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Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Belief in the resurrection changes the behaviors of followers of Christ in how we interact with others because of the grace we have received from God.

Compassion and Forgiveness: Believing in the resurrection can lead to a greater sense of compassion and forgiveness towards others, as it reflects the ultimate act of love and redemption that we have received from Christ.

Hope and Encouragement: The resurrection inspires us to treat others with hope, kindness, and encouragement, knowing that there is the promise of new life and transformation beyond suffering and death.

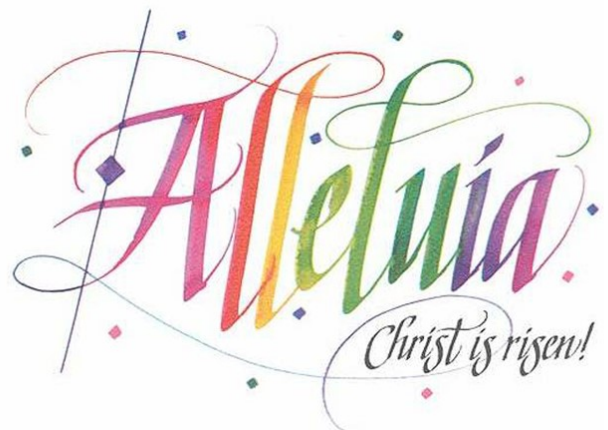
Justice and Equality: The belief in resurrection emphasizes the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, motivating us to seek justice and equality for all, regardless of their circumstances.

Service and Sacrifice: Understanding the selflessness of the resurrection story can motivate us to serve others and make sacrifices for the well-being of those around us.

Empathy and Understanding: Belief in the resurrection can foster empathy and understanding towards others' struggles and pain, as we recognize that everyone is on a journey of growth and transformation.

Overall, belief in the resurrection can serve as a powerful catalyst for personal, relational, and societal transformation that offers hope, forgiveness, and the promise of new beginnings for one and all.

In Love & Service bound, Ælred+



Parish Life

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. We will have crafters with crochet, woodworking, jewelry, quilting, art work and more. Our artist in residence, Kimberly Free will open her studio that day for visitors too. And don't forget to pick up some scrumptious baked goods from those booths too! It will be a fun day, mark your calendar and plan to be there!

Congratulations!

At our March 10th Sunday Eucharist, Br. Ælred joyously announced the nuptials of parishioners Larry Henderson and Cindy Overmyer. Larry and Cindy were married the day before in a private ceremony with their family. The couple had kept the news quiet and were excited to share their joy with the church family. We held a small reception for them during coffee hour that day to celebrate with the happy couple.



And a Fond Farewell

Longtime parishioners Axel and Melis zur Loye are packing up their life here in Columbus and planning to move west in a few weeks to be closer to the kids and grandkids. The parish will host a cake reception at coffee hour on April 14th to thank them for their contributions here and wish them well on this next chapter.

Derby Day May 4th

Parish Life will be hosting a Derby Party, Saturday May 4th, from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. Please dress in Derby Attire as we will be presenting a "Best Dressed" traveling trophy.



We will need food, of course, so we will have a signup sheet for you to bring your Derby Favorites.

Parish Life will provide drinks, but feel free to bring your own, as well as, friends and family.

Formation

Creation Care From Formation Commission:

SOME OF MY FAVORITE SOUNDS -

THE WIND

THUNDER

RAIN

SLEET FALLING ON DRY LEAVES

CARDINALS IN THE SPRING

THE SONG OF A CHICKADEE

THE CALL OF THE BARRED OWL

WATER RUSHING OVER THE STONES IN A WOODLAND STREAM

THE HUSHED SILENCE OF THE FALLING SNOW

TREES CREAKING IN THE WIND

THE TRILL OF CRICKETS ON A SUMMER NIGHT

THE KEE-EEEE-ARR OF THE RED-TAILED HAWK IN FLIGHT

THE HOWL OF A WOLF

THE CALLS OF THE COMMON LOON

WAVES CRASHING ON A ROCKY SHORELINE

A HUMMINGBIRD IN FLIGHT

THE BELLOWING OF A MOOSE

THE HUM OF A BUMBLEBEE IN FLIGHT

A PILEATED WOODPECKER HAMMERING AT A TREE

A WATERFALL

THE SOUND OF THE BUTTERFLY...

