

# THE VENITE

## From our Priest

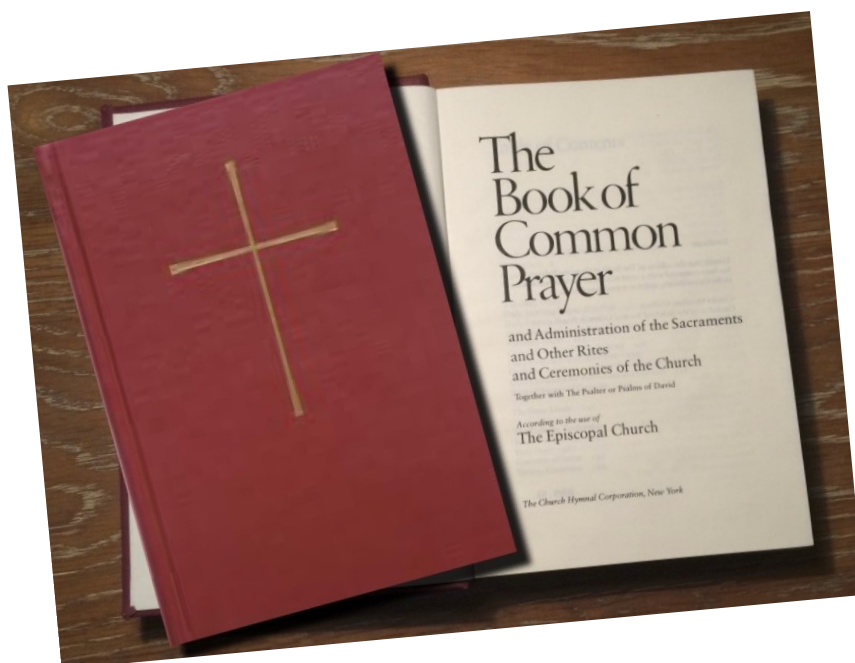
You might be aware of the Benedictine practice called “Ora et labora,” which means “prayer and work” in Latin. The practice of ora et labora captures a balanced approach to life by highlighting the importance of spiritual contemplation (prayer) and daily work (labora). In his book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Br. Lawrence wrote, “The time of business does not differ with me from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were on my knees.” Both prayer and work are our offerings to God, where work is prayer and prayer is work.

However, you may not be as familiar with the Latin phrase *lex orandi, lex credendi*, meaning the law of what is prayed is the law of what is believed and practiced, or praying shapes believing, and our beliefs shape how we practice our faith. *Lex orandi, lex credendi* captures the spirit of Anglicanism. How we pray as Anglicans shapes our spirituality and practice. For example, we pray for the hungry and homeless – then we work towards ending hunger and homelessness.

The idea is that prayer shapes our beliefs and actions. Think about one of your favorite prayers from The Book of Common Prayer, and one of mine is: “O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen”

All the prayers from The Book of Common Prayer and more have shaped us as we have heard them, recited them, read them, and prayed them over the years. How has the one of which you’ve thought shaped you to be the eyes, feet, hands, and heart of Christ? God bless you!

In Love & Service Bound, Ælred+



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## Formation

### Forum

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, we had the privilege of welcoming Lesley Reuter, Vice-President of Congregation Sha'arei Shalom, who led the forum discussion on the importance of Sabbath rest. During the discussion, Bill Monette and John DeLap both pointed out how struck they were by the many commonalities in religions throughout the United States. Lesley had baked a traditional loaf of Sabbath bread with us which Brother Ælred then shared with the congregation during Holy Communion.

