

From our Priest

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church is a faith community that worships the living God revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are also a safe place for outside organizations. Our lay leadership and I are committed to reaching out to our community to grow the parish and establish St. Paul's as a community center.

Recently, I saw a t-shirt that read, "I'm not old - I'm mid-century modern." Even though mid-century modern is alive in Columbus, equipment in our mid-century modern architectural building called St. Paul's Episcopal Church is getting older. You may not be aware that St. Paul's HVAC system in the sanctuary is from the 1960s and is wearing out and inefficient in electrical use. If the current HVAC system breaks down, parts are most likely unavailable, leaving us without heating or air conditioning. The HVAC system in the sanctuary needs immediate attention and replacing it with a new efficient, cost-saving system. The estimated cost of replacing and updating the current system is 40K.

The goal is to raise the necessary funds as quickly as possible before the system fails, leaving us out in the cold or heat, as it were. I'm writing this letter as a financial appeal to cover the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system. The following steps are requested to move forward with this project:

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- The first step is to pray that the St. Paul family can raise all the funds necessary to cover the expenses.
- Secondly, prayerfully consider making a financial pledge or contribution towards purchasing the new HVAC system.
- Thirdly, designate your financial gift for the new HVAC project.

St. Paul's needs the support of our members to help us reach our goal. Your ongoing support of our beloved parish is deeply appreciated. Don't hesitate to contact vestry members or me if you have questions, concerns, or more details about this important fundraising effort.

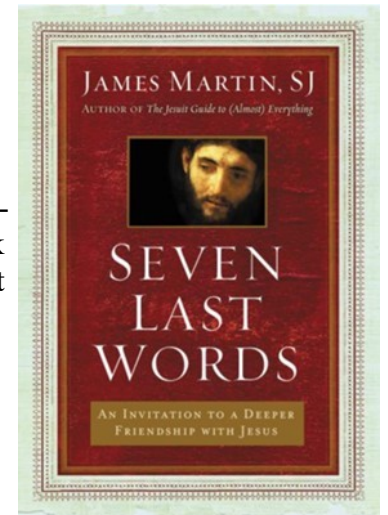
Thank you for your prayerful and thoughtful consideration of meeting the financial cost of this critical and urgent project. I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing financial support for St. Paul's.

In Love & Service Bound,
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Formation

Ash Wednesday and Lent are fast approaching. Beginning March 1 we will have a soup, salad, and bread supper at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent. During the meal, there will be a discussion from the book, *The Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus*. The Eucharist will be celebrated after the meal and conversation in the Parish Hall. There will be a Zoom link for full participation for parishioners who want to be part of the study group but cannot attend face-to-face. If you have any questions, reach out to Bro. Ælred.



Parish Life

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Parish Life has been busy already this year! And more fun is planned. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is on Tuesday Feb 21st from 5:00-7:00 in the Parish Hall.



This will be open to the Parish, neighbors, friends, and family; it will not be publicly announced.

Supper will consist of All You Can Eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and drinks (coffee, lemonade, etc.) The cost will be \$5 per person or \$10 per family. We will not sell tickets, just collect the money at the door and any proceeds will go to the church Waycross Youth Camp Fund.

Bishop Jennifer's Visit, January 8th

We were excited to have Bishop Jennifer with us on January 8th to preside over our service and spend time with us at a light breakfast after. She had glowing things to say after her time here, and posted the following on her FaceBook page:

These are the days a bishop lives for: a faithful congregation coming through an extended period of transition during which the lay leadership commits even more deeply to the congregation and community and you can tell within minutes of arrival; and when their new priest, Brother Ælred Dean, is grounded and ready on just his second Sunday...the Holy Spirit has been busy in the most beautiful way. St. Paul's, Columbus—you are extraordinary.

