



## A Note from the Rector by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

I can't help but go to scripture and the story of St. Paul's conversion right now as we see divided factions in this country cement their views against each other harder and harder. There seems to be no room for conversation, only shouting, insulting and lying. Is reconciliation ever something to hope for in times like these? Is it ever possible for the most rigid person to reconsider his argument and open himself up to God's movement?

Recently, NPR did a story on a black man who had a conversation with a Klan member. Eventually, they reached a point in which the Klan member gave up his white robe. The quote that caught my attention was, "When two enemies are talking, they are not fighting."

The beauty of St. Paul's conversion was that he was actively "suing" Christians, taking them to court charging them with blasphemy, "spewing venom" against them and assisting in public stoning of Christians (see St. Stephen's story). And then, the light of Christ struck him blind. The voice of Jesus came to him. It didn't denounce him. The voice simply said, "Why are you persecuting me, Paul?" And then Jesus gave him instructions to go to town where he would be cared for.

The community of Christians, might have been underground at that time. But they were organized into a body that could be counted on for healing and hospitality. The Spirit called upon one of those Christians to host and provide healing for Paul the persecutor. And that Christian absolutely wanted nothing to do with Paul the persecutor. But he followed the call of Jesus and nursed Paul to health and laid hands on his eyes and healed them. It was going to be a long road to build trust between Paul and the Christians. But that didn't hold Paul back from the most impressive conversion to be a Christ follower!

So, by God's power and the grace of Jesus St. Paul was the agent to spread the gospel among the Gentiles. We are Christians because of his conversion. So, I do have hope that God does more amazing things than we can imagine or hope for. As Christians, even in times of trial when we want to hate the "haters" God is still present making miracles happen and calling people like St. Paul to teach us

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Sunday  
September 10

8:00 am  
Quiet Eucharist

9:30 am  
Family Eucharist

10:30  
Eucharist With Choir

things like “And now, faith, hope and love abide, these three. But the greatest of these is love.” (I Cor. 13:13)

I think this is our call as a parish as we reach out to neighbor and even enemy alike. Yes, we must summon the courage to stand against hatred and the false witness some are advancing. But God is always challenging us to connect with people calmly to promote conversation, even with our enemy as difficult as that seems.

St. Paul’s, Brunswick, Maine claims the ancient value from Judaism, neighbor-love. As the hateful speech has increased in our country, state and community, we have acted against this. As a parish we sent a letter with over 80 signatures from parishioners to each US Senator strongly stating our objection to the encouragement of Neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan. We asked Senators King and Collins to speak with our President against hateful words that divide.

At the end of August we also held a community conversation in the Great Hall sponsored by members of our Living Local Guiding Team. It was an occasion to promote neighbor love, encourage civil discourse and review ways to disarm hateful speech. We now have placed our “Welcome Refugees and Immigrant” banner at the corner of Pleasant and Union Streets. I spoke with Chief Rizzo of the Brunswick Police who appreciated that churches are reaching to the police and into the community with acts of welcome.

I’m looking at our September and October calendar, and am grateful for all the good things our parish is planning for Christ’s sake, our neighbors’ sake and to God’s glory. Please read Randy Day’s article about our music ministry and the new, easy-entry way for your child to participate in St. Paul’s Choristers. They will be preparing an Offertory anthem for the October 1, 9:30 am day of Bishop Lane’s visit to St. Paul’s when he will preach, celebrate the Eucharist and Confirmation. He recently announced his retirement to commence in 22 months. Please come and thank him for being our bishop.

Check out Sherrie Holbrook’s article which tells of some new ways we are planning to form our children and families in faith. Family Worship at 9:30 am on Sundays will begin September 10 with prayers and blessings for beginning school and a blessing over our backpacks.

At worship on Sunday, September 10, 10:30 am worship, St. Paul’s will commission Myrna Koonce and Macauley Lord for their special ministry as lay chaplains. Myrna has been training as a chaplain and just began her Masters of Divinity coursework at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, an Episcopal seminary. Macauley is chaplain at Cumberland County jail.

Please read this entire issue of “*The Messenger*” for information about the Outreach Ministry Reception on the Sunday of the bishop’s visit, October 1, the Window Dresser Community build in the Great Hall the week of October 2, Family Ministries Wednesday once-a-month fellowship suppers and Adult Formation.