ADD YOUR OWN SOUNDS. GOD AWAITS YOU THERE.

Outreach

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

Empty Bowls — March 23

St. Paul's parishioners were delighted to join the group of volunteers who made 60 gallons of soup and chili for Empty Bowls. This was nearly twice the amount that has been prepared in recent years, and diners ate all of it because of the all-you-can-eat option introduced this year.

This annual fundraiser benefits six local food pantries and shelters: Horizon House, Thrive Alliance, Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, The Salvation Army, Community Center of Hope food pantry and the Love Chapel food pantry and Brighter Days emergency shelter. This year, the soup dinner was held at Central Middle School on March 23rd.

The numbers are still being crunched, but the organizers are hopeful that the goal of \$25,000 will be not only met but surpassed.

A huge thanks to those amongst us who gave their time and talent to the cause: Mike & Shelly Bell, Aelred Dean, Kimberly Free, Vicki Gust, Betsy Larson, Nancy Morris, Beth Little Shelly, and Melissa zur Loye.

Love Chapel: Chef's Kiss

As we go through this year, Love Chapel's needs have continued to increase, and they estimate they will need to raise an additional \$100,000 through grants and about that same amount through additional fundraising. Love Chapel is planning a signature event this fall. The preliminary plans are to offer a meal prepared by four or five local chefs and make it a "Taste of Columbus" type event which will be called "Chef's Kiss".

The hope is to get sponsors for the event and to host a night where attendees can have an appetizer from one chef, a main entree from another, a side dish from another, and a dessert. Tickets for \$50 each or in tables of 8, and the evening would include a silent auction, raffle, and entertainment.

Director Kelly Daugherty is looking for the following:

An Event Coordinator

Someone to arrange and coordinate the Entertainment Group or Ensemble

Someone to coordinate the Silent Auction

Someone to coordinate the Raffle

Someone to coordinate the publicity for the event

Lastly, someone to help out with the food piece of the event (coordinating the chefs and their work)



If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please reach out to Kelly at executivedirector@columbuslovechapel.com



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

Outreach

Schmitt Elementary

For their Community Service Project, the Schmitt Sixth Grade students will be at the church on Wednesday, April 3rd to do some spring cleaning. We could use a few volunteers to supervise pairs of students as they wash windows, sweep floors, polish the pews, and maybe even some outdoor clean-up in our garden and yard. Please sign up on the Outreach poster in the church or contact Andrew Goldsmid (812- 390 - 9588) if you would like to help out!

The next week, Thursday, April 11th St. Paul's will host the annual end-of-year pizza party for the Book Buddies. Schmitt students and their book buddies will come to the parish hall to enjoy pizza and lemonade together.

Each student will receive a book as a gift from St. Paul's. These books will be selected just for them by Beth Stroh of Viewpoint books. It is always a fun afternoon!

We could use a few volunteers to help clean up the parish hall after the party, about 11:30, so we can have it neat and tidy for Bridge Club when they arrive at noon. Again, please sign up on the Outreach poster in the church or contact Andrew Goldsmid (812- 390 - 9588) if you would like to help out!

Join Us for an Ecumenical National Day of Prayer!

