



**We are surrounded  
by a great cloud of  
witnesses.**

Dear Friends,

Take your time with this poem. It's worth it. Dick Taylor (St. Paul's Rector of beloved memory) loved George Herbert. And the last Archbishop of Canterbury's Consecration was composed almost entirely of Herbert's words. You'll find them throughout our Hymnal. I'm too impatient with poetry. This one is in an anthology that Mary Jane Taylor (Dick's dear, late wife) gave to me. You may have to sit with it for a while; read it slowly more than once.

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.

But Quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.

I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,  
I cannot look on Thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

George Herbert

Herbert describes a great mystery: the clear truth that we are singular, alone, individual, and the deeper truth that our very life is Christ who accompanies us. As you get ready for Christmas try this poem on, and imagine the possibility of a broken world, complete because of the company it keeps, journeying towards grace and peace.

And may the preparations of this Advent be a blessing to you.

*Your friend in Christ,  
Michael*

*A reason to live and a reason to  
grow, to trust, to hope to care.*

## Vestry Notes

The Vestry met on October 10, 2017, at 6:30PM. The following is a summary of topics discussed.

- The September 7, 2017, minutes were edited and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was presented.
- Fr. Michael gave a brief review of the convention, and shared the ideas for next year's convention.
- Fr. Michael led a discussion on the topic of restarting our family Wednesday evenings get togethers.
- A very large part of the meeting was going over the Bishop's visit and schedule for Sunday, October 15, 2017.
- An update was given on our new website - [www.stpaulsowatonna.org](http://www.stpaulsowatonna.org)
- We discussed the t-shirt sales.
- Under other business, we reviewed this year's stewardship brochure, looked at the latest information on the elevator repair, and discussed this year's snow removal contract.

Meeting ended with prayers and adjournment.

Blessings,

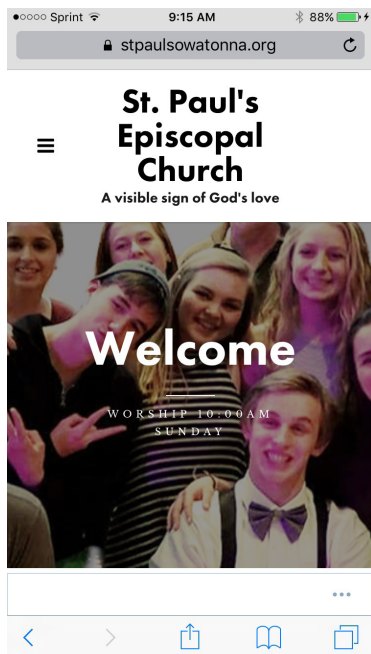
Gary Johnson

## St. Paul's is MAD about Stewardship!

Fill in the blank: This year's Stewardship Campaign is \_\_\_\_\_.!  
(adjective)

***Please turn in your pledge form by November 26.***





## St. Paul's New Website Is Mobile Friendly

[www.stpaulsowatonna.org](http://www.stpaulsowatonna.org)

Got a calendar question?  
*Check the website.*

Need another copy of the Leaven?  
*Check the website.*

Looking for a ministry to join?  
*Check the website.*

Drop-in Sunday School continues until Christmas. School aged children welcome. No registration necessary. Questions? See Gary.



## Did you get your T-Shirt?

\$20 each; \$37 for the set.

Adult Sizes M, L, XL, XXL

Youth Sizes M, L



Style A



Style B

# Advent at St. Paul's

## **Sunday, December 3:**

**10:00** Lessons and Carols

**12:30** SCHS Holiday Home Tour

## **Wednesday, December 6:**

6:00 p.m. *Theology and a Pint*

7:15 p.m. *Holden Evening Prayer*

## **Sunday, December 10:**

**10:00** OHS Carolers during service; Women's meeting afterwards

## **Wednesday, December 13:**

6:00 p.m. *Theology and a Pint*

7:15 p.m. *Holden Evening Prayer*

## **Sunday, December 17:**

**10:00** Christmas pageant

## **Wednesday, December 20:**

6:00 p.m. *Theology and a Pint*

7:15 p.m. *Holden Evening Prayer*

## **Sunday, December 24:**

**4:30** Christmas Eve Service

## **No Service December 25**



## **SCHS Tour**

St. Paul's Church will be a part of the annual Steele County Historical Society's annual holiday tour on Sunday, December 3rd from 12:30-5:00pm. St. Paul's start time is 30 minutes later than the other locations so we can get ready after the service.

The tour is part the annual "Christmas in the Village" weekend with all proceeds benefiting the SCHS.

Each year the SCHS features one church. The tour also includes stops at the Dunnell House in the Village of Yesteryear, the historic Cottage 11 of the Minnesota State School at the West Hills. There are also three homes in Owatonna on the tour. One was built in 1926, and the other two are newer homes.