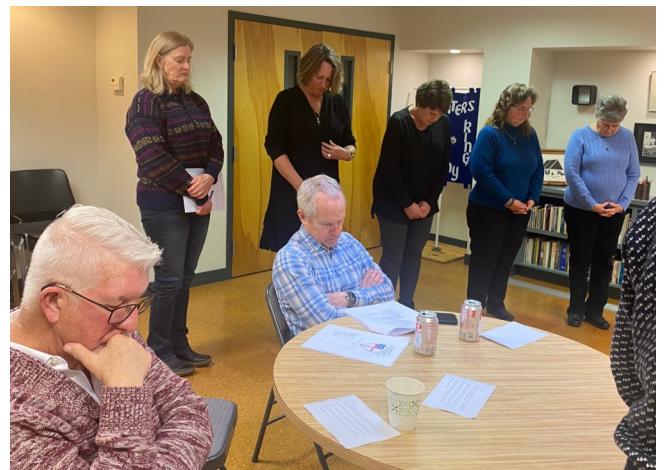


Parish Life

Annual Meeting

We had a great pitch-in meal and annual meeting on January 22nd despite some wintery weather that morning! The Annual Report was distributed and commissions had an opportunity to let the congregation know what they had planned in the coming months. Outgoing Vestry members and our staff were thanked for their service with lovely gifts and incoming Vestry members were commissioned alongside current members. We welcome to the Vestry Nancy Ardizone, Steve Talbert, and Don Wools. Thanks to technology, we had a few members joining the meeting online from sunnier locals!

We are off to a great start for 2023!



Parish Life

Funeral for Judith Gillespie

Judith Gillespie's family and friends gathered on January 21st for her memorial Eucharist and reception. Remarkable stories of her life and service to the Episcopal Church were shared and the family thought the day was just what Judith would have wanted. Judith donated her collection of crosses to the church and these will be put on permanent display soon. Many were gifts from leaders around the globe during her time as the Episcopal Church's Deputy Executive for World Missions. She also was honored with several awards and medals including the Cross of St. Augustine which was conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Outreach

Empty Bowls Returns in 2023 In-Person!

Hunger is real in our beautiful community – needs at local food pantries are up 25-30% just this year alone. Every month, over 5,000 Bartholomew County residents seek food from local food pantries. **Empty Bowls** is a fundraiser which raises money for six local agencies that help meet this need and also brings much needed awareness to the problem of food insecurity.

The community is invited to the 25th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, which will be held on **Saturday, February 25th at Central Middle School from 5:30-7:00pm**. \$15 tickets will be available on the Empty Bowls Facebook page and on the day of the event. Guests will enjoy unlimited soup, bread, and 2 cookies. Additional desserts will be available for purchase. Our ever-popular Artisan Bowls will also be available for purchase and include a guest's choice from a variety of ceramic bowls crafted by local artists, teachers, and students. Music at this year's event will be provided by Dan and Linda Mustard.

100% of the proceeds from Empty Bowls go directly to 6 local pantries and shelters: Love Chapel, Turning Point, the Salvation Army, the Community Center of Hope, Thrive Alliance, and Horizon House. Representatives from all 6 agencies will be present at the event with information to share.

Many of our St. Paul's parishioners have helped with Empty Bowls in the past, and I feel we have several new parishioners who would also join with us this year. The past few years, the St. Paul's Soupers have stirred up 6-8 gallons of beef chili each February to donate. ***This year, I'm wondering if we wanted to go a step further and volunteer on the day of the event as well as donate chili.*** They need volunteers for set-up, food prep, serving, and clean up. I'm thinking we could get a group to roll up our sleeves and help with one of these tasks. Contact Barb Parker (812-343-5379 or parker3208@comcast.net) if you are interested in working on the day of the event and/or donating a batch of chili.

You can also support Empty Bowls simply by purchasing a ticket to attend the event. **Remember: 100% of the money raised by Empty Bowls goes directly to local food pantries and volunteers.** Their goal this year is to host 500 guests and raise \$20,000. They can do it with our help!!



Buildings & Grounds

Mailbox Replaced After Thefts

Unfortunately, St. Paul's was targeted by mail thieves in December. The old mailbox has been replaced with a locking box mounted on the building, a police report was filed, and the appropriate banks have been notified. The trick is, we don't know if others went missing unless you tell us.

Please **check your 4th Quarter statements** – especially if you mail in contributions — against your bank statement, to be sure any checks you sent here arrived here. **Alert Kathi in the office if there is any discrepancy** (812-372-7869 or stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com).



The Order of the Daughters of the King

By Elizabeth Monette

HAPPY 23RD BIRTHDAY, EPIPHANY CHAPTER!

