

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE VENITE
Hurricane Relief

If you have been asking how you can offer assistance to those impacted by Hurricane Ian's recent devastation, the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund is just the thing. We contribute annually, usually around February, but our Outreach Commission will be sending an additional donation shortly, and there will be ERD envelopes in the pews for the next few weeks if you would like to contribute as well. For more information see the following article from the Episcopal News Service:

Hurricane Ian's path of destruction across Florida has left many Episcopalians in the dark, both literally and figuratively, as they try to figure out how their neighbors and buildings have fared. Many evacuated and are sheltering away from their home communities, without reliable power or phone service, and cannot return yet.

Ian was so destructive that the extent of the damage it caused may not be known for days; there may have been "substantial loss of life," President Joe Biden said on Sept. 29. Thousands of people were still waiting to be rescued, local officials said in the morning, and more than 2.6 million customers remained without power.

The Diocese of Southwest Florida, covering most of the state's Gulf Coast, took the most direct hit. Lindsey Nickel, the diocese's director of communications, said Bishop Dabney Smith and newly consecrated Bishop-Coadjutor Douglas Scharf were trying to contact clergy and congregations to assess the situation.

Nickel said the diocese is already working closely with Episcopal Relief & Development, but specific needs are still being identified.

"At this point, the most beneficial form of assistance is financial, as we do not have the means to effectively coordinate or distribute supplies. Financial assistance will enable us to respond quickly and adaptively to the specific needs on the ground," she said.

— Egan Millard is an assistant editor and reporter for Episcopal News Service. He can be reached at emillard@episcopalchurch.org.



Columbus Day October 8:

BCP 258

As we celebrate the discovery of lands that would become our nation (and the namesake of our town), let us pray: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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Parish Life

Church Picnic October 15th

Saturday, October 15th at 3:00pm the Annual Church Picnic will be held in back/side of church. All parishioners, neighbors and friends are welcomed to attend. Fried chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also have water, tea and lemonade available. Bring lawn chairs and yard games. If anyone has a canopy we can use, please bring that also.

If you have questions, please contact Shelly Bell 812-371-9231.



Coffee Hour Returns

Based on feedback from the survey, Parish Life will be offering Coffee Hour after the 10:15 service on the second Sunday of each month. Upcoming dates are Oct, 9th, Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th.

Christmas Baskets for our Shut-ins

We will be filling and delivering Christmas Baskets to our Shut-ins on Saturday, Dec 10th starting at 11 am in the Parish Hall. Please contact Shelly Bell if you would like to donate or help for this event.

Not Too Early to Think About Christmas Plans!

We have some special things planned for the Christmas season and you might want to mark your calendars now. The St. Paul's Christmas Concert will return after taking a few years off during Covid. The concert will be December 4th at 3pm. We are very excited that a choir from Schmitt Elementary School plans to participate! Please contact Michelle Farnsworth, our Interim Music Director, (248-921-5314) or Lalith Parnavitana (812-447-8875) if you have suggestions. Please keep the date free and invite your friends, neighbors and family to attend this joyous celebration heralding the Christmas season.

Additionally, we are happy to announce that Rev. Kathy Thomas, our former Interim Rector, will return to St. Paul's to celebrate our Christmas Eve services at 4 pm and 7:30 pm. Christmas Day will be a Morning Prayer service led by our Worship Team.



Vestry/Search Committee

News from Vestry/Search Committee



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Vestry and Search Committee had a joint meeting on September 8th with Jen Phelps, the Director of Transition Ministry for the Indianapolis Diocese. At this meeting, we presented our updated Parish Website and Parish Profile...both needed as we reenergized the Search Process. Please visit the St. Paul's website to see the amazing new changes!!!!

Jen attended a recent Transition Ministry Conference where she shared our position far and wide. We have also posted an ad on the Episcopalian News Service web page. We remain hopefully optimistic that we will find a Priest-in-Charge soon with God's help. Please keep us in your daily prayers.

Outreach

**If your life's mission is to be the hands & feet of Christ,
we have some opportunities for you!**

Hot Meals - St. Paul's offered Hot Meals to those living with food insecurity in our area on September 7 and 14 at Columbus Free Methodist at 1511 22nd Street. Many thank to volunteers who helped in this important ministry: Dusty Anderson, Shelly Bell, Andrew Goldsmid, Frank Guthrie, Debbie Henry, Betsy Larson, Nancy Morris, Cindy Overmyer, Barb Parker, Linda Swonder, Kelli Thompson, Laura Wenzler, Melissa zur Loye.

