

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE VENITE

Moving Forward
 by Rev. Kathy Thomas



Thank you for the wonderful send off. The luncheon organized by Parish Life and supplied by you gave us one more time to “break bread together.” Thanks, too, to all those who brought gifts and cards. Your generosity will sustain me for quite some time.

As for what will be happening at St. Paul’s “going forward”, you have outstanding leadership in your vestry, and your Senior Warden, Andrew Goldsmid. Below is the work that is already in place as St. Paul’s continues its ministry.

Worship for the summer is planned and “supply priests” for July and part of August are in place. A Worship Team (Chuck Boddie, Ken Erickson, Elizabeth Monette, Nancey Morris, Cindy Overmyer, and John Settle) participated in the Worship Planning and Officiating workshop earlier this spring. They are prepared to plan and officiate services beginning in September. Michelle Farnsworth and

Kathi Whipker will continue their responsibilities in the areas of music and bulletin creation.

The **Search Committee** is continuing its work under the leadership of Barb Parker, chair. They are working diligently and in conjunction with the vestry on a new website design, and will meet sometime in September with Jen Phelps.

Parish Life, coordinated by Shelly Bell and her faithful band have begun planning activities for the Fall of 2022, and will keep you updated through the bulletin and Venite.

The **Outreach** calendar for 2022-2023 is under development by Barb Parker and Andrew Goldsmid.

While Bible Study is currently on hiatus, Melissa zur Loye will keep people informed about **Formation** opportunities that develop.

Pastoral Care St. Paul’s Lay Eucharistic Visitors (Chuck Boddie, Roxie Garber, Nancy Morris, Cindy Overmyer, and John Settle) will continue their excellent ministry of pastoral care to those unable to attend church. If you find yourself in need of Holy Communion or a visit, please contact Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator. Kathi will contact the Lay Eucharistic Visitors. In case of a pastoral emergency requiring a priest, please contact Senior Warden, Andrew Goldsmid. Andrew will contact clergy when needed.

Again, thank you for being my “new/old” friends. I look forward to seeing you again.

Until then...May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son.

And may the Spirit of God, the spirit of love, be with you all your days.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy+

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From the Senior Warden

by Andrew Goldsmid

What can we say but thank you to Reverend Kathy for the time she devoted to St. Paul's. Kathy was so much more than a part time Interim Rector. She put her retirement plans on hold and from day one, embraced the parish. She took a personal interest in everyone of us, and shepherded us through Covid, the challenges of lockdown, and has left us with the confidence that we can survive and thrive in this challenging world.



Her ministry at St. Paul's was 'all in' Everyone and Everything mattered and the pitch in meal, the cards, and gifts were a wonderful way to end and celebrate her ministry.

So..... Thank you, thank you, thank you Reverend Kathy. Don't be a stranger, enjoy your well-deserved retirement, and God be with you.

(Below) Jr. Warden, Shelly Bell, Rev. Kathy Thomas, and Sr. Warden, Andrew Goldsmid.



(Above) The parting gift from the parish to Rev. Kathy was a collapsible wooden table made by Don Wools. She is clearly shocked and thrilled!

(Below) A special runner was made by Dorcas Miller's Sister-In-Law for Rev. Kathy's new table.



Buildings and Grounds

Update on St. Paul's Trees

By Andrew Goldsmid and Barb Parker

On Saturday June 18th Linda Glick Forster, a local Arborist and Tree Risk Assessor, visited St Paul's to assess our trees. Recent storms have caused significant tree damage in Columbus and the Flowering Pears at the back of the church were a particular concern.

Below is a summary of her assessment, a full report from her is expected. Further discussion by Vestry and Finance is needed before we implement these recommendations.

The 6 Honey Locust trees on California Street need to be trimmed. One tree has a deteriorated limb that should be cut off and treated for carpenter ants. All have dead wood that should be removed to encourage new growth.

The 3 pin oaks on the South Side of the building need to be treated in the fall with a Magnesium and Iron soil drench. Bartholomew County soil is not kind to pin oaks, but they will recover. These trees have been fertilized to help them through the summer, but should not be trimmed until next year.

The 6 Ash trees on the North Side of the rear parking lot are either dead or dying from Emerald Ash Borer. They should be cut down and 3 replacement trees planted further from the powerlines.

4 of the 6 Flowering Pears between the church and back parking lot should be cut down and replacement trees planted. These are old and overgrown trees, and pears are prone to breaking branches. 2 trees are too close to the church, 2 have large branches overhanging the parking lot, and the middle 2 can be trimmed and kept for the time being to provide shade until the replacement trees are established. Bradford and Flowering pears were popular landscape trees when they were planted but they are not native to Indiana. They are classified as an invasive species, and their limbs are prone to storm damage.

