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#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### THE VENITE

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Our parish is seeing more activity, which is intentional. One of the visions I have for all faith communities is that they become centers, not only of worship and spiritual formation but also community centers for neighborhoods by providing opportunities for education that leads to human flourishing in their environment and the arts, which enrich life. I am so grateful for each of your efforts to ensure that our parish is making a difference in the lives of parishioners and our neighbors. It is refreshing to see people at St. Paul's every day. Each group continues to express their gratitude for our welcome and hospitality. The Vestry and I are still dreaming and planning how to best utilize the great assets of St. Paul's in its mission and ministry.

Welcoming others into the building of St. Paul's is a way we can reflect our values in following Jesus in the way of love. In our society, where everything seems political, hospitality disarms the divisive rhetoric of politics to help us love God, our neighbors, and even ourselves. That tri vector of love is both my theological and practice lens in how I live, move, and have my being. Our Presiding Bishop has said it best with succinct insight: if it's not about love – it's not about God. He also wrote in his book, *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, "We never know what can happen when we feel called to follow Jesus' gospel witness of welcome: heeding such a call can require incredible courage. Sometimes, this gospel way of welcome can lead us to put our very lives on the line. But Jesus' way of welcome can inspire us to keep working to do what is right in a world where too often too much is wrong."

There is this Yiddish word "kvell" that means that one's heart is bursting with loving pride.

My heart is "kvelling" with all the good work each of you is doing for the kin\_dom of God. You constantly inspire me, and thank you for allowing me to journey with you as we witness the healing power of God's love.

In Love & Service bound, Ælred+



**MARCH 2024** 

#### Parish Life

#### **Tuesday Pancake Supper**

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a big success. Many yummy pancakes were consumed and much fellowship was enjoyed as we prepared to dive into the season of Lent in preparation for Easter. The proceeds from the supper were donated to the Waycross Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.



#### **Annual Craft & Bake Sale Sign-ups**

St. Paul's will be hosting a Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. If you would like to participate by having a craft booth, baking, or helping with the event please contact Shelly Bell(812-371-9231) if you haven't already done so.

#### **Community Connections**

#### Artists-in-Residence Here at St. Paul's

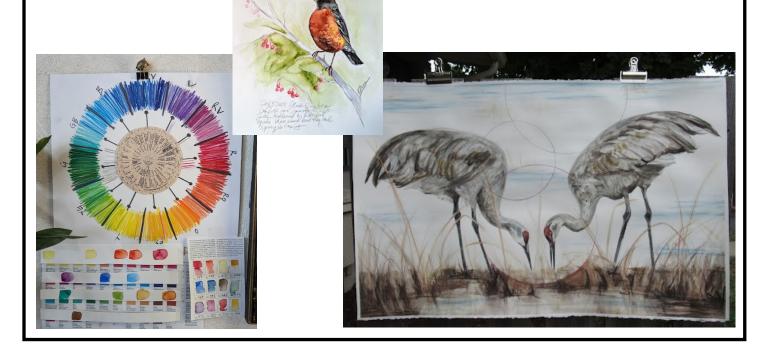
We are welcoming two of our parishioners as they set up studio space here in the building. Kimberly Free will have a studio in one of the former Sunday School rooms while Dusty Anderson will set up his studio in the basement. We warmly welcome their creativity to our daily goings on and look forward to weaving their art into our increasingly busy building! In case you haven't made their acquaintance yet, each has provided a brief description below of their plans for their residency here.

#### Dusty Anderson:

I'm excited to say that I can get the opportunity to use part of the basement at Saint Paul's for my sewing projects; I intend to make a faith-based clothing line that reflects my journey as a Christian. Now that I have the space to be able to create and move freely, I will be able to do just that. Also, in the future, I want to make paintings and collages using my sewing machine to reflect similar ideas. I'm extremely blessed and honored to be given this opportunity. I hope to be able to give back as much as Saint Paul's has given me.

