at St. Paul's on November 11, 1955.
What beautiful memories!



**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 5

We have been discussing the most often noted and loved windows in our Chapel and Sanctuary. These also tend to be our earlier windows. This month we’re going to visit nine windows which are either rarely seen or are often seen but seldom noticed due to their locations.

The first group of windows are found in the former connector passage from the Nave to Camp Hall. When Camp Hall was demolished and Holy Spirit Hall added, it was decided to keep part of the former back hallway for a storage area and potential future use. The best place to view these windows is from the Memorial Garden in the fall and winter, when the leaves have fallen. They are made of a glass known as “glue chip” glass. It is decorative and inexpensive, so it was ideal for an early passageway.



The next four windows are also smaller in size and are found in the Narthex and Choir Loft. We have all walked by the Narthex windows, busily heading for Church or chatting with friends before or after the service. We don’t tend to stop and appreciate the two windows there. The first window, to the south of the front doors, depicts the boy, Jesus. He is dressed in a white and gold tunic. One hand points toward heaven, while the other hand points to his heart. We see the Christogram – IHS, on his tunic (an ancient symbolic way of writing “Jesus Christ.”)

His image is surrounded by a border of three leafed vines and roses, with subtle Trinitarian images of clover in the background. The inscription reads: “To the honored memory of Jessie C. Ball - 1866-1944.”





Opposite this window on the north side of the door is another window depicting a young Mary, the mother of Jesus. She also wears a halo and holds a lily – her symbol of purity, and gazes heavenward. Her inscription reads: “Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Both of these windows were created by the Payne Spears Studio in Patterson, N.J. in 1944-45.

Then take the stairs up to the balcony to see our last two windows. On the south side of the west wall we find a window with a geometric background that contains images of crossed whips and crossed keys. Jesus gave Peter the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. One key is gold and the other silver. The gold key represents the power to bind and loose in heaven (spiritual authority). While the silver key represents the power to bind and loose on earth. The whips symbolize the suffering of Christ before his crucifixion. The companion window contains an image of a Chrysmatory, which contains three types of holy oils. The first oil is oil of Chrism, the second is oil of Catechumens, and the third is oil of the Sick. These windows were dedicated to “the Glory of God and in loving memory of William C. Harvey and Susie M. Harvey,” in the 1960’s and made by the Lamb Studios of Ridgewood, N.J.



Please enjoy our windows!

Joyce Grace, October 2021



Organist's Corner



Meet Your New Organist



I'm sure that some of you are wondering how I can be your "new" organist when I have been with you for almost three years. When I began playing at St. Paul's, I was also the half-time organist at University Lutheran Church, East Lansing (where I first worked with Pr. Sarah). I would split the month between the two churches and my colleagues, Karen and Bob, would play at St. Paul's when I was at ULC. With the COVID pandemic, ULC has stayed with Facebook services while St. Paul's went to livestream. I was able to provide recorded music for ULC while playing every Sunday at St. Paul's. I have now decided to leave ULC and make St. Paul's my permanent "organist home." I so appreciate the way that I have been welcomed here and the many wonderful comments about the organ music each Sunday.

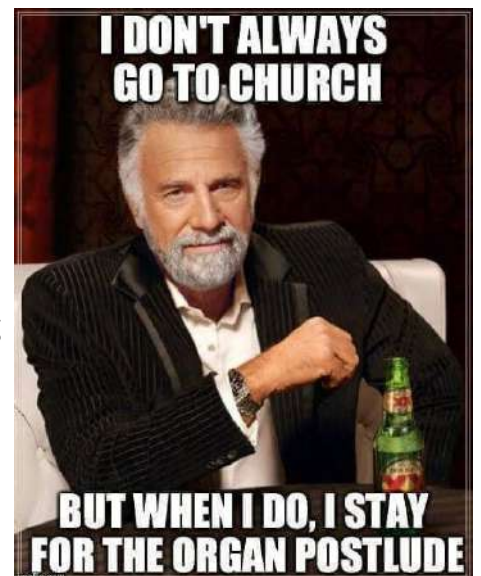
My parents were Scandinavian Lutherans from North Dakota who took their family on a great adventure to the former American Canal Zone in Panamá. They loved it so much that they stayed until they retired. That is the tropical paradise where I grew up, in the shadow of one of the greatest engineering feats in the world. I studied piano, then organ, and my first job, at age 14, was as organist at our church, Redeemer Lutheran, in Balboa, CZ. I also worked as the accompanist for my high school choir of 150 voices.

