

THE VENITE

From our Priest

Nothing is ordinary about the season after Pentecost and before the beginning of Advent. According to Ecclesiastes 3:1 and the song by The Byrds, "To everything, there is a season," and ordinary time focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus, which reflects our lives in serving Christ in all people. Ordinary time is the season of tilling the soil, planting, watering, and weeding until the harvest.

However, events in our nation and worldwide are not ordinary where life goes on as usual. Natural, political, and religious conflicts are happening, and sometimes, it feels too hard to put one foot in front of the others. The demands on our lives pull us in various directions, which feels like there's not enough time - there is never enough time - and perhaps we wonder what's the point of it all - why bother?

In the movie *Victoria and Abdul*, an old and tired queen who is frustrated with the impossible task of being the queen of a vast empire and court life where people are trying to curry favor, asks Abdul, "What's the point of life."

Abdul answers her question with one word, "Service."

The queen asks a question using the same word, "service?"

Abdul continues, "I think we are not here to worry about ourselves. We are here to serve a greater purpose. We are here for the good of others."

Some days, it feels like endless work demands too much of our precious time, and we, too, might wonder what life's purpose is, and the answer is the same: Service. Our example is Christ, who came to serve and not to be served. For all of us doers, following Christ is not about busy work but service. The biblical Greek word for service is διακονία (Diakonia), which translates into the English word "deacon."

As deacons, our service to God and each other is the incarnate burning flame of love, which serves as a beacon of light, faith, and hope for others in need and to model. When our dreams include service, we become the change, with God's grace and help, in making a positive difference while bending the arch of history a bit more towards justice.

In Love & Service, Ælred+

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Parish Life

Church Picnic

Mother Nature tried to take down our annual fall picnic with some chilly fall weather, but we just moved it to the Parish Hall and had a wonderful afternoon!



Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

When our nation sets a day aside to offer our gratitude for earth's bounty, family, friends, and God's restoring love in Christ Jesus our Lord, it is entirely appropriate to give our thanks in the celebration of the Eucharist meal on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. We will gather in the prayer room at the back of the church for a simple and contemplative Eucharist celebration. Give thanks to the Lord, for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christmas Basket Assembling

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 16th and come to the church at 10:30am to help assemble the goodie baskets for our shut-ins. After assembling, we will enjoy pizza and then head out to deliver these baskets of holiday cheer. If you would like to contribute items for the baskets or be a part of this fun ministry, let Shelly Bell know (shelly.m.bell@cummins.com).



Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert fund-raiser for Love Chapel will be on Sunday, December 10th at 3pm . The musicians are already hard at work preparing and it promises to be a glorious afternoon! Mark your calendar and plan to be there. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Michelle Farnsworth (248-921-53140)

Community Connections

Schmitt Trunk or Treat

Andrew Goldsmid and Barb Parker had a grand time handing out candy at the Schmitt Trunk or Treat. Once again we made good use out of the seasonal fall flowers borrowed from the memorial garden. The weather was perfect for this fun event, and Schmitt saw a record crowd. We ran out of pencils after an hour, but our candy lasted the entire event!



Hoosier Action Town Hall

The Bartholomew County chapter of Hoosier Action hosted a town hall at St. Paul's with a dozen local candidates and about 100 community members attending. Candidates for city office in the Nov. 7 election talked about their views on affordable housing, substance abuse, homelessness, well-paying jobs, and transparency.



Outreach

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Love Chapel's Christmas Feast Give-away (formerly known as the Christmas Pantry)

The Love Chapel Christmas Feast Give-away will continue with the month-long give-away which was started last year. Pantry guests will pick up their Christmas basket at the pantry over a 4-week period (November 27 – December 22). St. Paul's will once again be providing money to purchase the cans of green beans for the baskets.

Love Chapel's Blue Christmas

If you're *dreading the upcoming holidays* because of a recent (or even not so recent) loss, you are not alone. The season is certainly difficult. Love Chapel has a service for anyone who has experienced loss of any kind: a loved one, health, ability, career, financial stability, or job. Mark your calendars now to join us on Friday evening, December 1 at 7pm upstairs at Columbus Commons for the community event.



Love Chapel October Update

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

Increase in need – The pantry is supplying groceries for 1400 families each month. In general, expenses have been up and donations were well below budget. The number of people eating at Hot Meals is up. The number of requests for financial assistance is up, but EAF expense seems to be leveling off. The number of guests at Brighter Days has been steady (16-17 per night), but this will increase as the temperatures drop.

New Logo – Anna Montgomery who has a non-profit marketing business in Columbus and is leading our marketing/strategic vision/branding to increase impact attended this Quarterly Meeting. Anna explained the work behind the creation of our new tagline (Altogether for Good) the new logo.

Community Conversation – On November 16 at 5:00 pm there will be a homelessness panel at City Hall with three guest speakers: Al Degner (Columbus Housing Authority Director), Kelly Daugherty (Director of Love Chapel), and Megan Cherry (Director of Anchor House in Seymour). This conversation is open to the public.



Did you know? The Bartholomew County Health Department has been working with Love Chapel at mobile pantry sites to provide vaccines.

Outreach

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

It is, again, that time of the year when we think about the United Thank Offering collection. UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church created to fund innovative mission and ministry projects. This ministry has focused on gratitude and the importance of making a thank offering to remember that all good things come from God. Thank offerings are collected in parishes, dioceses, and provinces, as well as at The Triennial meeting and General Convention. These monies are given to parishes and Diocesan ministries that help people live more fully. The Blue Box is a tangible reminder that encourages individuals to pray daily, give things to God, and make a thank offering into the Blue Box.

The purpose of UTO is twofold: First, it is meant to foster a personal spiritual discipline of thankfulness through individual intentional prayer and gratitude for all that God has done for us and others. When we do this, as a visible sign of our gratitude, we place coins or bills into the UTO Blue Box or a check in the UTO envelopes. Then, through the combined collection of UTO, the church provides grants to young adults, seminarians, parishes, diocese, and the Anglican communion.



This year, the UTO ingathering at Saint Paul's will be on Sunday, November 26. Blue Boxes can be found at the back of the church, and in your bulletin is an envelope for your convenience. On Sunday, November 26, we will collect all Blue Boxes and envelopes and present them to God to be blessed. Please remember that you are never too young or old to count your blessings and share your thankful heart with others. You may want to encourage all members of your family to contribute! Remember, your blessings become blessings for others! Be generous!

All of this is to glorify God, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Formation

Advent Film Series

Often, theologians teach Advent is the time when the Church is pregnant; however, for what purpose? Since the Christ child has already been born, what is the Church waiting for during its pregnancy? The Church waits for the return of Christ, and waiting is not a passive activity. Waiting embodies the values of the Kingdom of God, where followers of Jesus incarnate the divine virtues of hope, peace, joy, and faith.

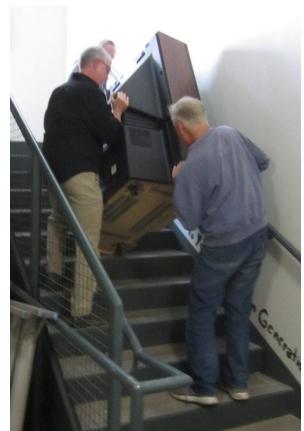
Starting Sunday, December 3rd, and each Sunday morning during Advent, the Formation Commission will show a short video of those four virtues and discuss how to embody them on our journey. The Taize Community has a hymn that is also a prayer to "wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart." Embodying the virtues of Advent is living in hope, peace, joy, and faith.



Buildings & Grounds

Out With the Old

The Buildings & Grounds commission recently oversaw the removal of a “vintage” tv from the basement. The space is now emptied and ready for it’s next ministry — stay tuned!



Various and Sundry

Br. Ælred on Vacation Oct. 29 — Nov. 16

Br. Ælred left for a well-deserved vacation after service on Sunday, October 29th. He and Jim will enjoy a cruise and some R&R, but will not have access to reliable internet access. If you have a simple problem, contact Kathi in the church office (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com or her cell 812-603-5028). If it is a pastoral issue or larger situation, reach out to Sr. Warden, Barb Parker (812-343-5379). She will also be on vacation, leaving Nov. 8th and returning Nov. 14th, during that time, Jr. Warden, Don Wools will be your point of contact (812-350-0583).

Look What the Cat Dragged In — No, Really!

During the morning rainstorm on October 27th a wet and scared kitten landed on our doorstep. We have been trying to find his owners, since he had a collar and appears to have been very used to the housecat life!



So far, we've had no luck and this little guy needs a foster home, (and maybe a permanent home.) If you know of anyone looking to adopt a two month old kitten who is really cuddly, give Kathi a call (812-603-5028) right away.



A New Face at St. Paul's — Hoosier Action



We are pleased to welcome Hoosier Action, a non-partisan, grassroots community group to St. Paul's. They will be renting an office from us and have a presence in the building. The group is excited to have a homebase here.

Stephanie Zhang is the Bartholomew County Community Organizer with Hoosier Action who will be working out of the office here. Stephanie is from Carmel and relocated here 2 1/2 years ago. She is excited to see Hoosier Action grow to the point that it has, and looks forward to the next opportunities coming their way. When you see Stephanie around the building, please make her feel welcome.

Vestry
Minutes from October 10, 2023

Present: Steve Talbert, Don Wools, Andrew Goldsmid, Barb Parker, Br. Aelred Dean, Nancy McKinney, Frank Guthrie

Absent: Julie Abedian, Kelli Thompson, Nancy Ardizzone

The meeting opened at 5:30 with prayer by Br. Aelred.

Procedural Business

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

Reports

All reports were noted as submitted. Barb asked that all committees give input for the 2023-2024 budget.

Action Items

Stewardship and Ingathering for both Stewardship and United Thank Offering is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 26. Stewardship letter and pledge cards will be handed out this Sunday.

