

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**THE VENITE**

**Faith and Optimism**

by Andrew Goldsmid

It's hard to be optimistic when you listen to the news, but this month, in the July 17th homily on Love Chapel given by Judy Kiesow and Kelly Daugherty, we were given a cause to celebrate the work of Love Chapel and its support of the Columbus Community. It was good to be reminded that in 1967 St Paul's was a founding member of the Ecumenical Assembly and the community Outreach that created a food pantry, a homeless shelter, and a helping hand for people in need. We also celebrate the faithful work of the Volunteers from St Paul's and other churches that make the outreach a reality, and the generous people who have funded the work. Faith can move mountains, and I'm sure that the founding members of the Ecumenical Assembly would agree were they to visit today's Love Chapel.

**St. Paul's Outreach Ministry: Love Chapel (aka The Ecumenical Assembly)**



In 1967, a small group of Christians including Catholic and Protestant, lay and clergy, began meeting together to share with one another and to discover what kind of witness Christians were called to make in the local community. This gathering evolved into Love Chapel, and St. Paul's was one of the charter members...as shared in this anecdote by Rev. Peder Berdahl:

*This was in the days when John Bean was Sr. Minister at North Christian. The story as John related it to me (Peder) when he was enlisting me to get involved in the EABC was that Father Joseph McNalley came into his office and said, "John, the Pope says we have to be ecumenical. What shall we do?" It was the beginning of the Ecumenical Assembly and the two got it going. So the Catholics and North Christian were the foundation. **The first other church enlisted was St. Paul's, led at that time by Rev. Bill Cassidy.***

Individually, churches did not have sufficient resources to make significant responses to some needs, but collectively there were some exciting possibilities. Today Love Chapel (also known as The Ecumenical Assembly) is comprised of twenty-five area member churches and an additional 35 churches who provide support for our mission. We are not government funded nor a United Way agency. Funds for this ministry are provided by churches, foundations, schools, businesses, groups and individuals in our community. The ministry continues, in Christ's love, to help those in need through the generosity of others.

Love Chapel (The Ecumenical Assembly) is NOT just the Food Pantry and Hot Meals. Our ministries also include Mobile Food Pantries, Care Packages for Elementary School children (identified by their teachers or counselors as kids who live in homes that suffer food insecurity.) Brighter Days (our Homeless Shelter), Supportive Housing for families, Prescription Assistance, Financial Assistance for those needing help with utility bills, and Case Management to help identify barriers & develop a plan to overcome them.

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## Worship

This year, Love Chapel is very excited to introduce another way to take our ministry to our community, reaching out beyond the walls of our churches to reach those in need. We are planning a "Worship in the Park" event, which will be held on Sunday, August 21st. The goal is to join together groups of Ecumenical Assembly Member churches to host a joint worship service in a park close to their location, offering a worship opportunity for the neighborhood.

St. Paul's has been paired with Columbus's Free United Methodist Church. Knowing that we are currently without a priest, their Associate Pastor, Mara Veters, has agreed to take on the bulk of the organizing this year for this Joint Worship Service to be held at Donner Park that Sunday. The service will be followed by an ice cream social. We will announce a time once it is finalized.



### **Worship in the Park**

St. Paul's will be responsible for providing ONE person to read a scripture selection in the service AND ice cream, toppings, and bowls etc...which will be served after the service as we enjoy a bit of fellowship. Please plan to attend this First Annual Worship in the Park. If you would like to assist by doing the reading, or scooping up some ice cream, please contact Andrew Goldsmid (andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com), Barb Parker (parker3208@comcast.net), or the Church Office (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com)

## Parish Life

### Thank you!

We received a lovely thank you note from Rev. Kathy:

July, 2022

Dear Brothers & Sisters,  
 Thank-you so much for the retirement luncheon and send-off as I try again to find what God has in store for me. Thank-you to all for the generous "purse". Dave & I did use it towards our vacation in Helton Head and are grateful for the blessings in our lives of which you are part of. You continue in my prayers.  
 Blessings, Rev. Kathy Thomas



## Search Committee Update

Last month we bid Farewell and a Happy SECOND Retirement to Rev Kathy Thomas. Rev. Kathy had joined our parish shortly after Father Marc Vance had departed, and stayed to shepherd us through the Global Pandemic. We are better having known her, and she left us strong, organized, and prepared to move forward on our own...until we receive the Priest-in-Charge out there waiting to be called.

