

THE VENITE

HAPPY NEW YEAR?

By Rev. Kathy Thomas, Interim Rector

I always enter a new year with a little trepidation. For me, looking back is more comforting. After all, I know what has taken place. I don't have to wonder what kind of year it will be or what it will hold... happiness, wonder, sadness, or disappointment...because it is past. I have managed to live through it.

For many of us, 2021 began with much hope. We had hope that the pandemic would soon end as people got vaccinated. We hoped that the world's governments and industries would recognize the impact of climate change on the environment, and finally work together to address the human practices contributing to the changes that threaten human life as we know it. We hoped that indeed we would realize that we are all in this together.

That was last year. Here we are still hoping. We have been given another year, 2022 A.D. (Anno Domini...The Year of Our Lord) as we used to designate this era. I can't help but wonder what this year will bring?

As we look forward, we see that we have much work to do. This work requires that we keep hope alive. Jane Goodall, the well-known English primatologist and anthropologist, at the age of 87, launched a podcast entitled "Hope cast." She says, "We must not lose hope. It is what enables us to exist."

We have much to hope for...

We now have vaccines which could bring the pandemic to an end.

We have many bright, young scientists who have and continue to work on ways to supply clean energy to the world.

We have a new generation, who living through the pandemic and environmental crisis seem to understand that truly we are ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

And we have GOD!

We have just celebrated the Feast of the Incarnation (the event by which we believe that God became human). As Christians, we promise to join our lives with Christ. We promise to help one another in good times and bad. We promise to keep "hope" alive, to not be afraid, and to pray and work for the good of all people.

We cannot be sure of what the new year will bring, but we can be sure that "God is with us". While we are not guaranteed a Happy New Year, we know that we will be Blessed.

May You and Yours Have a Blessed New Year!



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FORMATION

Advent Formation: Advent in Narnia

This year, St. Paul's Adult Formation Commission, Vicki Gust, Elizabeth Monnette, and Melissa zur Loye, chose *Advent in Narnia* for the Advent Forum.

Advent in Narnia, written by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp, is a series of reflections based on C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The reflections explore parallels between themes in Lewis's book and Advent.

Each week, participants walked through the wardrobe to the lamppost before finding a group to sit with. Special treats included "Turkish Delight", and "Fire-Flower Cordial." Forums consisted of time for sharing parts of Lewis's story, video clips of the movie, and table discussions. Each week's offering was also presented on Zoom for those who could not attend in-person.



Baskets for our Shut-Ins

Thanks to everyone who made the Christmas basket filling and delivery a success. Before delivering the baskets we had a little pizza party for lunch. Everyone had such a good time visiting with parishioners. Below are thank you notes we received from our sisters.



A Little Note Of Thanks
To my St. Paul's Family;
Thank you for the "Beautiful Christmas Basket of Goodies." It is very much appreciated and will be enjoyed by all.
God Bless you,
In God's Love
Julia Christopher & Family



A great big "Thank You" to all of you people who put the goodie baskets together. Very clever and really appreciated. Nice to be remembered.
Thank you,
Jane Frede



Dear St. Paul's Church
Thank you for the great surprise basket that arrived last Saturday! It was especially the fruit, candy & tea & more! I wish you a Merry Christmas & fondly, Mary



December 4, 2021
Dear Ladies,
Many thanks for the wonderful Christmas basket. I love all of it, especially the chocolates!
Ann & Ellis



OUTREACH

Camp Atterbury Project

The contributions of St. Paul's parishioners to help Afghan refugees being temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury were split about evenly between needs in resettlement efforts, through Exodus, and funds for actual purchases. For the later, Team Rubicon had set up a website, linked to Amazon.