Columbus chapter of Hoosier Action (non-partisan) requested to occupy open office space across from Aelred's office on a one-year contract at \$175 a month. Motion made to accept by Frank, seconded by Don, approved. They will hold a town hall meeting this week.

Regarding a possible designation of rental revenues, discussion followed with agreement that revenues would be placed in the general operating fund.

All contracts will be yearly and renewable.

Discussion Items

Don gave a basement update, noting he had met with architect Brett and a child care representative. They gave the option of going in with community groups or employers with similar aims. A plan will be presented at the November meeting. Duke Energy is giving a \$2000 rebate.

Don gave an estimate for lighting updates including installing LED floodlight for copper cross, replacing 5 existing recessed cans at top of stairs and in upstairs office, installing higher wattage LED bulbs in sanctuary entry, replacing 2 LED floods in upstairs loft area. Cost \$1887. Frank and Barb agreed the money is available in maintenance account. Vestry agreed.

Frank gave a conference furniture update for 2 6ft tables, 12 chairs, still waiting for fabric choice and cost.

Steve reported on Comcast/Fiberoptics. The landline will be stopped with a move to Comcast cell phones and contract for wifi will be \$70 a month (100 megabytes). Two wireless phones will be \$55 a month. Motion to enroll agreeing with those terms made by Don, seconded by Frank, approved.

Br. Aelred noted the Summer Reading Camp is moving forward,

Aelred and Barb are to create a mutual ministry review document.

Kelli will lead a coffee hour discussion and write an article for The Venite regarding the AED.

Br. Aelred is planning two instructional Eucharists for new people coming to St. Paul's. One will be on why Aelred wears what he wears and the other an explanation of the Eucharist/Holy Communion. They will be held the last two Sundays in Advent.

Adjournment and Compline

Motion to close the vestry meeting and go to Compline made by Frank, seconded by Barb, approved.

Employee Schedules

Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Bro. 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 class and will now be in the office Tuesday and 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).

Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director, welcomes voices to the choir. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 5:30—6:30pm 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

September: YTD Actual Revenue is \$121,776 as compared to the budget of \$112,950 for a favorable budget difference of \$8,826. YTD Actual Revenue is \$121,776 as compared to the previous year of \$111,387 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$10,389. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$138,042 as compared to the budget of \$150,659 for a favorable budget difference of (\$12,617).



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| 1 Holly Woods | 15 Paul Elliott |
| 9 Sarah DeLap | 18 Kelli Thompson |
| 10 Nancy Ardizone | Matthew Thompson |
| 11 Don Wools | 21 Deborah Elliott |
| 12 Amy Roth | 24 Frank Guthrie |

November 2023 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	Live Stream
Nov. 5 10:15 am All Saints	Sarah DeLap Chalice: Chuck Boddie	Nancy Morris Melis zur Loya	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid
Nov. 12 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paranavitana Nancy McKinney	Lalith Paranavitana Don Wools	Bill Garber Barb Parker	Roxie Garber	Lalith Paranavitana
Nov. 19 10:15 am	David Thompson	Nick Firestone David Thompson	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Andrew Goldsmid	Cindy Ovemyer	Steve Talbert
Nov. 26 10:15 am Rite 1	Chuck Boddie	Chuck Boddie Ken Erickson	Don Wools Ken Erickson	Bill Garber Ken Erickson	Roxie Garber	Steve Talbert
Dec. 3 10:15 am 1 Advent	Nancy Morris	Dorcas Miller Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 29 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	30	31 9am — AA	Nov. 1 6 pm Choir	2 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	3 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' Lunch	4
		<i>Br. Ælred on vacation</i>				
5 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	6	7 9am — AA	8 5:30 pm Finance 6pm Choir	9 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	10 9am — AA	11
Ingathering of Pledges			<i>Br. Ælred on vacation</i>			
12 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	13	14 9 am — AA 5:30 pm — Vestry meeting	15 6 pm Choir	16 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	17 9am — AA	18 8 am — Cheeseball Creating
Hour		<i>Br. Ælred on vacation</i>				
19 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	20	21 9am — AA	22 6 pm Choir	23 9am — Thanksgiving Day Service 	24 9am — AA	25 <i>Church office closed</i>
Holiday Ingathering						
26 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I In Person & Livestream	27	28 9 am— AA	29 6 pm Choir	30 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's lunch 1pm—Bridge Group	Dec. 1 9am — AA	2
UTO Ingathering						

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, Nov. 8, 5:30 pm

Vestry

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 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 Ardizone '25 Parish Life

Andrew Goldsmid '24 Formation

Frank Guthrie '24 Finance

Nancy McKinney '24 Welcoming

Barb Parker '23 Senior Warden, Outreach

Steve Talbert '25 Marketing

Kelli Thompson '23 Worship

Don Wools '25 Jr. Warden, and Buildings
& Grounds

**Thankfulness is
the beginning of
gratitude.
Gratitude is the
completion of
thankfulness.
Thankfulness may
consist merely
of words. Gratitude
is shown in acts.**

Henri Frederic Amiel

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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