



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## SEPTEMBER 2017

### SERVICES

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School

10:00 - Worship Services

### SEPTEMBER 2

#### MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader: Sam French

Altar Guild: None needed

### SEPTEMBER 10

#### HOLY EUCHARIST

The Rev. Eric Anderson

Lay Reader: Kate French

Altar Guild: Kate French

### SEPTEMBER 17

#### POT LUCK & BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

#### MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader: John Tarver

Altar Guild: Becky Tarver

### SEPTEMBER 24

#### EUCHARIST

The Rev. Eric Anderson

Lay Reader: Don Kiefer

Altar Guild: Sheryl Kiefer

### A Word from the Bishop's Warden

God ways are truly inscrutable. I have been experiencing that lately. I made a friend while I was doing a rotation in our Certifying department. His name was Dan and he was bright light to everybody, he was a joy to everyone he met. He walked slowly with a cane while dragging his right leg, had little use of his left arm and a huge scar on the left side of his head. I never asked him what had happened because it did not seem to matter. He did sorting task and such in the department and made little money but he worked. He was always giving. A smile, a hello, donuts he bought with his small income just so he could see the smiles of others. As I said a bright light in a department where intense pressure prevails because a single mistake in the complicated process of interpreting and reporting of results that can cost people their jobs, their children and their freedom, can cost you your job.

Two weeks ago he had a stroke at work and died last week. What did that accomplish God? Was it an answer to a prayer? That such an example should be removed.

Then as we often seen as great catastrophe occurs as is now happening in Texas. Of what use is this to your plan, loving God.

We have to remember that for us to think things like that is to presume that we know God's will, His plan. Aspirations that we should realize are beyond us and exposes lack of faith. Even when we are asked by others why, we should be honest and say we do not know but not knowing does not change our faith.

We do not have to know God's will to know that He is a God of love. And if we are honest when we look at events such as these, in the middle of trial, that is when we also see the best of humanity.

"O God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. "

Wishing God's Peace for All,

John

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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NERM WEBSITE

<http://www.nermwestmo.org/home0.aspx>

## DEANERY & NERM MEETING

Don Kiefer and Mark Gladfelter will attend these meetings on Saturday, September 16 at St Michael's in Independence.

## HAPPENING 76

St. Paul's will host the prep-meeting for Happening 76, an annual event for the youth of the Diocese. Members of the planning committee will meet at the church on Friday,



September 8 beginning at 7 P.M. until Saturday, September 9 at 2 P.M. We are blessed to be able to help with the youth work of the Diocese.

## CHURCH LANDSCAPE PLANS

Due to the lack of personnel to maintain the landscape around the church, we will be removing the plantings around the building. Members are free to take any plants they may want. Please come and remove what you want **by SEPTEMBER 22**. After than the remaining plants will be removed.

## HVAC

Parts have been ordered to repair the HVAC system. We will not have A/C or heat until repairs are completed.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Barbara Crossley requests prayers for her niece, Kathleen Ortiz, who passed away from pancreatic cancer on August 30. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Crossley family.

## CHILLICOTHE JOINS NERM

Father Bill Fasel announced that the church in Chillicothe, where he has been interim, has now joined NERM which increases membership to 6 churches. Father Fasel will be back on a 5 week rotation since Trenton and Chillicothe will share a priest on Sundays.

### BIRTHDAYS

2-Sheryl Kiefer  
6-Michelle Mehan  
9-Roger Mehan  
13-Charla Nelson  
18-Keith Livingston  
22-Steve Brantner

### ANNIVERSARIES

3-Don and Sheryl Kiefer  
14-Mark and Ruana Gladfelter

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