### Formation Opportunities Ahead

Another word I like to use for Christian formation is stewardship in its complete understanding. Typically, Christian formation is about our ongoing learning in the Christian faith, which it is; however, it is more than learning. For the rest of ordinary time, as we move into Advent, there are opportunities for learning at St. Paul's. During the coffee hour on September 10, come and see what your Vestry and the Buildings and Grounds Commission are doing at St. Paul's. Their faithful work is securing the future of St. Paul's by maintaining and upgrading the property. Also, there will be a series of discussions about the book *Strength for the Journey: A Guide to Spiritual Practice* by Renee Miller. This book introduces us to various practices that support, challenge, and nourish our faith. It is also a book that reminds readers that Christianity is a verb, not a noun. Finally, a representative from Love Chapel will talk about our relationship with The Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches (aka Love Chapel) and how St. Paul's can fully embody the mission and ministry of Love Chapel. The Formation Commission and I will be getting together to start planning the 2024 curriculum for our ongoing formation stewardship. Should you have any questions or formation ideas, please let me know. ~ Br. Ælred



## Buildings & Grounds

### HVAC Update

The upkeep and repair of our “House” is a subject we as a group have assumed will take care of itself, or at least “someone” will do it. But just as each of you know by our experience at each of our homes, it is work to keep our church and grounds looking good and in good repair. That is not an easy task. It takes effort from multiple people and sometimes resources to pay someone to do the tasks we cannot do. I will explain some of the issues we face throughout the year. Not because you are being asked to participate, but just so you know the issues we are confronted with every week of the year.

The furnace and air conditioning units for the Sanctuary, Sacristy, kitchen, and basement were installed at the original construction of the church. That was about 1959. We have been very fortunate that those units have lasted that long with only minor repair. It's time we faced the task of replacement. The Vestry has agreed and has approved a committee's recommended expenditure to allow that to happen, The work will begin the second week of September.

There have been issues with the outside columns. Repairs have had to be made to keep water from seeping into the foundation of those columns. That is work, some done by volunteer labor, some by professionals. It's expensive and it's a struggle for the Vestry to allocate funds for those projects. It's all part of the effort to keep our house looking and operating in an efficient way.

If you can, take a walk around our little corner of this earth so see how good we look. It's been a long time since it's looked better.

At a September 10<sup>th</sup> forum after the service, we would like to tell about other plans and the challenges that we may be presented with in the near future.

We are in an exciting history for this church. I know you will want to be a part of it. ~ Don Wools

## Buildings & Grounds

### From the Archivist

Don Wools and others have been clearing out the church basement. He found two boxes he thought I might want to look over but personally he recommended pitching. One afternoon recently I went to church to check those boxes. Indeed, years in a damp basement, acidic paper and helpful spiders and other insects had damaged much of the contents. I did notice a folder concerning the new church, i.e. our present building. Worth a look, especially as the papers were not damaged.

I found a very official document signed by a notary giving the wardens, vestry and rector of St. Paul's the consent and approval of the Bishop of the diocese and the majority of the members of the standing committee to secure a mortgage for the real estate upon which our current church stands. Dated December 4<sup>th</sup> 1959. As the diocese owns all parish property, having their official consent is legally necessary for such things as mortgages.

Another item, just a half sheet from St. Gregory's Priory in Three Rivers, Michigan. They provided our altar rail and final payment was made April 15, 1965. That rail was removed when the church was remodeled in 2002.

The most fun was a typed bill of sale June, 18, 1965. St Paul's sold a snow cone machine plus wooden booth, ice chest, ice crusher, two wheeled trailer and syrup dispensers! All for the handsome sum of \$125.00 Anyone remember where St. Paul's used a snow cone machine?

We did take a photo of the damage to the paper and dividers in the metal box. A reminder for us all that neglected paper stored where insects and water can get to it will suffer damage.  
~ Elizabeth Monette





## Parish Life

### Coffee Hour

Plan to stay after service on September 10th for a coffee hour where we will discuss the new HVAC system for the church. Don Wools of the Buildings and Grounds commission will be on hand to answer questions and bring us up-to-date on the start of this big project.



### Ladies' Lunch

St. Paul's ladies usually gather at noon on the first Friday of the month — **but for September we will wait and meet on the 2nd Friday, September 8th** 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 September 28th — hope to see you there!

### Memorial Garden Visitors



Those of us who have the privilege of tending to the Memorial Garden also have the honor of receiving visitors: butterflies and hummingbirds and toads...and humans. Fred Little stopped by to sit a moment in the Memorial Garden where the ashes of his parents, Dick & Kathy Little, are interred. He was in town for his 45<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion. He reported that his sister, Beth, still has hopes of returning to Columbus once she sells her home in Colorado.

Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits.

