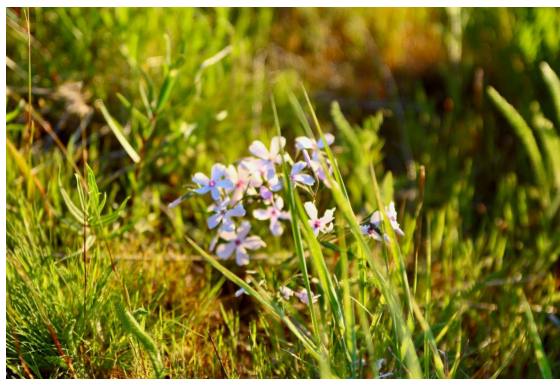


Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

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Upcoming Events for the week

- **August 11- Noon Day Eucharist at St. Paul's Chapel 601 Union St. Masks required**
- **August 15- 8 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer at St. Paul's**
- **August 15- 9:00 a.m. [Sunday Forum](#) in-person and Zoom offered**
- **August 15 - 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer at St. Paul's *Masks are required in all settings within the church.***



Beauty resides in small places

Practicing the Presence of God

Prayer is the orientation of all the attention of which the soul is capable toward God. —Simone Weil, *Waiting for God*.

-Richard Rohr daily email

UTO reminder

The wait is over, or is it? Many of us were waiting until we could gather back together in our buildings, while others continue onward with their electronic meetings. Some have chosen a hybrid system. Whatever way we have continued to gather together in our congregations, there is no wait to continue to show our blessings and gratitude. The United Thank Offering will once again be offered at Diocesan Convention and that is a little over two months away.

At least it will be two months when your churches can gather up your collective gratitude in the form of the coins and dollars put away over the past year and then bring them to convention. Blue boxes are the wonderful symbol of this but whatever was stored in your coffee cans, recycled bottles, jars, etc. is still an offering in thanksgiving. New materials will be forthcoming from UTO in the coming months to remind us and hold our monetary blessings, but we can combine our creativity and our gratitude together this time for our offering in 2021.



Submitted by The Reverend Deacon Georgia Giacobbe

A Word for the Day...

When I was a child going to school in Atlanta, Georgia, my teachers taught me that forming a “more perfect union” of freedom, equality and opportunity was the dream of democracy. “You are a citizen of this country,” they said, “and your responsibility is to hold that dream - even fight for it - not for your individual benefit but for all of us.”

As I grew older, this duty of citizenship became complicated. I realized that my white skin color opened doors of opportunity closed to people with darker skin. My economic class meant that I could go to college and work in an occupation of my choosing. My citizenship allowed me to pass through security lines without question while people from other parts of the world were stuck in systems of surveillance and suspicion.

Without question, I was FREER than many others. I had done nothing to earn or deserve such privilege. I was just lucky enough to be born white. I have benefited profoundly from that luck, and that isn't right.

Our nation was birthed with a flaw in our founding DNA - we were born in an unholy marriage of white nationalism and Christian exceptionalism. Our founding leaders held this truth to be self-evident: that all people, under God, must accept the superiority of whiteness. We continue that practice to this day.

Robert P. Jones, author of White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity, puts it plainly: “On a broader level, white supremacy involves the way a society organizes itself, and what and whom it chooses to value.... And that's white supremacy without all the bluster: a set of practices informed by the fundamental belief that white people are valued more than others.”

The evidence is not hard to see. Since the 2020 election, 18 states have passed 30 new laws that make it harder to vote. In my home state of Georgia, legislators have begun transferring control of the elections in Fulton County, one of the most reliably Democratic counties in the nation, from county officials to Republican state officials. This is also happening in Louisiana, with more sure to follow.

We are locked in a battle as old as our nation. But for many of us, we are no longer willing to accept the superiority of whiteness. That has those who have benefited from that privilege acting from fear, expressed as hate. We must make sure that their actions fail.

In the 1950s, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. popularized a vision of Beloved community: a community in which everyone is cared for, absent of poverty, hunger, and hate. To achieve it, he said, we have to rebuild our systems currently steeped in racism and division.

The Christian life, he went on to note, is one built on brotherhood and sisterhood of ALL people. No one is better or worse in the eyes of God. No one matters more than another. We cannot be people of faith - any faith - and not live by that fundamental truth.

Civil rights activist Robert Parris Moses warned us that the nation “can lurch backward as quickly as it can lurch forward.” We must choose what kind of nation we will become. The scriptures tell us this: When we decide to live into the dream of freedom, equality and opportunity for ALL of us, then we all thrive. That's the vision at the heart of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kindom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven." Let's make it so.

