

**NORTH PARISH
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
2023
NEWSLETTER**

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



Musings from the priest's computer....

Although we are not animists (those who believe that living and inanimate objects have spirits which influence humans) —the created order does influence us in many ways. Foggy or misty mornings seem to envelop us, and bring melancholy or introspection, while brilliant sunlight can lift our mood and give energy. Likewise, a beautiful vista gets the heart and mind racing. We are leaving the colors of summer, greens and reds and yellows and purples and blues, for the bronze shades of autumn. The lengthening night times are teasing us as counters to the location of dawn and the associated warmth of sunlight. Our liturgical order is also subtly changing from the Matthean themes of the work of Jesus and his miracles and encompassing more of the coming of the Kingdom of God here and now.

As the autumn days approach quickly, the Church in Schuylkill County is also moving quickly. There will be joint worship, joint exploration of our shared history, teaching and learning opportunities, and of course, liturgical events which call us again and again to pray, and praise, and gather and love one another. Included in these are our Annual Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County Outdoor Eucharist and Picnic in September, monthly Saturday evening Vigil Services at Holy Apostles', and of course, fellowship, masking as fundraisers. These all serve to bring more of us into the participation of and with and for the Body of Christ here. Instruction for those seeking Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church begins the latter part of September—dates to be announced--and these sessions are also a great opportunity to learn and grow your faith while lifting others with your unique experiences and insights.

Autumn also brings us connections with the natural world. Differing smells, changes in vegetation, the starkness of tree bark contrasted with the changing leaves and flowers all are harbingers of the next season. Animals are getting ready as we must also. Readyng ourselves for the next church season and readyng for differences in the life in our congregations throughout the county may touch us all somehow. As summer slowly—or rather quickly—starts a movement towards autumn, continue to pray for one another in joy and love. Welcome each other as you so ably welcome those unfamiliar to you. And above all, invite others in to watch and pray and participate in the life of the best kept secret in Christianity, the Episcopal Church.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Kurt

For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for well-being and not for trouble, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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.

VESTRY MEETING: Saturday, September 16th, 10:00 a.m.
at Holy Apostles, St. Clair



NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING

St. John's, Ashland, PA

October 15, 2023 - Following Worship

Vestry Meeting will follow Annual Meeting

There will be an open seat on the Vestry beginning October 15, 2023. If you would like to serve on this very important committee please speak to Senior Warden, Bonnie Baker.



SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Chet Shanokie by Tom Dodds.

In memory of Raymond Umlauf by Susan Noble and Family.

In memory of Earl Hess and Lester Jones by Carol Jones.

In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Mary Umlauf by Joseph Coddington.

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



OCTOBER MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Phil Frantz Sr., by Phil and Donna Frantz.

In memory of Alice Umlauf by Susan Noble and Family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Jim Lecher by the Lecher Family.

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 Mary Umlauf
by Joseph Coddington.



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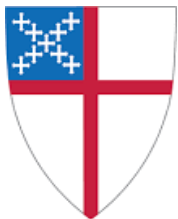
Mia
Jennier J.
Kathleen S.
Jeff
Laura
Joseph Roy
Jonathan Mark
Tara Compinski
Delores Frantz
Donna Frantz
Gerard Frantz

Jennifer Frantz
Cathy Grayeski
Becky Higgins
Harley Hynoski
Diane Jarosiewicz
Rich Kehler
McKenzie Kline
Dolores Kozlosky
Joshua Lauver
Landry Lauver
Mary Levan

Jennifer Mackeravage
Jeff Maurer
Shirley Moyer
Catherine Mozdy
Polly Orth
Jack Orth
David Strunk
Bob Tiley



All articles for the NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our
Parish Administrator, Shannon, no later than Monday, October 16th.



HOLY APOSTLES HOLY EUCHARIST SATURDAY SERVICES

5:00 p.m.

September 2, 2023

September 30, 2023 – Baptism

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - Holy Apostles

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

September 3, 2023

October 1, 2023



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

Cost is \$10.00 at the door

The breakfasts are fundraisers for North Parish's general fund.
Our profit from July was \$948.94 and August's profit was \$761.64
Thank you for your support.

ON LINE 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.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported Pioneer Day and the Car Cruise in July. We had a profit of \$465.82 from the Car Cruise which was an Episcopal Church in Schuylkill County Fundraiser. The Pioneer Day fundraiser had a profit of \$173.21 which was deposited to North Parish's General Account Fund. Thank you to all those volunteers who make our fundraisers possible.



2023 UTO Offering

Our UTO offering will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023. 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.

JUNE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

June	\$ 6,933.25
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 35,876.31
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 8,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 2,200.00

M&I Account

June	\$ 1,022.94
Year to date	\$ 2,404.87

Memorial Account

June	\$.19
Year to date	\$ 616.21

Balances

General Account	\$ 3,935.81
M&I Account	\$ 11,414.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 10,675.42

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

June	\$ 9,955.02
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 47,201.88

M&I Account

June	\$ 2,000.00
Year to date	\$ 8,000.00

Memorial Account

June	\$ 2,000.00
Year to date	\$ 2,200.00



JULY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

July	\$ 6,368.10
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 42,244.41
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 8,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ -
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 2,200.00

M&I Account

July	\$ 73.20
Year to date	\$ 2,478.07

Memorial Account

July	\$.18
Year to date	\$ 616.39

Balances

General Account	\$ 2,287.62
M&I Account	\$ 11,487.20
Memorial Fund	\$ 10,675.60

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

July	\$ 8,016.29
Year to Date Exp.	\$55,218.27

M&I Account

July	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 8,000.00

Memorial Account

July	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 2,200.00



News From Marion C. Price

Senior Expos

*Rep. Joanne Stehr will hold a Senior Expo on Friday September 15, 2023, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Pine Grove Hose Hook and Ladder, 1 Orchard St., Pine Grove, PA 17963. There will be a speaker from the Attorney General's office and a drug take-back box from the Schuylkill County Sheriff's Office. Lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at 570-653-2018.