**FIRST SUNDAYS,  
LIFE TOGETHER in  
2017**

**Quiet Prayer 8am**

**Eucharist 9:30am**

***(October 1; November 5 All Saints;  
December 3 First Sunday of Advent)***

First Sundays, Life Together this fall offers two new changes based on the congregational survey and Town Hall we conducted in the spring and the follow-up questionnaire we distributed at 8:00 am worship before July. I’m always impressed and encouraged by the great number of responses and your honest feedback. I’m always impressed by how ready you are to adapt while still holding to the beauty of our traditions that make us the Episcopalian branch of the Jesus Movement, as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry calls us!



## A Note from the Rector continued

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I'll write more about this in the next weeks, but here is how **First Sundays, Life Together with the change starting Sunday, October 1:**

### **8:00 am – 8:30 am**

Quiet Prayer, a time for those who wish to gather for a quiet time of scripture reading, prayer and silence. (led by Lay Worship Leaders)

### **9:30 am**

Holy Eucharist with choir, reserved seating for those with disabilities and families with small

children. Designed to incorporate the best of our Episcopal traditions with energetic singing, prayer, participation of children and youth and interactive and accessible preaching.

There is so much good going on at St. Paul's, and I'm delighted daily to be working with our leaders, our worship team, our educators, our pastoral care ministers and all the people of St. Paul's as we follow in the path of Christ and "love one another with mutual affection" as St. Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans.

Blessings and peace,

*Carolyn+*



## Teens Considering Confirmation October 1, 2017

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For those who would like to be confirmed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, please meet with me for about 15 minutes after any of the services on September 10<sup>th</sup>. I'll give you a journal and a prayer book, along with a few handouts (this is soul work, not homework, so nothing to stress about; it won't be collected).

Over the next three weeks, we'll stay in occasional touch via email. Then we'll spend the afternoon together on Saturday, September 30 to share ideas and make bread, followed by dinner with Bishop Steve. (The Bishop is coming to din-

ner that evening specifically so he can spend time with you before Confirmation the next day.)

I look forward to this sacred adventure with you!

*Mary Lee*



# From the Bishop

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Sunday, October 1 at 9:30 am will be  
Bishop Lane's visitation at St. Paul's.

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*A letter from The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Episcopal  
Bishop of Maine, followed by a letter from the  
Standing Committee*

24 August 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

After lengthy conversation and prayer and in consultation with the Standing Committee, I today call for the election of a Bishop Diocesan to be the Tenth Bishop of Maine. (A Bishop Diocesan succeeds the seated bishop immediately upon consecration.)

My wife, Gretchen, and I have been gathering information about Episcopal transition since late last fall. With that knowledge and with the advice of the Presiding Bishop's Office of Pastoral Development, I have decided to retire from my position as Bishop in June of 2019. I will then be 70 years old. The 22 months between now and then give us ample time to discern, elect, and transition to the next bishop.

Accompanying this announcement is a letter from the Standing Committee outlining the discernment and transition process. The Standing Committee met with Bishop Clay Matthews of the Office of Pastoral Development late in May and has been preparing a transition plan ever since. At our upcoming 2017 Diocesan Convention, the Standing Committee will present a resolution concerning discernment and transition, and the proposed Diocesan Council budget will include monies for discernment and transition. Details will be found in the pre-Convention materials that will be circulated in September.

Serving as your bishop is the greatest joy of my life in the Church, and I look forward to continuing that service for the next two years. The work of following Jesus goes on even as we make preparations for our diocesan future, and I will remain fully engaged as your bishop until the moment I pass the

crozier to my successor. There will be time for farewells as part of the transition process.

This announcement initiates a long and careful process. I invite all Maine Episcopalians to take part, through prayer and discernment, and by continuing the faithful work and worship that are going on all over the diocese. I ask your prayers, and promise you mine, as we make this journey together.

Faithfully,

Bishop Steve  
The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane  
Bishop of Maine

## **From the Standing Committee**

Dear Ones:

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

As the old Byrds' song goes, we are turning to a new season of collaborative ministry in the Diocese of Maine. While we look ahead to the future, our daily work with Bishop Lane continues as we follow Christ in our communities.

## **What's Next:**

With Bishop Lane's call for the election of a diocesan bishop, your Standing Committee has already begun planning for the election of the Tenth Bishop of Maine in 2019. Under the guidance of the Office for Pastoral Development of the Episcopal Church, we have called the Rev. Canon Rick Callaway as our search consultant to shepherd us throughout the entire process, using best practices that are well-established throughout the Episcopal Church. Diocesan leaders are committed to listening and responding to diverse voices across Maine and to making this a prayerful process. We invite each of you to participate in this process through prayer, listening, and conversation. As we move along, we promise to communicate regularly, within the bounds of confidentiality, all that unfolds by the grace of God.