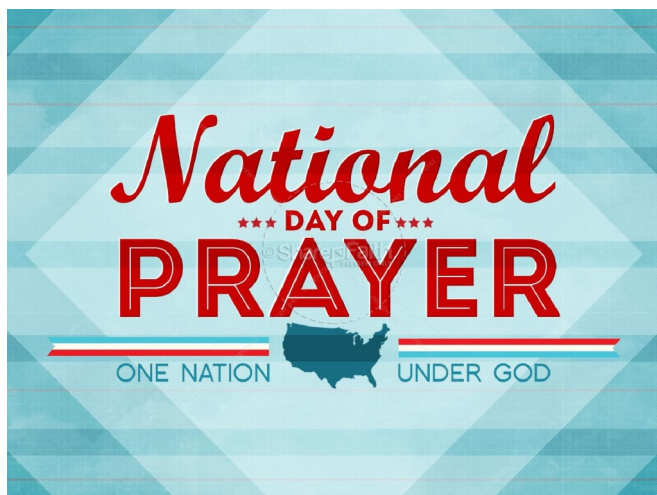
You're invited to participate in a special ecumenical and interfaith day of prayer, where people of all faiths come together in solidarity and harmony that honors diversity and our common humanity. Take this opportunity to reflect, meditate, and connect with others in a spirit of peace, love, and understanding that builds bridges of compassion and empathy, fostering deeper connections within our communities and beyond.

Save the date and spread the word – let's make this day truly memorable!

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Location: Southside Elementary, 1320 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201.



You can help by dropping off cookies and bottled water as St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been asked to help with hospitality for this event.

Vestry

Minutes of meeting from March 12, 2024

Vestry meeting was conducted in the parish conference room. Zoom session opened for any others needing to attend.

Present:, Andrew Goldsmid (Sr Warden), Don Wools (Jr Warden), Stephen Talbert (Clerk), Frank Guthrie, Nancy Ardizone, Jill Clotfelter, John DeLap

Excused or not present: Nancy McKinney, Kirk Parsons, Br. Aelred Dean was at diocesan clergy conference,

Meeting convened at 5:30 PM with prayer led by Sr Warden Andrew Goldsmid.
Quorum was present.

February 13 minutes were approved (John moved, Frank seconded, 7-0 approved).

Reports

Finance Report – Vestry-Finance Liaison Frank Guthrie

Operating revenue was highly favorable for the month and for year to date. Actual pledge revenue YTD was \$60,116, compared with YTD budget of \$27,767. The large favorability came from parishioners who paid in Feb. for most or all of their 2024 pledge, as well as an unbudgeted donation. Plan on not as much monthly revenue in upcoming months since so many pledges were paid early.

Nurse Family Partnership rent for January and February was paid on February 2. Hoosier Action rent was received in early March.

Operating expense was favorable for the month and for year to date. Telecomm is higher than budget because annual Zoom fee was paid (\$129). The Comcast bill didn't decrease in February, but it will be \$0.00 for March & April.

Cash Activities page includes February adjustments:

- Negative fund balances in Music/Education and Flower Funds were closed, as discussed last month.
- \$70 January UTO Fund Balance will have a \$140 correction in March.
- The \$25,000 CD will mature April 5 and will move to the Operating Account.

Outreach Report (Andrew Goldsmid)

The Feb 18th Outreach Meeting was well attended with several new faces participating in the discussion of upcoming activities. Barb Parker presented the calendar list of activities, and Kimberly Free constructed a sign-up sheet for the same which is placed at the back of the Sanctuary.

Upcoming activities are: Empty Bowls bread and soup supper at Central Middle School from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday March 23rd. The St Paul's Chefs are asked to bring chili to the church and Aelred will deliver it.

Book Buddies Party April 11th 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. BCSC provide Pizza and St Paul's the lemonade along with a reading book for every student (2nd & 3rd Grades). Our books are purchased from Viewpoint (Beth Stroh) and we add a St Paul's label created by Elizabeth Monette. Aelred is coordinating this year's event. We expect to welcome 20 students and their reading buddies.

St Paul's Clean Up Day - The 6th Graders at Schmitt Elementary are again proposing a spring clean-up day at St Paul's. The school has 3 6th grade classes of ~20 students with each class working for one hour on tasks assigned by St Paul's. Tasks include Dusting, polishing, tidying, cleaning (including windows and blinds) etc. Each class is divided into 3 groups and assigned a St Paul's person to coordinate. The event lasts from ~10:00 am to 2:00 with a Pizza lunch at 12:30pm for the St Paul's folk while the students eat at Schmitt. The date of this year's event remains TBD, possibly Weds April 3rd? Andrew hopes to coordinate this event but is on Vacation April 7 to April 29.

