

THE VENITE

From our Priest

Dear St. Paul's,

A couple of weeks ago, I asked the question in the sermon, "What does hospitality have to do with evangelism?" My response was that hospitality is everything when it comes to evangelism. I also know that the "E" word (evangelism) is a foreign concept for Anglicans/Episcopalians because of the negative stereotypes that play in our heads. It doesn't mean: wearing a sandwich board proclaiming the end is near. It also does not mean going door to door and asking people, "Have you found Jesus" or "Do you know Jesus?" Believe it or not, it doesn't mean memorizing scripture to quote. The "E" word is nothing but offering an invitation and welcoming them into the community of St. Paul's. Invitations come quickly for most people as we invite friends, coworkers, and neighbors to coffee, lunch, meetings, and so on. At such gatherings, people get to know each other and their respective passions in life. But that ease quickly becomes a hurdle for Episcopalians when inviting people to church. How do we bridge that gap, really a great chasm together? Our evangelism doesn't stop at praying for church growth; it begins there!

Francis, the Bishop of Rome, said, "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works." That powerful statement helps us to understand our responsibilities when we pray for church growth. It's a reminder to partner with God in our prayers for St. Paul's. God gives us the courage and grace to invite people to our faith community; we gotta open our lips and ask people to come. Then, when new people come through our doors, we greet them and journey with newcomers side-by-side and walk them through our worship services. We can become kind and curious about their coming to St. Paul's because people want to feel connected, valued, and seen. Hospitality is both an invitation and receiving people with open arms.

I will be preaching/teaching more about hospitality as evangelism and receiving newcomers as formation, for that is how our prayer for church growth works. Lord, open our lips. And our mouths shall proclaim your praise in our invitations and hospitality. St. Paul's: we can do this work of love because all things are possible with God.

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In Love & Service
Bound, Ælred+

Parish Life

Brunch to Meet Br. Aelred's Mom

What a delightful morning on Saturday, June 17 when St. Paul's welcomed Elisabeth Dean with a brunch. We enjoyed getting to know her and spending time visiting. We look forward to her next visit with us!



Parish Life

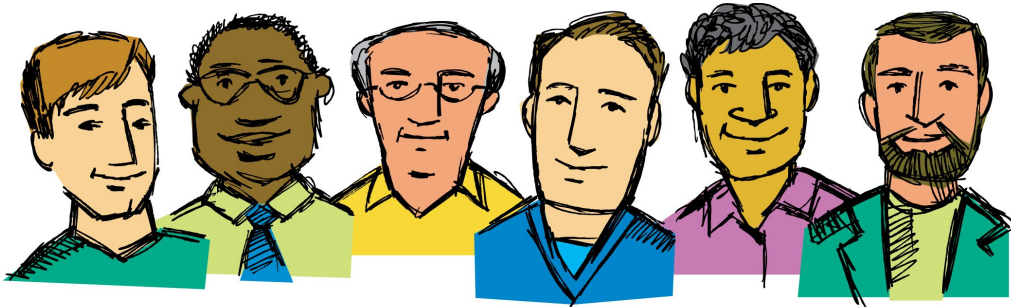
Ladies' Lunch

St. Paul's ladies will gather at noon on the first Friday of the month — July 7th, at Applebee's. 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 July 27th — hope to see you there!



Outreach

Annual FISH Appeal for Local Food Banks

July is the month for the FISH appeal, to support several local food banks. Agencies in our area are seeing more families struggling with food insecurity and coming to the food pantries and mobile pantries for assistance. During the summer months this is especially true as school-aged children are not receiving free/reduced meals at school each day placing a bigger burden on families to feed more mouths. Please consider what you will give to this ministry. Check your pew for an envelope and be sure to mark which pantry you wish to support: Love Chapel Emergency Assistance Fund, Love Chapel Food Pantry, Seymour Food Pantry, or Hope Food Pantry.



Questions? Talk with Barb Parker, Andrew Goldsmid, or Br. Ælred.

Neighborhood School Partnerships—Upcoming Opportunities

Watch the bulletin for the details about date/time, but please plan to support our annual presence at the Schmitt Back-To-School Ice Cream Social! We will provide a small gift for each student (pencils, erasers, etc.) and of course, ice cream! A few volunteers will be needed to serve ice cream on this fun evening! For the combined high school marching bands, we will again provide a popsicle break at the end of one day of their band camp at the end of the summer. Donations of popsicles will be appreciated, and details will be in the bulletin as the date approaches. Thank you for supporting our school partnerships!

