

# THE VENITE

## From our Priest

As I'm writing this cover letter, I'm looking out the office window and noticing how green is the hardest hue to hold in our environment. Leaves are subsiding from green to yellow, orange, and red. October is the liminal month that transitions from summer to autumn, followed by winter. October is, out of all the months, my favorite. As followers of Jesus, we constantly live in a liminal space where the Kin\_dom (Kingdom) of God is already here but not yet fully realized. Like seasonal liminal times, we may not know what to wear as we wonder if the temperature will warm up or cool down or if it will rain or stay dry. The best we can do is to be prepared for all conditions. The maxim is true as followers of Jesus. We prepare ourselves for all sorts of conditions. One way to prepare ourselves is to pray, and here is a simple way to pray every day, which I call the hand prayer that begins with the thumb.



- Thumb is our reminder to give thanks to God for the new day.
- The index finger is to remind us to offer our thanks for breakfast.
- The middle finger is the time to thank God for a mid-day meal.
- The ring finger is to show our gratitude for supper.
- Last but not least, the pinky finger is to give thanks for the closing day and a good night's rest.

This simple way of prayer keeps us mindful of living in the Kin\_dom of God that is already here but not yet fully realized.

In Love & Service Bound,

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## Outreach

### Outreach Report

St. Paul's parishioners offered Hot Meals to those living with food insecurity in our area on September 6 & 13 at Columbus Free Methodist at 1511 22nd Street. Many thanks to volunteers who helped in this important ministry on that first Wednesday: Andrew Goldsmid, Frank Guthrie, Barb Parker, Linda Swonder, Melissa zur Loye, Lauren Parsons, Marilyn Wools, and Ælred Dean.

The Columbus Free Methodist site is the newest location and therefore has the smallest number of diners. We were told to plan for 50, but we served 55 and then gave out all but a small corner of the last casserole to those who requested seconds.

The second Wednesday, we served fried chicken with Shelly Bell's potato hash brown casseroles (the potatoes were grown on the Bell property) Servers included: Shelly Bell, Frank Guthrie, Barb Parker, Linda Swonder, Cindy Overmyer, Lauren Parsons, and Marilyn Wools. We lost count of the number served, but it was around 40 diners.

A good time was had by all.



### Evangelism

### Columbus Pride Festival 2023

St. Paul's was excited to participate in the Columbus Pride Festival this year, after taking a few years off. The turn out was great, and we enjoyed meeting many new people. It was such a pleasure to let folks know that they always are loved and welcomed at St. Paul's!



### Worship in the Park

The parishioners of Hope Moravian and St. Paul's came together on this glorious fall afternoon to Worship in the Park. We had great music and yummy pastries as we enjoyed worshiping together. This annual event has become a tradition that we look forward to each summer!



## Outreach

### Love Chapel August Update

Our Love Chapel Representative, Barb Parker attended the August meeting of the Ecumenical Assembly (*aka Love Chapel*). Here are three takeaways from that meeting:

**4H Fair Project** – Love Chapel Board President, Bonnie Burbrink reviewed the executive committee's recommendation that we continue the Fair Booth in 2024. The board voted unanimously to approve this Fair fundraiser for next year.

**New Logo** – Director, Kelly Daugherty shared the work of Anna Montgomery who has a non-profit marketing business in Columbus and is leading our marketing/strategic vision/branding to increase impact. Kelly shared the new tagline (Altogether for Good) and presented the new logo, which the Board discussed in detail.

**Finances** – Steve Fisher, Treasurer, shared copies of his report and discussed August and 2023 year-to-date results. Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) expenses of \$48.8K were \$19.8K higher than budget, with food, housing and utility assistance spending all higher than budget. Operating expenses were in line with budget. Kelly and Steve are watching the increased need and EAF expenses and thinking about future grant writing and other fundraising opportunities.



Fun Fact: Did you know that the Hot Meals program is part of the Love Chapel/St. Paul's joint ministry?

### Connecting with Community

St. Paul's was delighted to host the local Haitian Community as they celebrated their first Sunday Service here on October 1st. They plan to hold a worship service once a month, on Sunday afternoons. Watch the bulletin for more information and know that you are welcome and invited to attend — just be aware, the service is in Creole, with no English interpretation.