The 1 honey locust tree on the North-East corner on the church should be trimmed and all dead limbs and dead wood removed.

7 more Flowering Pears exist around the rear parking lot. The 3 in the middle of the black top could be replaced by bushes, but there is a light pole in the middle of this bed (ownership uncertain) that we need to work around. 4 other trees on the South Side (next to the pin oaks) can be kept for now.

Linda recommended we mulch all the trees we plan to keep long term. Mulching retains moisture and protects the root system. This work has already started.

Linda also talked about Replacement trees including Black Gum, Magnolia, and Maple instead of Ash. She encouraged us to not replace one tree with another but think about location and to not plant all one species.

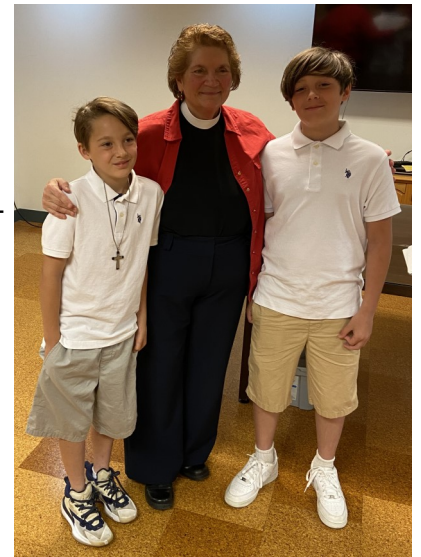
We will find that replacement trees are in short supply and should work with local nurseries to obtain native and other suitable trees.



Parish Life

Baptisms in June

St. Paul's celebrated the Feast of Pentecost in an extra special way, we baptized Zalen and Drace Vera. The boys are the great-grand sons of Julia Christopher, grandsons of Cheryl Christopher, and sons of Briana McFarland. We are excited to welcome them into the St. Paul's family!



A Special Birthday and a Special Lady!

Judith Gillespie is one of our beloved parishioners who is now physically unable to attend church. Her birthday is fast approaching and we would like to shower her with cards. For those of you who might not know Judith . . . Peder Berdahl shared a bit of her history not too long ago:

Judith was a grants officer at Trinity Church, Wall Street for many years serving on the African desk. It was she who was able to arrange for the Bishop of Bor to come to St. Paul's when he was in the Diocese of Indianapolis. Judith lived for nearly 30 years in a rent-controlled apartment in the upper 80s in New York. She was to retire from her job at Trinity on September 11, 2001. When the towers were struck her retirement party was interrupted and she was escorted by security into a basement at Trinity to be kept safe. After some time, she decided she'd try to get home. She began to walk through the dust and confusion making her way north as best she could. No busses were running nor cabs to be found so she said she knew she was in for a long trek. She would stop at benches to rest and at one stop a restaurateur came out and spoke to her. Realizing her plight, he brought her out some food and drink but refused her attempt to pay him. She finally reached her apartment looking forward to nothing more than a bath and a long rest. As she entered her apartment, the phone was ringing. When she answered, the voice at the other end said, "Judith. This is Desmond. Are you all right?" It was Archbishop Desmond Tutu whom she knew well from her work in Africa. She was the first person he thought to call when he heard what had happened in NYC.

Another story she told had to do with her decision to retire to Indiana. She worshipped at Holy Communion Church in NYC. One Sunday morning at coffee hour, she was standing in line to get her coffee, discussing with someone her plan to retire to the Franklin, Indiana area near where she had kinfolk. A voice behind her spoke up saying, "Oh, Columbus is a lovely city and they have a wonderful church with a great priest." She said she turned around and found herself talking with Nancy Schacht. She said it was that conversation that convinced her to move to Columbus. And the rest is history!

Isn't that just an AMAZING story?!? Thanks to Peder for sharing that!

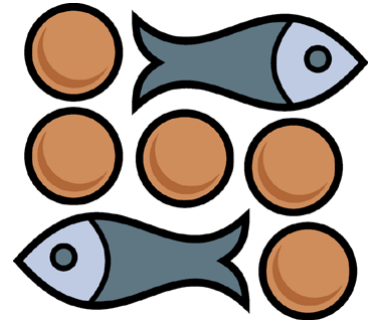
Judith's birthday is July 2nd. If you would like to send a card, her address is: 4268 Mockernut Ct., Columbus, IN 47201.