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## From the Music Desk.....

“Sing unto the Lord a new song.” I love that phrase! Why? Because every new season brings a chance for new beginnings, new songs, new texts, new ways of doing things....but all within some familiar frameworks. And I’m reminded of another verse that segues well: “Your mercies are new every morning.” Each Sunday we gather to worship, saying some of the same liturgy, experience communion, and enter and exit the same. Our order of worship is fairly consistent, and for many of us that brings comfort and stability.

Then we creative types come along and shake things up a bit, asking: “Why not try a new song? Why not sing a new text? Every summer I ask myself these two questions; sometimes the answers I find work well. New anthems, old hymns re-worked, organ or keyboard music tweaked a wee bit – all help breathe new life into what could become ritual for ritual’s sake.

So what’s new for fall? The most important are the plans for our younger members of St. Paul’s. All of you under 18 have been given a musical moniker: St. Paul’s Choristers. You might not have joined a choir as such; and maybe you and your parents and caretakers aren’t sure what that means.

Here’s what St. Paul’s Choristers is all about for this new year:

1. Learn new songs.
2. Find our voices.
3. Sing in worship.
4. Make new friends.
5. Share supper with others.

St. Paul’s Choristers will sing four times this coming year: the Bishop’s Visit, Christmas Eve early service, one service during Lent, and on Mother’s Day Sunday. Each family with children and youth will receive a separate schedule in the mail.



**St. Paul’s Choristers  
September supper  
Rehearsals: 5:30-  
6:30 Wednesdays,  
September 13,20,27**

Come join us on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. for supper in the Parish Hall. Then at 6 p.m. St. Paul’s Choristers will exit for a short 30-minute rehearsal. Departure for home will be promptly at 6:30 p.m. One of those suppers will include St. Paul’s Café, so parents – you can meet and greet while your children and youth are practicing.

Adult musicians of St. Paul’s? Mark Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. as your beginning for our 2017-2018 season. New singers are always welcome, no matter what part you sing or what musical experience you might’ve had. There is no audition; just bring a willing heart and voice and you’ll be all set.

Till the next time I see you and we make music together, whether in rehearsal or worship,

Yours,

*Randy Day*

Director of Music Ministries

### Adoption Date Set for Shane and Lexi Weller

Charla Spann, friend of the Weller family and member of St. Paul’s has announced the good news that Shane and Lexi Weller, children of the late Karen Weller have received an adoption court date to legally become the son and daughter of Devan and Herb Bailey. The court date is Thursday, September 7, 9:00 am. It has been a 23 month process that now will come to completion. Shane, Lexi and the Bailey children, Liam and Anna have been friends for years. Now they will be brothers and sisters. We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the goodness of God and the compassion and generosity of the Baileys. Please join the people of St. Paul’s in giving thanks and praying for the Baileys.

*“O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give you thanks for the blessing you have bestowed on the Bailey family in their adoption of Shane and Lexi Weller. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with Devan, Herb, Liam and Anna. Give Devan and Herb calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring their children up to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.” (BCP p. 443)*

## A Note from Sherrie

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Dear Families,

I hope you've been enjoying the slower pace of summer. I look forward to hearing about your summer fun, when we return together.

I spent August 14th at St. Paul's with a room full of other Christian Educators and clergy. We gathered together to wonder about our future. What will Christian Formation look like in 10 years? It's a question many of us are asking at this time when most families only make it to church 1 in every 4 Sundays, when many of us can't find teachers who are able to volunteer. Those of us who are parents wonder what makes the most sense for our own children.

We at St. Paul's have the ability to engage in this inquiry together.

This year, I'd like to reach out to our neighbors - maybe we make them cookies, or make and bring a hot meal to a shelter during the cold winter. Maybe we learn who our community helpers are and invite them over to teach us other ways we can help. There are lots of needs in our community - in nearly ALL communities in Maine, and I think we

need to begin to bring the church outside the walls of our own church.

I'd love to hear your ideas about possible community service projects.