Do you know The Order of the Daughters of the King? It is a group of women, mostly Episcopalians but also Lutherans and Roman Catholics, who take vows to pray daily, to serve their parish and community, and to show others by word and deed the love of Christ (evangelism in other words). The Order began in 1885 when a Sunday school class of young women decided they wanted a way to help them live their baptismal vows more fully. Their ideas grew into a national and international organization of thousands of women.

Do you know Epiphany Chapter, St. Paul's, Columbus? February 14, 1999 nine women at St. Paul's, who had studied and prayed for discernment, took their vows of prayer, service and evangelism. Epiphany Chapter was chartered and officers installed in a service that also asked the parish to support us. As I remember it, you answered "we will" with the characteristic enthusiasm of our parish. You sang with us "Lift high the Cross".

Do you know after I had been to diocesan and province assemblies of Daughters where it was customary to hold one's hand up while singing the opening refrain of Lift High the Cross, I could no longer keep my hands down! That action had become a prayer, a yearning, to be so full of the love of Christ that I would do whatever I could to help the "world adore His Holy Name." So, if you long time parishioners ever wondered why my hands were up there...now you know.

Over the years, our membership changed but we met regularly, prayed for each other and members of the parish, for our friends and family. We studied several books on prayer, saints and service. We also offered quiet days for the parish and mornings of spiritual practices and reflection. Nearly 10 years ago, our then rector led us in a study and training about healing prayer. We started a healing prayer ministry which continues today but online. The members our Epiphany Chapter continue to lead this ministry, which is open to whoever feels called, and membership in the Order is not required.



The Prayer and Meditation Room is a part of the healing prayer ministry made possible through a generous gift of a parishioner in 2019. Prior to our church building being closed due to COVID, ministers were there each Sunday after the services to pray with those who desired it. It is always available for anyone who would like a quiet place to pray. In fact, members of the AA groups stop in for prayer or a quiet place for one on one with a mentor.

If you would like healing prayer with one of our ministers personally or would like us to pray for you or someone else, we invite you to call, text or email Wendy Manley, Vicki Gust or Elizabeth Monette.

Worship

All Things Liturgical

The word "liturgy" has a very long history pre-dating Christianity. The original use of that word meant "A public office or duty performed voluntarily by a rich Athenian." In other words, wealthy Athenians would pay for public services for the people. Today in the United States, public services are paid for by individuals, small businesses, and corporations. However, that original understanding has changed through time and tides to mean a formulary practice of conducting public worship.

Anglicans worldwide and Episcopalians nationwide have experienced liturgical changes, which can make people squirm. No matter if we like to admit it or not, people are creatures of habit and love our rituals, from morning routines to our celebrations of holidays. We are creatures of habit.

The only constant in life is change. Even God isn't stagnant, as God is always moving toward us in mercy and love. The above is long-winded to say there will be a lot of familiar and comforting liturgical practices that will remain with some additions.

One change is that Rite I will be the Eucharistic rite for the last Sunday of each month. There is a significant group at St. Paul's that values that rite, and to ensure they feel included in the worship life of our parish, Rite I will be the formulary of the day.

Even though Easter seems far off and in the distant future, it will be here sooner than we think. On Easter Sunday, Christians worldwide will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus the Christ; incense will be used. Believe it or not, Episcopalians have strong opinions about the use of incense. There are Episcopalians that adore and want incense used at every service, and there are Episcopalians that begin to cough at the sight of a thurible.

There will be one more introduction to a Celtic Eucharist. You may be rightfully wondering what a Celtic Eucharist is. I found one definition: "A Celtic service is a candlelight service using sacred music to provide a meditative worship experience; it is a service steeped in tradition." We will celebrate a Celtic Eucharist together at the end of our Wednesday evening Lenten program.

I welcome your feedback as we walk in love and serve God and each other.

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Vestry & Finance

Financial Summary

November 2022: YTD Actual Revenue is \$137,119 as compared to the budget of \$133,833 for a favorable difference of \$3,286. YTD Actual Revenue is \$137,119 as compared to the previous year of \$133,134 for a favorable difference of \$3,985. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$125,893 as compared to the budget of \$148,043 for a favorable difference of (\$22,150). Budget and actual do not include investment income or rector search, which have not been used so far in 2022, except for \$939 rector search expense.