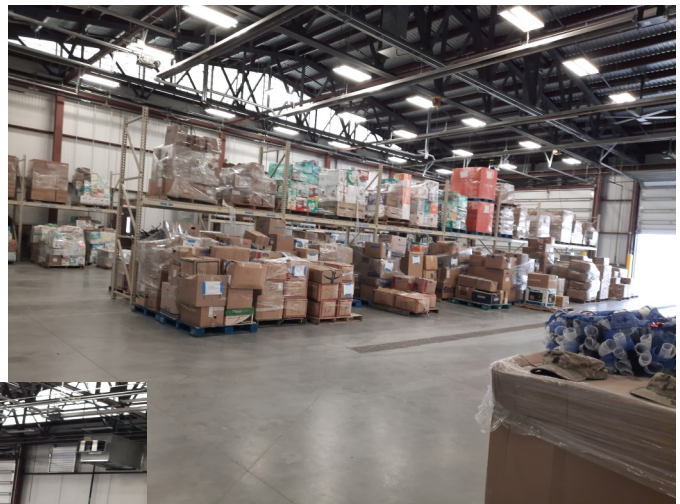
Team Rubicon's website had numerous purchase suggestions--from winter gear to bras to baby formula. I am not an online shopper. Although I had ordered all my Christmas gifts online (for the first time) last year because of Covid, I had trouble completing the order successfully on Team Rubicon's website. So, I headed for Camp Atterbury.

Service members at the Camp met me graciously. When I asked them what the greatest need was, all said emphatically, "Shoes!" I was escorted by car to the nearby Team Rubicon warehouse and spoke with volunteers there who guided me through the website. (Another learning curve...) While there, I asked permission to take pictures inside the warehouse.

Shoes, of course, were more expensive than most other items on the website. Back at home, I adjusted my initial shopping list. Here are my purchases for about \$825, including tax.

- 7 pairs of men' shoes, assorted sizes
- 4 pairs of women's shoes, assorted sizes
- 4 pairs of shoes for boys, assorted sizes
- 4 pairs of shoes for girls, assorted sizes
- 1 dozen warm winter hats, men and women
- 1 dozen warm winter hats for kids, boys and girls
- 4 fleece blankets, twin bed size

Respectfully, Kate Milliman



WORSHIP

Greening of the Church

The "Greening of the Church" took place over several weeks this year.

On December 11th, a crew brought the Christmas trees and wreaths into the sanctuary. The trees were placed carefully behind the altar, and the wreaths sported bows of purple and white for Advent. The following week on Saturday, the aisle candles were put in place, and on Sunday, the 19th, the bows were changed to white, the creche set in place, and the choir loft decorated. Before leaving for the day, all the lights were put on to make sure everything was ready for Christmas Eve. The Chili Supper which was originally planned for after the "Greening" was canceled due to the rising cases of Covid.

Thanks to Kelli Thompson, Altar Guild chair, and all who helped St. Paul's church look beautiful for the celebration of Christmas!



VESTRY

Minutes from December 14, 2021

We did not have a quorum present for the December meeting so no business could be conducted but there were things discussed which will be carried into the January 11th meeting. Because of this, the minutes have not been “approved”.

Present: Julie Abedian, Shelly Bell, Kelli Thompson, Melissa zur Loye, and Rev. Kathy Thomas. Cindy Overmyer came to explain finances and then left.

The meeting began at 6:05 with prayer.

A quorum was not present. Therefore, no procedural business or votes happened.

Finance:

Nov: Cindy reported that our pledge and plate offerings and investment income are in line with our expenditures for a positive cash flow of \$45. Outreach is planning to spend the money remaining in its account before the end of the year.

2022 Budget: Cindy presented the treasurer's balanced budget recommendation. The finance committee feels it is realistic based on current knowledge but that we will go over budget when we have a full-time rector. **Action:** Cindy will check with the treasurer about travel expenses for 2022 and alert him as to the vestry's questions about funding the website and evangelism/advertising. As previously requested, Julie has spoken with a website designer. **Action:** Julie will bring a proposal to the vestry for its January 11 meeting to support extra funding for the website to pay for a professional to build and maintain the website. It is anticipated that the website will cost roughly \$5,000 for 2022. **Action:** Julie will send this information to the vestry prior to the meeting on January 11. **Action:** John will provide the vestry with information about his proposed increase of the Evangelism/Advertising budget by \$1,000 prior to the meeting on January 11th.

Cindy pointed out that the suggested changes to the current budget proposal would cause it to be a deficit budget unless we found places to cut program or increase monies used from investment income.

It was noted that the budget does not increase the line item for outreach.

The vestry will meet again on January 11 at 6:30 or 7 (TBD) via zoom to hear Julie's information and vote on the revised budget.

