

**NORTH PARISH
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
2024
NEWSLETTER**

**THRU THE HANDS OF GOD -
ONE HAND HELPING ANOTHER
(North Parish's Mission Statement)**



Musings from the priest's.....bookshelf.....for September-October 2024

God bless our contradictions, those parts of us which seem out of character.

Let us be boldly and gladly out of character. Let us be creatures of paradox and variety: creatures of contrast; of light and shade; creatures of faith. God be our constant. Let us step out of character into the unknown, to struggle and love and do what we will. Amen (A Prayer by Michael Leunig @)

Summer's heading out the door. Autumn is waiting patiently for it to pass. Oh, I have no doubts that Summer will creep back in the side window and heat us up again before we detect Winter breathing a crisp blast in the tendrils of Autumn.

We anticipate the next the next the next, but do we draw a loving breath for the now- the present- the pause? There are opportunities to draw in the next, while joyfully feasting on the NOW!! as we roll towards November.

On September 7, at 3 PM, or the 8th if the weather blesses us with rain, we join to celebrate all that is Baber Cemetery, for Baber Day! This celebration is for all, so invite others to come along! Tours, raffles, burgers and doggies, and slices of sweet juicy melon will be served along with Third Brigade Band to entertain us in that lovely natural space. Evensong follows to lead us into the beauty of the night, led by an organist with masterful talents and a sort-of-practiced-croaking-oddly pitched-singing priest.

On September 15, the Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County will gather to worship the Lord within the confines of Sweet Arrow Lake Park in the pavilion next to the Clubhouse off PA Route 443 near Pine Grove. Invite your friends, your family members, and especially people you are not very fond of, because we can change lives with the Love of Christ. Set up is 9 AM and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10, followed by yummy food and even better fellowship! AND this is an opportunity to give our best wishes to Edna for her retirement!

On Sunday, October 6, Blessing of the Animals in memory of St. Francis of Assisi will be held at 10:30 AM outside of Holy Apostles' Church in St. Clair. Bring your critters, and then consider a takeout breakfast from the monthly all-you-care-to-eat at Holy Apostles'.

As the prayer states, let us live boldly into this paradox! The paradox seems to be that though North Parish is small in number we remain mighty in service and in fellowship. May the God of all possibilities make you bold, give you a heart for paradox and variety, and always, always, a soul for love!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Kurt



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Sarah Andrewcavage | 10 – Scott Price | 24 – Donald Clamser, Jr. |
| 2 – Mark Andrewcavage | 13 – Barry Idell | 27 – Nancy Long |
| 5 – Ja’ Shon Dennell Yelito | 14 – Elizabeth Andrewcavage | 30 – Edward Ulceski |
| 8 – Amanda Foerster | 15 – The Rev. James C. Smith | |
| 10 – Brittany Evans | 20 – Kayla Ann Tiley | |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Adalynn Eckrode | 11 – Claudia Rae Moyer | 27 – Mila Pasinski |
| 4 – Angela Bowers | 17 – Carol Jones | 28 – William Umbenhaur |
| 5 – The Rev. Timothy Albright | McKenzie Kline | 29 – Heidi Ann Higgins |
| 7 – Shannon Correll | 19 – Linda Gerlott | 31 – Robert Jones, Jr. |
| Jeffery Hoffman | 20 – Jacqueline Demcher | |
| 9 – Michelle Jacobs | 26 – Ethan Correll | |

If your birthday is listed incorrectly or it is not included on the birthday list, please notify the church office.
Thank you.



2024 UTO Offering

Our UTO offering will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Envelopes will be provided in the church bulletin that day. This is a special opportunity for Episcopalians to deepen their faith in God through prayer and thankful giving. Thank you for your generosity.



NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS are needed for our Food Cupboards. If you are unable to donate food items, you can give a monetary donation. Please write your check to North Parish and designate Food Cupboards. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Carter, Emily, Jason, Mia, Patricia, Shannon, Ben S., Tara Compinski, Rachael Coyle, Charles Davenport, Clay Demcher, Delores Frantz, Donna Frantz, Phil Frantz, Gerard Frantz, Jennifer Frantz, Becky Higgins, Donna Horning, Harley Hynoski, McKenzie Kline, Dolores Kozlosky, Bill Kuhn, Joshua Lauver, Landry Lauver, Stephen M., Jeff Maurer, Shirley Moyer, Amanda Mozdy, Catherine Mozdy, Justin Mummaw, Gertrude Newman, Suzanne O'Neill, Diane & Jim Reed, Joe Scheuren, Kim Russell Seibert, Patricia Snyder, David Strunk, Bob Tiley, and Eddie Ulceski



SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for the family and friends of Donald R. Clamser Sr. who entered eternal life on July 21, 2024. May God grant Donald eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved him.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

In memory of Phil and Betty Noble by Phil and Donna Frantz.

BULLETINS: In memory of Chet Shanoskie by Nancy.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Rosemary and Edward Ulceski by the Ulceski family.



OCTOBER MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Helen Price by Roland Price Jr. and Mary Makely.

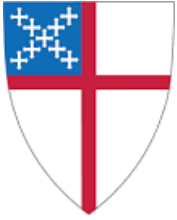
In memory of Mary Lally by Mary Emma Dean and Bob Goulet.

BULLETINS: In memory of Philip S. Frantz Sr. by Phil and Donna Frantz.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

In memory of Timothy Strunk by the Ulceski and Strunk Families.

THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER is sponsored in memory of Chet Shanoskie by Nancy.



HOLY APOSTLES SATURDAY SERVICES

August 31, 2024 - Evening Prayer

Worship Leader – Bonnie Baker

October 5, 2024 - Holy Eucharist

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

Services are at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - Holy Apostles

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

September 1, 2024

October 6, 2024



Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home-fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea, etc.

Cost is \$12.00 at the door

The breakfasts are fundraisers for North Parish's general fund.

Our profit from July - \$1,000.84

Our profit from August - \$977.16



THANK YOU to everyone who supported Pioneer Day and the Car Cruise in July. We had a profit of \$577.12 from the Car Cruise which was for the Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County Fundraiser. The Pioneer Day fundraiser had a profit of \$430.48 which was deposited to North Parish's General Account Fund. Thank you to all those volunteers who make our fundraisers possible.

VESTRY MEETING



Vestry will meet on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair.



NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING

Holy Apostles, St. Clair

October 20, 2024 – 11:00 a.m. Worship & Meeting

Vestry Meeting will follow Annual Meeting



All articles for the November/December Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon, no later than Monday, October 14th.

ADVENT PROJECT 2024

Last year an Advent project was initiated by Trinity to collect items for nursing home residents. A newspaper article discussing how many people in nursing homes have very little disposable income prompted this project. Many needs are fulfilled by the institutions, however items which we consider everyday essentials are not provided.

In 2023 this project was spearheaded by Trinity, but this year after interest was expressed from all the Episcopal churches, this project can now have more far-reaching effects. A total of 60 bags of items were delivered to Rosemont Nursing home last year — a great success! Just imagine what can happen in 2024 with all churches participating and hopefully with outreach to more nursing homes.

We take for granted each day when we use toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, razors, lotions, etc. These are the very ordinary items which will seem like a personal luxury to nursing home patients who may have very little money left over for such items.

Beginning in October, there will be boxes in each church to collect items. At the beginning of December, all items will be collected and bagged in holiday style for distribution. Cathy Clouser will work with the County Ombudsman's office to determine where the greatest need is.

Please donate FULL items only (specifically travel size)— not half used lotions or shampoos that you may have used at a hotel. And please check for expiration dates on toothpastes, etc.

These are some of the items we are looking for (you may add something to the list if you think they are useful):

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoos and conditioners
- Body lotions, hand lotions
- Travel tissues
- Nail files
- Disposable razors
- Mouthwash, breath mints
- Combs
- Hand wipes, bathroom wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip balm

What a joy for these special people to receive a brightly colored bag with items for personal use! And what a blessing for those of us who have donated knowing we are making a difference in Christ's Love! Thank you — God bless you!