~ Samuel Butler



Look closely for our hummingbird visitor!



## Outreach Update

### Schmitt's Open House

Once again St Paul's hosted an Ice Cream Social for the Students and Parents of Schmitt Elementary School during their Open House. We served ice cream and popsicles along with a small gift for every student. A fun time was had by all.



### FISH

In July, we collected money for local Food Pantries in Columbus (Love Chapel) and Seymour. A check for **\$2,340** (previously \$1,120 in 2022; \$2,460 in 2021) was sent to Love Chapel, and **\$210** (previously \$300 in 2022; \$150 in 2021) to Seymour's Anchor House. Both organizations are experiencing increased numbers as the rise in food prices makes life even more difficult for those living on fixed incomes. Remember: We continue our year-round collection of food. Cans, non-perishable food items, and clean grocery bags can be left in the blue tubs in the office area or Narthex.

### Pride Festival

Another opportunity coming up quickly would be to represent St. Paul's at the local Pride Festival in Mill Race Park on Saturday afternoon, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This requires a loving heart and a smile. We will have a table and distribute brochures during the Festival.



### Love Chapel's Worship in the Park

Last year, Worship in the Park was held on Sunday, August 21, at six different parks with thirteen churches participating and roughly 550 participants in all. St. Paul's joined with Columbus Free Methodist Church at Donner Park's Shelter House that Sunday evening. The weather was perfect. Columbus Free Methodist provided uplifting music. St. Paul's provided the Readers for the lessons. The service was followed by an ice cream social.

This year this ecumenical service will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in the upcoming weeks.



## Outreach

### Love Chapel July Update

Barb Parker attended the August meeting of the Ecumenical Assembly (Love Chapel). Here are three take-aways from that meeting:

#### **Guest Speaker, Vachel Hudson, CRH – Mental Health Matters**

Director Kelly Daugherty introduced Vachel by explaining that they met in a leadership group and that the work of Mental Health Matters will impact guests of Brighter Days as well as many aspects of the community. Vachel has been working with MHM for over three months; he shared information about the different groups that are part of the MHM initiative. The work of MHM is a 3-year process (discovery, implementation, sustainability) and will be similar in format to the substance abuse initiative, ASAP. Discussion included the importance and lack of availability of permanent supportive housing, the stigma associated with mental health needs, and city vs county outreach.



**Housing** – The number of guests at Brighter Days has dropped some, in part because we have helped several people find permanent housing. Kelly talked to city leadership recently about the need in the community for food and housing, but he was disappointed with their response including their statement that permanent supportive housing would not happen in Columbus because of their fear it would attract more unhoused people to the community. Although current city leadership was disappointing, with the coming Second City class, the City Council will have more of a leadership role, and Kelly has already had positive responses from City Council members/members elect. We discussed

the increased presence of unhoused people in the community.

**Finances** – Steve Fisher, Treasurer, shared copies of his report and discussed July and 2023 year-to-date results, current cash position and the status of the Indiana HIPP grant funding. Income/donations were high in July, but expenses were over budget primarily because EAF food expenses have been high given current service needs in the community.



Fun Fact: Did you know that “Love Chapel” and “The Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches” are the SAME THING?

### Serving Our Neighbors

Friday, August 25th was a scorcher! The heat index and temperatures were just miserable outside. Br. Ælred and Kathi iced down some bottled water and took to the streets, handing out refreshment to the parents in the Schmitt Elementary car pick up line. It was so much fun and the parents were appreciative. One parent even posted this lovely note on Facebook. Plans are afoot to do this again, and even offer an afternoon of hot cocoa on a colder day. If you would like to help with this outreach ministry, please let Br. Ælred know!



**Columbus Man**

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A big thank you to the Pastor(and friend) at St. Paul's Episcopal church. They were passing out water bottles to all the folks waiting in the after school car line at Schmitt Elementary on Friday. What a great way to love your neighbor!!!

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**VESTRY****Minutes from August 2023**

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

**Excused absent:** Julie Abedian, Steve Talbert.

**Procedural Business:**

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

Quorum present. Motion to approve the July minutes by Frank, seconded by Don, approved.

**Reports:**

Clergy, as submitted.