We are in this together,

Rev. Cameron Trimble

Piloting Faith

A note from your Rector ...

God's mercies are new every morning. Today I want to be reminded of God's mercy and find my hope in these words: "*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*" Lamentations 3:21-23 NRSV



The Hebrew word for “new” as used here is chadash (pr. khaw-dawsh) meaning “fresh, new thing, to rebuild” Isaiah 43:19 testifies “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? Many of you may think that priests automatically are filled with hope, and turn to their bibles to seek spiritual and emotional nourishment immediately, but that isn't always the case. I'm just like you, I strive to find hope for the day in a variety of different ways, sometimes leaning into Scripture, and other times walking along River Front Trail to enjoy the wild life and scenery.

I have started, once again, to seek information about the rise in Covid cases in Wasco County, and you need to know, that once again, we worshippers at St. Paul's will need to remain flexible. Morning Prayer will be offered starting this Sunday, August 15th, until virus cases begin to drop again. Right now Wasco County is considered at High Risk, so as a group of people we need to remain diligent to staying safe while we worship.

There is an active discussion going on right now between me, the co-senior wardens and Vestry members on limiting the amount of people attending church to 31 people, which on most Sundays is not a problem. If you are an early bird in the morning, perhaps you would enjoy attending the 8 a.m. service, that way, giving more room for people to attend at 10 a.m. Either way, we all will be wearing masks as we enter the building.

I do encourage you to attend church services. We spent 18 months worshipping by Zoom, and now we can actually share our stories, our prayers, and our worship with each other. We may need to wear masks and practice social distancing for a while longer, but by doing so we grow stronger in our faith.

What new things are you experiencing today? Are you looking for ways to be grateful? Who, lately, has offered you forgiveness and mercy. These are such good questions to ask from ourselves.

Thank you for your faithfulness, in attendance, in service, and in your financial support of St. Paul's mission locally and globally.

Peace be with you,

Marilyn+

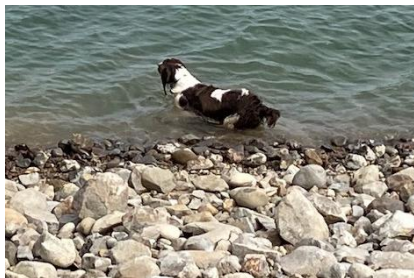
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Summer photos



Lucy cooling off



Mark Roth takes his last trip to Portland in his boat. Both, a sad



Jerry Frazier shares a new addition to the sheep family

SACRED GROUND

A 10-week Episcopal study series on race dialogues. Enhance your understanding on how to be responsive to race and racism.

Study series starts on Sunday, September 12th at 3:30 p.m. and will meet for 90 minutes every other week. Julie Reynolds will lead the study series.

By way of overview, here are some key characteristics of the Sacred Ground Dialogue Series:

- It is built around powerful documentary films and readings, which we are pleased to bring you and which will serve as the jumping-off point for dialogue.
- The series brings participants' attention to various key chapters in U.S. history of race and racism, as well some of the latest thinking by scholars and practitioners of racial healing, racial equity, and whiteness.
- It focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian American histories as they intersect with European American histories.
- It emphasizes personal story-sharing and deepening relationships.

August Birthday's

12 Rule Beasley

18 Sharon Bailey

19 Marta Moser

21 Bonnie Lipinski

22 John Langfeldt

23 Bill Ketchum



Please pray ...

For your prayers: Peggy Davis, Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Ross Hucke, Don and Alice, Dale Newton, Sarah, Barbara Portwood, John Davis, Lee Keifer, Melanie from Ascension, Mary who is suffering from ALS (a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Geri (Carolyn Thomas' sister), Laurence & Ava Kerr's daughter, Deb; Steve and Colleen Schafroth, Doug and Elizabeth, as Doug heals from Covid (John Langfeldt's son-in-law), Alice and Don as Alice struggles from lung cancer (John Langfeldt's sister and brother-in-law), Ann Marie's sister, Kay; Ned and Sandy's daughter, Rainbow; Gretchen Kimsey's sister, Triena; Cindy Roth Pielli for current health issues; Sam Woolsey's family as they grieve the loss of Bill Martin and Doug Woolsey, the Betty Hartmann family as they grieve the death of Betty, the death of The Rev. Larry Ferguson and family, death of The Rev. Paul Morton, death of Jenny Curtis' daughter, Rachel McCall, and relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and our Nation. 08 02 21

To submit articles or pictures for the weekly newsletter, please submit them by Friday. Some articles may be held over for the following issue due to immediacy and space. Your articles keep us smiling and feeling like a community. Thank you, Marilyn

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