Old Business:

The nominating committee presents Andrew Goldsmid, Frank Guthrie, and Nancy McKinney as the slate for new vestry members to serve 3 year terms beginning after the annual meeting. They are submitting bios to be published in the January Venite.

Action: The vestry is asked to consider names for 2 delegates to diocesan convention and to check with those people you come up with. Currently, this involves attending some “neighborhood meetings” with Bloomington, Brown County, and perhaps other close-by churches (yet to be set up) and attending the diocesan convention which is a one-day event in November. Our current delegates, Vicki Gust and John Settle, have served their terms and we need to fill two spots and one alternate. **Please contact Rev. Kathy with names ASAP.** Please speak with Vicki or John or Rev. Kathy for more information.

Reports:

Outreach – Kate Milliman has spent the remainder of the money raised by the church for Camp Atterbury and has written an article about this outreach effort for the January Venite.

Parish Life – 10 Christmas baskets were filled and delivered to parish members with our best wishes. After consulting with the reopening committee members present, coffee hour will not resume until further notice.

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VESTRY

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Formation – The Advent Forum has been regularly attended by around 10 people in person and on zoom. There is one more session this coming Sunday. This has been well received and fun to organize. Bible Study continues over zoom but is not well attended. It is the belief of the formation committee that this is a critical component of formation and it will be continued. A call will go out to see if an alternate time/model would be a welcome change.

Interim Rector – Annual meeting will be January 23rd after the service. At the recommendation of the reopening committee no food or beverages will be served so that masking will be maintained for the safety of all present. The meeting will be zoomed also. **Action:** Vestry liaison reports are to be submitted to Kathi Whipker by January 3.

The meeting closed at 7 pm with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Melissa zur Loye, Clerk

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**Biographies of Incoming Vestry  
Members for 2022**

**Andrew Goldsmid**

In 1979 The Goldsmid family Andrew, Sian, Tim and Robin moved from the village of Wootton in England to Columbus Indiana when Andrew started work at Cummins. The family were members of the Church of England so moving to the Episcopal Church felt right, and the family were warmly welcomed by the people of St Paul's. Andrew is now retired and an active member of Outreach and the Buildings and Grounds Committees. He has served on the Vestry several times and has been both a Senior and Junior Warden.



**Frank Guthrie**

Hi I'm Frank Guthrie. I have two sons, two daughters in law and four grandchildren. I've been a member of St. Paul's for about fifteen years this time. My family were members of St Paul's when I was a teenager. I've been a member of the Vestry twice afore and Senior Warden at least twice. It would be an honor to serve our parish once again.

**Nancy McKinney**

Born and raised in Southern Indiana, Nancy earned a BA from Oakland City College where she also met her husband Tom (in Old Testament class!). She worked at the University of Evansville as Sports Information Director and earned an MA there. She, husband and daughter Ann moved to Kentucky where she taught 11th and 12th grade English for 27 years. They were active in a small church, St. Peter's of the Lakes near Kentucky Lake, where she served on the vestry three times, including being Senior Warden one term. She later switched to Grace Church, Paducah, and did Prayers of the People there. Her husband died six years ago. After 42 years in Kentucky she moved this June to Columbus where she lives with her sister-in-law and is enjoying being a Hoosier again!

## Employee Schedules

**Interim Rector, The Rev. Kathy Thomas** is available in office by appointment (Tuesday through Thursday) and is available by phone and email during the rest of the week (Ph: 317-670-5960; email: kthomas50mersey@gmail.)

**Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator**, is in the office and available from 9—10:30 am and 3-5pm Monday/Wednesday and also 9am to 3pm on Fridays. She will be working remotely on Tuesday/Thursday as needed.