Outreach

Annual FISH Offering

FISH: July is our FISH month: the time we collect money for local Food Pantries in Columbus (Love Chapel) Seymour, and Hope. The Outreach committee, under the leadership of Andrew Goldsmid, has invited Judy Kiesow from Love Chapel for a brief chat during our Sunday morning service on July 17th. Please plan to join us to hear about this large part of our Outreach ministry here at St. Paul's.



Looking Ahead

Looking Ahead: Once again St Paul's will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for the students and parents of Schmitt Elementary School during their Open House on Wednesday August 2nd from 5 to 6:00 pm. Our table will be outside, and follow the same fun format we used last year. We will serve ice cream and popsicles along with a small gift for every student.



If you would like to help, please contact Andrew Goldsmid (andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com) or the Church Office (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com).

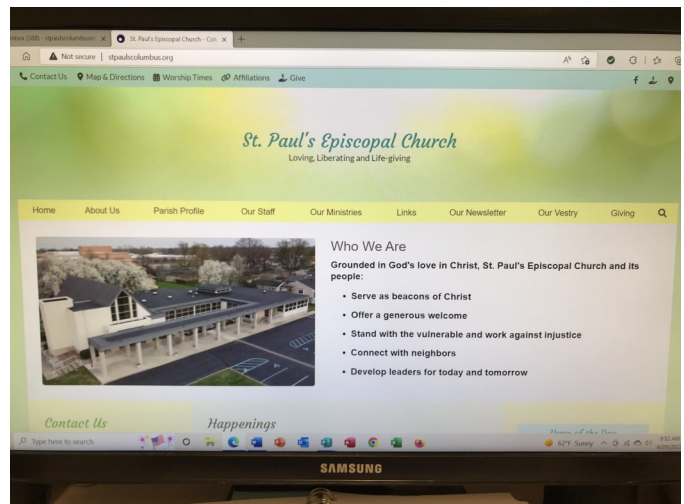
AND

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Hot Meals on Wednesday, September 7th and 14th!

Website Redesign Committee

- In June, Search Committee and Vestry approved working with q7 Associates of Indianapolis on the redesign of the website.
- Committee met with q7 on June 23 to kick off the project.
- Committee is aiming to have the first draft of the new website in late July and to fully launch the new site in early August.
- Training of staff and volunteers to maintain the site will occur in early August.

We welcome all suggestions and input! Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with committee members Barb Parker barbparker3208@gmail.com, Kelli Thompson kellithompson@gmail.com, Shelly Bell shelly.m.bell@cummins.com, Melissa zur Loye zurloye@comcast.net, and/or Julie Abedian jabedian@crh.org by July 8.



VESTRY**Minutes from June 14, 2022**

Present: Andrew Goldsmid, Barb Parker, Nancy McKinney, Shelly Bell, Frank Guthrie, Julie Abedian

Zoom: Kelli Thompson, Bill Garber, Vicki Gust Apologies: Rev. Kathy Thomas

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with a prayer by Frank and the Check-In: Special Events for Q3 and Q4. Events noted include parish picnic in early October, ice cream social at school early August, guest speaker Ben Blayson from Bloomington on Climate Change and energy savings, and a Christmas concert.

Procedural Business

There was a quorum. Motion made by Shelly to approve May minutes, Barb seconded, approved. The next vestry meeting is set for July 12.

Finance Report

Frank reported that all looks good, partially due to the number of pledges prepaid.

Cindy Overmyer, treasurer, had sent a draft document on guidelines for established funds and gifts. Julie asked if there were guidelines on what gifts can be accepted or which cannot. Barb noted this is already covered in guidelines. **ACTION:** The draft document will be revisited next meeting.

Old Business

Shelly reported that the congregational survey is in progress and that she plans to send one to each member of the congregation, then analyze the results. Discussion followed on possible questions for the survey, including service times.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports

Re-Opening Committee: Kelli noted no new changes.

Buildings and Grounds:

Signage: Andrew is trying to meet with Victoria Bell and others for ideas to make a plan.

Altar Steps: Frank said there has been no progress yet but a number of ideas have been presented to him. Discussion followed. **ACTION:** Frank will continue to pursue ideas.

Trees: Andrew talked to two arborists about the state of the trees on our property. Shelly suggested going with Linda Glick Forster. **ACTION:** Andrew will schedule a meeting and walk through with her.

Cleaning Issues: Andrew talked with Nancy Morris who knew of no issues; Kelli agreed. Julie noted that the altar floor needs cleaning.