Formation

Adult Forum Series

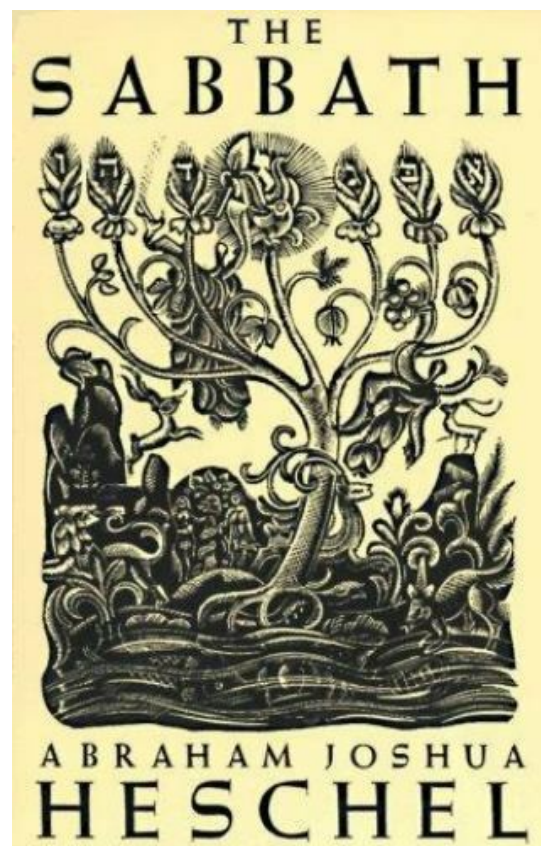
The Formation Commission was happy to kick-off the Adult Forum series on June 4th with a conversation lead by Br. Ælred about unity, community, and invitation based on the icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev.

On July 25th we welcomed Kimberly to tell us about the connection of spirituality and 12-step recovery programs. She also shared a little history of the two Alcoholics Anonymous groups that meet here at St. Paul's. These meetings were some of the very first meetings started in Columbus many decades ago, and it is wonderful that they continue to this day. The group was very appreciative of St. Paul's commitment and efforts to keep the meetings going as much as possible during the pandemic.

The next forum will be July 23rd at 9:15 am with Lesley Reuter, Vice-President of Congregation Sha'arei Shalom who will lead the forum discussion on the importance of Sabbath rest. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's book, *The Sabbath*, is a recommended read.

In August, Br. Ælred will lead the forum based on the book *Strength for the Journey: A Guide to Spiritual Practice*, by Renee Miller. This book will be the basis for forums in August and beyond.

St. Paul's will place an order for both books from Viewpoint Books. Please contact Kathi in the church office by July 5th to reserve a copy of either book so we know how many to order. If you have any questions, please contact Br. Ælred.



VESTRY**Minutes from June 14, 2023**

Present: Andrew Goldsmid, Kelli Thompson, Frank Guthrie, Don Wools, Julie Abedian, Rev. Bro. Aelred Dean, Nancy Ardizone, Nancy McKinney

Absent, Excused: Barb Parker, Steve Talbert

The meeting opened with prayer by Ælred.

Procedural Business:

A quorum was present. Don moved to accept the May minutes, Andrew seconded, approved.

Reports:

Reports were submitted from the following commissions:

Clergy, Finance, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Marketing, Parish Life, Worship, Outreach, Welcoming, and Formation.

(Reports are available from the church office upon request)

Buildings and Grounds: Andrew reported that the masonry work phase 1 is complete, under budget.

Action Items:

Chapel and Prayer Room—possibility of moving Chapel to front room previously used by DOK and Prayer Room to third office. No action taken.

Discussion Items:

Sponsorship Policy—Julie asked if we should be sponsoring (that is, giving money to) outside activities. She wanted to know the criteria for sponsoring. Discussion. Motion by Julie, seconded by Frank, to participate, affirming our commitment to mission and community, stopping short of sponsoring or underwriting. Approved.

Ongoing Use of St. Paul's campus—Don mentioned child care inquiries, wondered about zoning, renovations needed, impact on community. He reported rest rooms are needed in the basement. He said there is much work to be done. He suggested getting a group together to discuss. Julie recommended contacting Christine Waters, Coordinator of Early Learning Coalition, to evaluate our space.