I hope you'll join us on **Sunday, September 10th** at 9:30a.m. During the Family Worship service, we will **ble<sup>s</sup>s our backpacks**, and each student will go home with a cross keychain. It's a great way for kids to remember that we, the family of St. Paul's, are with them when they go out into the world - and that God is with them wherever they go.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

Peace,  
*Sherrie*

Sherrie Holbrook  
Christian Formation Director

## WindowDressers Volunteers needed. No experience necessary!!

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In association with WindowDressers, St. Paul's will be hosting the Bath/Brunswick community storm window build again this year. The dates are October 2-7. Windowdressers, a Maine-based non-profit, will supply all the materials and tools. Recipients of the inserts and other volunteers will build them. This year we will be assembling the frames in addition to the glazing as we have done in the past.

This is an all-volunteer project and we hope you will sign up for a 4-hour shift. If you want to help and don't have 4 hours, any time you offer is welcome. If you want to contribute and don't think building is for you, we also need snacks for each of the 4-hours shifts.

We can guarantee you will have a good time if you volunteer - it is a wonderful community building effort. And it helps the environment by saving energy to heat Maine homes every winter.



Bonny Labonte will be coordinating the volunteers. Anne Banks is the local project coordinator and Dana Baer will be on hand to manage the actual build. Please ask any of these folks any questions you may have. Thank you!

# Christmas Fair Update

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It is September and time to start thinking about the Christmas Fair. If you create wonderful preserves, please make extra for the Country Store. Do you have something you could donate to the Silent Auction, or an idea we should consider to make it even better than last year? Pack up your no longer needed treasures for the Treasure's Table. Thinking about replacing your art? Save your previously loved pieces for Fine Arts. Last year our Christmas decorations area was a favorite shopping spot. Do you knit or stitch? Create your specialty project for the Knit & Stitchers table. Mark your calendar and set aside time to help with our Fair. You will enjoy spending time with other church friends you've yet to meet and many you already know.

## St. Paul's Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 2, 2017

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| Bake Table      | Country Store   |
| Religious Table | Café            |
| English Tea     | Santa           |
| Cheese          | Fine Arts, Etc. |

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| Silent Auction    | Children's Activities |
| Freezer Gourmet   | Treasures             |
| Knit and Stitches | Wreaths & More        |
| Christmas Cards   | Rada Cutlery          |

Christmas Decorations

Your suggestions & volunteer

Please consider the idea of helping with the Christmas Fair. New workers, new ideas, and an enthusiastic attitude make St. Paul's Fair a very special occasion! All the proceeds earned from the Fair go directly to outreach, locally and beyond. Can you help?

**FIRST FAIR MEETING** – Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall. Time will be posted in the Sunday Program. Please plan to attend if you would like to help/work on the Fair. If you cannot attend, please contact one of us and let us know you are interested.

Bonny Labonte and John Cordts, Co-Chairs



## Christmas in September??

Not quite, but it is time to start saving dried seed pods, pine cones, acorns, etc for our use in decorating wreaths for the Christmas Fair. If you do not want to hold on to them until decorating time, bring them to church and I will keep them with my stash. Questions or for pick up call Nancy Whitehouse at 777-5665 or 346-1493.

# What's on Tap for September? Adult Christian Formation

Hope everyone had a good summer break. Fall is upon us, and Adult Formation is ready with some exciting programs.

The first one comes up in September: **Deepening Our Commitment to the Christian Journey.** With Bishop Stephen Lane's visitation to St. Paul's on Sunday, October 1, this group is open to anyone 12 years of age or older who would like to be confirmed, received from another tradition, or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church during the bishop's time with us.

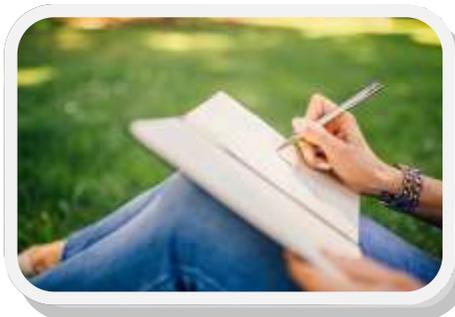


The Rev Mary Lee Wile will facilitate a three-week period of preparation in September as follows.

- ◆ A brief meeting (after each of our three services) on September 10 to hear about the program and pick up a journal.
- ◆ Occasional online check-ins and suggestions.
- ◆ A "retreat day" the day before Bishop Lane's visitation on Saturday, September 30.

Please notify Mary Lee or the church office if you are interested in participating.

**Writing Spiritual Memoir**, facilitated by Rick Wile, has been meeting during the summer months but welcomes new participants at any time. The group meets on second Thursdays of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Writing is a wonderful way to keep track of where we've been and where we're going. Writing clarifies; writing helps us discover. Writing can also be an act of prayer, deepening our relationships with the Holy by helping us better understand God's role in our lives. You don't need to be a polished writer to come! All you need is your story (the one you've been "writing" all your life) and a desire to put your story down on paper and share with others.