Clean Up Day: It did not happen last week as scheduled, and no new date has been set. Discussion followed noting areas in need of attention, in addition to earlier named ones such as trees, painting vesting room, cleaning bathrooms, etc. **ACTION:** Andrew will list individual tasks needing attention and then ask for congregational members to sign up to take care of them on their own.

Status of AC in Sanctuary: Andrew reported that the AC has been fixed. **ACTION:** Andrew will contact Loesch to get a quote on bringing the system up to date.

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New Picture: Andrew noted that a new picture by artist Susie Gregory has been donated and is hanging in the Parish Hall. It depicts St. Paul's in an earlier time.

Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnership: Andrew explained the diocesan program which encourages churches to sign up to find new or additional uses for their buildings. **ACTION:** We will sign up, and a committee will be formed to follow through.

Marketing

Square Space Website: A recap of last night's Website meeting was given in which a recommendation was made for the vestry to accept the amended Q7 plan for \$8,000. Motion was made by Shelly to accept, Frank seconded, approved. Julie, who had worked with Q7 to lower the price, asked that if later we could use the part deleted (getting new members, etc.). Discussion followed. Julie noted that meeting with Q7 would begin quickly and she was willing to be the point of contact for St. Paul's. A committee consisting of Julie, Kelli, Barb, Melissa zur Loye, and Shelly was named for the project. Shelly emphasized that the Website project was an investment in the future of our church. **ACTION:** Andrew will announce the Website project Sunday. Julie will give Q7 a deadline of Aug. 5 for completion.

Upgrade of Information on current website: Melissa had reported to the Website committee at last night's meeting that she had contacted three churches for ideas, and that she has worked with John Settle on upgrades.

Outreach

Andrew reported he is seeking a guest speaker for Sunday, July 17 who would speak from experience about Fish and Love Chapel. Barb gave dates of Sept. 7 and 14 for Hot Meals for Love Chapel. The meals are being prepared at Free Methodist Church, and delivery volunteers are needed.

Parish Life

Shelly said she is waiting for the congregational survey results to determine further Coffee Hour plans. She reported that meat would be furnished for the June 26th Farewell "Pitch In Lunch" honoring Rev. Kathy. Members are to bring side dishes and desserts.

Search Committee

Barb had nothing new to report.

Worship Committee

Kelli had no update on the Altar Guild. It was noted that 3 St. Paul's members attended the Presiding Bishop's Celebration in Bloomington June 4. Andrew reported that planning and officiating worship in July is complete. Shelly suggested posting the Worship Team and Report on the Website so folks know what will be happening once Rev. Kathy is gone. Andrew reported on last Sunday's Ministry of Welcome meeting where revamping of welcoming procedures was discussed. **ACTION:** Andrew is writing new, simpler, procedures which will include signing the guest registry book on first visit, possibly receiving a packet of information on St. Paul's, follow up, and receiving a St. Paul's mug on third visit.

Rev. Kathy had sent an email documenting her workshop for lay leaders.

Warden Reports

Junior Warden Shelly Bell had no report, nor did Senior Warden Andrew. He did, however, emphasize how fortunate we have been to have had Rev. Kathy for the past (nearly) three years.

Frank closed the meeting with prayer, and it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy McKinney, Clerk

Employee Schedules

We will welcome the Rev. Mary Tafflinger to celebrate with us July 17, and the Rev. Tim Hallett will be celebrating the other Sundays in July. The Senior Warden will be the point of contact for all parish needs including pastoral care. Please contact Andrew Goldsmid, 812-390-9588 with emergencies and needs.

Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator, is in the office and available Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9am to noon, Tuesdays & Thursdays she is here from noon to 3pm. Kathi is off on the first Thursday of each month. She can be reached by cell (812-603-5028) or email (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) as well.

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

May 2022: YTD Actual Revenue is \$70,456 as compared to the budget of \$60,833 for a favorable difference of \$9,623. YTD Actual Revenue is \$70,456 as compared to the previous year of \$60,529 for a favorable difference of \$9,927. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$61,140 as compared to the budget of \$67,292 for a favorable difference of (\$6,152). 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.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Patrick Schumacher