Schmitt Family Night April 18 from 5:30-7 pm. Schmitt have invited St Paul's to participate in this event They plan to have lots of food trucks (with a kick back coming to Schmitt PTO) and plan to have a space/solar system theme. More information is expected, if you are interested, please talk to Aelred.

Vestry

Minutes (con't)

Formation (John DeLap)

The idea of an Easter sunrise service was presented to the congregation during the March 3rd worship service. John said that Aelred wants to go forward with it. This would be a simple service with Eucharist. The service would be conducted in the field between the church and Schmitt Elementary School. Sunrise will occur around 7:28 am so we would gather around 7:10. Coffee and doughnuts to follow.

Formation will be writing a short piece for the Venite each month on Creation Care. These short pieces will reflect on the importance of the natural world to our physical and mental health.

Br Aelred and John DeLap are putting together a "St. Paul's Reads" presentation around the book, "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. This short book was written almost 300 years ago and presents Brother Lawrence's practices of finding God in the things we do throughout our daily routines.

Action Needed

Approve funding for shelving for the northwest closet in the Parish Hall, for the Bridge Club to store supplies. The group provides a free will offering every week of approximately \$20-30 per week. John moved to purchase 2 shelf units from building and grounds. Andrew seconded. Approved, 7-0.

Julia Abedian and Don Wools will work on a grant from Church Collaborative Partnership regarding:
 Shelving in basement for the schools' assistance packages
 Better lighting on East Side
 Update and add smoke detectors

Aelred met with the Fire Department for an inspector to review the campus and make recommendations for smoke/CO2 detectors. Recommendations will be coming.

Don reminded Vestry that the fire marshall always says that doors must be closed when rooms are not in-use. People should not leave doors open when a room is not being used.

Discussion

1. Auto Track and Auto Focus Camera and potential future needs for livestreaming. Discussion: Stephen and media committee to discuss and return
- b. Cleaning and painting outdoor church signage with a QR Code. Property committee, Outreach and Aelred are considering.
- c. Fundraising possibility: Selling peanut brittle. Peanut Brittle (6 to 7 people) special equipment.
- e. Kelli's suggestion for Room Signage – Property Committee will have plaques made with room numbers.
- f. "Esthetic Policy" - Julia Abedian will send Aelred CRH's design/esthetic policy, which would pertain to signs and notices posted throughout the building.
- g. Dedicated Memorial Wall will be discussed while discussing a proposed Esthetic Policy.

Items in-development or Back-burner Items

1. Metal doors should be replaced in the furnace room and undercroft.
2. Aelred and Barb are discussing a replacement for the diocesan mutual ministry document.
3. Parking lot needs sealed. East Parking lot will need significant work.
4. Get property line information and possible tree trimming.
5. Video Streaming – Don suggested that an upgrade of the worship video streaming be explored this year. Stephen agreed and will gather what changes people want and what equipment may be needed. Will suggest options later this year, and approach congregation to see what they would support.
6. Loesch will be sending a person to login the thermostats.

Adjourned (John moved, Frank seconded, approved 7-0)
 Andrew closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephen Talbert

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

February: YTD Actual Revenue is \$60,991 as compared to the budget of \$28,817 for a favorable budget difference of \$32,174. YTD Actual Revenue is \$60,991 as compared to the previous year of \$34,544 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$26,447. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$32,637 as compared to the budget of \$34,611 for a favorable budget difference of (\$1,974).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