Finance: Frank reported revenue was fine, expenses in line

Sr Warden: All is well.

Jr Warden: Update on HVAC: scheduled for week of Sept. 10, will discuss thermostat locations

Marketing: as submitted.

Parish Life: as submitted.

Worship: as submitted.

Welcoming: as submitted.

Formation: as submitted.

**Action Items:**

Don suggested putting padlock or key pad on sacristy door. Motion for Don to proceed by Nancy M., seconded by Frank. Approved.

**Discussion Items:**

Building Use: discussion on renovating space to create a family restroom and baby changing station; Don will check on cost using an existing restroom as a designated family/ changing station.

Basement Usage: Britt Brewer is coming in August for ideas for renovation.

Rent: Don and Nancy A. estimated \$8-\$10 per square foot

Wi-Fi expenses: Currently with Xfinity. Expenses doubled last year; Ælred will call to check on alternatives.

Prayer/Chapel: Current prayer room will be used as chapel.

Summer Reading Camp: Ælred reported it is moving forward as a high school senior project for next summer.

Mutual Ministry Review Document: Creation by Ælred and Barb put on hold.

Other: Kelli reported need for AED, approximate cost \$1900. Motion by Frank to purchase, seconded by Barb, approved. Kelli will follow through.

Ælred reported the janitorial service has improved.

Andrew discussed need for better lighting in the stairwell of the choir loft. Andrew and Don will check on possibilities.

Kelli discussed need for proper table and chairs for vestry meeting room. Frank will check on possibilities.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Motion to adjourn by Frank, seconded by Barb approved. Closing prayer led 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**, 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 July:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$99,793 as compared to the budget of \$87,850 for a favorable budget difference of \$11,943. YTD Actual Revenue is \$99,793 as compared to the previous year of \$92,730 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$7,063. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$107,339 as compared to the budget of \$116,842 for a favorable budget difference of (\$9,503).

# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Bill Ardizone
- 5 Roxie Garber
- 7 Mike Bell
- 19 Vickie Gust  
Michael Gust
- 22 Bill Garber
- 26 Jason Woods
- 27 Mickey Bell
- 29 Mary Fredrickson  
Shelly Bell
- 30 Judy Smithson



*Sept. 24 Lou & Laura Wenzler*



# September 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>Sept. 3</b> 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Ken Erickson Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid
<b>Sept. 10</b> 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Nick Firestone Dorcas Miller	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
<b>Sept. 17</b> 10:15 am	Sarah DeLap  Chalice: Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paronavitana John DeLap	Rita Lynch John DeLap	Dick Weaver Barb Parker	Cindy Overmyer	Lalith Paronavitana
<b>Sept. 24</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	Nancy McKinney Chuck Boddie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Barb Parker Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
<b>Oct. 1</b> 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Melis zur Loye Nick Firestone	Nick Firestone Dick Weaver	Dick Weaver Nancy Morris	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert

# September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Aug. 27</b> 9:15 Adult Forum: Sabbath Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 Rite I</b> In Person & Livestream	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9am — AA	<b>30</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>31</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>Sep. 1</b> 9am — AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:15 Rite II Holy Eucharist In Person & Livestream	<b>4</b> Office closed 	<b>5</b> 9 am — AA	<b>6</b> 5 pm serving hot meal at Free Meth. Church 5:30 pm Finance 6pm Choir	<b>7</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>8</b> 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' Lunch @ Applebee's	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 Rite II</b> In Person & Livestream 11:30 Coffee Hour	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9am — AA 5:30pm — Vestry	<b>13</b> 5 pm serving hot meal at Free Meth. Church 6 pm Choir	<b>14</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	<b>15</b> 9am — AA	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:15 Forum Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 Rite II</b> In Person & Livestream	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9am — AA	<b>20</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>21</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>22</b> 9am — AA	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 Rite II</b> In Person & Livestream	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am— AA	<b>27</b> 6 pm Choir	<b>28</b> 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge	<b>29</b> 9am — AA	<b>30</b>  1 — 7 pm @ Mill Race Park

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, September 6, 5:30 pm

**Vestry**

Tuesday, September 12, 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



**Keeping Sabbath**  
 RESTING • REJOICING • RETURNING

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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