## **Christmas Choir**

The choir is beginning to work on music for Lessons and Carols and Christmas. Anyone interested in filling advent with music and fellowship is most welcome to join us. We practice Sunday morning at 8:45. Please see Kathy or any choir member if interested. We would love to have more singers!

## Cleo's MEWsings

Lots of scurrying around at St Paul's this past weekend! Some were off to St. Paul for TEC and the rest were putting on a wonderful Bazaar (number 77 I think I heard)! The Women of St. Paul's raised over \$4,000 and had lots of fun (lots of work too). And thanks to all the men who help set up and clean up after! And did you notice the lovely floors downstairs thanks to Will and Scott Brittain. I could almost see my face in them.

The Bishop was here in October for Confirmation. Chad Erickson was confirmed and a number of people received. And heard that Chad's big brother Zeke is playing football for Gustavus as a freshman and doing well. And Alan and Joanne Peterson's grandson, is the star quarterback for the Owatonna Huskies who are heading to the playoffs. Have fun but stay safe all you football players.

And in other sport news, heard that Lincoln Nguyen is the Assistant Hockey coach for the University of Alaska. He moved to Alaska in August. Keep an eye on how they do this winter.

Other wonderful news is that little James Brittain will have a baby brother next March. Excited parents are Ruth and

Will, grandparents are Scott and Kathy and great grandmother is Myrtle! And, of course, Auntie Jenni is thrilled too!

Heard rumors about another baby but you will have to wait until next month so I can check it out!

Hear Leann Alt is Miss July in the Tri M Graphics 2018 calendar. Or at least one of her lovely photos is!! Stop and pick up a copy!

We welcomed Deb Buck back at the organ after several months away. She also had news for us—she retired after working at Jostens for many years. Enjoy, Deb!

Our best wishes to Mary Levine's mom, Evelyn who just celebrated her 100th birthday! And best wishes to Betty Kristo who will celebrate her 90th on Thanksgiving with her family. She has had bronchitis but is better and we are thankful!

Also, better is Judy Erck who was in the hospital and keep Joanne Peterson in your prayers as she finishes her radiation treatment.

If your house is a little empty and one of my lively relatives would help, check with Anne Deetz who will soon have six foster

kitties ready for adoption!

Sure enjoy having the Brave Heart family providing music at church. The kids are super talented and David and his flute are wonderful.

And speaking of David, he is still recovering from his fall and concussion so keep him in your heart.

The Knitting Group continue to meet every Monday and have been giving out many prayer shawls. Just sent out number 252! And two more going out in the next week. If you knit but prayer shawls are too big a project for you, they are also knitting scarves for the military. If you would like to try that, Janet Dixon has yarn!

Well, that is it for this month. Stay warm, enjoy your turkey and be thankful for all the blessings in your life.

Love,

Cleo



**DID YOU HEAR  
THE BAZAAR RESULTS?**

**\$4,050!**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO  
HELPED MAKE THE 2017  
BAZAAR A SUCCESS!**



**Theology  
and  
a Pint**

Wednesdays at 6:00pm  
(BYOBeverage)

**End-of-the-Year  
Women's Meeting on  
Sunday, December 10**



## Lay Schedule

Date	Lay Reader	Lector	Chalice	Ushers
Nov 19	Julianna	Nan	Maggie	Steve and Sheryl
Nov 26	Mark	Maggie	Francy	Pete and Maggie
Dec 3	Scott	Gary	Steve	Terri and Marty
Dec 10	Mark	Leanne	Janet	Mike W. and Gary
Dec 17	Kristin	Matt	Diane	Julie and Gayle
Dec 24	Jackie	Mary	Maggie	Gretchen and Marty
Dec 31	Julianna	Francy	Janet	Pete and Maggie
Jan 7	Scott	Nan	Francy	Steve and Sheryl



If you make a schedule change,  
please leave a message on the church phone.

### Coffee Committees

#### November

Mary Levine  
Mary Wright  
Lynn Seykora  
Barb Judd  
Anne Deetz  
Janet Tippet  
Jackie Ostlund  
Amy Madsen  
Maria Dodd

#### December

Betty Kristo  
Gerri Schwenker  
Kathy Brittain  
Jenni Brittain  
Laurice Anderson  
Diane Spitzack  
Leanne Alt  
Bonnie Nguyen  
Sarah Brave Heart  
Rebecca Krug

### Altar Guild

#### November

Myrtle Brittain  
Lisa Boutelle

#### December

Diane Spitzack  
Gerri Schwenker





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### **Got News?**

**If you have an item for  
The Leaven, please have it to  
Kristin Warehime by the fifth  
of each month.**

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For more information on events at St. Paul's, visit our website: <http://stpauls-owatonna.wikispaces.com>



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