The two weekly Bible groups will be starting up in September. It doesn't matter how familiar you are with the Bible; either one provides a good opportunity to learn more. **Exploring the Word** resumes this fall on Sunday, September 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The group does not meet on the first Sundays of the month. Discussion almost always focuses on the Gospel appointed for the day. This is not a class that strives for "right" answers; rather it is a sharing group in which we hope for a better understanding of God's word and the way in which it affects our faith and our actions. The other weekly Bible group is the **Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**. It meets on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you have never gone to either of them, why not try them out. Both welcome new members.

*Pam Nugent*

Adult Christian Formation

# Outreach Fair and Reception; Sunday, October 1

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Each year St. Paul's contributes significant funds to organizations we believe are doing work we support. The monies come from the Christmas Fair, and from our annual budget. Occasionally we receive generous donations to add to the funds we are able to provide. In this past year we gave \$27,000 to 17 organizations.

We have invited them to join us both in worship and at a reception following our service on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a great opportunity to put faces with names of organizations, and to find out more about their great work. Tables will be set up, information provided, and people to meet and talk with. A lot of us know about Mid Coast Hunger, Oasis, The Gathering Place, and Tedford because we volunteer at these organizations. On October 1<sup>st</sup> we can meet the people from Embrace a Vet – St. Paul's funds training of one veteran with PTS or Traumatic Brain Injury with an assistive dog; or to talk with a representative from Four Directions – whose mission is to improve the social and economic

lives of Native Americans in four of Maine's tribes; or to find out more about Preble Street and it's program for teen services providing a safety net for Maine's youth who have nowhere else to turn.



These are just a few of the opportunities to find out more about how our contributions help.

And, of course Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> is the Sunday that Bishop Lane will be with us. Bishop Lane is committed to social action and outreach and we are looking forward to sharing all of this with him.

We hope you will come – for good conversation and to celebrate good work.

*Pat Ryan*  
Outreach Chair

## Pictorial Directory

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Many things have changed at St. Paul's over the past seven years, from the launch of the popular 9:30 service and new programming to Carolyn's transformational presence as our spiritual leader. The faces of St. Paul's have changed as well. With that in mind, we're planning a long-overdue update of the parish's pictorial directory this fall/winter to ensure we can all communicate with each other and help connect names with faces in our growing, ever-changing church community.

In the past, St. Paul's has occasionally partnered with photography studios like Olan Mills or directory companies that would take portraits and then offer picture packages at an additional cost. This time around, we are planning to compile the new directory in-house using software we already have on hand and, in all likelihood, a local print shop. Thanks to cellphones and digital cameras, I suspect that many families or parishioners have a favorite image or two they could easily share (although studio portraits are always welcome, too!)

The timeline for the directory update is, admittedly, somewhat fungible. But we'd like to have them ready by year's end, if not earlier. Starting in September and continuing into the fall, we'll have a computer set up in the Great Hall on select Sundays so folks can make sure the information they'd like to include in the directory is up-to-date or to enter new information. We are also hoping to have a camera available -- and someone to work it -- to take pictures of parishioners or families either in the hall or outside. Or, if you have a print picture you'd prefer to use, bring it to church and we'll scan it for you.

We'll let everyone know as the plans progress, so stay tuned. And start thinking about what picture you'd like to use in the new directory (although pictures are optional). In the meantime, feel free to contact me, Kevin Miller, at [camperkev44@gmail.com](mailto:camperkev44@gmail.com) or Susan Tyler at [susantylor@stpaulsmaine.org](mailto:susantylor@stpaulsmaine.org) if you have any questions or would like to lend a hand to this endeavor.

*Kevin Miller (vestry)*

# From the Bishop continued

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Here's a draft timeline of what will happen:

## **September-October 2017**

The Standing Committee will publish a resolution, also known as the enabling legislation, in the Convention booklet and present it to the 2017 Convention. This will establish the canonical authority needed to conduct a bishop search and election.

## **Late October-November 2017**

The Standing Committee will seek nominations, appoint, and announce members of two Committees:

The Discernment Committee will survey the diocese, create a diocesan online profile, receive nominations, screen/interview nominees, and present a slate of qualified bishop candidates to the Standing Committee by November 2018.

The Transition Committee will manage the details of the candidates' walkabouts, the bishop election, and the ordination/consecration in 2019. They will also actively support Bishop Lane, the bishop-elect, and their families with their transitions.

