

Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

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Upcoming Events for the week

- **March 3 - Wed Noon Day Prayer - Zoom**
- **March 3 - Lenten Zoom Study 6:30 p.m.**
- **March 7 - Forum 8:30 a.m. Zoom**
- **March 7- St. Paul's Zoom Worship 10a.m.**

History shows us our ancestors weather tough times also

Looking at the past history of people who have gone through rough times can give us a fresh perspective on our current reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This short video will retrack your perspective on our current situation. We are blessed to be where we are.

[Tap on link to view video](#)

Spring is coming



Verna Browne planted flowers in the two flower boxes at the church. Photo taken by Marilyn Roth

Listening ~

When we pray, how often do we say: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening? Move often, I think, we say: 'Listen, Lord, for your servant is speaking'" ~ *Robert Wicks*

UTO Message from Rev. Georgia Giacobbe

Hi UTO helpers,

This message is two fold. First, it is a reminder that even in Lent, especially in Lent we can continue to show our thankfulness. In the past, there were two ingatherings per year, one of which

was derived from the Lenten mite boxes. The other of course is the one we hold onto, which is our ingathering in the fall. So please remind your sisters and brothers to show their thanks with their blue box offerings especially in Lent.

And last but not least, to keep you informed about where that ingathering will be going this year, 100% of what is collected for the 2021 UTO Ingathering will be given away to support innovative projects focused on the Care of Creation led by Episcopal/Anglican ministries.

Thanks for all you do for the UTO.

Georgia Jacobbe

Any questions please feel free to contact me at email or 541-965-2976.

Never Forget Garden Update

It is springtime in the Never Forget Garden at St. Paul's as it is in most gardens. The buds are forming and it is pruning time with no shortage of information available on the internet on proper ways to prune roses. But also, the first new rose in 2021 has been planted - Desmond Tutu contributed by Mike and Pat Fowler. And we are expecting the arrival of a Pope John Paul II rose in two weeks. That will bring us to only needing 6 more roses to complete Phase 1 of the Never Forget Garden with 21 roses. Anyone that wishes to contribute a hybrid tea rose in recognition of a person that is, or has, defended the freedoms of our country - please contact Jerry Frazier to make arrangements (either buy your own or provide the funds for another rose).



Duplicates of current roses would be fine, but having a broad range of varieties adds color variety and horticultural interest in watching flowering and growth differences. As a guideline - here is a list of the roses currently located in the garden: Oregold, Double Delight, Love & Peace, Oh Happy Day, Mr. Lincoln, Veterans Honor, Let Freedom Ring, Chicago Peace, Mango Veranda, Black Baccara, Peace, Pope John Paul II (coming soon), and Desmond Tutu. St. Patrick is a suggestion that would make a wonderful addition.

A plat map of the garden with donor and rose names is being constructed for posting in the church.

Article submitted by Jerry Frazier



Message from your Rector:

I hope this brief message finds you all well. Vaccinations continue, and many of you are still waiting to be called to have your first vaccine shot. It is presumptuous of me to casually say this time of waiting has been a learning lesson for us all, but often it is during a time of hardship that we learn the deep lessons of our soul. For myself, I have learned during this pandemic what I really treasure and can point to things in my life that have little meaning.

In our Lenten study of Henri Nouwen's book, "Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of The Spirit," I am reminded that the process of 'self-emptying' or ridding myself of things in my life which are creating extra stress, extra noise, or drawing me away from just feeling congruent with my present way of living, doesn't

happen in a vacuum, my self-emptying happens right within the boundaries of my home.

I have learned that I do pray, and often my prayers come in the form of a petition, where I am praying for others. But then I did a little soul searching about my prayer life, and asked a few questions of myself. Do I like praying? Do I pray every day? Do I mainly present a list of prayers for God to answer or does my prayer life have room just to 'be'? Like you, no one answer describes my prayer life, and usually it depends upon the day.

What I can say from my reflection is that prayer is important to me. As Nouwen so aptly says, *"Prayer is being unbusy with God instead of being busy with other things. Prayer is primarily to do nothing useful or productive in the presence of God."* I so enjoyed Bishop Pat Bell's sermon this last Sunday where he pointed to awe and wonder as being the telltale signs of piety. Awe and wonder from Bishop Pat's viewpoint draw us into the wonder of life. For Bishop Pat, sin is the inability to be in awe and look for wonder in our lives. I like that definition of sin. How do I miss the mark, or sin, when my awe of God diminishes me from seeing the wonder around me?

The pandemic and our separation from each other continues, but we are weathering this time together as best we can. I challenge myself and you to ponder the wonder in your life. Take pictures and send them to me, and I will post them in the weekly newsletter and on our web site. Share your story of wonder with us, for awe cannot be contained; it begs to be shared. May we share our awe of God and wonder with each other.

Stay well dear friends,

Marilyn

Photo taken by Kimsey's last fall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ...



March Birthdays:

13 Ron Clark
15 Sage Booren
17 Ned Kice
24 Jeff Krier
24 Kyle McCullough
26 Jill Durow
29 Judy Reid
31 Chuck Miller

Please pray ...

Please pray ... For your prayers: Peggy Davis, Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Ross & Deb Hucke, Don and Alice, Dale Newton, Jeff Krier, Ginger Crowley, Oscar Martinez, Ruth Welle (Carol Yakish's sister), Sarah, Barbara Portwood, John Davis, Carol healing from lung cancer, Judith (sister of Sandy Kice), Lorrie (friend of Alan Alford), Lee Keifer, Rosemary Ross, Andrew Larive, Melanie from Ascension, Wanda Hilderbrand, Connor (grandson of Jeanine Dirksen), Stuart Foster (Jim Foster's son healing from a ski accident), Kathy Scarborough's cousin who has Covid, Mary who is suffering from ALS (a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Pete Speight (Georgia Giacobbe's husband), relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and Our Nation. 3/1/21

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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