#### Kimberly Free:

I'm honored to make use of a classroom space for my art studio here at St. Paul, and to work with the parish as an "artist-in-residence." What does this mean? It was always a dream of mine to work in public spaces as a contemporary artist. When I was unable to work in arts administration anymore, I went back to my art. For eight years I've been working out of my small apartment, and things were tight! With a studio in your church, I will work on my own art practice and seek opportunities to support parish life and outreach with my art in whatever way presents itself. I draw and paint with ink and watercolor, and welcome you to come by for a chat. I'll post open hours soon. You are also warmly invited to the opening of an exhibition of my work at the 411 Gallery in downtown Columbus, IN on Thursday, May 2, 5-8pm. kimberlyrosefree@gmail.com.



#### Outreach

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

#### Can You Help Those In Need?

Parishioners interested in Outreach efforts met after church on a cold, blustery day in February. Barb Parker discussed the different events that St. Paul's Parishioners have historically participated in to assist those in our community that are in need. Kimberly Free created a display where parishioners can get more information and indicate interest in various events. Please look for that display and give generously of your time and talent.

#### **Episcopal Relief and Development**

The first Sunday in Lent is typically when we observe **Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday, this year that was February 18<sup>th</sup>.** At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as a time to encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development. St. Paul's offering totaled \$515 this year. More information can be found on the EFD website: epsicopal relief.org.



#### Empty Bowls — March 23

The past several years St. Paul's Soup-ers have cooked up a pot of chili at home...using their favorite recipe WITHOUT pasta, dropped it off at Barb's home, where she merged them together into two LARGE pots and dropped them off at the Empty Bowls site.

Since Barb will be out-of-town on this date, Aelred has agreed to take in the chili pots at Church, merge them all together and drop them off before he heads to the Philharmonic event that day. He will need give Empty Bowls a count of approximately how much chili he will be bringing, so please let him know if you can whip up a pot of chili!

They also need volunteers on that day to cut bread, clean tables, etc. Contact Sarah Sanders at sanderss1621@gmail.com to volunteer on March 23.





Did you know? Love Chapel does not organize the Empty Bowls event, but does receive a donation from the receipts on that day

#### **Outreach**

#### **Love Chapel February Update**

Our Love Chapel Representative, Barb Parker attended the February meeting of the Ecumenical Assembly (*aka Love Chapel*). Here are three takeaways from that meeting:

Christmas Baskets – Love Chapel supplied 1,663 Christmas Baskets to Bartholomew County families. These baskets contained a generous amount of food for Holiday meals. This was a record high number of baskets. In a three hour time, on one of the distribution days, 113 families were at the pantry to receive their basket. WoW!

**New Logo** – Be on the lookout for Love Chapel's new logo and tagline (Altogether for Good). It will soon be popping up all over Columbus in hopes of spreading the news about Love Chapel and the assistance given at the Food Pantry, Financial Offices, and Brighter Days, our Homeless Shelter.

**The Need Continues** – In 2021, Love Chapel assisted an average of 750 families each month. By 2022, that number had risen to an average of 990 families. Last year, we averaged 1,211 families coming through our doors in need of help.

In general, expenses were up and donations were below budget in 2023. In order to offset this imbalance of funds, Love Chapel has moved Janice Kotnik from her position as Volunteer Coordinator into a full-time Grant writing position. They have also approved the purchase of another (used) truck to facilitate pickups at Gleaners in Indianapolis where they can obtain donations of milk, produce, meats, and canned goods.

#### Worship

#### **Holy Week Services**

The Holy Week schedule has been set, mark your calendars and plan to attend:

Palm Sunday: 10:15 am service, procession from the

Parish Hall

**Holy Tuesday:** 10 am Morning Prayer with Eucharist **Holy Wednesday:** 10 am Morning Prayer with

Eucharist, 5pm Celtic Eucharist

Maundy Thursday: 10 am Morning Prayer with Eucharist, 6pm Eucharist with Foot Washing Good Friday: Noon Love Chapel service at the

Commons, 6pm Eucharist (here)

Easter Sunday: 10:15 am Feast of the Resurrection with Baptism



#### **Formation**

#### **Theological Tuesdays**

St. Paul's is renaming Taco Tuesday: Theological Tuesday - which is a Bible study group that started on Tuesday, February 20 from 2—3pm in the parish hall. All that is required is yourself and your Bible. We are diving into the text to learn its historical context, and discuss its application in our daily lives. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Br. Ælred (812-657-4011).