## Parish Life

### Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the **annual Church Picnic on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 5pm on the back church lawn.** St. Paul's will provide fried chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to RSVP and let us know what side dish or dessert you will be adding to the table. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Bell ([shelly.m.bell@cummins](mailto:shelly.m.bell@cummins) or 812-371-9231). We hope to see everyone there!



### Coffee Hour

Plan to stay after service on October 8th for a coffee hour. We don't have an agenda other than yummy treats and good company! Hope you can join us!

### Ladies' Lunch

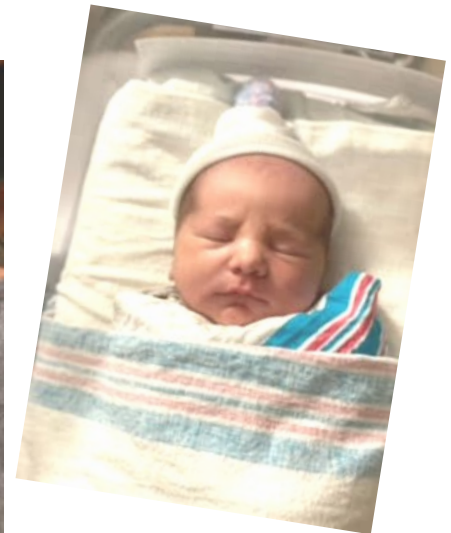
St. Paul's ladies gather at noon on the first Friday of the month — **for the October 8th meeting we will be at Sophea's Asian Restaurant (in the former Texas Roadhouse location on 25th street).** Please RSVP to Kathi in the church office (812-372-7869) so we can save you a seat. If there is a better day/time for you or you have a different restaurant suggestion, please let Kathi know as well. We want to find the date and time that will allow the most ladies to attend this fun, casual get-together!

### Men's Lunch

The men of St. Paul's host a lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month at El Nopal Mexican Restaurant (near the new car wash, in the former Sirloin Stockade building). This is a casual gathering with no agenda other than good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Lalith Paranavitana (812-447-8875) or Andrew Goldsmid (812-390-9588). The next gathering is October 26th — hope to see you there!

### St. Paul's Church Family

On Monday, September 18th, Nancy and Win Morris welcomed their 5th grandchild. Rory Paul Carlson weighed 9lb 7oz. This is their second grandson. They now have 5 grandchildren under 5! Mom and baby are doing very well and Nancy and Win have happy hearts and full hands



## Buildings and Grounds

### HVAC for Sanctuary is Replaced

Loesch Heating and Air made quick and efficient work of replacing our failing HVAC units that service the sanctuary. As promised, they started on Monday, September 11th and were finished by that Friday! They were busy, but caused no disruptions to our weekly activities, we barely knew they were here. As you enjoy the warmth this winter, and AC next summer, be sure to say a little "thank you" to these terrific folks!!



## More Connecting with Community

### A Gaggle of Gregorian Brothers!

A small gaggle of Gregorian Brothers gathered at St. Paul's to commemorate and celebrate the founding of their order, on the Feast Day of the Holy Cross. We were thrilled to host them and enjoyed sharing a meal and several services with them.

## Various and Sundry

### I'm Going to Disney Land!

Better than that, I'm going on a Journey to the Holy Land and that is just as joyful!

I leave on October 9. There are 19 Episcopalians from our Diocese and we met recently, face to face, for the first time on a hike at Eagle Creek Park. You may remember that when Bishop Jennifer was at St. Paul's in the New Year I asked her about this trip which I had just read about in the Diocesan News. She referred me to her colleague at Trinity Church, Indianapolis. I sat on it for awhile but kept getting nudges to follow up which I did. Win did not want to go . . . He wasn't getting those same nudges but he fully supports me going!

So since March our pilgrim group has been meeting on Zoom weekly to discuss assigned books and set expectations for this journey.

The Rev. Julie Whitworth is our co guide. This will be her third visit to the Holy Land. Our local guides are Canon Iyad Qumir and Rami Qumri who are Palestinian Christians.

I am ready, I have done the reading, and studied the maps of the area. I have walked and talked and hiked. Now I want to see this country, the size of New Jersey with a similar population of 8 million, and remain as objective as possible so I can develop my own opinions. It's not the easiest time to do this pilgrimage as tensions rise in the area. The realities of the political landscape are troubling. However, I can't wait to see the sights and sounds of this colorful area and yes, walk in Jesus' footsteps to places I have read about in Bible stories as a child in Sunday School, through theological reflection in EFM as an adult and every Sunday in our Liturgy.

