

THE VENITE

TENDING OUR HEARTS AND SOULS

By, Rev. Kathy Thomas

Our Lenten journey will soon come to an end. Just as Jesus journeyed towards Calvary where **EVERYTHING** would change, we are aware that we are changing, too. Our personal Lenten retreat has offered us the opportunity to reflect on just how we are different, and how we have nurtured our relationship with God. During **Week One**, we were asked to reflect on how we cope with uncertainty. What helps us keep our faith, what helps us to keep loving when things around us keep changing? **Week Two** asked us to specifically look at the “in-between” or liminal times in our lives. What does it feel like to be on a threshold? How is God a help to you “between the times”? During **Week Three**, we were invited to reflect on the blessings and burdens in our lives during times of change. Liminal/Times of change can be times of creativity, letting go. During this week we were invited to go deeper by reaching inward to our creative artist, writer, etc. and see what they might say to us. What did you create during this week? **Week Four** invited us to look at our souls, our inner selves as gardens. Since gardens are different during the different seasons of the year we were invited to explore both what season our hearts and souls are experiencing and how our garden is being tended. **This coming week**, we are going to move beyond the personal to the community as we are invited to look at how we are tending the heart and soul of the beloved community of St. Paul. After all, we do not journey alone.

We hope that some of you will be willing to share your experiences at the “Heart and Soul Garden” which will be available in the Parish Hall during Holy Week. If you have poems, collages, paintings, etc., anything you want to share of your Lenten journey, you are invited to place them on the table provided for the “seeds of our souls”.

LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Here is the Holy Week Schedule—be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. Holy Week is just around the corner!

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.

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.

WAIT FOR IT, WAIT FOR IT...

Bishop Jennifer recently sent a letter to the parishes of the Diocese telling us that parishes are able to return to the common cup. Currently, we have asked our reopening committee to weigh in on when and how they feel we can do this safely. While a firm date has not been established, it is probable that our Eucharistic practice of receiving in both kinds will resume soon. The decision to receive from the cup will be up to each individual and to receive only the bread is always acceptable. Stay tuned!

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Parish Life

Resurrecting Coffee Hour

April 17th, after the 10:15 Service we will host coffee and donuts in person for the first time since the pandemic began. We look forward to its resurrection, but need some new people to help keep it going. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for those willing to help. For those who still prefer to social distance, on Easter we also will provide coffee to go with packaged donuts and condiments as we did last year.

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 setup 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

Creation Care Comes to Columbus

At the October Diocesan Neighborhood meeting, Ben Brabson, the Emeritus Professor of Environmental Physics at Indiana University and member of Trinity Episcopal Church, shared ways that Trinity, Bloomington is working to cut energy usage and costs. At that meeting, he offered to meet with other parish leaders to help them assess their parishes options. Hearing this, Rev. Kathy provided Ben with Andrew Goldsmid's contact information since Andrew and the Building and Grounds committee had begun work on improving the lighting in the sanctuary which included assessing the energy usage and costs.

On February 24th, Andrew and Ben connected. Shortly thereafter, they set up a meeting with members of St. Paul's Building and Grounds Committee. Ben and two other members of the Earth Care Bloomington Team met at St. Paul's on March 14th for a tour. Following the tour, the Team from Bloomington and St. Paul's Buildings and Grounds members met for lunch to discuss energy savings projects, energy audits, facility management, setting up parish Green Teams, and Creation Care Covenants. Soon we will learn more about what the St. Paul's Team learned.

But...that is not the end of the story! Andrew contacted Love Chapel about Ben and the Bloomington Team. Ben is currently scheduled to present the various experiences and ideas concerning "creation care" at the April meeting of Love Chapel. Way to Go, Andrew!

Memorial Service for Rebecca Fenske

Long-time, and beloved member of St. Paul's, Rebecca Fenske died earlier this year and St. Paul's will host a memorial service for her on Sunday, May 1st at 1pm. Everyone is invited to this special time to celebrate Rebecca and share our memories with each other. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

*Rebecca with her mom,
Marcia Fenske, at Rebec-
ca's 50th Birthday Party
in 2015.*



OUTREACH

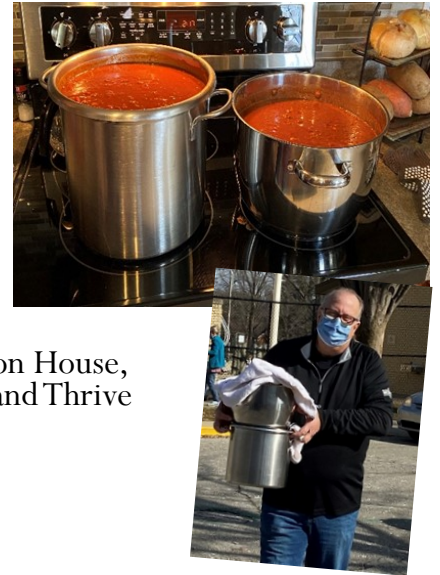
Empty Bowls Fundraiser

The recent 24th Annual Empty Bowl fundraiser total stands at slightly over \$16,000 leading the organizers to extend the deadline for donations through the end of March. The goal was to reach \$20,000; money that is desperately needed as there has been an increased demand on the local food pantries which are partially funded through Empty Bowls.