#### **Buildings & Grounds**

#### Free to a Good Home



**Piano:** As we continue our efforts to spruce up the property and dispose of unneeded items, it's time for a piano to find a new home. This Remington upright piano was donated to St. Paul's in 1989 and was manufactured in Richmond, Indiana. It measures about 56" tall, 64" wide, and 28.5" deep and has lived in the basement for quite awhile. It is estimated to weigh between 500 - 600 pounds. The adoptive family is responsible for moving the piano out of the basement to its new digs. If you only want parts, we can disassemble and get those for you. Interested?

Contact Nick Firestone (nbfirestone@yahoo.com, or 812-371-0369).

**Folding Chairs:** There are also 10 tan colored folding chairs looking for new homes. You are welcome to a few or all and whatever is left will be donated to San Souci.

#### Nurse Family Partnership

The Nurse Family Partnership has moved into the two former Sunday School rooms and are enjoying the space. Shelves, desks, and other equipment has arrived and the space looks great. They appreciate having space to store items and supplies that are gifted to the clients as needs arise, and our central location makes this a great fit.







#### **Vestry**

#### **Minutes**

January Vestry minutes are not available at this time. Watch for them next month.

#### **Vestry Appointments**

At the first Vestry meeting of the year, vestry members volunteered to chair our various commissions. If you have questions or need information about these areas of interest, please contact the following:

Nancy Ardizone – Parish Life (812-343-2398)

Jill Clotfelter - Worship (812-379-3410)

**John DeLap - Formation** (812-343-4494)

Andrew Goldsmid – Sr. Warden & Outreach (812-390-9588)

**Frank Guthrie - Finance** (812-216-5914)

Nancy McKinney - Welcoming (270-350-1135)

Kirk Parsons - Welcoming (812-581-5905)

**Steve Talbert – Marketing & Communications** (602-689-6461)

**Don Wools – Jr. Warden & Buildings/Grounds** (812-350-0583)

#### **Employee Schedules**

Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Bro. Ælred Dean, will be available in the church office Tuesday through Saturday each week. He can be reached by email (stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com) or phone /text (812-657-4011). Ælred plans to be out of the office on pastoral visits twice a week. Bro. Ælred will keep a sabbath on Mondays – taking the day off and stepping away from email/phone.

**Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator,** is participating in her Practicum (like student-teaching, but student-interpreting) this semester. She will be in the office on Fridays from 8am to 3pm and will have a second day in the office each week but it is fluid, depending on the practicum opportunities. She can be reached in the office on Fridays (812-372-7869 or email: stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com), or on her cell any other time (812-603-5028).

**Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director**, welcomes voices to the choir. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 5:30—6:30pm and the choir will sing on one Sunday each month. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you have questions or need more information.

#### **Financial Summary**

**January:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$13,446 as compared to the budget of \$14,408 for an unfavorable budget difference of (\$962). YTD Actual Revenue is \$13,446 as compared to the previous year of \$17,200 for an unfavorable year-over-year difference of (\$3,754). YTD Actual Expenditures are \$17,416 as compared to the budget of \$18,981 for a favorable budget difference of (\$1,565).

- 2 David Anderson
  Nancy McKinney
  Emily Heck
- 7 Tom Woods
- 9 Ken Erickson
- 10 Marilyn Firestone
- 19 Dick Weaver
  Wendy Manley
- 21 Bill Monette
- 24 Kailee Wubben
- 26 Chris Ricketts
  Cheryl Paranavitana
- 28 Elizabeth Monette
- 31 Karen Hunsburger Randy Doll



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 9 Michael & Mary Cartwright

## **March 2024 Service Schedule**

If you are unable to serve as assigned, please find a substitute & let Kathi know.