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

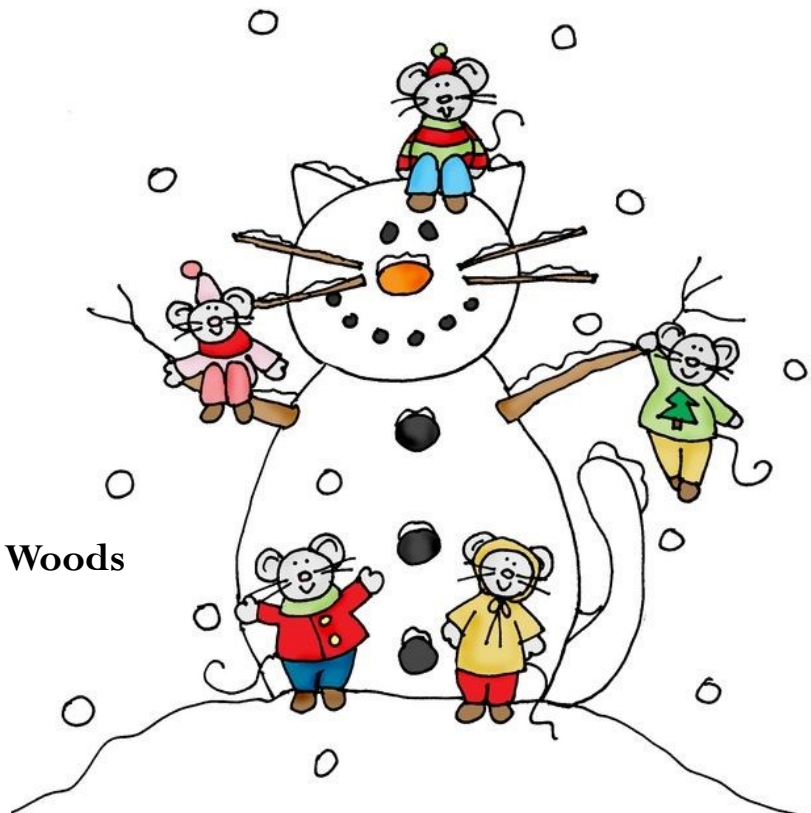
## Financial Summary

**November 30, 2021** Actual Pledge & Plate Offerings and Investment Income are \$14,056 with Expenditures being \$14,010 for a positive cash flow of \$45 vs the expected negative cash flow of (\$133). YTD Actual Pledge & Plate Offerings and Investment Income are \$133,134 as compared to the budget of \$135,850 for a negative difference of (\$2,716). YTD Actual Pledge and Plate Offerings are \$133,134 as compared to the previous year of \$140,160 for a negative difference of (\$7,026). YTD Actual Expenditures are \$134,600 vs. \$152,208 budgeted for a positive difference of \$17,609.

# January Birthdays & Anniversary

- 6 Gertie Woods
- 17 Cindy Overmyer
- 19 Ryan Fisher
- 20 Debbie Henry
- 21 Nick Firestone
- 31 Corin Fisher

Jan. 6 Tom & Gertie Woods





# January 2022 Service Schedule

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

| <b>Date &amp; Time</b>     | <b>Acolyte</b>    | <b>Lector</b>                          | <b>Greeter/<br/>Usher</b>               | <b>Teller</b>                      | <b>LEV</b>      | <b>Tech<br/>Ministry</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Jan. 2</b><br>10:15 am  | Chuck Boddie      | Ken Erickson<br>Cheryl<br>Paranavitana | Andrew & Sian<br>Goldsmid               | Andrew<br>Goldsmid<br>Ken Erickson | Nancy Morris    | TBA                      |
| <b>Jan. 9</b><br>10:15 am  | Frank Guthrie     | Nancy Morris<br>David<br>Thompson      | Chuck & Tina<br>Boddie                  | Frank Guthrie<br>Dick Weaver       | John Settle     | TBA                      |
| <b>Jan. 16</b><br>10:15 am | Nancy Morris      | John Settle<br>Nancy<br>McKinney       | Andrew & Sian<br>Goldsmid               | Bill Garber<br>Nick Firestone      | Roxie<br>Garber | TBA                      |
| <b>Jan. 23</b><br>10:15 am | David<br>Thompson | Andrew<br>Goldsmid<br>Sian Goldsmid    | Frank Guthrie<br>Lalith<br>Paranavitana | Andrew<br>Goldsmid<br>Nancy Morris | Nancy Morris    | TBA                      |
| <b>Jan. 30</b><br>10:15 am | John Settle       | Nick Firestone<br>Chuck Boddie         | Chuck & Tina<br>Boddie                  | Frank Guthrie<br>Ken Erickson      | John Settle     | TBA                      |