St. Paul's chefs cooked up over six gallons of Beef Chili which was delivered by Barb Parker on the afternoon of the fundraiser. Many thanks to chefs Debbie Fox, Nancy McKinney Cindy Overmyer, Lou & Laura Wenzler, Kathi Whipker, and Melissa zur Loye.

Due to the Global Pandemic, Empty Bowls was once again a Drive-thru event held at Donner Center. It was heralded as a success selling 350 cups of soup (compared to 215 last year), but corporate donations were down this year causing them to not achieve their monetary goal...yet.

The six food pantries benefiting from the event are: Love Chapel, Horizon House, Community Center of Hope, Turning Point, Columbus' Salvation Army, and Thrive Alliance.



Book Buddies End of Year Party

The next Outreach event will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:45 in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's as we host the Book Buddies End of the Year Celebration. Our Outreach funds go toward books for each of the Schmitt Elementary school students involved in this reading program.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Planning Strategically for New Signage

Over the years there have been several discussions about the need for improved signage on California Street to display church service times and announce special events. Our approach has been to create a sign when it's needed, and over the years we have placed many temporary signs and banners on California Street or the front of the church office building (example pictured at left.) Although there have been proposals for a new sign, these have remained at the concept stage, and we have never sat down and developed a strategic plan for signage.



This opportunity was discussed in the last Vestry meeting, when the Building and Grounds Committee was asked to form a sub-committee to re-engineer the St. Paul's sign on California Street (pictured at left.) So, if you have ideas, or would like to be a part of this initiative, please talk to any of the Building and Grounds committee members: Bill Garber, Nick Firestone, or Andrew Goldsmid.



VESTRY**Minutes from March 8, 2022**

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

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with a prayer by Shelly and a Check-in "How satisfied are you with the Church signage on California Street. How might it be improved?" Consensus was to form a sub-committee of Buildings/Grounds to re-engineer the sign and to have Rev. Kathy announce this.

Procedural Business

We had a quorum.

A motion to accept the February Vestry minutes was made by Frank Guthrie, seconded by Bill Garber and approved by all.

A new date, April 19th was approved for the next Vestry meeting, taking it out of Holy Week.

Financial Report

Frank Guthrie presented the financial report, noting that it showed good numbers, especially that pledge receipts are higher than budgeted. He noted an expense item, the telecon bill, had been paid twice by mistake, and it will be corrected.

Old Business

Andrew Goldsmid gave an update on the "Chime Project", noting that 11 chimes (out of 20+) had been "purchased" by donations for ~\$7,000 to date. The entire project cost is \$1840. A reminder will be put into the bulletin. He noted that recognition of Michelle needed to be made. Motion made by Shelly Bell, seconded by Julie Abedian, and approved to give Michelle a plant and a \$100 restaurant gift card to show appreciation to both Michelle and her husband. Money will come from Music & Education. Julie will get the plant and certificate. Also, a list of memorials will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports

Buildings & Grounds: Bill Garber reported that new lights will be installed in the nave, shifting all to LEDs. Andrew Goldsmid and John Settle will do the work.

The committee accepted the \$7,000 quote received from Repp and Mundt to fix deteriorated steps and adjacent masonry. This company has done other work at St. Paul's including the cross and the walkway columns. The quote was for using a compound to resurface the masonry, instead of replacing the limestone blocks.

Andrew Goldsmid reported that a meeting had been scheduled with a group from Trinity, Bloomington, to visit and talk about measures they have used to save energy.

Marketing

Julie Abedian and Kelli Thompson gave a Website update, stating that St. Paul's needs to make an investment with our Website as it is outdated and very hard to use. Julie presented a proposal from TD Advertising, a local company who does web design for the city. It included doing a redesign for communications, live streaming and outreach. They will work with a team from St. Paul's training them in use. They also do security and maintenance. The total was \$7,084 with an annual fee of \$2,149. ACTION: Julie will email the entire proposal to the vestry; an ad hoc committee will be set up to explore possibilities, with Julie as leader. Julie will share further information and investigate other local church Websites.

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Outreach.

There was no report on the Empty Bowls project. Love Chapel Food Pantry also needs Kroger-type plastic bags as they use ~500 a day.

The Book Buddies party is set for Wednesday, April 13, here at St. Paul's.