NEW PARISH ADMINSTATOR AT TRINITY

We welcome Kristy Sarge as Trinity's new Parish Administrator. Please note that this is a new position with different hours. New office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm. No Friday hours. If you need to speak to Kristy, please call on Wednesdays. A voice message can be left on other days, and she will return your call within 24 hours. If it is an emergency, the numbers to call are on the machine. Please note that any announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be in the office by noon on Wednesdays. Please welcome Kristy.

NEWS FROM MARION PRICE TRUST FUND

We have all heard the phrase “it takes a village”. This quote apparently originated from an African proverb emphasizing the importance of community in raising a child. Typically, it is used in reference to raising children with the help of others, such as family, friends, teachers, church family, and community. Those who are parents may agree it takes many hands to raise a child.

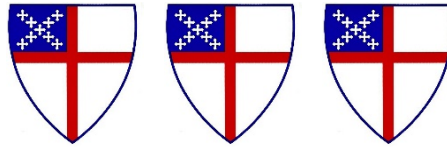
Do we lose “the village” after our children are raised? I hope not because I still rely on a village to help me get through life. I have family, friends, church family, work family, and neighbors that help me navigate through good and bad times. I also may seek advice from doctors, dentists, accountants, lawyers, and even my hairdresser. It seems that as we age, we may become more dependent on “a village”.

A group in California has recognized the need for communities that act as “a village” to support their growing older population. The Village Movement California is expanding the village model of care to allow their older adults to age well. Villages are neighbor-based membership organizations that connect older adults to the community, programming, and expertise they need to continue living lives of purpose and promise while remaining in their own homes. The model got its start in the late 90’s and has grown to an estimated 300 villages across the country. The master plan includes 5 goals: *housing for all stages and ages, * health reimaged, *inclusion and equity, not isolation, *caregiving that works, and *affording aging (economic security). While the program charges a membership fee it is widely supported by neighbor helping neighbor and volunteerism. What a wonderful concept!

Following this example can we create an Episcopal village? NO, not actually building new houses but using this concept utilize neighbor helping neighbor and volunteerism. Wouldn’t it be great to use your time and talent to help others? This would not be just one-sided for the active. It would be a give and take not limited by age or physical status. This is how it could work- I would compile a list of what you are willing to volunteer to do and match up with needs expressed by others. For example.... if you need lightbulbs changed or small home repairs, I can match the need with someone who volunteered to do that. If you need some clothing mended, I will match you up with someone that volunteered that talent. Maybe you are willing to drive someone to the doctor or store, make fresh baked cookies or homemade soup or bread, help someone do their taxes, knit a scarf, rake leaves or just volunteer for any need that arises and you are capable of doing. Please contact me in the office at (570) 621-3220 or mptfund@gmail.com if you have any interest in volunteering or if you are experiencing a need.

What is HOSPICE care? Hospice care is a type of healthcare that focuses on the palliation of a terminally ill patient’s pain and symptoms and attending to their emotional and spiritual needs at the end of life. Hospice care prioritizes comfort and quality of life. Most of us think death when we hear the word hospice but it actually focuses on quality of life. Because there are many myths and misconceptions surrounding hospice, we are going to host a Hospice myths and facts presentation. Representatives from Compassus Hospice will join us to provide information and answer questions regarding hospice care. Please join us Thursday October 17, 2024 at 10AM at Holy Apostle Church social hall, Saint Clair, for information and a light breakfast. If you know someone that would be interested, feel free to invite them along. Please contact me in the office at (570) 621-3220 to RSVP or with any questions you have.

Senior Outings: We are looking to restart the Senior Adventures if we have enough interest. Please contact me for details, ideas and to make sure you are registered with S.T.S.



BABER APPRECIATION DAY - September 7, at 3 PM, (rain date September 8th). Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, watermelon and water will be provided. "Free Will Donation" Walking Tour at 3pm, Third Brigade Band Concert, 4:00 p.m., picnic beginning at 4:30pm, Evensong at

6pm. Bring a folding chair, hat and sunscreen. Small basket raffle and bake sale available.

