

From the Priest-in-Charge

In his second letter to the Christian faith community in Corinth, Saint Paul wrote, "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

This coming Sunday, the 8th Day of Christmas, is also the beginning of the 2023 new year. The St. Paul's family and I are starting a new adventure in following Jesus in the way of love. I am humbled and grateful to your Search Committee and Vestry for inviting me to be your priest-in-charge. I'm not a fan of that title for several reasons. During the interviews, I heard a clear message from members of those two respective committees that they were looking for a priest to join and partner in the mission and ministry of St. Paul's. Even though "priest-in-charge" is the official title, I prefer to be your priest in partnership because I'm joining a parish with a rich history and love for God and each other. Only in collaboration with one another can we begin to dream dreams for this parish as we ground those dreams in prayer.

Even though new things are happening in the life of St. Paul's, followers of Jesus also practice the ancient and traditional virtue of love woven through both testaments of scripture. The core of orthodoxy is the three greatest commandments that Jesus taught in the gospels (to love God, neighbor, and oneself). In writing to the early Christians in Rome, our Patron (St. Paul) condenses the teachings of Jesus to one commandment, "For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

To love all people is neither a conservative nor liberal ideology: It is, however, a Christian spiritual practice that identifies and defines individuals and communities as Christian. The following is my prayer for all of us at St. Paul's as we live into the new life that Christ our Lord and Savior, gives us: "Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your son, and called us to new life in him. Grant that we, who begin this new year in his Name, may complete it to his honor and glory; who lives and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*"

In Love & Service
Bound,
Ælfred+



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From the Senior Warden

This past year I've gained a new appreciation of the St. Paul's family and our relationship with the world. I've always believed there's a place for an outward looking family church in Columbus, and this past year has reinforced my opinion. St. Paul's people care for one another with an active agape team and parish life commission that promotes the church family. Outreach continues to thrive. Many of our parishioners volunteer in community. We share our church facilities with other groups and lovingly tend our Building and Grounds. We said goodbye to our interim Rector Kathy in June, and church life continued with supply priests adding variety to our Sunday worship and the occasional use of Morning Prayer. Finally in October our spirits were lifted with the news that Brother Ælred Dean was to join us as Priest-in-Charge starting on Dec 27th. So as we approach the new year, we can celebrate a successful 2022, and look forward with confidence to 2023.

~ Andrew.



Parish Life

On December 10th several ladies of the parish made up goodie baskets for fellow parishioners and delivered them that afternoon. The parishioners were delighted with the treats and especially enjoyed the visit! We received some thank you notes afterwards and they are posted in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board.



Parish Life

Upcoming Coffee Hours

Mark your calendar for two upcoming Coffee Hours in January: the 1st and the 8th. On the 1st we will enjoy Bro. Ælred's first Sunday with us and spend time afterwards getting to know him. The following week, on the 8th, Bishop Jennifer will be here and a coffee hour is scheduled after the service to give us time to fellowship with her. Going forward, coffee hour will be hosted on the second Sunday of each month. Hope to see you there!!



Immunization Clinic January 11th

The Indiana Department of Health will again be at St. Paul's to host an immunization clinic, this time on Wednesday, January 11th from noon until 7pm (last patient checked in at 6pm). Flu shots and Covid boosters will be available and there is no cost. We are hoping the later hours will help us accommodate people as they get off from work. No appointment is needed, just bring ID and your insurance card if you have one.

Annual Meeting

January is looking to be AMAZINGLY busy, so mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss out!!

On January 1st, we will welcome in the New Year with a NEW Priest-in-Charge, Ælred Bernard Dean, who will be presiding over his first Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's. The NEXT Sunday, Bishop Jennifer will pay us a visit. Then, two weeks later, the Annual Meeting will be held on January 22nd following the 10:15 Service.