Our Diocesan Director of Transition Ministry, Jen Phelps, who is assisting us in our Search is on medical leave while recovering from major surgery. She will be joining the Search Committee and Vestry members at a meeting on Thursday, September 8. Following this meeting, Jen will be attending a Regional Transition Ministry meeting where she will hopefully gather names of candidates for us to consider for our open Priest-in-Charge position.

Until then, as usual, we are NOT sitting by idly. You will soon notice a revitalized website created by a company called q7 and with input from our Website Task Force (Chair Julia Abedian, Shelly Bell, Barb Parker, Kelli Thompson, and Melis zur Loye).

The members of the Search Committee and the Vestry are asking for your input in two ways. First, answer the questionnaire recently distributed by the Vestry. We are ALWAYS interested in your input and will use the information we glean to assist in ways we can improve St. Paul's to best fit the needs of our Parish Family.

Secondly, someone from the Vestry might approach you to record a BRIEF (like 30 seconds) video to post on our website. We hope these videos will offer a glimpse of who we are to any potential new parishioners or new clergy. The videos will be centered on questions such as: What brought you to St. Paul's? Why do you serve during the service on Sunday mornings? What is your fondest memory at St. Paul's? What is your hope for the future of St. Paul's?

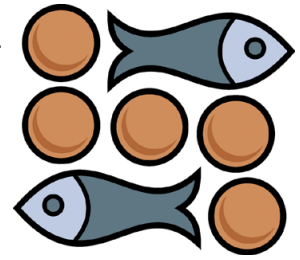
As always, if you have any questions, please contact Barb Parker ([parker3208@comcast.net](mailto:parker3208@comcast.net))



## Outreach

### Annual FISH Offering

-July was our FISH month when we collect money for local Food Pantries in Columbus (Love Chapel) Seymour, and Hope. The Outreach committee, under the leadership of Andrew Goldsmid, contacted Love Chapel's Director, Kelly Daugherty with the hope of connecting us with a speaker who has benefitted from Love Chapel's Food Pantry. Kelly brought Judy Kiesow, a volunteer AND client of the Food Pantry, to church who enlightened us regarding the need in our community...especially among Seniors living on a fixed income. It was a real eye-opener. Barb Parker has not yet written the check to the Food Pantries, so if you meant to donate to FISH it's not too late, but please get your check in ASAP.



### Sound & Spirit of Columbus

This month we had the pleasure of doing something a bit different! If you've ever been around the church in the hot summer afternoons, you've no doubt had the pleasure of hearing Columbus North's band practice in the grassy area between the church and Schmitt Elementary's playground. Did you know that the two high schools have merged their bands together? 2020 brought a substantial decrease in students joining band due to COVID, so the high schools decided to combine their resources and the Sound of North and the Olympian Spirit Marching Band became the Sound & Spirit of Columbus. They had their annual Summer Band Camp at North and this year, St. Paul's provided popsicles to the band members as they left practice on Thursday afternoon. It was a HOT day and they were MOST appreciative of the cool treat, although many also enjoyed spending a bit of time with Maple, Sian & Andrew's dog, who joined us. Many thanks to Kathi Whipker for organizing this for us!



**SOUND AND SPIRIT OF  
COLUMBUS  
MARCHING BAND**



## More Outreach!

### Looking Ahead

**Schmitt's Open House** - 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 Tuesday, August 2nd from 5 to 6:00pm. Our booth 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](mailto:andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com)) or the Church Office ([stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com)).

AND

**Hot Meals** - Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Hot Meals on September 7 & 14. We are serving earlier in the month this year, so we'll need to start lining up our Volunteers sooner rather than later!

Again, if you would like to help, please contact Andrew Goldsmid ([andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com)), Barb Parker ([parker3208@comcast.net](mailto:parker3208@comcast.net)), or the Church Office ([stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com)).



## Buildings and Grounds

Last Venite we reported on the recommendations of Tree Kare. This month L&L tree care provided a second quote, and the vestry gave the go ahead to remove the higher priority trees. The Vestry minutes provide a detailed list of trees to remove, and we are now waiting for a work date from L&L. All trees that remain long term have received a 'donut ring' of mulch and trimming has started on honey locust trees on California Street. Phase 2 of the project will be planting replacement trees and bushes in the fall. Tree Kare has made suggestions but recommends that we work with local nurseries to select suitable trees which will probably be paid for by memorial funds.

