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November's Unfolding Moment

by Marna Franson

Hello all. I have fallen into a pattern of highlighting some events and happenings and work that is going on around us and within us. Hope that it is inspiring to know that we are connected in so many ways through the efforts of others.

1. **Caregiver's Corner:** The second Wednesday of every month (**November 9th** this month), my friend Debbie and I co-host an online support group for Caregivers at 1:30 p.m. on ZOOM. Please be aware of who might need this support and point them in our direction for the link. Trudy Gray, a caregiver with a lot of experience, pointed me in the direction of a wonderful website with resources for caregivers. Check it out for support as well: <https://www.wellmedcharitablefoundation.org/caregiver-support/caregiver-teleconnection/>
2. **Asylum Seekers and Refugees:** The liturgy planning group has decided to weave an emphasis on asylum seekers and refugees into the seasons of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany this coming year. Lynn Domina found for us this event coming up at NMU that will get us in the mindset: Dilli Gautam from Bethany Refugee will be making a public presentation on Tuesday, **November 8th**. He will be here to discuss his personal experiences of being a displaced person as well as his work with refugees and immigrants in Grand Rapids. His presentation and talk with students will cover a wide range of concerns related to displaced persons, including conflict, environmental, and economic issues.
3. **A Women's Lectionary:** The liturgy planning team has decided that we will be using a Women's Lectionary for this upcoming liturgical year. We have ordered copies of the lectionary for all the preachers and are excited to begin this journey into some stories that we may not have heard or examined. Talking with Rayford Ray about the use of this lectionary, he said, "Now that is a novel idea to hear stories (voices) of women when more than half of the world's population is made up of women! I am more than happy to say 'YES.'" Here is a link to the lectionary in case you want to buy one for yourself: <https://www.churchpublishing.org/womenslectionaryforthewholechurchyeara>
4. **Marquette County Suicide Prevention Alliance Meeting:** The MCSPA meeting is held every first Tuesday of the month at 12 noon. It is a wonderful time to hear about proactive efforts around Suicide Prevention. I attend each month and would love some company. Let me know if you would like to go with me.
5. **Chili and Labor Unions and Churches:** What do these three things have in common? I am cooking a big pot of chili for dinner at St. John's Church in Negaunee on Monday, **November 7th** at 5:30 p.m.. We would love for you to join us for our first round table discussion about how labor unions and churches might work together to promote the dignity of those around us. The mayor of Negaunee will join us for this lively night. All are invited!
6. **Discernment:** The vestry has met with Sue Ray, the consultant for this next generation of Mutual Ministry at St. Paul's. Please pray daily for this life affirming process.
7. **UPCHAT:** Have you signed up for news from the Diocese straight into your inbox? If not, send an email to jane@upepiscopal.org to get on the list!

More Than Enough

by Charlie West, for the Stewardship Committee

For the past few months we have been using stewardship material from TENS – The Episcopal Network for Stewardship – with the theme More Than Enough. It comes from the story of Jesus feeding the crowd in Luke 9. After everyone had eaten all they wanted, there were 12 baskets left over. I hope you have had a chance to read some of the weekly and monthly reflections. I think they have been meaningful and well written.

During November, we will also be including some of the Prayers of the People from TENS in our Prayers on Sunday using the refrain “When we give out of our abundance, There is always more than enough.” It has impressed me that while when we encounter the word “give”, we quite often fast forward to “\$\$\$”; the reflections and the prayers encourage us to expand and extend our thoughts about giving to other spheres of our lives.

- + We give our energy and activity to help others in our community with food or clothes or comfort or reassurance.
- + We give our time to care for the Creation.
- + We give our words to promote justice and kindness and respect and to counter unkind or racist ideas.
- + We give our thoughts and prayers for church and governmental leaders.
- + We give our hearts for those who are sick or sorrowing or lost.
- + We give our devotional time to nurture first ourselves and then be able to bless and nurture family and congregation friends.

And yes, when we give out of the abundance of our lives, there is always more than enough.

We will be hearing and thinking more about this through the month, with letters and pledge cards leading to Stewardship Sunday on **November 20**. We look forward to taking this journey together.

***Oh – and did I say “Thank You” for all that you have done and “given”
over the past year. It has made a difference.***

Thank you.

The years of Puritanism, return of the Monarchy, and American Settlements

by Jim Sorenson



Thomas Cromwell, leader of the Parliament Puritan Revolt, remained in control of Parliament upon the death of Charles I in 1649. At first, he enjoyed widespread popularity among the people. However, as it began to become apparent that he was taking on the position of military dictator, his popularity began to tumble. Upon his death in 1658, his control was passed on to his son, Richard, who lacked his father's political prowess.



The people feared the establishment of an alternate hereditary monarchy and invited Charles II to return to England as king in 1660. Though the Parliamentary form of government offered the people a better form of government, Cromwell disregarded certain English liberties established under the Magna Carta in 1215. Charles II, son of the executed King Charles I, returned and served as King during the period known as the "Restoration." Also, during his reign, Charles went about restoring much of what had been suppressed under the Puritan Republic. Theatres were soon flourishing, the Church of England was restored and all manner of entertainments flourished.

In revenge for his father's death, Charles II ordered that Oliver Cromwell's body be dug up the following year, beheaded, and displayed on a pole set up on the roof of Westminster Hall.

Re-establishment of the National Church culminated in the publishing of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*.

In the meantime, England's presence in the Americas had been well under way, the first English Settlement being the Jamestown Colony established in 1607 by 105 men. The first English Communion service there was conducted by the Rev. Hunt under the cover of a sail from their ship staked out as a tent covering. The colony was named after their King, James I of England.