VESTRY

Minutes from January 10, 2023

Present: Julie Abedian, Shelly Bell, Bill Garber, Andrew Goldsmid, Vicki Gust, Frank Guthrie, Nancy McKinney, Kelli Thompson, Rev. Bro. Aered Dean, and Cindy Overmyer, Treasurer.

Absent: Barb Parker

The meeting began at 6:30 pm with a prayer by Bro. Aered.

Procedural Business

There was a quorum. Frank moved to accept the December minutes, seconded by Kelli, approved. Bro. Aered reminded members to have their commission reports for the Annual Meeting turned in by Friday.

Reports:

Financial

Cindy gave the monthly report as favorable. She said the Finance Committee was recommending purchase of CDs using monies from the operating fund; First Financial is offering 4% on 15 month. Frank moved to purchase a CD of \$25,000, Julie seconded, approved.

Pledge results are not complete but show an increase over last year.

Cindy asked for discussion on the 2023 Budget and then for vestry approval. Shelly moved to approve the 2023 budget, Vicki seconded, approved.

Buildings & Grounds

No current problems with the janitorial services. ACTION: Aelred will check on weekly and monthly To Do lists.

Andrew reported on the office steps and a proposal to caulk/pointing/seal limestone joints. He said a representative of Repp & Mundt, Jeff Brunner, will be at St. Paul's on Wednesday, January 11, at 2:30 PM.

Concerning the aging HVAC system, Andrew gave a quote of \$40,000 from Loesch, with a second quote needed. Andrew recommended going ahead with the project, as prices are likely to increase. ACTION: Andrew will announce the decision at the Annual Meeting and state that funds from parishioners are welcomed and needed.

Discussion was held concerning the Ring doorbell and security camera system. ACTION: Andrew will consult with Ken Erikson and Chuck Boddie.

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VESTRY
Minutes from January 10, 2023

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Andrew reported that pruning had been done on the pin oaks.

No action was taken on the basement inventory and clean up.

Andrew noted that we now have two wheelchairs. ACTION: A notice will be put in the Venite to see if anyone has a need.

Marketing

Aelred announced that he has established an account on TikTok (<https://www.tiktok.com/@stpaulsepiscopal47201>). He is exploring further use of Facebook and You Tube. Kelli is working on live streaming on You Tube.

Outreach

Aelred reported he has been sponsored to join Kiwanis Club. He is currently making himself available at two Coffee Shops on Saturday morning.

Parish Life

Shelly noted that the two Coffee Hours in January went well. She reminded the vestry that the Annual Meeting on January 22nd will be a pitch-in.

A Pancake Supper was discussed and set for February 21st from 5-7 PM. It will be for parishioners and friends, and the charge was set at \$5 per person or \$10 for family.

Shelly asked about having a Vestry Retreat in February where the Safeguarding Training could be held. Aelred suggested having the retreat at The Cole; no time was set.

Worship & Welcoming

Vicki announced that a meeting has been set for next Tuesday to start planning for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

Final Business

Aelred discussed the state of the weekly church register which shows average Sunday attendance. He said Bishop Jennifer had pointed out that it was not noting number of those receiving communion. ACTION: Aelred will take on this "project" and see how the record keeping can be improved.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to accept reports was made by Bill, seconded by Frank, approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank, seconded by Vicki, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McKinney

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 Thursday and Friday from 8am—3pm. She can be reached in the office during those hours (812-372-7869 or email: stpaulscolumbus@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.