*Diakon Living and Learning after 50 Senior Expo will be held October 17, 2023, at the Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville from 10 AM to 2 PM. Visit this safe, educational and fun event for information to help live a happy, healthy life as independently as possible. Diakon also offers classes and programs throughout the county.

Country Line Dancing is offered Monday evenings at the Walkin Art Center, 220 Parkway 3rd Floor, Schuylkill Haven. The cost is \$6 a class. Lesson: 6:30-7:30pm Dancing: 7:30-9 pm.

Functional Fitness is a class focused on functional cardio movement and strength exercises designed to increase flexible strength for daily living activities. This class is offered Tuesday mornings 9:15-10:15 AM at the Schuylkill Haven Rec Center, 340 Haven Street.

Gentle Yoga is a soft yoga course with gentle yoga postures, breathing techniques, guided meditation relaxation and proper body alignment techniques. You will find this \$6 class on Tuesdays from 6-7 PM at 23 Meadowbrook Center, Rte. 183, Schuylkill Haven.

Seated Yoga is a total yoga experience for seniors, beginners, and those with limited mobility. This class meets Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30 Am at the Schuylkill Haven Center, 340 Haven St. and Friday 11 Am -12 noon at the Mahanoy City Center, 138 W. Centre St. Classes are \$6.

Zumba Gold is a dance fitness exercise class geared toward active older adults and is offered Tuesday evening 5-6 pm at the Schuylkill Haven Center, 340 haven St. and Thursday 6-7 PM at 23 Meadowbrook Center, Rte. 183, Schuylkill Haven.

Other programs, including walking classes, blood pressure checks and diabetes management are also offered at different locations in the county. Locations and costs vary so please contact Diakon at 1-800-621-6325 for more information.

PA Medi is a Diakon program available at no cost to help people with Medicare compare and select the best Medicare and prescription drug plan. Many "enrollment events" are held during Medicare open enrollment October 15-December 7th. Appointments are also available at the Diakon Office located at 2020 W. Norwegian St. Pottsville. For more information or to make an appointment call 1-800-621-6325.

Good news from Medicare - Medicare Part D now covers these vaccines and more at no cost to you. *Shingles *RSV *Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) *Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) (Tdap) *Hepatitis A

Speak to your doctor to keep up to date on these and other vaccines to help stay healthy.

Homemade Soup Sale



Saturday, October 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. – sellout

St. John's Episcopal Church of North Parish

Ashland, PA

\$9.00/quart - \$4.50/pint

Take out only!

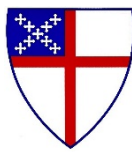
Parishioners are asked to make their favorite soup.

Please see a vestry member if you can help.

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
HOLY EUCHARIST AND PICNIC!
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 10:00 A.M.
Island Pavilion, Schuylkill Haven.**



Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hamburgers and hot provided. A sign-up sheet is available at the church for picnic donations. Please note there will be no services at North Parish that Sunday.



The Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County will be selling haultki and haluski at the St. Clair Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 18th. The parade starts at 7:00 p.m. and our stand will be open at 5:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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.



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept. 2 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Sept. 3	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Sept. 10	Holy Eucharist - Baptism Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
Sept. 17	Holy Eucharist & Picnic	10:00 a.m.	Island Pavilion Schuylkill Haven	
Sept. 24	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Susan Noble
Sept. 30	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles Baptism	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

October 2023

October 1	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
October 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
October 15	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's ANNUAL MEETING	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
October 22	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker
October 29	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Bonnie Baker

September 2 & 3	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 10	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 17	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 24	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 8	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 15	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 22	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 28	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Green



They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8

September 2023

The most important words to say in Church are “thank you.” Say it often, and mean it, and today I say it to you. Thank you for the many gifts that you share with our community.

You have heard the familiar expression “can’t see the forest for the trees” before. We most often use it to describe that occasion in which we lose sight of the big picture while focusing on the details. From my position, I often experience the blessing of being able to see the big picture of our congregation – the ministry we bring to our neighbors, the impact we have on our community, the ways that week after week we come together to celebrate our faith and praise God. This is the forest.

And I get to wander amongst the trees. From the small shoot reaching out from its seed and finding the sunlight, to the mightiest tree, standing tall, showing strength, offering sheltering love to those who need it. You are those trees, each drawing strength from our meal and showering the world with the love and grace you have come to know here. I am blessed in that here in our congregation, I can see both the forest and the trees!

When I walk through a forest, I am aware of the tangle of roots, how one tree is connected to another. Trees use these networks, secretly talking to each other through their roots, passing information along. Adult trees share their sugars with young saplings, a dying tree can send its remaining resources back out to help the community. These networks, these roots of abundance, keep trees in place just as much as they free them to grow and share.

The theme of our annual pledge campaign this year is Rooted in Abundance, and we are reminded that we are a mighty forest comprised of ancient trunks and sprightly saplings, each of us contributing our gifts to a world that needs us. As you hear the messages and stories of abundance this year, take note of how generosity spreads and widens our root structures of faith and action.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Kurt



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP