

THE VENITE

ALERT! DON'T SAY THE "A" WORD FOR A WHILE

By Nancy McKinney

During Lent, we don't say Alleluia. Do you know why? Let's consider the following.

Should our praise and prayer be the same during Lent as they are in the rest of the year? Well, yes and no. There is a sense in which--as with Christmas decorations--we need to give things a rest. After Christmas, we put the lights, creche, etc. away. We know where they are; we anticipate putting them up again. When we retire something familiar for a season, recovering its use has a way of making it "new" for us. Taking a rest from something gives shape and rhythm to life--and to worship.

Like many other churches, St. Paul's, in keeping with this principle, chooses to bury or "hide" the Alleluia during Lent. Beginning Feb. 27, the last Sunday after Epiphany, we are suspending the use of Alleluia until Easter. On the 27th several members of the congregation will take the letters spelling out Alleluia to the altar where they will be "buried" in a wooden chest--and the lid will be slammed!

Then we will await the time of celebration--Easter--when Alleluia will return.



Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

It's time to mark your calendars! Lent is upon us and while Holy Week is six weeks away, it is not too early to get these dates and times on your calendar so that you won't miss out on these sacred celebrations.

Ash Wednesday – March 6th at 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Palm Sunday – April 10th at 10:15 a.m. The blessing of the Palms, procession, and Holy Eucharist with the reading of the Passion.

Maundy Thursday- April 14th at 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar followed by a prayer vigil.

Good Friday – April 15th at Noon Prayers and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 16th at 7:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – April 17th at 10:15 Festival Holy Eucharist

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FORMATION

Tending our Hearts and Souls in Times of Change (A Personal Devotional Retreat)

CHANGE! It is a word that both excites and frightens us at the same time. Change brings uncertainty. When things change our routines are upset and we aren't always sure what to do or how to proceed. But when things don't ever change, and we get a case of the "same old, same old" we may begin to feel as if we are dying.

Change is necessary for growth. The seasons change, people change, our environment is changing, too. As we move from the season after Epiphany to Lent, we notice changes in our liturgy. As we listened to the readings since Christmas they have been concerned with Jesus' teaching, preaching, and healing. The stories have revealed Jesus showing us what God is like. As we begin Lent, the focus of the readings shifts. Jesus now walks his talk trusting God's love even as his actions lead to his death.

Lent which comes from the Latin "latere" means springtime. Spring is the season that brings changes from cold and often dreary winter days to the warmth and sunshine of early summer. Lent is a time for Christians to tend their hearts and souls as we seek to grow and live ever deeper in our new life in, with, and through Jesus Christ that we celebrate at Easter.

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We live in a rapidly changing world. We could say that we live in an "age of uncertainty". In addition to a changing world, we know that in our lives there is constant change. As we grow, we become toddlers, children, teens, young adults, middle aged adults, and finally older adults.

Each world event impacts each season of our lives. My reaction and response to the pandemic is different than that of any of my grandchildren's. Therefore, to live fully (which is what Jesus told his disciples is why he came), we must continually tend our hearts and souls as our lives change.

This year St. Paul's Formation Committee is offering people the opportunity to reflect on the changes that are impacting their lives. One of the questions we will ask ourselves is "How are the changes in my life impacting my relationship with God?"

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Our Personal Retreats begin on Ash Wed. and go through Holy Week. You can participate as much or as little and whenever you want. This is for you.

1. Each week you will receive an email from the church for the week's focus. In the email will be the week's topic followed by a scripture reading, short story, poem, or something that will serve as a meditation for the week's topic.
2. After each meditation, there will be a series of questions that you are invited to sit with and quietly answer for yourself. You may want to jot some notes down.



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Formation

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3. The third component of the retreat is your personal creative response. During the week, we invite you to respond in some way to your thoughts and feelings about the weekly topic. Your response could be: journaling, drawing, finding or writing a prayer, composing a poem, finding a hymn, praying in color, painting, embroidering, needlepoint, knitting, building something with clay, or with wood, anything you enjoy... that expresses your feelings or thoughts of your reflection/meditation in a concrete way that will help you recall your thoughts or that you might share.
4. A place to share your expressions will be provided in the rear of the church for those who would like to share their work with others.

The goal of our personal retreat is to give us the opportunity to explore lots of different ways we can tend our hearts and souls during times of uncertainty and change, positive and challenging, as we seek to live more fully our lives in Christ.

May this time of "retreat" be a time of growth and peace.

St. Paul's Formation Team

2022 EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY A DAY TO REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

Each year congregations are invited to observe Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday on the first Sunday of Lent. This year ER&D Sunday falls on March 6, 2022.

At the 2009 General Convention, the First Sunday of Lent was officially designated as ER&D Sunday to encourage dioceses, congregations, and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief and Development. All Episcopalians are invited to join together on ER&D Sunday and throughout the Lenten season to pray for those in need (see page 4). ER&D strives to meet people's needs at home and around the world. ER&D is like Love Chapel on steroids!

St. Paul's will observe Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday on the designated day, March 6th, the first Sunday in Lent. Envelopes for your special offering will be available in church on Feb. 27 and March 6th and may be placed in the Offering Plate on March 6. Alternatively, you may put your offering in your own envelope and mark it ER&D.



For more information about Episcopal Relief and Development just google it. You will be rewarded with an opportunity to read about all the wonderful work that you become a part of as you support ER&D with your donation. Thanks to all for your ongoing care and generosity of "the least of our brothers and sisters."

Prayers for Episcopal Relief and Development

Leader: In prayerful partnership with all faithful people throughout the world, let us pray for the needs of all people and for all creation, asking God to hear our prayer.

Leader: Dear People of God: Let us pray that as we walk the way of love with compassion, justice and reconciliation in our hearts, that we may inspire all the world to serve Christ in every living thing.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for all those who hold authority in every community and every nation. That they may not lose sight of the most vulnerable among us, and that they may especially seek to protect women and children and the natural resources that help them to thrive.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the staff and partners of Episcopal Relief & Development as they facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. We pray that you guide them as your servants in the world and that their work truly changes lives for the better.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those struggling with poverty and hunger throughout the world, that all peoples, especially the children in countries both rich and poor, may reach their God-given potential to learn, grow and thrive.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the health and well-being of all people. May every person have the resources they need to live and thrive in safety and may all people in every nation have access to life-saving vaccines and medicine. Let us pray for those who are in need of care, that they may be comforted especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts...

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life Activities 2022

The Parish Life Committee met Thursday, February 17th to plan parish activities for the first half of 2022. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

Grab & Go Coffee & Donuts on Easter Sunday: April 17th, after 10:15 Service we will provide coffee to go with packaged donuts and condiments as we did last year. They will be distributed in back of the church as people are leaving.

Craft, Hobby and Bake Sale: On Saturday, May 14th from 10:00am to 4:00pm parish members, family and friends are invited to sell craft and hobby related items, as well as baked goods. Tables will be set up in the Parish Hall and/or outside, weather permitting. Items should be craft related, i.e. sewing, needle work, artwork, wood working, jewelry, wreaths, pottery, etc. Books may also be sold. Food items may include baked goods, jellies, honey, etc. The sellers will be able to keep profits or donate a portion to charity. All members are invited to participate, as we will need help in many areas. To sign-up to sell items, help during the sale, or if you have any questions, please contact Shelly Bell 812-371-9231

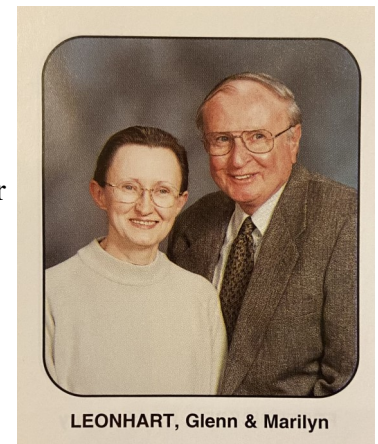
A Remembrance

St. Paul's Parish Family received news of the passing of former parishioner, Glenn Leonhart, on Sunday, February 20. Although Glenn and his wife, Marilyn, moved from Columbus a few years back to live closer to their daughter in the state of Washington, he left us with a beautiful legacy.

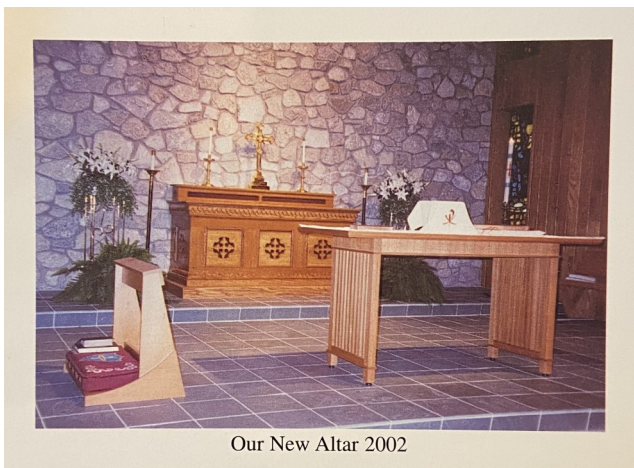
In 2001 as St. Paul's underwent an extensive remodeling project, Glenn designed pieces for our new chancel. These designs included an altar, benches for the acolytes, an element table, pulpit, lectern, and communion kneelers. Don Wools and Glenn drove to Chicago to pick up the completed pieces; all but the acolyte benches. (Later, using Glenn's designs as inspiration, Don would design & create the priest's kneeler as well.)

Glenn had dreamed of replacing the two acolyte benches, and drew up designs for them, but we have yet to fulfill that vision. His designs and illustrations are preserved in our archives.

...May his memory continue to be a blessing.



LEONHART, Glenn & Marilyn



Our New Altar 2002



VESTRY**Minutes from February 8, 2022**

Present: Reverend Kathy Thomas, Barb Parker, Bill Garber, Shelly Bell, Kelli Thompson, Vicki Gust, Frank Guthrie, Nancy McKinney, and Andrew Goldsmid. Apologies for absence received from Julie Abedian.

The meeting began with a prayer at 6:30 PM.

'Check in.' Things we are looking forward to when the pandemic is over: Travel, Social Gatherings, No masks, and not having to remember a mask. A communion service with wine and the choir.

Procedural Business.

We had Quorum.

A motion to accept the January Vestry notes was accepted. The motion was proposed by Frank Guthrie seconded by Bill Garber and Vicki Gust and approved by all.

Vestry Clerk. In a post meeting discussion Nancy McKinney agreed to be clerk for the next meeting. Thank you, Nancy.

A sign-up list for the Opening prayer of the Vestry Meeting was circulated. Every agenda should name a person responsible for the opening prayer.

Shelly Bell was acclaimed as the Junior Warden. Thank you, Shelly.

Committee liaison Assignments were agreed as follows.

Parish Life. Shelly Bell.

Worship. Vickie Gust and Nancy McKinney

Formation. Vickie Gust (Liaison). Melissa zur Loye continues as chairperson.

Building and Grounds. Bill Garber

Outreach. Barb Parker and Andrew Goldsmid

Finance. Frank Guthrie. Cindy Overmyer is our new Treasurer. Barb Parker continues as Assistant Treasurer.

Communications. Julie Abedian and Kelli Thompson.

Welcoming and Newcomers. Nancy McKinney.

Technology. We will invite John Settle to continue as chairperson.

Finance Report

January was a good financial month. Expenditure and income were both under budget and when combined made a positive difference to the bottom line. In future, Finance will change the way the Rector Search \$s are reported. Future transactions will only appear when \$s are spent.

Old Business: Chime Project.

A motion to involve the parish in funding of the chimes was made by Frank Guthrie, seconded by Vicki Gust, and approved by all. Chimes may be purchased by individuals, as a memorial, etc. **Action Item:** Michelle Farnsworth will coordinate the project. (Back up Funding available from Music and Education.)

Commission Reports.

Buildings and grounds. Nick Firestone has fixed the flushing issue in the men's restroom, and the Kitchen faucet has a new flex hose.

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VESTRY**Minutes from February 8, 2022**

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A recent 'burn out' of a nave flood light prompted an investigation of LED lighting for this area of the church. One lighting unit was converted from soft white incandescent bulbs to daylight LEDs as a demonstration. Feedback is positive, the new lighting makes it easier to read and reduces energy consumption from ~950 Watts per unit to <200 Watts. The bulbs used were non-dimmable, but Kirby Risk has been contacted to try and find dimmable daylight bulbs. The altar lighting is not going to change. Bill asked how long it takes to recover project costs? Bulb selection and KWH pricing will be needed for this assessment. **Action Item:** Building and Grounds committee to continue assessment of LED lighting for the nave.

3 Bids have been received to address the limestone deterioration around the office steps. **Action Item:** Buildings and Grounds will be meeting to discuss next steps. Finance advised that money can be found to cover this necessary expense.

Website Update. No report. **Action item:** Kelli Thompson will follow up with Julie Abedian on the website proposal.

Outreach. The Empty Bowls fundraiser for Love Chapel is scheduled for Feb 26th. Barb still needs people to cook Chili for this event.

Nicole Wiltrout, the Book Buddy Coordinator at Schmitt Elementary, will check with the principal before setting a date for the annual Book Buddies Party in April. The party is a pizza lunch at St Paul's for the students and mentors. We provide soft drinks and BCSC provides the pizza. St Paul's also purchases one book for every student from the Viewpoint Book Store in downtown Columbus.

Parish Life. Shelly has scheduled the next meeting for Thursday Feb 17th, at 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

Search Committee: Barb reported that our 2nd candidate has withdrawn his application with nice comments about St Paul's. We continue to learn things about ourselves and the search process.

Worship. Kelli has already planned Altar Guild activities for Lent and Easter, and will be taking a health sabbatical. **Action Item:** Reverend Kathy will schedule a review of this busy season. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd with a service at 5:30 pm. On Sunday March 6th we have a collection for ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development). Our Maundy Thursday service is at 5:30 pm, Good Friday at noon, and the Easter Vigil is Saturday at 7:00 pm. If everything works out the chimes will be played at the 10:15 am Easter Sunday service.

Action Item: In preparation for lent and Easter the individual letters spelling Alleluia will be collected and buried on Sunday Feb 27th. The letters will remain buried until Easter and reappear on Easter Sunday.

A memorial service for Rebecca Fenske is being planned. **Action Item:** Rev. Kathy will meet with Roxie and Bill Garber to find a date and discuss Rebecca's service.

St Paul's Mission Statement. We have received feedback. **Action Item:** Team will review feedback.

Rectors Report. Reverend Kathy is scheduled to have hip surgery on March 14th and planning for Supply Priests on Sunday March 20th and 27th. Barb (Assistant Treasurer) will cut the checks for the Supply Priests before she leaves for Florida. Andrew (Senior Warden) is also on vacation (UK and Portugal) from March 19th to April 16th. We pray for healing and recovery for all church members that are unwell.

The meeting ended at 8 pm with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Goldsmid

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

January 2022: YTD Actual Revenues (including Rector Search and Investment Income) are \$13,213 as compared to the budget of \$13,542 for a negative difference of (\$329). However, Rector Search revenue is budgeted monthly; there were no expenses in January, so no revenue was transferred from non-operating funds. YTD Actual Revenue is \$13,213 as compared to the previous year of \$13,839 for a negative difference of (\$627). YTD Actual Expenditures are \$13,745 vs. \$14,833 budgeted for a positive difference of \$1,089.

March Birthdays

- 2 David Anderson
- Emily Heck
- 7 Tom Woods
- 9 Ken Erickson
- 10 Marilyn Firestone
- 19 Dick Weaver
- 21 Bill Monette
- 23 Kailee Wubben
- 26 Chris Ricketts
- 28 Elizabeth Monette
- 31 Karen Hunsberger
- Randy Doll



March 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
Mar. 2 Ash Wed. 10:15 am	John Settle	Nick Firestone Ken Erickson	Andrew Goldsmid Lalith Paronavitana	Nick Firestone Ken Erickson		TBA
Mar. 6 10:15 am	Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris Chuck Boddie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Roxie Garber	TBA
Mar. 13 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Cheryl Paronavitana John Settle	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Nancy Morris Andrew Goldsmid	John Settle	TBA
Mar. 20 10:15 am	David Thompson	Ken Erickson Frank Guthrie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Frank Guthrie Ken Erickson	Nancy Morris	TBA
Mar. 27 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Nancy McKinney Nick Firestone	Lalith Paronavitana Frank Guthrie	Bill Garber Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	TBA

MARCH '22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb. 27 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & on Zoom	28 Search Committee mtg	Mar. 1 9am — AA	2  11am -Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm — Ash Wed. Service In person/online 6:30 pm— Finance	3 1pm— Bridge Group	4 9am — AA	5
6  Lent 1 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	7 <i>Check your inbox for Lenten Formation Info!</i>	8 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	9 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	10 1pm—Bridge Group	11 9 am — AA	12 
13 Lent 2 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	14 Search Committee <i>Check your inbox for Lenten Formation Info!</i>	15 9am — AA	16 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	17 1pm—Bridge Group 	18 9am — AA	19
20 Lent 3 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	21 <i>Check your inbox for Lenten Formation Info!</i>	22 9am — AA	23 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	24 Noon—Men's Lunch @ Upland Brewery 1pm—Bridge Group	25 9am — AA	26
27 Lent 4 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	28 Search Committee <i>Check your inbox for Lenten Formation Info!</i>	29 9am — AA	30 11am — Bible Study (Zoom)	31 1pm—Bridge Group	Apr. 1 9am — AA	2

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

Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 pm

Search Committee

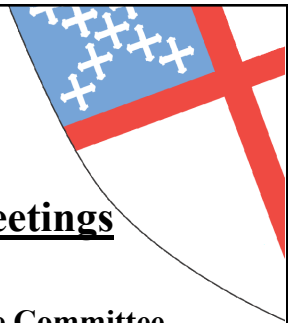
Mondays, March 14 & 28

Vestry

Tuesday, March. 8, 6:30 pm

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Andrew Goldsmid
Junior Warden	Shelly Bell
Treasurer	Cindy Overmyer



Vestry Members

Commission Liaison

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

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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