

July 2022

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Come and worship with us. A place of rest, peace and love

Priest-in-Charge

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Dear Parish Family,

I am always surprised that we reach July 1, the mid-point of the year so quickly. I think it is because we are concentrating on and celebrating so many of the major Feast days of the church year from December through June. We begin with Advent, then Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and conclude with Trinity Sunday. It is only then that we finally reach a point where we can catch our breath, and slow down a bit. I have to admit I both need and enjoy the slower pace of summer!! And yes, we have indeed reached that point and summer has definitely arrived with our temperatures already in the 100+ degree range. But there are also still activities continuing at the church. On WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH, at 6:00 pm we will begin a new study group on The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). You have heard me say many times that the BCP is one of the treasures of the Episcopal Church. We will look at what it is, how and why it came into being, what is in it, and how to use it. So, I invite you to "come and see" our BCP in a relaxed and fun environment. Bring your prayer book, if you have one, (if not we will have one available) and your questions. We will end the class between 7:15-7:30.

Two more important events will be happening this summer, The 80TH Tri-Annual General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA, and the 15TH Lambeth Conference.

Each fall of the year the Diocese of Oklahoma holds an annual Diocesan Convention where the clergy of the Diocese and the elected lay representatives from the churches of the Diocese meet to do the business of the Episcopal Church in Oklahoma. The budget for the next year is presented for approval, policies and procedures are presented for approval, and various individuals are elected and appointed to various committees and council to continue working throughout the year on church business and planning. It is an annual event.

The larger church of which we are a part, The Episcopal Church USA also holds a convention to do the business of the larger church. It is held every three years and it's 80th General Convention will be meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, July 8-11, 2022. When it meets it is the largest legislative body in the world. The legislative body is divided into two separate bodies, The House of Bishops, and the House of Deputies which is comprised of both clergy and laypersons. It is indeed an awesome sight to behold. These are the bodies which set the policies and procedures which become the Canons (Laws) of the Church. This year some very important issues will come before the Convention for discussion and decision. Our Oklahoma delegation will be The Right Reverend Poulson Reed, 4 clergy members and 4 laypersons. I ask for your prayers for The Episcopal Church USA, for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, for all Bishops, and for all clergy and lay deputies who will have the responsibility of making decisions for our church.

Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (p818, BCP)

Every 10 years, The Archbishop of Canterbury convenes the Lambeth Conference. It is a gathering of Bishops from across the Anglican Communion for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. With the theme of "God's Church for God's World -walking, listening and witnessing together" the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world. They will be meeting July 26-August 8, 2022. I bid you keep them in your prayers.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When God created the universe, one small part of creation was intentionally left undone. That part was Social Action. God gave to human beings alone the ability to understand the difference between right and wrong, to choose between good and evil, to love, to empathize, and to dream. Then God challenged us to use those tools to complete creation. By allowing us to be partners in completing the world, God has given to our lives destiny and purpose.

Rabbi David Saperstein

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Blessings always,

Mother Suzanne

Birthdays

July 1st Susan Kenner July --July 2nd Paula Womack

July 4th America -- July 17th Sarah Perryman

Anniversaries

July 12th John and Bonnie McAskill

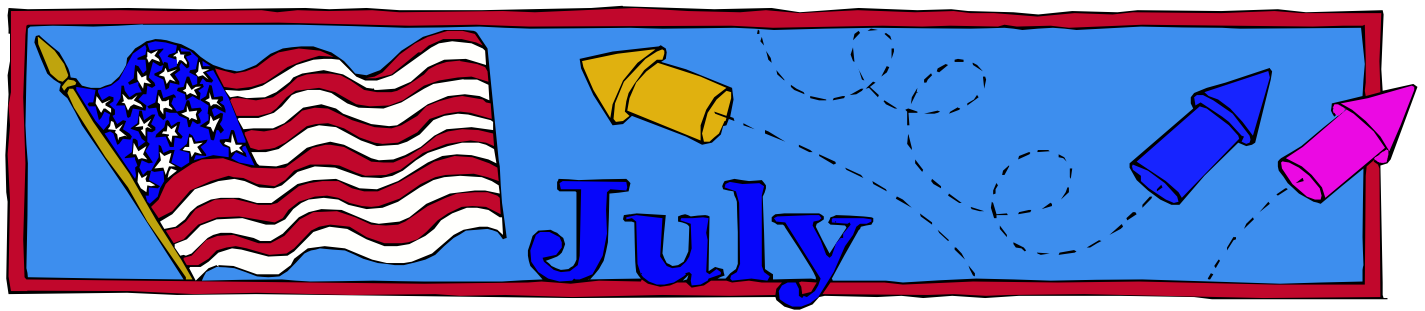
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Activities and Events

Tuesday Noonday Prayers will remain at 12:00 during the summer months.

Vestry Meeting

6:30 pm Tuesday July 19th



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DATE	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD	ALTAR FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY/ LOCK-UP DUTY
July 3rd The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Kidwell, B Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Kidwell, J Epistle Craighead J	Kidwell And Templer Crucifer Womack	Templer	Howard Robison	Hospitality: Lock-Up: Womack
July 10th The 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Dodd Epistle Hammock	Hammock And Howard Crucifer Bowers A	Kidwell	McAskill	Hospitality: Lock-Up: Howard
July 17th The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Womack Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Craighead J Epistle Davidson	Howeth And Sharp Crucifer Braddock	Womack	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up: Braddock
July 24th The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Kidwell B Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Kidwell J Epistle Bowers V	Kidwell And Howard Crucifer Womack	Kidwell	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up Kidwell J
July 31st The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Bowers, A Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Hammock Epistle Davidson	Templer And Hammock Crucifer Bowers F	Templer	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up Perryman

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Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.