I have no doubt that my Christian faith will be deepened and my world view strengthened as I walk around these sacred spaces on this Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

~Nancy Morris

**VESTRY****Minutes from September 2023**

**Present:** Rev. Br. Ælred Dean, Nancy Ardizone, Andrew Goldsmid, Frank Guthrie, Nancy McKinney, Barb Parker, Kelli Thompson, Don Wools.

**Zoom:** Steve Talbert **Absent:** Julie Abedian

Meeting opened at 5:30 PM with prayer by Br. Ælred.

**Procedural Business:**

A quorum was present. Motion to approve August vestry minutes made by Barb, seconded by Frank, approved.

**Reports**

All reports were specified as submitted.

**Action Items**

The Nurse-Family Partnership was presented at \$350 per month as a yearly contract (pending agreement) with notice of changing locks for the Sunday School class room next to the conference room and the choir room. Motion to accept by Frank, seconded by Barb, approved.

Br. Ælred reported that Bishop Jean LaFortune of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Unity (an independent church not associated with the Roman Catholic Church) is requesting to use space in St. Paul's for meetings of a mission church serving the Creole speaking community of our area. They would meet every other week or once a month on Sunday afternoons beginning at the end of October and would make good will donations to St. Paul's to cover HVAC expenses. Motion to approve by Frank, seconded by Barb, approved.

Motion to elect Chuck Boddie as alternate delegate for the convention made by Frank, seconded by Andrew, approved.

**Discussion Items**

Don reported that architect Britt Brewer will be bringing plans and renderings for layout of the basement, with prices, for the October vestry meeting. He said finances should be met through grants.

Don also reported that HVAC work is ongoing.

Steve discussed Comcast/Fiberoptics, suggesting that we sign an agreement with Comcast but only if monthly payment could be \$80-\$100, not the current \$335. He discussed landlines vs. Cell phones, noting that St. Paul's currently has one landline. Steve will talk with Comcast.

Br. Ælred noted that plans for the Summer Reading Camp are moving ahead.

Frank updated the information on furniture for the vestry room, a table and 12 chairs. He will continue to pursue purchase.

Andrew reported he had contacted an electrician to improve lighting in the choir loft and lighting of the outdoor cross. He will bring back a quote.

Barb Parker made a motion that we use the monies gifted to St. Paul's from the Fenske estate to go toward our new HVAC system. Frank Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Motion by Barb, seconded by Frank, to adjourn, approved.

Closing prayer was led by Br. Ælred.

## Employee Schedules

**Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Br. Ælred Dean**, will be available in the church office Tuesday through Saturday each week. He can be reached by email (stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com) and plans to be out of the office on pastoral visits twice a week. Bro. Ælred will keep a sabbath on Mondays – taking the day off and stepping away from email/phone.

**Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator**, has returned to classes and will usually be in the office Tuesday & Friday from 8am—3pm. She can be reached in the office during those hours (812-372-7869 or email: stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com), or on her cell any other time (812-603-5028). She will be checking email daily as well.

**Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director**, welcomes voices to the choir. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 6pm—7pm and the choir will sing on one Sunday each month. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you have questions or need more information.

## Financial Summary

**Financial Summary September:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$112,692 as compared to the budget of \$100,400 for a favorable budget difference of \$12,292. YTD Actual Revenue is \$112,692 as compared to the previous year of \$102,928 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$9,764. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$121,266 as compared to the budget of \$132,237 for a favorable budget difference of (\$10,971).

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries

8 David Thompson

20 Sam Settle

24 Sam DeLap

26 Laura Wenzler

29 Lana Owen

30 Bob Buckler

Oct. 3 *Andrew & Judy Smithson*

Oct. 10 *Paul & Deborah Elliott*

Oct. 15 *David & Kelli Thompson*

Oct. 20 *John & Cristi Adams*





# October 2023 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>Live Stream</b>
<b>Oct. 1</b> 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Melis zur Loye Nick Firestone	Nick Firestone Dick Weaver	Dick Weaver Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
<b>Oct. 8</b> 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Nancy Morris Ken Erickson	Rita Lynch Lalith Paranavitana	Ken Erickson Bill Garber	Roxie Garber	Lalith Paranavitana
<b>Oct. 15</b> 10:15 am	Sarah DeLap  Chalice: Chuck Boddie	Chuck Boddie Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Dick Weaver Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
<b>Oct. 22</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	David Thompson Rita Lynch	Don Wools Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson		Andrew Goldsmid
<b>Oct. 29</b> 10:15 am Rite 1	Nancy Morris	Dorcas Miller Nancy McKinney	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Barb Parker Bill Garber	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert

# October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9am — AA	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Finance (on Zoom) 6pm Choir	<b>5</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>6</b> 9 am — AA Noon -Ladies' Lunch @ Sopheas Asian Restaurant	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:15 Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm IN Action Town Hall Meeting	<b>10</b> 9am — AA 5:30pm — Vestry	<b>11</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	<b>13</b> 9am — AA	<b>14</b> 3p m– Church Picnic 
<b>15</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9 am — AA	<b>18</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>19</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group	<b>20</b> 9am — AA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II	<b>23</b> Evening— Laura Andrews Violin Recital	<b>24</b> 9am — AA	<b>25</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>26</b> 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge	<b>27</b> 9am — AA	<b>28</b> 9am IN Action planning meeting
<b>29</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9 am– AA	<b>Nov. 1</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>2</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>3</b> 9am — AA	<b>4</b>
<i>Br. Ælred on vacation through Nov. 16th</i>						

Sunday services can be accessed on our website ([stpaulscolumbus.org](http://stpaulscolumbus.org))

If you have something for the calendar, please contact the church office (812-372-7869)

**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, October 4, 5:30 pm  
(On Zoom)

**Vestry**

Tuesday, October 10, 5:30 pm

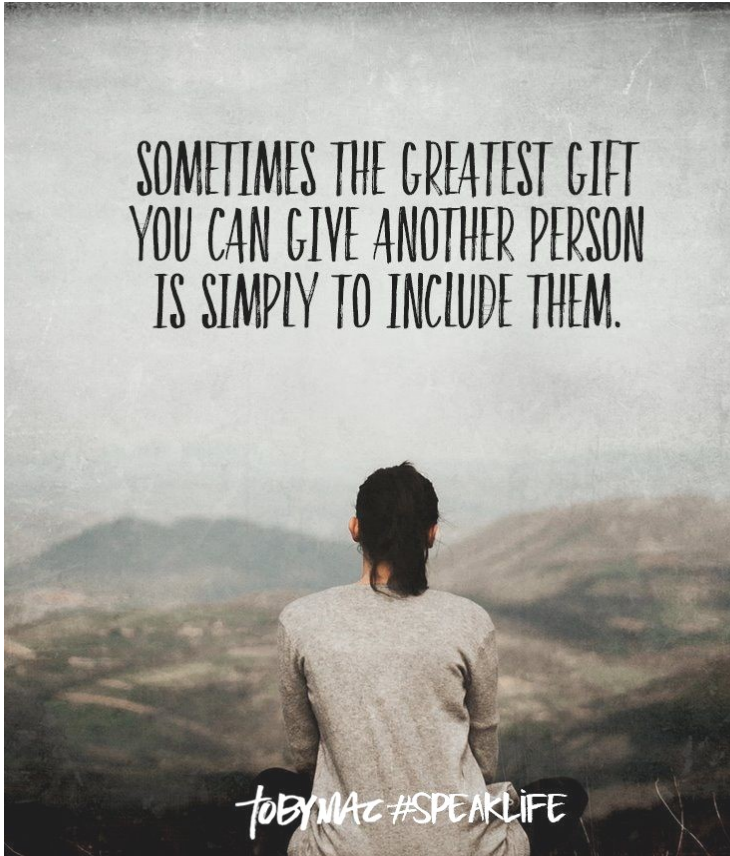
**Vestry Officers**

Senior Warden	Barb Parker
Junior Warden	Don Wools
Treasurer	Cindy Overmyer

**Vestry Members**

***Commission Liaison***

Julie Abedian '23	Communications
Nancy Ardizzone '25	Parish Life
Andrew Goldsmid '24	Formation
Frank Guthrie '24	Finance
Nancy McKinney '24	Welcoming
Barb Parker '23	Senior Warden, Asst. Treasurer, and Outreach
Steve Talbert '25	Marketing
Kelli Thompson '23	Worship
Don Wools '25	Jr. Warden, and Buildings & Grounds



SOMETIMES THE GREATEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE ANOTHER PERSON IS SIMPLY TO INCLUDE THEM.

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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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