Victoria Bell

2 Judith Gillespie

10 Tina Boddie

22 Pat Mathis

27 Hank Mueller

29 Lou Wenzler

Vickie Mueller

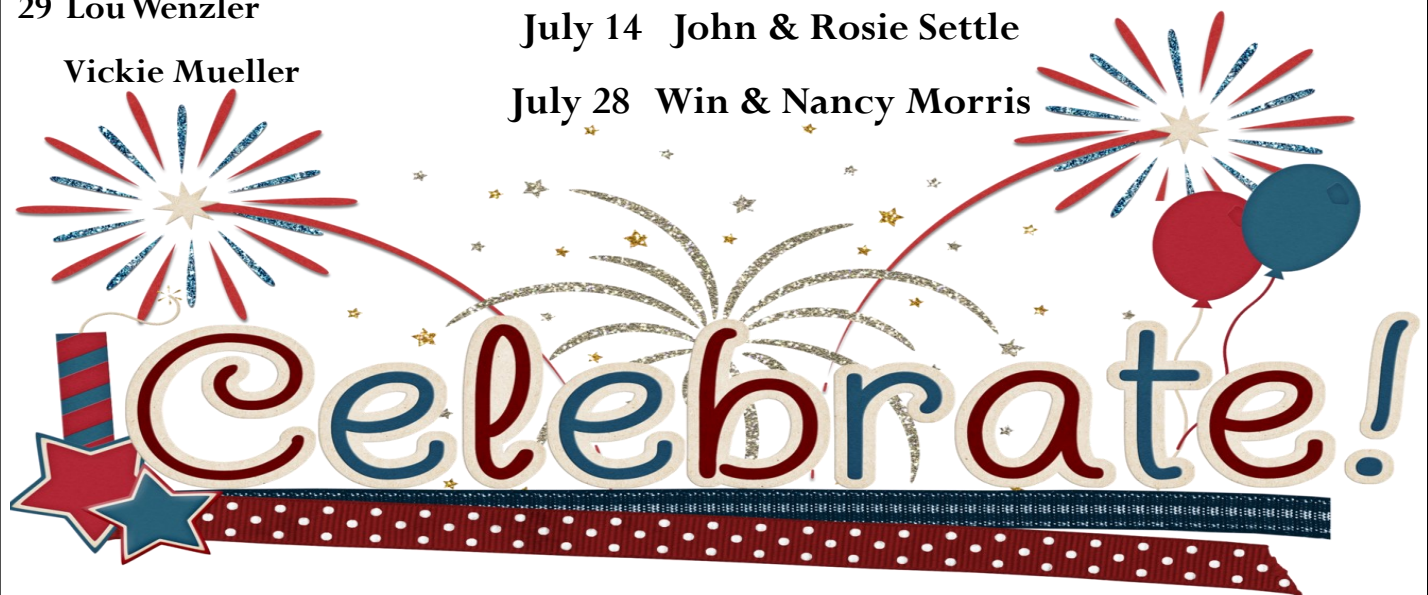
July 1 Bill & Elizabeth Monette

July 11 Bill & Roxie Garber

July 13 Randy & Linda Swonder

July 14 John & Rosie Settle

July 28 Win & Nancy Morris



July 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
July 3 10:15 am	John Settle	Ken Erickson John Settle	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Ken Erickson Frank Guthrie	Cindy Overmyer	TBA
July 10 10:15 am	David Thompson	Nick Firestone David Thompson	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	TBA
July 17 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Frank Guthrie Nancy McKinney	Dick Weaver Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris Dick Weaver	John Settle	TBA
July 24 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Andrew Goldsmid Cheryl Paranavitana	Lalith Paranavitana Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	Cindy Overmyer	TBA
July 31 10:15 am	John Settle	Chuck Boddie Nancy Morris	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Frank Guthrie Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	TBA



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 3 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Tim Hallett In Person & Livestream	4 Office Closed 	5 9am — AA	6 5:30 pm — Finance	7 1pm—Bridge Group	1 9am — AA	2
10 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Tim Hallett In Person & Livestream	11 Search Committee	12 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	13	14 1pm Bridge Group	15 9 am — AA DEADLINE for August Venite	16
17 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Mary Taflinger In Person & Livestream	18	19 9am — AA	20	21 1pm—Bridge Group	22 9am — AA	23
24 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Tim Hallett In Person & Livestream	25 Search Committee	26 9am — AA	27	28 Noon— Men's Lunch (Upland Brewery) 1pm—Bridge Group	29 9am — AA	30
31 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Tim Hallett In Person & Livestream	Aug. 1	2 9am — AA	3	4 1pm—Bridge Group	5 9am — AA	6

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

Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 pm

Search Committee

Mondays, July 11 & 25

Vestry

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 pm

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Andrew Goldsmid
Junior Warden	Shelly Bell
Treasurer	Cindy Overmyer

PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF TROUBLE, BUT THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

~SHEILA WALSH

Vestry Members

Commission Liaison

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

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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