Please bring a covered dish to share with your Parish Family as we go about the business of our church at this Annual Meeting. On the Agenda: The various chairpersons will give us an update about the work of their committees. Our Treasurer, Cindy Overmyer, will present the 2023 Budget. Brother Ælred Dean will say a few words. In addition, we will bid farewell and offer our thanks to the out-going Vestry members and vote in three new members. We have three wonderful candidates:

Nancy Ardizone,



Steve Talbert,



and Don Wools.



Join us in January!!!

FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Draw your Church together, O God,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.



Christmas Eve 2022



Audrey Cheryl Beatrix Siqueiros was baptized at the 4pm Christmas Eve service. Audrey is the granddaughter of members Lalith & Cheryl Paranavitana.

We were delighted to have the family here from California to celebrate this holy sacrament.

Outreach

Outreach ended 2022 with a BANG!!

UTO – Our final number was a record contribution for St. Paul's. We sent \$730.57 to the United Thank Offering coffers. Last year's contribution was \$436.12 which at that time was a record high for us!

Love Chapel's Christmas Feast Give-away (formerly known as the Christmas Pantry) was very different this year. Pantry guests picked up 1515 Christmas basket at the pantry over a 4-week period (which began November 28 and went through December 22) — a new record! St. Paul's once again provided the cans of green beans for the baskets.

Blue Christmas - Friday, December 9th at 7:00, Love Chapel held a Blue Christmas service at the Commons. This First Annual service was to help people who have experienced a loss of a loved one, or a job, or a relationship, or their peace of mind. We had 41 in attendance.

St. Paul's Christmas Concert – Our church was overflowing with people and music as we returned to a much Beloved Annual Tradition! Lalith Paranavitana & other community songsters shared their musical gifts, along with the talents of a combined choir from St. Paul's, St. Agnes, and Sandy Hook Methodist churches. We were also blessed to hear the children's choir at Schmitt Elementary. It was truly a wonderful afternoon of delightful Christmas music. We were able to collect \$3,230.71 and 96 pounds of food for Love Chapel.



VESTRY**Minutes from December 13, 2022**

Present: Shelly Bell, Bill Garber, Andrew Goldsmid, Vicki Gust, Nancy McKinney, Barb Parker, Kelli Thompson, and Cindy Overmyer, Treasurer.

Attending on Zoom: Julie Abedian

Absent: Frank Guthrie.

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

Procedural Business

A quorum was confirmed. Motion to approve November minutes made by Barb, seconded by Vicki, approved. The next meeting will be Jan. 10th.

Andrew distributed an Introduction Calendar from Kathi Whipker (admin) encouraging parishioners to contact Kathi to schedule one-on-one meetings with Bro. Ælred, as well as committee briefings and individual issues. Andrew discussed a general introduction of Bro. Ælred to the parish with an informal Coffee Hour on Jan. 1 and a Coffee Hour with Bishop Jennifer Jan. 8th. Vestry will meet with Bro. Ælred and the Bishop at 9:15 prior to the service.

Andrew listed Likely Calendar Events for the coming year.

Vestry candidates for election at AGM were given, including Nancy Ardizone, Steve Talbert, and Don Wools.

Andrew reminded all vestry members about the Commission Reports for the Jan, 22nd AGM.

Reports:**Financial**

Cindy gave the monthly report for November, noting pledge revenue was favorable and there were no high dollar expenses.

Cindy distributed a Housing Allowance Resolution for Vestry 12/13/22 as follows:

“Housing Allowance Resolution for Vestry 12/13/22 (REVISED 12/13/22) To be approved by Vestry and recorded in the minutes, as follows: The Vestry on December 13, 2022, after discussing the amount to be paid to the Rev. Bro. Ælred Bernard Dean as Housing Allowance, on motion duly made and seconded,

adopted the following resolution: Whereas, effective on December 27, 2022, the Rev. Bro. Ælred Bernard Dean is employed as a minister of the gospel of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbus, Indiana, which does not provide a residence for him, the Vestry resolves that of the total cash salary compensation of \$67,500 to be paid to the Rev. Bro. Ælred Bernard Dean during 2023, that \$18,700 be designated as parsonage allowance (Housing Allowance) within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986; and the

Vestry also resolves that \$18,700 be designated as parsonage allowance (Housing Allowance) for all future years, unless otherwise provided.”