February Birthdays & Anniversary

- 1 Kathi Whipker
- 3 Stephen Abedian
Hadley Swope
- 4 Jill Clotfelter
- 10 Randy Swonder
- 13 Noah Elliott
- 16 Lalith Paronavitana
- 21 Bob Manley
- 24 Alex Abedian
- 25 Lena Ledford
Nancy Morris




*February 7
Matt & Kim Swope*

February 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 |
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| Feb. 5 10:15 am | Nancy Morris | Melissa zur Loye Ken Erickson | Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver | Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver | Nancy Morris | Steve Talbert |
| Feb. 12 10:15 am | Chuck Boddie | Nancy McKinney Nick Firestone | Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone | Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone | Roxie Garber | Andrew Goldsmid |
| Feb. 19 10:15 am | Chuck Boddie | Cheryl Paronavitana Chuck Boddie | Lalith Paronavitana | Ken Erickson Andrew Goldsmid | Cindy Overmyer | Lalith Paronavitana |
| Feb. 26 10:15 am | David Thompson | David Thompson Frank Guthrie | Andrew Goldsmid | Frank Guthrie Bill Garber | Roxie Garber | Kelli Thompson |
| Mar. 5 10:15 am | Nancy Morris | Andrew Goldsmid Dorcas Miller | Andrew Goldsmid Lalith Paronavitana | Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson | Nancy Morris | Steve Talbert |



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Jan. 29 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream | 30 | 31 9am — AA | Feb. 1 | 2 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group | 3 9am — AA | 4 |
| 5 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream | 6 | 7 9am — AA | 8 5:30 pm — Finance | 9 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group | 10 9 am — AA | 11  9 am—noon Vaccine clinic |
| 12 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream Coffee Hour | 13 | 14 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry | 15 | 16 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group | 17 9am — AA | 18 |
| 19 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream | 20  | 21 9am — AA 5pm — Shrove Tuesday  | 22  Ash Wed. Services: Noon & 5 pm | 23 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch 1pm—Bridge Group | 24 9am — AA | 25 5:30—7pm Empty Bowls fundraiser @ Central Middle School |
| 26 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I In Person & Livestream | 27 | 28 9 am— AA | Mar. 1 5 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Discussion | 2 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group | 3 9am — AA | 4 |

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, Feb. 8, 5:30 pm

Vestry
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 pm

Vestry Officers

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|---------------|----------------|
| Senior Warden | TBA |
| Junior Warden | TBA |
| Treasurer | Cindy Overmyer |

Vestry Members

Commission Liaison

Julie Abedian '23

Nancy Ardizzone '25

Andrew Goldsmid '24

Frank Guthrie '24

Nancy McKinney '24

Barb Parker '23

Steve Talbert '25

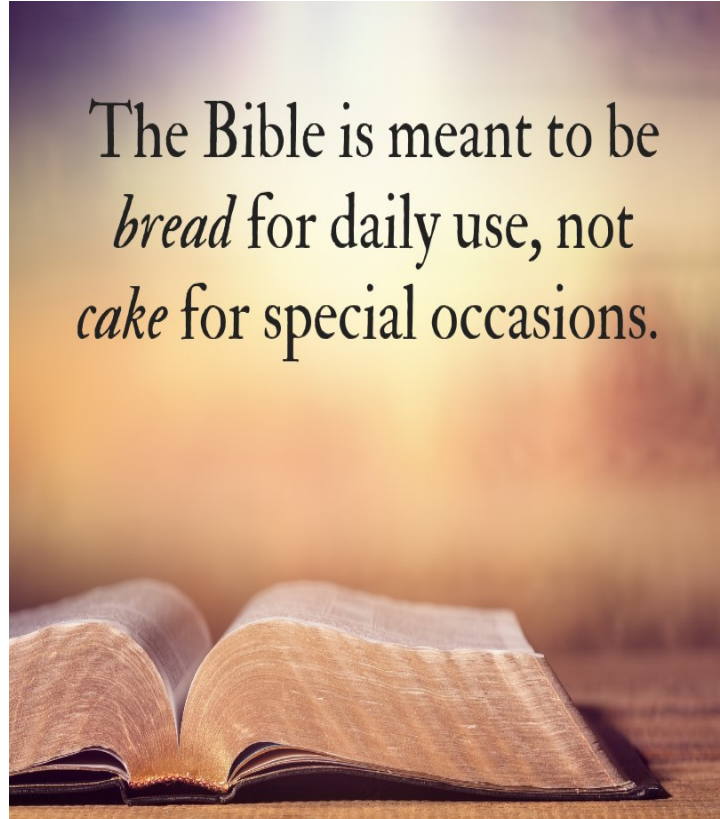
Kelli Thompson '23

Don Wools '25

All positions TBA

after Vestry meets

for the first time



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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