Also published on the notice board in the Parish Hall is a Buildings and Grounds Task List with outside and inside opportunities to maintain and enhance St Paul's. Items from the cancelled 'Clean Up' Day in June are included as well as interior painting and decorating that is long overdue. Anyone interested in a project should contact a Buildings and Grounds person (Bill Garber, Nick Firestone, Andrew Goldsmid, Barb Parker)

## Formation

### Upcoming Forum

You won't want to miss Forum with Coffee and Pastries on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. It's a conversation with our Supply Priest Jim Lemler on 'Leadership and Transition'. Jim has a long and interesting career as an Episcopal priest, teacher, and consultant. He is a past president of Seabury Western Theological Seminary, a past Rector of Trinity Indianapolis & Richards School, and has a wealth of experience to share.



**VESTRY****Minutes from July 12, 2022**

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

**Zoom:** Bill Garber, Vicki Gust, and Kelli Thompson

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with prayer by Nancy and a Check-In: Special Events Q3 & Q4. Events mentioned included the church picnic in October, the Christmas concert and Christmas baskets.

**Procedural Business**

We had a quorum. Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Shelly, seconded by Frank, approved. The date for the next vestry meeting is Tuesday, August 9.

**Finance Report**

Frank reported that finances year to date are good, but summer revenue shows a traditional decline. Barb said a number of big checks were written, including website and parish apportionment.

Discussion followed regarding the Document Sign Off: Fund and Description and Guidelines introduced last meeting. Barb moved to approve the document, Shelly seconded, approved.

**Old Business**

Shelly explained the church survey that she and Kelli had developed. Barb had suggestions on questions in survey, which Shelly clarified. After discussion on the question regarding the search for a priest-in-charge or a rector, Shelly agreed to remove with question. Motion was made to accept the survey by Frank, seconded by Julie, approved. ACTION: Kelli will email the amended survey to Shelly and rest of vestry to check format. Finalized surveys will be mailed to the congregation next week, and Kelli will analyze the responses and share the data with the vestry.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Reports – ReOpening Committee**

Julie expressed concerns regarding new outbreaks of Covid, but she and Kelli saw no reason to make changes in the current policy of optional masks and social distancing in seating.

**Reports: Buildings and Grounds**

Andrew reported that a meeting on the signage had been held with Victoria Bell and Nick Firestone, and that painting the sign for greater visibility (and replacing the missing apostrophe) would be helpful. Other suggestions were adding plantings around the sign and adding the Episcopal shield, meeting times and a notice board. ACTION: Another meeting will be scheduled in six weeks to look at drawings, etc.

Discussion on the altar steps followed with Kelli suggesting relocating the lecterns down one step to make access easier. ACTION: This will be tried to see its value.

Regarding the cost and plans for our trees, Andrew presented a document with information from L&L Tree Service for Priorities in dealing with the removal, trimming, and treatment of trees. Priority 1 (Must Do) was removal of 4 flowering pears between back of church and parking lot, trimming of 2 remaining trees for shade, fall treatment and trimming of 3 pin oaks on South Side. Priority 2 (If funds allow) was for stump removal of 4 flowering pears, removal of 6 dead ash trees and removal of 3 flowering pears in center of parking lot. The cost of Priorities 1 and 2 was \$4890. A Priority 3 (remaining work) included trimming 7 honey locusts on California Street and North Side, removal of 4 flowering pears on South Side and stump removal of same trees. Barb gave information on finances to cover the cost. Bill made a motion to proceed with Priorities 1 and 2 for \$4890, using capital and investment funds, with memorial funds to be used for new trees. Operating funds would not be used. Vicki seconded, approved. ACTION: Andrew will contact L&L and get project started.

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Cleaning issues were addressed, and Andrew reported that Nancy Morris contacted the cleaning company with 3 photos showing specific cleaning concerns. We expect the cleaning team to address them.

Andrew presented a Building and Grounds Task List with numerous opportunities to maintain and enhance St. Paul's, both inside and outside. ACTION: Andrew will post the list for the congregation to see and act upon.

Andrew noted that the HVAC in the sanctuary is okay for now, but that it must be reexamined in the fall when major findings must be addressed.

Andrew reported that St. Paul's has signed up with the diocese for the Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnership (CBCP) and that anyone interested in this project should contact him.

### **Marketing**

Julie said she had gotten the first preview of navigation, etc. from Square Space and that we gave our input. The meeting scheduled for July 18 was cancelled as unnecessary, and the "Reveal Party" was set for July 24<sup>th</sup>. Kelli has set up a new gmail account for the website. Shelly noted that photos for the website should be landscape, not portrait, and that one minute videos would be used. Barb said the upgrade of information on the current website was okay.