Shelly made a motion to accept the resolution, 2nd by Bill, approved.

Barb did an analysis of pledge results for the upcoming year, noting a projection of \$4000 more than budgeted, with some pledges yet to be received.

Cindy distributed copies of Budget Notes, showing the budget using the same revenue as 2022. She also noted that the 2023 budget has a shortfall of \$35,000, consistent with prior discussion. Cindy compared the new budget with the 2019 budget and explained how the budget shortfall will be funded. She also distributed copies showing side-by-side comparisons of the 2022 and 2033 budgets. It was suggested that at the Jan. 10th vestry meeting Cindy would present a final budget for approval.

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Buildings and Grounds

Regarding cleaning issues, Barb noted that she had contacted the service regarding trash left from the Christmas Concert. That particular matter was taken care of. Some issues still remain. Kelli recommended getting cameras to show who is in the church, perhaps with a doorbell system for entry.

Andrew reported that the Sacristy painting is finished.

Andrew noted that 5 Betty Magnolias were to be planted, possibly this week. Andrew will check into doing winter pruning for the Pin Oaks.

Andrew said the furnace in the Office Area had stopped but that Loesch had fixed it.

No action has been taken on caulking and sealing the limestone joints on the Office steps.

On the matter of the Sanctuary HVC, Andrew said the system needs replacing. He presented a quote from Loesch for \$40,000, but will get a second estimate. It was decided that Bro. Ælred's input was needed.

Bro. Ælred's input was also suggested regarding a basement inventory and cleanup.

Andrew reported an orientation meeting on CBCP Church Building Use was held. St. Paul's has four members involved.

It was decided to postpone discussion and/or action on the California Street signage until Bro. Ælred could be consulted.

Marketing

Kelli noted the need for a new desktop computer for the office. Motion was made by Bill, 2nd by Vicki, approved, to authorize Ken Erickson to shop for the new desktop at Best Buy in the \$500 range.

Outreach

Barb reported receiving \$730.50 for the UTO Ingathering and \$3,230.71, plus 96 pounds of food, from the Christmas Benefit Concert for Love Chapel.

Dec. 14th has been set for a Community Clinic to be held at St. Paul's.

Barb said she would be finishing the Year End reconciliation of funds on Thursday.

A decision will be made later regarding a Mardi Gras event for Turning Point.

Parish Life

Shelly reported that 8 Christmas baskets had been filled and distributed for 10 parishioners.

Andrew reminded the vestry of the Christmas Party Dec. 14th at the Goldsmids. Shelly is looking into Safeguard Training, with a possibility of group training in February. Coffee Hours are scheduled for Jan. 1st and 8th. The AGM Pitch In is set for Jan. 22nd.

Worship and Welcoming

There was no Altar Guild update.

Kelli said she would put out the creche to finish decorating the church for Christmas. The majority of decorating was done prior to the Christmas concert.

Christmas Eve services are at 4 PM with Baptism and 7:30 PM.

Christmas Day will have A 10:15 am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Andrew.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy McKinney, Clerk

Employee Schedules

Priest-in-Charge, Bro. Ælred Dean, began his ministry here on Tuesday, December 27th. He will be in the office Tuesday through Saturday, but out of the office a couple times each week making pastoral calls. Bro. Ælred can be contacted by phone (812-372-7869) or email (stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com).

Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator, will be in the office Monday-Friday from 9am to noon, *through January 6th*. Then she returns to classes and will be in the office Thursday & Friday from 8am to 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, is looking for cantors and song leaders to begin singing on Sunday mornings. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you are interested in volunteering for this.

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.