BLEENIE SALE: The Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County will be selling bleenie batter. The cost is \$10 per quart. Pick up at Holy Apostles on September 14th from noon – 2 p.m. Please use the sign-up sheet at the churches or call the church office to place an order. 570-429-7107.

APPLE DUMPLING & WHOOPIE PIE SALE: Trinity is hosting this fundraiser. Orders and money are due Sunday, September 15th at the church picnic. Delivery to church Wednesday, October 9th by 2p.m. Apple Dumplings \$6; Chocolate or Pumpkin Whoopie Pies - \$3. A sign-up sheet is available in each church.

ONLINE RADA CUTLERY SALE



North Parish is selling Rada Cutlery online to benefit our General Fund. Please type in this link in your web address to place an order: <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=5315822.c6637d>. When you are directed to the website, please click yes to support North Parish. Then place your order like any other online purchase. This will be an ongoing sale. For those of you who are not comfortable ordering online, please see Bonnie Baker or Bonnie Hynoski for a printed catalog. Please feel free to share this with your family and friends.

COAT GIVE AWAY

Saturday, September 14th – 11am – 2pm

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Social Hall, 110 N. Morris St., St., Clair, PA

St. Michael Orthodox Church will be giving away donated children and adult coats, hats, gloves, boots and scarves.

Complimentary soup and bread will be served

If you would like to donate, kindly call their hall at (570) 429-2138 to make arrangements.



June 2024 Finances

North Parish Receipts		North Parish Disbursements	
General Account		General Account	
24-Jun	\$ 6,849.09	24-Jun	\$ 9,859.27
Year to Date	\$ 32,639.93	Year to Date Exp.	\$ 45,297.14
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses	\$ 2,800.00		
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses	\$ 6,500.00		
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.	\$ 2,500.00		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date	\$ 4,200.00		
M&I Account		M&I Account	
24-Jun	\$ 910.68	24-Jun	\$ 2,800.00 to gen acct.
Year to date	\$ 2,165.02	Year to date	\$ 6,500.00
Memorial Account		Memorial Account	
24-Jun	\$ 0.11	24-Jun	\$ 2,500.00 to gen acct.
Year to date	\$ 700.79	Year to date	\$ 4,200.00
Balances			
General Account	\$ 3,228.04		
M&I Account	\$ 5,864.72		
Total funds available	\$ 9,092.76		
Memorial Account	\$ 5,177.27		
Temp. Restricted Fund			

July 2024 Finances

North Parish Receipts		North Parish Disbursements	
General Account		General Account	
24-Jul	\$ 4,627.73	24-Jul	\$ 7,890.29
Year to Date	\$ 37,267.66	Year to Date Exp.	\$ 53,187.43
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses	\$ -		
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses	\$ 6,500.00		
Transfer from DIT-General Acct.	\$ 5,000.00		
Transfer from DIT-General Acct. YTD	\$ 5,000.00		
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.	\$ -		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date	\$ 4,200.00		
M&I Account		M&I Account	
24-Jul	\$ 333.10	24-Jul	
Year to date	\$ 2,498.12	Year to date	\$ 6,500.00
Memorial Account		Memorial Account	
24-Jul	\$ 60.09	24-Jul	
Year to date	\$ 760.88	Year to date	\$ 4,200.00
Balances			
General Account	\$ 4,973.48		
M&I Account	\$ 6,197.82		
Total funds available	\$ 11,171.30		
Memorial Account	\$ 5,237.36		
Temp. Restricted Fund			



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2024

August 31 Saturday	Evening Prayer	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	Bonnie Baker
September 1	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
September 8	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
September 15	Holy Eucharist & Picnic	10:00 a.m.	Sweet Arrow Lake Pavilion Pine Grove	
September 22	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Bonnie Baker Susan Noble
September 29	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker

OCTOBER 2024

October 5 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
October 6	Holy Eucharist Blessings of the Animals	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles – outside	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
October 13	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
October 20	NORTH PARISH – COMBINED SERVICE AND ANNUAL MEETING			
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
October 27	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker

August 31 & Sept. 1	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 8	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 15	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 22	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 29	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 5 & 6	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 13	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 20	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 27	The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Green