

THE VENITE

THANK YOU SERVANT LEADERS
By Rev. Kathy Thomas, Interim Rector

Depending on what year St. Paul's counts as its beginning, whether 1867 or 1876, this year's Annual Meeting would have been its 155th or 146th respectively. There can be no argument that St. Paul's is both faithful and enduring.

Each year as parishes gather, they thank outgoing vestry members and other officers of the church for their work and service, even as they welcome with gratitude those who have come forward to serve as new vestry members, diocesan delegates, and other officers of the church.

So it was, that on Sunday, January 23, 2022, we thanked Nancy Morris, chair of both the Newcomers and Personnel Commissions; John Settle, Jr. Warden, Outreach Liaison, and Convention delegate; and Melissa zur Loye, chair of Formation and clerk of the vestry for their service. While they will pass the torch of these roles on to incoming members of vestry, they will continue as members of the search committee and in their other ministries at St. Paul's.

In addition to the outgoing vestry members, we celebrated and gave thanks to Mike Bell, as he announced his retirement from the position of St. Paul's treasurer after 30 years of service. As signs of our gratitude, Mike was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, a framed picture of St. Paul's for his "cabin", and a bottle of tequila to enjoy as he relaxes. Godspeed, Mike, and thank you!

Now we welcome our new leaders. New vestry members include Andrew Goldsmid, Frank Guthrie, and Nancy McKinney. Andrew has accepted the invitation to be our new senior warden. Thank you, Andrew. Serving as our new treasurer is Cindy Overmyer. With a background in finance, and having served a number of years on St. Paul's finance committee, we are grateful that she has agreed to serve St. Paul's. In addition, St. Paul's has two new delegates to the diocesan convention. Shelly Bell and Tina Boddie have agreed to serve a 2 year term.

The third word I use to describe St. Paul's, in addition to faithful and enduring, is generous. Let us all offer our thanks to our past and present leaders for their generous service to St. Paul's.

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these people who have committed themselves to Christ and to serve in His name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; strengthen all of us in our Christian vocation of witness and service, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Kathy

Faithful

Generous

Enduring



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Annual Meeting Highlights

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23 after the Celebration of the Eucharist. Twenty-eight members attended (18 in-person and 10 on zoom). The Annual Report was distributed and elections were held. Below are pictures of highlights of this year's Annual Meeting.



ABOVE: Rev. Kathy asking those attending on zoom, "Can you hear me now?"

BELOW: Senior Warden, Barb Parker presenting Mike Bell a Certificate of Appreciate for 30 years of service as treasurer.



ABOVE: The Parish Life Commission presents Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director, with a Certificate of Appreciation and gifts for restoring the grand piano.



ABOVE: John Settle and Nancy Morris, outgoing Vestry members, speak at the Annual Meeting.



We want to thank St. Paul's for their kindness, all the cards, calls, and prayers after my fall. We also appreciated the lovely Christmas Basket. We just love you all so much.

~Gertie & Tom Woods

VESTRY**Minutes from January 11, 2022**

Present: Barbara Parker, Shelly Bell, Vicki Gust, Nancy Morris, Melissa zur Loye, Kelli Thompson, Bill Garber, Julie Abedian

The meeting began at 6:33 with prayer.

Rev. Kathy is sick and it may be COVID so she is not with us and this week's Sunday service will be on zoom.

Mike Bell is retiring as treasurer. Cindy Overmyer will volunteer as treasurer, working with Barb Parker, for the next two years. Kathi Whipker has begun doing the Sunday collection deposit and computer entry work. Mike will be thanked for his many long years of excellent service at the annual meeting.

The December Vestry notes were accepted for entry into the record.

Finances

We ended the year on a sound fiscal note. It was noted that entries for travel expenses were mis-entered and corrected.

Budget

There was further discussion about the 2022 budget presented by the finance committee.

Bill Garber moved that the vestry accept the budget as proposed. Shelly Bell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. We will present a balanced budget at the annual meeting.

Old Business

New directories will be ready for distribution at the annual meeting.

New Business

The vestry visioning group is continuing their work and hope to have an update ready by the annual meeting with opportunities for congregational input.

John Settle will write the Marketing report for the annual meeting.

The discussion of whether/how to fund the installation of chimes for the organ will be taken up at a later meeting. The hope remains that something could be accomplished by Easter.

Julie Abedian has written a proposal for using an outside service to develop and maintain our website. She has sent this to John Settle for his input and will present this material to the vestry.

The meeting ended at 7:08 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa zur Loye

Clerk

Employee Schedules

Interim Rector, The Rev. Kathy Thomas is available in office by appointment on Sundays, 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:

Monday and Wednesday: 9—10:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday: noon—3 pm

Friday: 9am—3pm .

She can be reached by cell (812-603-5028) or email (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) as well.

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

December 31, 2021 Actual Pledge & Plate Offerings and Investment Income are \$24,090 with Expenditures being \$12,651 for a positive cash flow of \$11,439 vs the expected positive cash flow of \$15,367. YTD Actual Pledge & Plate Offerings and Investment Income are \$157,224 as compared to the budget of \$163,700 for a negative difference of (\$6,476). YTD Actual Pledge and Plate Offerings are \$157,224 as compared to the previous year of \$163,997 for a negative difference of (\$6,773). YTD Actual Expenditures are \$147,250 vs. \$164,692 budgeted for a positive difference of \$17,442.

February Birthdays

- 1 Kathi Whipker
- 3 Hadley Swope
Stephen Abedian
- 10 Randy Swonder
- 13 Noah Elliott
- 16 Lalith Paronavitana
- 19 Joan Bouggy
- 21 Bob Manley
- 23 Nicky Schumacher
- 24 Alex Abedian
- 25 Lena Ledford
Nancy Morris



Feb. 7 Matt & Kim Swope

February 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	Tech Ministry
Jan. 30 10:15 am	John Settle	Nick Firestone Chuck Boddie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Frank Guthrie Ken Erickson	John Settle	TBA
Feb. 6 10:15 am	Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris Ken Erickson	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Nancy Morris	TBA
Feb. 13 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Nancy McKinney John Settle	Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris Nick Firestone	John Settle	TBA
Feb. 20 10:15 am	David Thompson	Sian Goldsmid Andrew Goldsmid	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	Roxie Garber	TBA
Feb. 27 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paranavitana Nick Firestone	Lalith Paranavitana Andrew Goldsmid	Nick Firestone Bill Garber	John Settle	TBA

FEBRUARY '22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 30 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & on Zoom	31 Search Committee mtg	Feb. 1 9am — AA	2 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	3 1pm— Bridge Group	4 9am — AA	5
6 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	7	8 9 am — AA 5:30 pm Finance 6:30 pm Vestry	9 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	10 1pm—Bridge Group	11 9 am — AA	12
13 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	14 Search Committee mtg 	15 9am — AA	16 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	17 1pm—Bridge Group 7pm—Parish Life meeting on Zoom	18 9am — AA	19
20 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	21	22 9am — AA	23 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	24 Noon—Men's Lunch @ Up- land Brewery 1pm—Bridge Group	25 9am — AA	26
27 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	28 Search Committee mtg	Mar. 1 9am — AA	2 11am — Bible Study (Zoom) 	3 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

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, Feb. 14 & 28

Finance Committee

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 5:30 pm

Vestry

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6:30 pm

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Andrew Goldsmid
Junior Warden	TBA
Treasurer	Cindy Overmyer



Vestry Members

Commission Liaison

Julie Abedian '23	
Shelly Bell '22	
Bill Garber '22	
Andrew Goldsmid '24	Senior Warden
Vicki Gust '22	
Frank Guthrie '24	
Nancy McKinney '24	
Barb Parker '23	
Kelli Thompson '23	

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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