Summer Reading Camp—Aelred is in contact with Schmitt School for a two-week Summer Reading Camp for next summer.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Frank moved to adjourn, Don seconded. Approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by 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, will be in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9am—1pm during the summer. 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 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 May: YTD Actual Revenue is \$67,895 as compared to the budget of \$62,750 for a favorable budget difference of \$5,145. YTD Actual Revenue is \$67,895 as compared to the previous year of \$70,456 for an unfavorable year-over-year difference of (\$2,561). YTD Actual Expenditures are \$76,953 as compared to the budget of \$83,027 for a favorable budget difference of (\$6,074).



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Victoria Bell
- Kailey Warner
- 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 28 Win & Nancy Morris

July 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
July 2 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Nancy McKinney Ken Erickson	Rita Lynch Ken Erickson	Ken Erickson Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	<i>Need a volunteer</i>
July 9 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Dorcas Miller Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
July 16 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paronavitana Nick Firestone	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	Ken Erickson Barb Parker	Cindy Overmyer	Lalith Paronavitana
July 23 10:15 am	David Thompson	Melis zur Loye David Thompson	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Barb Parker Dick Weaver	Cindy Overmyer	Andrew Goldsmid
July 30 10:15 am <i>Rite 1</i>	Chuck Boddie	Chuck Boddie Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid Nancy Morris	Nancy Morris	Lalith Paronavitana



July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	3	4 9am — AA  Office closed	5 6 pm Choir	6 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	7 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' Lunch @ Applebee's	1 8
9 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream 11:30 Coffee Hour	10	11 9am — AA 5:30pm — Vestry	12 10:30 am Mtg. room reserved 5:30 pm Finance 6pm Choir 6pm Tri-Kappa Bridge-O-Rama	13 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	14 9am — AA	15
16 10:15 Rite II Holy Eucharist In Person & Livestream	17	18 9 am — AA	19 Noon— Vestry 6 pm Choir	20 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	21 9am — AA	22
<i>Br. Ælred away for Convocation</i>						
23 9:15 Forum Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I w/ Rev. Joan Smoke In Person & Livestream	24	25 9am — AA	26 6 pm Choir	27 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge	28 9am — AA	29
30 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I I In Person & Livestream	31	Aug. 1 9 am— AA	2 6 pm Choir	3 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	4 9am — AA	5

Sunday services can be accessed on our website (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, July 5, 5:30 pm

Vestry
Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 pm

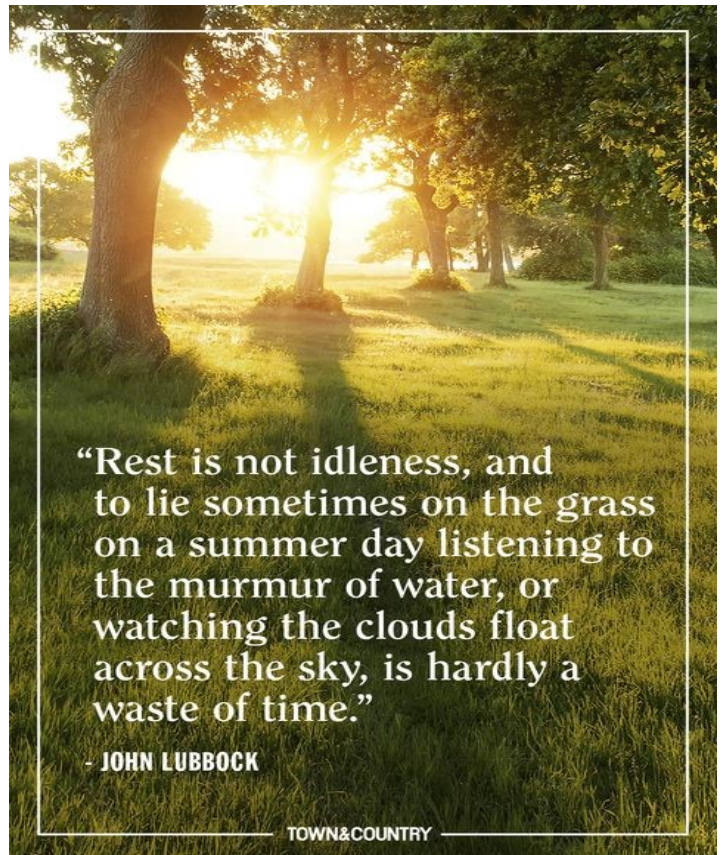
Vestry Officers

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



“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.”

- JOHN LUBBOCK

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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. Thank you!

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