The Columbus Free Methodist site is the newest location and therefore has the smallest number of diners, but we served a record crowd the first week. With the price of groceries soaring and no end to that in the near future, I'm sure those numbers will continue to tick upwards.

If this ministry is something you would like to join, feel free to ask any of the volunteers about their experience, and mark your calendar for next year's dates: Wednesday, September 6 & 13.



Our crew of volunteers sporting aprons donated by Jane Frede's family. Jane was a big supporter of St. Paul's Outreach and we love that she is still included!

Love Chapel's Christmas Feast Give-away (formerly known as the Christmas Pantry) will be very different this year. Pantry guests will pick up their Christmas basket at the pantry over a 4-week period (November 28 – December 22). We will be needing volunteers to help gather the donated food items into baskets the first weeks of November. Look for more information to come. St. Paul's will once again be providing the cans of green beans for the baskets

Formation

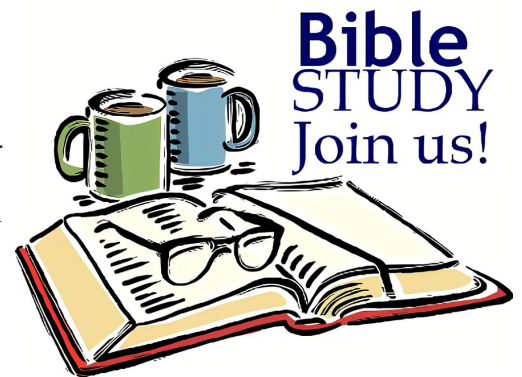
Think about trying Bible Study!

Bible Study meets on Thursdays on zoom. The group usually starts with a brief catch-up as to how everyone's doing. Then we begin with someone reading the Sunday's Collect as our opening prayer. Sometimes we'll notice words or thoughts in the prayer that might "collect" some themes from the scriptures.

Then we take 10-15 minutes for each of the four Sunday scriptures. After one of us reads the passage, we discuss it informally, with questions, comments, memories, relevance to everyday life – whatever comes to mind. Someone might have a different translation to share, or a quote from a commentary for historical or theological perspective. We're always looking for connections or differences across the four scriptures.

At the end of our hour together, we close with a prayer, often rereading the Collect. It's very interactive, people talking and listening, maybe saying a lot or a little.

We take turns facilitating, mostly to keep an eye on the time, but sometimes to share research, reflections, or questions. If anyone prefers not to facilitate, that's OK too. People are welcome to attend every week, or less often as their schedules allow. It's always helpful to read the scriptures ahead of time, but not required. They are listed in the prior week's bulletin with a website link.



It is a joy to carve out some time to sit with the Sunday's scriptures before the church service, sharing our thoughts and questions with others. Sometimes a surprising change of perspective on a difficult or familiar passage is the result. Come for a visit! If you would like more information, please contact Melissa zur Loye (812-603-0762)

Upcoming Baptism

St. Paul's will baptize Dusty Anderson as we celebrate All Saints Day, November 6th at 10:15 am. Fr. Don Jones welcomed Dusty as a candidate for baptism on October 11th and he will return to preside over the baptism. Dusty's sponsors are Chuck & Tina Boddie and Andrew Goldsmid. He is receiving instruction from Rev. Wendy Manley. Let's keep them all in our prayers as they and Dusty prepare for this blessed sacrament.



Buildings and Grounds

This commission has been very busy. After having the trees removed in August, the Vestry voted to have replacement trees planted and that should happen in December, weather permitting. The new trees will be Betty Magnolias—so we will have beautiful spring blossoms again!



Some rooms have been tidied up and needs are being assessed. One project coming up will be new blinds in the robing room. New blinds are being considered for the kitchen as well, because with the trees gone it has gotten very bright in there, and a little too warm.

If you see things around the building that need addressed, please speak with a member of the B&G commission (Nick Firestone, Bill Garber, and Andrew Goldsmid).

A Lovely Thank You

We received this thank you note from Joan Bouggy's family recently. It went to Rev. Kathy first, and then made its way here to be shared with the congregation.

6/23/22

Cindy Taff

Dear Rev. Kathy + friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful service for my mom, Joan Bouggy. Rev. Kathy's homily was meaningful and we appreciate the time she spent with our family both prior to and during the service.

The hospitality shown to our family and friends was wonderful. Thank you to each one of you who helped that day. The church looked beautiful and it's evident you have lovingly

maintained it. My niece and nephews were especially thankful for "the angels who appeared" to take care of their children. This was a gift that allowed them to be fully present for their grandmother's service.