# January 2022

| Sun                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                                                                    | Tue                                                         | Wed                                    | Thu                                                                | Fri                                                      | Sat                                                                                                         |
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| <b>2</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br><b>10:15</b> Rite II<br><b>In Person &amp; on Zoom</b>                                    | <b>3</b><br>Search Committee mtg                                                                                                                       | <b>4</b><br>9am — AA                                        | <b>5</b><br>11am — Bible Study (Zoom)  | <b>6</b><br><b>Kathi out of the office</b><br><br>1pm—Bridge Group | <b>7</b><br>9am — AA                                     | <b>1</b><br><br><b>8</b> |
| <b>9</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br><b>10:15</b> Rite II<br><b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>                                 | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                              | <b>11</b><br>9 am — AA<br>5:30 pm Finance<br>6:30 pm Vestry | <b>12</b><br>11am — Bible Study (Zoom) | <b>13</b><br>1pm—Bridge Group                                      | <b>14</b><br>9 am — AA<br><b>Kathi out of the office</b> | <b>15</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>16</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br><b>10:15</b> Rite II<br><b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>                                | <b>17</b><br>Search Committee mtg<br><b>Martin Luther King Day</b>  | <b>18</b><br>9am — AA                                       | <b>19</b><br>11am — Bible Study (Zoom) | <b>20</b><br>1pm—Bridge Group                                      | <b>21</b><br>9am — AA                                    | <b>22</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>23</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br><b>10:15</b> Rite II<br><b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b><br><b>11:30 Annual Meeting</b> | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                              | <b>25</b><br>9am — AA                                       | <b>26</b><br>11am — Bible Study (Zoom) | <b>27</b><br>1pm—Bridge Group                                      | <b>28</b><br>9am — AA                                    | <b>29</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>30</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br><b>10:15</b> Rite II<br><b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>                                | <b>31</b><br>Search Committee mtg                                                                                                                      | <b>Feb 1</b><br>9am — AA                                    | <b>2</b><br>11am — Bible Study (Zoom)  | <b>3</b><br>1pm—Bridge Group                                       | <b>4</b><br>9am — AA                                     | <b>5</b>                                                                                                    |

Sunday services can be accessed on our website ([stpaulscolumbus.org](http://stpaulscolumbus.org))—click the Facebook icon.

Zoom meetings use Meeting ID 291 212 0372 Password: church

**Mission, Vision, and Values**

**Mission:**

- Proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

**Vision:**

- We are first and foremost a worshipping community, participants rather than spectators.
- Hospitality.
- Service to the community (St. Paul's as well as local, national, and international.)

**Values:**

- Anglican traditions (e.g. scripture, tradition, and reason, the via media, unity in diversity.)
- Uphold the traditional orthodox formularies (scriptures, Creeds, sacraments, and the historic episcopate.)
- Recognize and value every person as made in the image of God, welcoming the gifts that diversity affords.
- Seek to equip all the saints in the baptismal ministry to which they are called.

**Meetings**

**Search Committee**

Mondays, Jan. 3, 17, & 31

**Finance Committee**

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 5:30 pm

**Vestry**

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6:30 pm

**Vestry Officers**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Senior Warden | Barb Parker |
| Junior Warden | John Settle |
| Treasurer     | Mike Bell   |



●  
**“Stillness”  
 is that quiet  
 space between  
 you and  
 Divine Presence  
 where everything  
 is possible.**

( Amara Honeck )

| <b>Vestry Members</b> | <b>Commission Liaison</b>             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Julie Abedian '23     | Communications                        |
| Shelly Bell '22       | Parish Life                           |
| Bill Garber '22       | Buildings & Grounds                   |
| Vicki Gust '22        | Worship & Reopening                   |
| Nancy Morris '21      | Hospitality/Newcomers<br>& HR         |
| Barb Parker '23       | Senior Warden<br>& Outreach           |
| John Settle '21       | Jr. Warden -Marketing<br>& Technology |
| Kelli Thompson '23    | Communications                        |
| Melissa zur Loye '21  | Formation & Clerk                     |

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](mailto:stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com). Thank you!

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