The Standing Committee will also call a Transition Chaplain to act as a spiritual guide to the process, committees, and diocesan staff. Bishop Lane and Gretchen will have their own chaplain.

## **December 1-2, 2017**

Members of the Discernment, Transition, and Standing Committees will meet with our consultant and chaplain for an overnight retreat to begin the planning and collaboration process.

## **January-April 2018**

The Discernment Committee surveys the diocese. Diocesan profile/website completed and shared widely.

## **May-Sept 2018**

The Discernment Committee conducts formal search process. Nominees are screened and interviewed.

## **October 2018**

The Bishop nominees participate in a retreat in Maine with the Discernment Committee and consultant.

## **November 2018**

A slate of bishop nominees is presented to the Standing Committee, accepted, and announced. Nominations by petition are sought by a process defined in the enabling legislation.

## **December 2018**

The petition nominees are added to the slate upon successful completion of background checks.

## **January 2019**

Walkabouts and interviews in Maine with all nominees.

## **February 2019**

A Special Convention to elect the Tenth Bishop of Maine (with a planned snow date).

## **Spring 2019**

A time of transition for Bishop-elect and family. Diocesan leadership solidify letter of agreement. Farewell celebration with Bishop Steve and Gretchen.

## **Early Summer 2019**

The Ordination and Consecration of the Tenth Bishop of Maine (date determined by the Presiding Bishop).

Canonically, the Standing Committee is entrusted with overseeing an orderly election and transition. As followers of Jesus, we believe that all orders of ministry: the laity, deacons, priests, and bishops are one within the Body of Christ by virtue of our baptism. Through the variety of our prayers and experience across the Diocese, we trust that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us through these seasons of endings and beginnings.

Meanwhile, we continue to share our diverse gifts created by God's abundant love. Your Standing Committee invites you to keep our Diocese, Bishop Lane and Gretchen, and our next bishop in your daily prayers as we enter this season of growing in our life together.

All shall be well.

*Maria+*

The Rev. Maria J. Hoecker, President  
The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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### Happy Birthday!

|      |                   |       |                    |      |                   |
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| 9/1  | Kayla Murphy      | 9/14  | Thomas Chard       | 9/26 | Bonnie Studdiford |
| 9/3  | Steven Schuman    | 9/14  | Donald Cheetham    | 9/27 | India Galbreath   |
| 9/4  | Leslie Brancart   | 09/14 | Bill Edman         | 9/27 | Sally Mull        |
| 9/4  | Cedric Hipkins    | 09/14 | Cristle Judd       | 9/28 | Sarah Clegg       |
| 9/5  | Lynn Ouellette    | 9/15  | Mary Blake         | 9/28 | Jonah Levy        |
| 9/7  | Lisa Dempsey      | 9/15  | Ryan Wilson        | 9/28 | Aaron Wilson      |
| 9/8  | Bonnie Paige      | 9/16  | Anne Sturm         | 9/28 | Luke Wilson       |
| 9/9  | Richard Brautigam | 9/17  | Nicholas Henshaw   | 9/29 | Michael Walker    |
| 9/10 | Sue Baker         | 9/18  | Patty Melander     |      |                   |
| 9/10 | John Labrecque    | 9/18  | Bronda Niese       |      |                   |
| 9/11 | Susan Blair       | 9/18  | Nancy Whitehouse   |      |                   |
| 9/11 | Jessica Martens   | 9/19  | Carrie Smith       |      |                   |
| 9/11 | Robert Walkling   | 9/22  | Jennifer Hayden    |      |                   |
| 9/12 | Alfred Niese      | 9/23  | Kathryn Saunders   |      |                   |
|      |                   | 9/25  | Charlotte Loveless |      |                   |

### Happy Anniversary!

Donald and Bonny Labonte 09/13  
Nicholas and Edyth Smith 09/29

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the office know so that we may update our files.



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SEPTEMBER 2017

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Aubrey Farmer, Sexton

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We're on the web!

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## First Sundays *Life Together*

Sunday, October 1

**8:00 am – 8:30 am**

**Quiet Prayer**, a time for those who wish to gather for a quiet time of scripture reading, prayer and silence.  
(led by Lay Worship Leaders)

**9:30 am** with Bishop Lane's visitation

**Holy Eucharist with choir**, reserved seating for those with disabilities and families with small children. Designed to incorporate the best of our Episcopal traditions with energetic singing, prayer, participation of children and youth and interactive and accessible preaching.