Reopening Committee

Julie Abedian gave an update from the Reopening Committee, noting that CDC guidelines have kept social distancing recommendations. Discussion followed and all agreed that masks would be optional beginning next Sunday. ACTION: Covid 19 Notices will be updated at the church door.

Parish Life

Shelly reported that the Grab and Go Coffee and Donuts is planned for Easter. Pick up available at the door and in the Parish Hall after the service. The committee will also decide when to restart the coffee hour.

Shelly announced a Craft, Hobby and Bake Sale is scheduled for May 14 in the Parish Hall. Open to all at no cost, it will feature church members displaying and selling their crafts and baked items. They may keep their monies earned or donate to the church.

Search Update

There was no new information to share.

Worship Committee

Rev. Kathy Thomas gave an Altar Guild update, noting that a Lenten schedule had been established.

A memorial service for Rebecca Fenske is being planned. ACTION: Roxie and Bill Garber will set a date and order of service after contacting several church members.

Senior Warden's Report

There was no report.

Interim Rector's Report

Rev. Kathy Thomas asked if anyone had opened and/or participated in the Lenten Formation Reflections sent by email. Discussion followed.

Supply priests have been scheduled for Rev. Kathy's absence: The Rev. Tim Hallett, March 20; The Rev. Mary Taflinger, March 27 and The Rev. Charlie Carpenter, April 3.

Shelly Bell gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McKinney, 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

February 2022: YTD Actual Revenues (including Rector Search and Investment Income) are \$27,806 as compared to the budget of \$27,083 for a positive difference of \$723. However, Rector Search revenue is budgeted monthly; there were no expenses YTD, so no revenue was transferred from non-operating funds. YTD Actual Revenue is \$27,806 as compared to the previous year of \$27,226 for a difference of \$580. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$24,922 vs. \$29,667 budgeted for a positive difference of \$4,745.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Tracy Hosterman
Isabelle Settle
- 4 Chuck Saunders
- 6 Julia Christopher
- 10 Annetia Doll
- 16 Rev. Kathy Thomas
- 19 Cheryl Christopher
- 20 Elizabeth Cvelbar
- 25 Bill Druen
DeAnna Hall
- 28 Eric Elliott
- 30 Kate Milliman

April 3 Lalith & Cheryl Parnavitana

April 18 Bill & Nancy Ardizone

April 26 Don & Marilyn Wools



April 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
Apr. 3 10:15 am	Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris Nick Firestone	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Fire- stone Frank Guthrie	Roxie Garber	TBA
Apr. 10 Palm Sunday 10:15 am	David Thompson	David Thompson Cheryl Paranavitana <i>Reading of the Passion — all lectors present will participate</i>	Lalith Paranavitana Chuck Boddie	Ken Erickson Bill Garber	John Settle	TBA
Apr. 17 Easter 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Ken Erickson Nancy Morris	Dick Weaver Frank Guthrie	Dick Weaver Frank Guthrie	Cindy Overmyer	TBA
Apr. 24 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Nancy McKinney John Settle	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Nancy Morris	Nancy Morris	TBA
May 1 10:15 am	John Settle	Chuck Boddie Nick Firestone	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Bill Garber Nick Fire- stone	John Settle	TBA



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

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, April 6, 6:30 pm

Search Committee

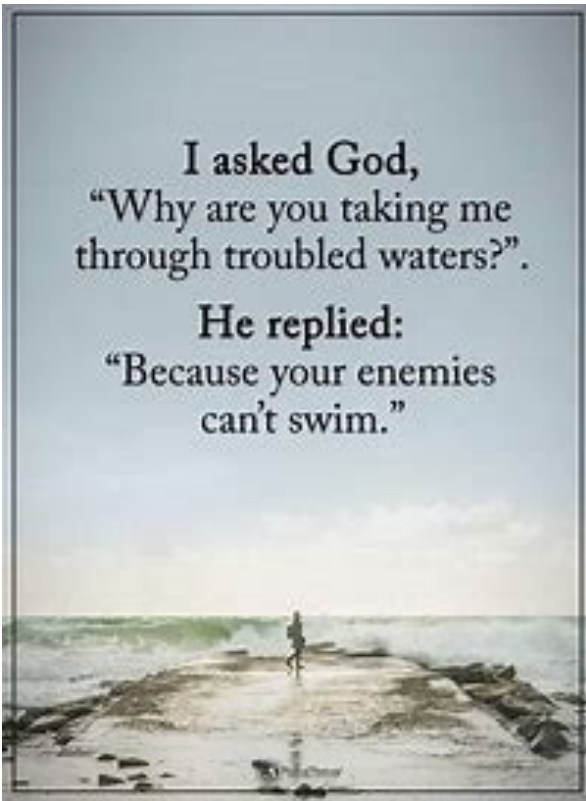
Mondays, April 25

Vestry

Tuesday, April 19, 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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