St Paul's and her members will always hold a special place in my heart.

Peace,
Cindy Bouggy Taff

VESTRY**Minutes from September 13, 2022**

Present: Shelly Bell, Andrew Goldsmid, Vicki Gust, Frank Guthrie, Barb Parker, Kelli Thompson. Apologies for absence: Nancy McKinney. Absent: Julia Abedian and Bill Garber. The meeting opened with a prayer.

Procedural Business

August Minutes were approved. Next Vestry meeting Tuesday October 11th.

Finances:

Finances continue to look good. Revenues and expenses were both down for August. Pledge Sunday will be November 13th.

Congregational Survey. Each commission were asked to provide their conclusions. (Homework for our next meeting)

New Business:

Shelly Bell and Tina Boddie will be attending Diocesan Convention.

The Diocese has scheduled a Listening Session on Sept 26th to help shape the future of youth ministry. St. Paul's is asked to provide a representative. Andrew will contact John Settle and invite him to call in.

Buildings and Grounds:

The lectern will remain in its new position.

A motion was made by Frank and seconded by Kelly to purchase five 5ft tall Betty Magnolia trees from Schneider Nursery to be planted in December. The motion was approved unanimously. These trees would be purchased using Memorial funds. They will be planted between the church and the back parking lot and replace the 4 flowering pears that were recently removed.

We have decided to purchase 2inch wide white cordless blinds as part of a plan to upgrade the Robing Room.

Nick Firestone is working to inventory the Basement furniture and other items. This area has been unused for several years and needs to be thoroughly cleaned, Andrew will write a paragraph for the Venite. We will ask people to tag the items they want to keep.

Kelli suggested moving the California Street sign to the back parking lot and creating a new sign for California Street. Building and Grounds will investigate, It's a huge chunk of concrete! Victoria Bell has a 3D model of the current sign. It's difficult to modify the existing sign without creating an 'add on' appearance.

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Marketing:

The new Square Space website is up and running. The next step is to train the team on changes and maintenance. The Diocese are pleased with the new website but recommended some changes.

Outreach:

The first Love Chapel Hot Meal went very well, a second one is scheduled for Weds Sept 14th.

St. Paul's will not have a booth at this year's Pride Festival. Sadly, we missed the registration date.

Lalith Parnavitana is coordinating the Christmas concert. The Schmitt Senior Choir (Grades 4,5, &6) will participate. Michelle Farnsworth is organizing an adult choir and will ask St. Paul's people to join. We need to publicize the concert in the Republic's Go Guide. Our UTO In-gathering is Nov 13th.

Parish Life:

There will be a Forum with Jim Lemler on Sunday Sept 25th at 9:15am

The parish picnic is Sat Oct 15th at 3:00pm in the back parking lot.

Christmas Baskets will be assembled on Saturday Dec 10 at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Coffee hour will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 10:15 service.

We will schedule our next forum in the new year. Possibly one about AA.

Search Committee:

We have advertised the Priest in Charge Position for one month in the Episcopal News Service. Jen Phelps the Diocesan Transition Minister met with the Search Committee and vestry last week (Sept 8th). This week she is attending a Transition Ministry Convention and will promote St. Paul's.

Worship Committee:

Christmas eve services are scheduled for 4 pm and 7:30 pm. Morning prayer is tentatively planned for Christmas Day. This could possibly be a service on Zoom if the expected attendance is low. We will communicate the Christmas service times in the Venite and ask the parish for input.

Mary Taflinger and her spouse will receive coffee mugs this Sunday (Her third visit to St Paul's).

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Goldsmid

Employee Schedules

In October, we will welcome the Rev. Steve Giovangelo for the first and last Sundays, the Rev. Joan Smoke will be here October 9 & 16, and the Rev. Mary Taflinger will return on the 23rd. We are excited that our former Interim Rector, Rev. Kathy Thomas will be joining us to celebrate on Christmas Eve this year for two services (4pm and 7:30pm).

Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator, is in the office Tues/Thurs from 7am –10am and Friday from 7am to 3pm. She will work remotely on Monday as well. She can be reached by cell (812-603-5028) or email (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) if needed.

Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director, is looking for cantors and song leaders to begin singing on Sunday mornings. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you are interested in volunteering for this.