6 Gertie Woods
 19 Ryan Fisher
 20 Debbie Henry
 21 Nick Firestone
 31 Corin Fisher

January 6
Tom & Gertie Woods

January 16
Bro. Ælred Dean
& Jim Elledge

January 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
Jan. 1 10:15 am	David Thompson	David Thompson Nick Firestone	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Frank Guthrie Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Kelli Thompson
Jan. 8 Bishop Jennifer 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Dorcas Miller Ken Erickson	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Andrew Goldsmid Ken Erickson	Cindy Overmyer	Andrew Goldsmid
Jan. 15 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Frank Guthrie Nancy McKinney	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
Jan. 22 Annual Meeting 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paronavitana Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Lalith Paronavitana	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Roxie Garber	Lalith Paronavitana
Jan. 29 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Nancy Morris Chuck Boddie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nancy Morris Dick Weaver	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert

January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II <i>Bro. Ælred's 1st Sunday</i> In Person & Livestream Coffee Hour	2 Office Closed for New Year's Holiday	3 9am — AA	4 5:30 pm — Finance	5 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	6 9am — AA	7
8 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II Bishop Jennifer here In Person & Livestream Coffee Hour	9	10 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	11  Noon to 7pm —Flu & Covid Booster clinic	12 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group	13 9 am — AA	14
15 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	16 Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	17 9am — AA	18	19 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	20 9am — AA	21
22 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream ANNUAL MEETING after service	23	24 9am — AA	25	26 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch 1pm—Bridge Group	27 9am — AA	28
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

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, Jan. 4, 5:30 pm

Vestry
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 pm

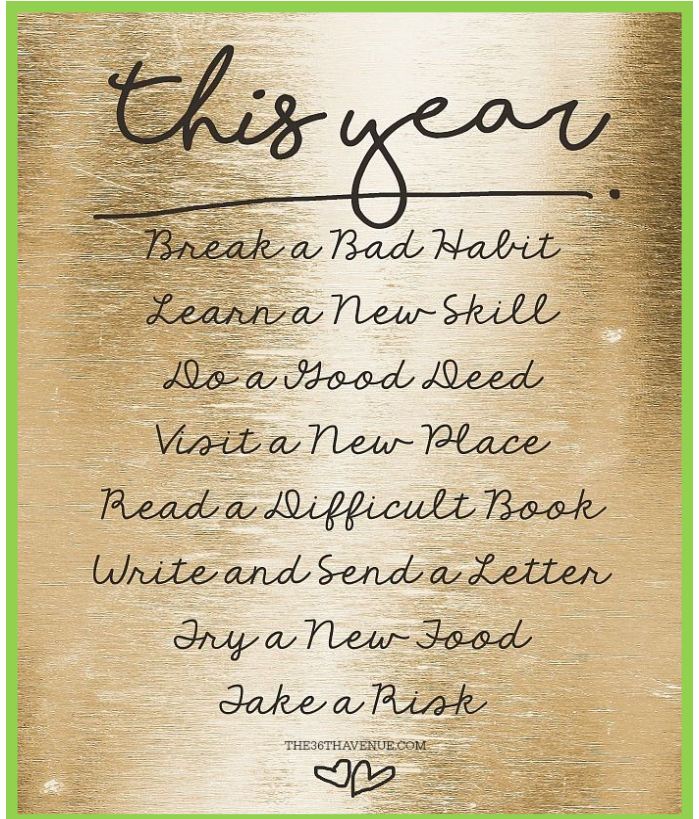
Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Andrew Goldsmid
Junior Warden	Shelly Bell
Treasurer	Cindy Overmyer

Vestry Members

Commission Liaison

Julie Abedian '23	Communications/ Marketing
Shelly Bell '22	Jr. Warden & Parish Life
Bill Garber '22	Buildings & Grounds
Andrew Goldsmid '24	Sr. Warden & Outreach
Vicki Gust '22	Worship & Formation Liaison
Frank Guthrie '24	Finance
Nancy McKinney '24	Clerk & Newcomers
Barb Parker '23	Asst. Treasurer & Outreach
Kelli Thompson '23	Communications/ Marketing



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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