I returned to the U.S. for college and graduated from Wittenberg University, in Ohio, with a Bachelor's degree in Church Music as an organ major. I also earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. I moved to Michigan, got an organist job, and began a teaching career in Charlotte where I taught music and then taught elementary classrooms, mostly second grade. I also earned a Master's degree from MSU in Education.

I met my husband in the Canal Zone where he spent two years studying monkeys for his Ph.D. from MSU. Over the years our family grew to include our four sons (Evan, Ethan, Erik, and Eston) and now two daughters-in-law. The boys were all involved in music in various ways, including being great page-turners and stop-pullers for their mom! We live out in the far northwest corner of Jackson County. Our sons all graduated from Springport High School and I was elected to serve for 20 years on the Springport Board of Education.

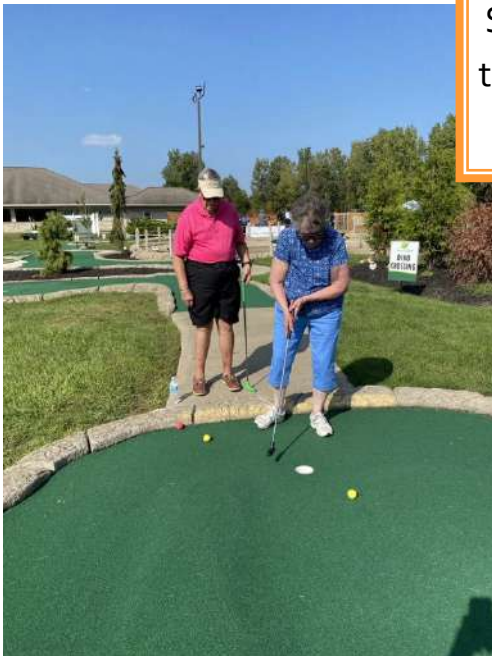
I am so glad that Pr. Sarah thought to call me three years ago when St. Paul's needed an organist! I look forward to continuing to be a part of the St. Paul's family and getting to know everyone better.

-Julie J. Baglien, Organist





Larry Bullen	October 2
Garry Trammell	October 3
Cynthia Rider	October 4
Teri Utz	October 4
Evan Lagow	October 5
Sue Smar	October 7
Sue Hammett	October 10
Laura Orr	October 10
Dominic Themm	October 11
Autumn Boody	October 20
Jadon Hartsuff	October 20
Michelle Gibson	October 26



Some pics of our St. Paul's golfing crew from the annual Love INC annual putt-putt outing. A good time was had by all!





Join us for services at 8 am or 10:30 am. Capacity Restrictions are lifted and masks are not required, but are still strongly suggested. Every other pew remains closed to remain distanced and contact tracing remains in place.

Or Join us online Sundays at 10:30 am:

For the Facebook Livestream of our service follow the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi>

Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website at <https://stpauljxmi.org/>

You can also view our services later on Facebook.

(You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view 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>

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> 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.



Beginning this month, we are updating our method of collecting names for our prayer list. A new list is on our podium in the back of the church with categories for names of those for whom we wish our prayer ministers to pray and those whom we would like to have included in our public prayers during worship. These names will remain on the list for a month and then we will begin again. Feel free to add the same name each month for those who need our continual prayers. The list of memorials remains the same and our list for thanksgivings will move to the bulletin board in the glass narthex. That way our thanksgivings may be shared with the entire congregation. In the near future, a button will be added to our website to be used for prayer requests and pastoral call requests. At **any time you may call the office or email us to make your prayer requests and please call Pastor Sarah when someone is in the hospital or desires home communion.**

-Faithfully, Rev. Sarah.

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Fitness at St. Paul's

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Services by Appointment

➤ Private Fitness Coaching

Based on your fitness needs and interests. Available in your home, in the St. Paul's Wellness Room, in a public park, or at my home studio. *Special rates for St. Paul's Community!*

➤ 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 **Please**
www.facebook.com/persistfit *Contact Me*
-not Alice or Sarah



Check out the “**In Thanksgiving**” List on the bulletin board in the glass narthex!

Please write down the names of those in our St. Paul's church family that you would like to give special recognition to and we will highlight them in the next month's epistle newsletter.

**Sunday, Oct. 10th @ 4pm 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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**(Proceeds from offering collected will be going to the
Jackson County Animal Shelter.)**

Pastor Sarah will be on JTV on Wednesday, October
6th (@ approx. 2:40 pm) to promote this event. More
info to come on our St. Paul's Facebook page soon!