Financial Summary

August 2022: YTD Actual Revenue is \$102,928 as compared to the budget of \$97,333 for a favorable difference of \$5,595. YTD Actual Revenue is \$102,928 as compared to the previous year of \$96,365 for a favorable difference of \$6,563. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$99,197 as compared to the budget of \$107,667 for a favorable difference of (\$8,470). Budget and actual do not include investment income or rector search, which have not been used so far in 2022, except for \$102 rector search expense.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Oct. 3 Andrew & Judy Smithson

Oct. 10 Paul & Deborah Elliott

Oct. 15 David & Kelli Thompson

Oct. 19 Tim & Kathi Whipker

Oct. 20 John & Cristi Adams

7 Thomas Neeley

24 Sam DeLap

8 David Thompson

26 Laura Wenzler

10 Rose Neeley

29 Lana Owen

20 Sam Settle

30 Bob Buckler

21 Rachel Neeley

October 2022 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
Oct. 2 10:15 am	John Settle	Cheryl Paronavitana Nancy McKinney	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	John Settle	John Settle
Oct. 9 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Nancy Morris Frank Guthrie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Frank Guthrie Ken Erickson	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
Oct. 16 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Chuck Boddie John Settle	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Cindy Overmyer	Andrew Goldsmid
Oct. 23 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Nick Firestone Andrew Goldsmid	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Lalith Paronavitana
Oct. 30 10:15 am	David Thompson	Cheryl Paronavitana Ken Erickson	Frank Guthrie Lalith Paronavitana	Frank Guthrie Ken Erickson	John Settle	David & Kelli Thompson



October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Steve Giovangelo In Person & Livestream	3	4 9am — AA	5	6 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group 5:30 pm — Finance	7 9am — AA	1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> 8 </div>
9 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Joan Smoke In Person & Livestream 11:15 Coffee Hour	10 Search Committee 	11 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	12	13 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group	14 9 am — AA	15 3pm — Church Picnic 
16 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Joan Smoke In Person & Livestream	17 <div style="background-color: #668066; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> DEADLINE November Venite </div>	18 9am — AA	19	20 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	21 9am — AA <div style="background-color: #668066; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>Kathi on Vacation, office closed</i> </div>	22
23 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Mary Taflinger In Person & Livestream	24 Search Committee	25 9am — AA	26	27 10am Bible Study Noon—Men's Lunch (location TBA) 1pm—Bridge Group	28 9am — AA	29
30 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Steve Giovangelo In Person & Livestream	31 	Nov. 1 9am — AA	2	3 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	4 9am — AA	5

Sunday services can be accessed on our website (stpaulscolumbus.org)—click the Facebook icon.
 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

Thursday, Oct. 6, 5:30 pm

Search Committee

Mondays, Oct. 10 & 24

Vestry

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 pm

Vestry & Search Committee

Thursday, Sept. 8

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden Andrew Goldsmid

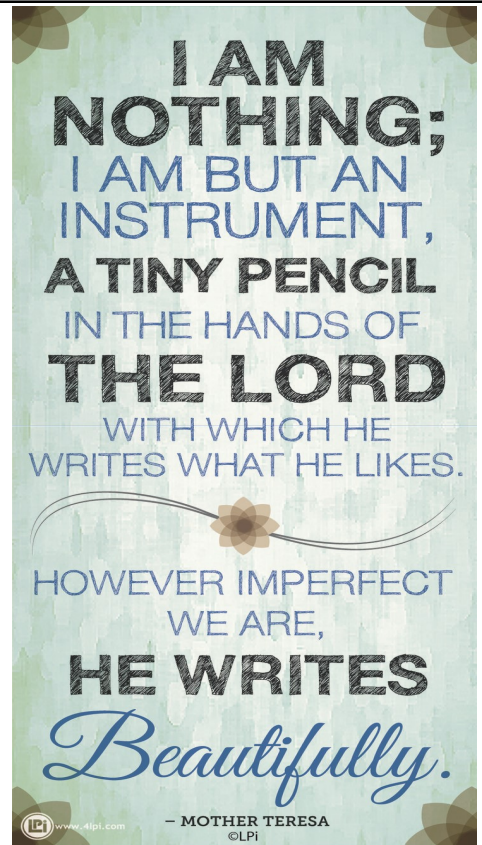
Junior Warden Shelly Bell

Treasurer Cindy Overmyer

Vestry Members

Julie Abedian '23	Communications/ Marketing
Shelly Bell '22	Jr. Warden & Parish Life
Bill Garber '22	Buildings & Grounds
Andrew Goldsmid '24	Sr. Warden & Outreach
Vicki Gust '22	Worship & Formation Liaison
Frank Guthrie '24	Finance
Nancy McKinney '24	Clerk & Newcomers
Barb Parker '23	Asst. Treasurer, Out- reach, & Search Comm.
Kelli Thompson '23	Communications/ Marketing

Commission Liaison



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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