LET'S

CELEBRATE

2 Tracy Hosterman

4 Chuck Saunders

6 Julia Christopher

7 Mary Cartwright

10 Annetia Doll

18 Cheryl Christopher

20 Elizabeth Cvelbar

28 Eric Elliott

April 2 Steve Talbert & Dan Verdugo

April 3 Lalith & Cheryl Parnavitana

April 18 Bill & Nancy Ardizone

April 26 Don & Marilyn Wools

April 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
Apr. 7 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Melis zur Loye Ken Erickson	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nancy Morris Ken Erickson	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
Apr. 14 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Cheryl Paranavitana Nancy McKinney	Don Wools Nick Firestone	Bill Garber Nick Firestone	Roxie Garber	Lalith Paranavitana
Apr. 21 10:15 am	Sarah DeLap Chalice: Nancy Morris	Chuck Boddie Nancy Morris	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Ken Erickson	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
Apr. 28 10:15 am	David Thompson	David Thompson Nick Firestone	Ken Erickson Don Wools	Barb Parker Nancy Morris	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
May 5 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Dorcas Miller Andrew Goldsmid	Bill Garber Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Bill Garber	Roxie Garber	Andrew Goldsmid



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar. 31 Holy Eucharist w/Baptism 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream 	1 	2 Br. Aelred on vacation this week	3 10:15-2:15 — Schmitt 6th gr. 5:30 pm — Finance 6 pm — Choir	4 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group	5 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' lunch at Sophea's 2pm — DNC (Parish Hall)	6
7 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Supply: Mary Taflinger In Person & Livestream	8 	9 9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays 5:30 pm Vestry	10 5pm — Celtic Eucharist 6pm Choir	11 10am Bible Study 11:40 am — Book Buddies party 1pm Bridge Group 6pm—Hoosier Action	12 9am — AA	13
14 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II 11:30 Coffee Hr. In Person & Livestream 2pm St. Yves Service	15 	16 9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays	17 5pm — Celtic Eucharist 6pm Choir	18 8:30 am—NFP (conf. room) 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge	19 9am — AA	20
21 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream 2pm St. Yves Service	22 	23 9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays	24 3pm-6pm — Immunization Clinic 5pm—Celtic Eucharist 6 pm Choir	25 8:30am—NFP 10am—Bible Study Noon—Men's lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge Group	26 9am — AA	27 10 am—4 pm Craft & Bake Sale 
28 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream 2pm St. Yves Service	29 	30 9am — AA 2pm— Theological Tuesdays	May 1 5pm—Celtic Eucharist 6 pm Choir	2 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	3 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' lunch at Sophea's	4 5 — 8pm Derby Day 

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.



Meetings

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 pm

Vestry

Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30pm

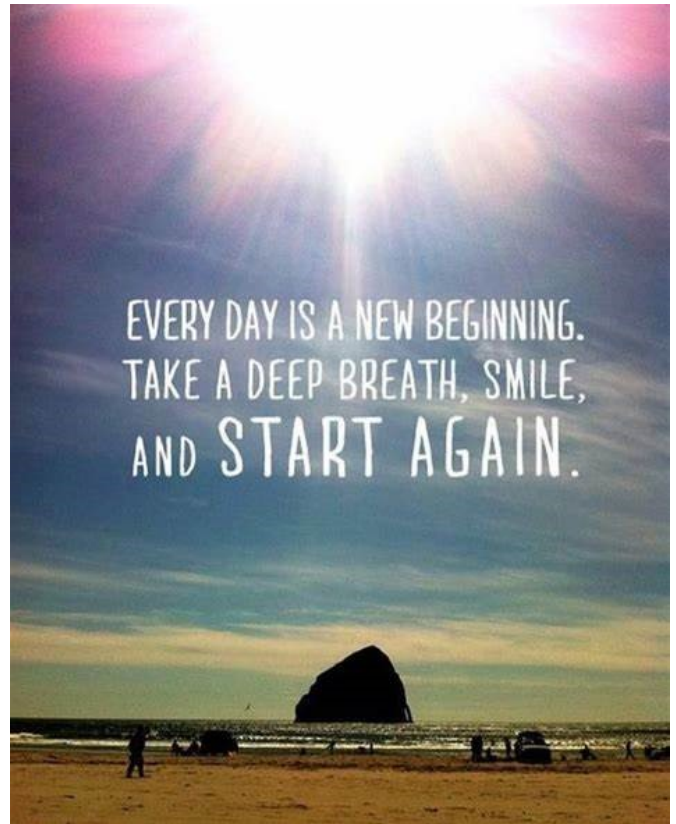
Vestry Officers

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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