Date & Time	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter/ Usher	Teller	LEV	Live Stream
<b>Mar. 3</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	Andrew Goldsmid Nancy McKinney	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	Barb Parker Ken Erickson	Cindy Overmyer	Andrew Goldsmid
<b>Mar</b> . <b>10</b> 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Chuck Boddie Nancy Morris	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
<b>Mar. 17</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	Cheryl Paranavitana David Thompson	Lalith Paranavitana Bill Garber	Andrew Goldsmid Bill Garber	Roxie Garber	Lalith Paranavitana
Mar. 24 10:15 am Palm Sunday	Sarah DeLap  Chalice: Chuck Boddie	Ken Erickson Nick Firestone	Ken Erickson Nick Firestone	Ken Erickson Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
Mar. 31 10:15 am Easter Sunday	Chuck Boddie	Melis zur Loye Nancy McKinney	Bill Garber Ken Erickson	Andrew Goldsmid Bill Garber	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid

# March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar. 3  Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	4	5 9am — AA 2pm— Theological	5pm—Celtic Eucharist 5:30 pm — Finance	8:30am— Nurse Family Partners (conf room) 10am Bible Study	Mar. 1 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' lunch at Sophea's	2
& Livestream		Tuesdays	6 pm — Choir	1pm Bridge Group	<b>8</b> 9 am—AA 9am-5pm Im- munization Clinic	9
Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	11	9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays 5:30 pm Vestry	5pm — Celtic Eucharist 6pm Choir	8:30am— Nurse Family Partners (conf room) 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	9am — AA	16
Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II 11:30 Coffee Hr. In Person & Livestream	18	9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays	5pm — Celtic Eucharist 6pm Choir	10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>22</b> 9am — AA	23
Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream Palm Sunday	25	26 9am — AA 10am—Morning Prayer w/ Euch. 2pm— Theological Tuesdays	27 10am— Morning Prayer w/ Euch. 5pm—Celtic Eucharist 6 pm Choir	28 10am—Morning Prayer w/ Euch. Noon—Men's lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge Group 6pm—Service w/ foot washing	9am — AA Noon—Service @ the Commons 6pm—Service (here)	30
Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream EASTER	Apr. 1	9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays	5pm—Celtic Eucharist 6 pm Choir	10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>5</b> 9am — AA	6

Sunday services can be accessed on our website (stpaulscolumbus.org)

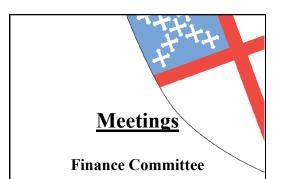
Zoom meetings use Meeting ID 291 212 0372 Password: church

#### **OUR MISSION:**

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL THE WORLD.

THAT BELIEF IMPELS US TO MIRROR GOD'S LOVE WITH GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS, ALWAYS RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING, AND TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AMONG ALL PEOPLE.



Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 pm

#### Vestry

Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30pm

#### **Vestry Officers**

Senior Warden Andrew Goldsmid
Junior Warden Don Wools
Treasurer Cindy Overmyer

Vestry Members	Commission Liaison
Nancy Ardizone '25	Parish Life
Jill Clotfelter '26	Worship
John DeLap '26	Formation
Andrew Goldsmid '24	Sr. Warden & Outreach
Frank Guthrie '24	Finance
Nancy McKinney '24	Welcoming
Kirk Parsons '26	Welcoming
Steve Talbert '25	Marketing & Communications
Don Wools '25	Jr. Warden & Buildings & Grounds



Office Notes: The deadline for Venite information and articles is the 15th of the month. If you wish, you may leave a message concerning schedules to serve, etc. in the gray book outside the office, call the office (812-372-7869), or send an email to: stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com. Thank you!



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