### **Outreach**

Andrew noted that special speakers had been scheduled for Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> for Fish for July. He announced that St. Paul's would be participating in Popsicles for the High School Marching Band camp July 21<sup>st</sup> and asked for volunteers and/or money to support the effort. He reported that St. Paul's would once again be providing ice cream and small gifts at the Ice Cream Social at Schmitt Elementary August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are welcome. Hot Meals for Love Chapel are set for Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parish Life**

Shelly reported that a Coffee Hour/Forum with Q&A for Jim Lemler (supply priest) has been scheduled for 9:15AM on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. She noted that further coffee hours would be considered following the results of the congregational survey. A 9:15AM meeting on Climate Change with Ben Brabson is being planned, possibly in conjunction with other churches. The date has not been set. ACTION: This will be discussed at the next vestry meeting.

Barb reported that the Worship in the Park is set for Aug. 21, and that St. Paul's has been paired with the Free Methodist and First Lutheran Churches with the activities to be in Donner Park. ACTION: Vestry will need to decide if we are participating at next meeting.

### **Search Update**

Barb announced a Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 7PM joint Search and Vestry meeting with Jen Phelps.

### **Worship Committee**

Kelli had no Altar Guild update. Andrew said that planning and officiating worship in August is set. The Christmas Service schedule tentatively includes one Christmas Day service and two services on Christmas Eve.

Nancy reported that St. Paul's welcomed a new member to the congregation, Dusty Anderson, last Sunday. He was presented with a mug.

### **Warden Reports**

There were no warden reports.

Nancy gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy McKinney, Clerk

## Employee Schedules

We will welcome the Rev. Jim Lemler on August 7th. The Rev. Joan Smoke will preside on August 14 & 28, and the Rev. Mary Taflinger will return to celebrate with us on August 21. 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 from 9am to noon, Monday through Friday. 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

**June 2022:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$79,003 as compared to the budget of \$73,000 for a favorable difference of \$6,003. YTD Actual Revenue is \$79,003 as compared to the previous year of \$77,903 for a favorable difference of \$1,100. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$82,554 as compared to the budget of \$80,751 for an unfavorable difference of \$1,804. 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.



# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Cristi Adams
- 2 Braden Miller
- 4 Andrew Smithson
- 14 Rosie Settle
- 15 Chuck Boddie
- 16 Andre Abedian
- 17 Rick Scalf
- 18 Warner Fisher
- 23 Barb Parker
- 25 Lucy Hosterman

August 4 Mike & Shelly Bell

August 6 Chuck & Tina Boddie

August 8 Andrew & Sian Goldsmid

August 11 Tom & Vickie Mueller

August 19 Patrick & Jill Schumacher

August 20 Dick & Carolyn Weaver



# July 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/ Usher</b>	<b>Teller</b>	<b>LEV</b>	<b>Tech Ministry</b>
<b>July 31</b> 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Chuck Boddie Nancy Morris	Tina Boddie & a volunteer	Frank Guthrie Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	TBA
<b>Aug. 7</b> 10:15 am	John Settle	Nick Firestone Ken Erickson	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	John Settle	TBA
<b>Aug. 14</b> 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paranavitana Nancy McKinney	Lalith Paranavitana Frank Guthrie	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Cindy Overmyer	TBA
<b>Aug. 21</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	Andrew Goldsmid Sian Goldsmid	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	John Settle	TBA
<b>Aug. 28</b> 10:15 am	John Settle	Nick Firestone David Thompson	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Frank Guthrie Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	TBA

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>July 31</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Tim Hallett <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	<b>2</b> 9am — AA 4:30 pm Ice Cream Social at Schmitt Elem. Open House	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm — Finance	<b>4</b> 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>5</b> 9am — AA	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Jim Lemler <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>8</b> Search Committee	<b>9</b> 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1pm Bridge Group	<b>12</b> 9 am — AA	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Joan Smoke <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>15</b> <b>DEADLINE</b> <i>September Venite</i>	<b>16</b> 9am — AA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>19</b> 9am — AA	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Mary Taflinger <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b> Worship in Park	<b>22</b> Search Committee	<b>23</b> 9am — AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Noon— Men's Lunch (Upland Brewery) 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>26</b> 9am — AA	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:15 Forum Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Rev. Joan Smoke <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am — AA	<b>31</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b> 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>2</b> 9am — AA	<b>3</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

**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, August 3, 5:30 pm

**Search Committee**

Mondays, August 8, & 22

**Vestry**

Tuesday, August 9, 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](mailto:stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com). Thank you!

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