The *Virginia* was re-chartered in 1611, while a group of Protestant Separatists, "Puritans," landed in Massachusetts in 1620.

It should also be noted that present day New York and New Jersey were originally settled by Dutch Colonists.

Through these early years, persons wishing to study for ordination in the Established Church of England had to travel to England, pursue their studies there, be ordained, and return to the colonies to carry out their ministries.

News from Outreach

by Mary Sullivan

The Outreach Committee met on Thursday, October 20th. the highlights include:

- A discussion on the resumption of Community Meal - to start on October 26th, the last Wednesday of each month. There has been some discussion at Vestry regarding continuing the practice of having various St. Paul's groups - that is, Vestry, Choir, Altar Guild, etc. - volunteering to take responsibility for a community meal. Basically, the practice of Outreach has been "you give what you can, when you can, because you want to" and thus, we support that people contribute to Community Meal in that fashion. However, there is an advantage to knowing what food is going to show up. So, Jacquie Shellenbarger will be posting a sign-up sheet on the table at the parking lot entry. (The one we have appropriated for Outreach....) The November Community Meal will be Thursday, **November 30th.**"
- The Outreach Ministry for November will be Honduras Asylum Seekers Support effort, coordinated and led by Messiah Lutheran Church. Marna is in touch with Messiah Lutheran regarding the needs of this project and Bob Railey will attend their meetings as able.
- The Outreach Ministry for December will be Great Lakes Recovery Center. More on that later.

"You can always give something, even if it is only kindness." ~ Anne Frank

Winter Quarter Schedule

St. Paul's has gradually been recovering from the pandemic for over a year now. One thing I have noticed is that very few of those who asked to be removed from the activity rosters due to the pandemic have restored their names to the rosters as we have now relaxed nearly all of our coronavirus protocols. Our liturgy is enriched by the varied voices and faces who share in participation. If you have concerns about adding your name, please do speak to Bob Railey.

From **November 13** through December 11, the usual display of Winter Quarter Schedule (January through March) and the various activity rosters will be posted on the "sign-up bulletin board" in the chapel hallway next to the entrance to the men's rest room.

You may use the weekly schedule to sign up for specific role(s) on specific date(s). You may use the appropriate rosters to tell me when not to schedule you or to increase the number of activities in which you wish to participate.

Completed schedules will be distributed beginning **December 18.**

Questions—ask Bob Railey.

Delay in Beginning of Distributing Wine with Communion

Our original plan was to begin distributing wine at the start of the current seasonal block (Oct. 9, start of third block of “after-Pentecost”). Our leadership decided that we would postpone that step until we received the “mini-cups” so that those who felt not prepared to use the chalice (common cup) would not have to wait while others partook. I apologize for this delay.

Scrip Program Needs Your Help

by Barb Carpenter

The Scrip Program is carrying inventory that hasn't been purchased for many months. Please consider buying scrip cards from the following businesses: Babycakes, Border Grill, Doncker's, Jeffrey's, Third Street Bagel, and Togo Sub Shop. It's always handy to keep a few on hand to use whenever the situation arises. Many thanks to those who are continuing to support the program as well as the businesses that participate. We hope to make another contribution from the program's proceeds to St Paul's soon.

Liturgical Leadership

Sundays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Preside</u>	<u>Preach</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
November 6*	All Saints	Marna	Marna	Coralie
November 13	Prop 28	Bob	Judd	Pat
November 20	Prop 29	Marna	Marna	Mary
November 27	Advent 1	Jim	Jim	Mary

**Return to Standard Time*

Our next Messenger edition:

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**Please submit articles by
Friday, November 25th
by 6pm**

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Jan Edwards	4
Judd Spray	5
Alice Steinberger	5
Geoff Smith	6
Katie Edwards	11
Michael Edwards	15
Marcia Franz	15
Pat Micklow	20
Kate Rose	21
Ramina Mikhael	23
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Parish Financial Report

(Jan. 1 through Sept 30, 2022)

<u>Financials (as of 7/31/2022)</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Tot. 2022 Budget</u>
Total Income	\$72,495	\$77,115	\$104,420
Expenses for Operations	\$111,265	\$112,598	\$150,480
Net Church Operational Loss	(\$38,770)	(\$35,483)	(\$46,060)
Non-Routine Bldg. Repair Expenses	\$2,029	\$2,029	\$2,630
Net Overall Church Loss	(\$40,799)	(\$37,512)	(\$48,690)

<u>Trust Asset Status</u>	<u>1/1/2022</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Trust Exp. & Gains</u>	<u>Distributions</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	<u>from Interest</u>	<u>To the Church</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
St. Paul's Trust (Church Operational Focus)	\$481,089	(\$112,945)	\$2,096	(\$8,000)	\$362,240
Shiras Trust (Bldg. Maint. Focus)	\$178,839	(\$41,986)	\$779	\$0	\$137,632
Total	\$659,928	(\$154,931)	\$2,875	(\$8,000)	\$499,872
<u>Important Notes:</u>					
1. We withdrew \$70,000 from the St. Paul's Trust in 2021 to cover church operating deficits into early 2022. This is approximately 15% of the St. Paul's Trust 2021 beginning value. Prudent financial management indicates we should withdraw only around 4% to 5% annually if needed. On 9-22-22 we withdrew additional funds in the amount of \$8,000 to support church operations. We anticipate further withdrawals in the 4th quarter of 2022, as our operating loss approaches the forecasted amount of <u>(\$48,690)</u> .					