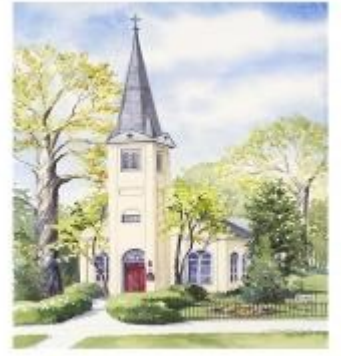


January 2025

St. Paul's PARISH Epistle



Please Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025
following the 10:00am service

Pot Luck Brunch to Follow

A-M please bring savory

N-Z please bring sweet

Vestry Candidates

Debra Donnelly Barton, David Larrabee, Tad Stewart

(Please see their bios on page 2 and 3)



Debra Donnelly-Barton

Debra is a life-long Episcopalian starting out in the Diocese of Alaska, worshipping in a little log church. She moved to Maryland in 1978 where she joined the Diocese of Maryland. She worked for the Diocese for a while then directly for the Bishop of Maryland as chaplain to the Commission on Ministry.

Debra began worshipping at St. Paul's in June 2021. She has been teaching the Advent and Lenten programs as well as occasionally preaching.

Debra is a seminary trained Spiritual Director with 30 years of experience. She has studied at Stillpoint, Sewanee, University of the South and General Theological Seminary in New York.

Her MA in Theology is from the EI, St. Mary's Seminary and University. She is a DM in candidate in Creative Writing and Public Theology.

'This church community has embraced me and nurtured my ministries, as well as my soul, I am so grateful to be here and honored to be asked to serve as a vestry member.'

-Debra



David Larrabee

David is a lifelong Christian, being raised in a small Baptist Church in Penn's Neck, New Jersey. David and Carolyn came to St. Paul's from All Angels Episcopal Church in New York City. The spiritual disciplines of: prayer, bible study, meditation, and service are an integral part of his lifestyle. Currently David is a retired Physicist (PhD Cornell, 1980) who has worked at a National Laboratory, in Industry, and spent 20 years teaching physics at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. In addition he has earned a Master's in Business Administration, as well as a Masters in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

David serves as a board member of Sustainable Jersey City and has taught in their sustainability certificate program. David is a fellow of the American Scientific affiliation, a Christian organization that brings science and religion in dialog. He also serves as the president of the Creation Care Affiliation of the American Scientific Affiliation and often presents at their annual meeting.

At St. Paul's David sings in the choir, and you might have heard him preach in the pulpit. He represents St. Paul's on the Diocese of Easton Creation Care Committee.

He is married to Carolyn Carney. David and Carolyn take short hikes around the area with their two dogs and enjoy the beauty of the Eastern Shore.



Tad Stewart

I would be honored to serve as a member of the vestry and do whatever I can to help with the issues facing St. Paul's. My wife, Amy, and I recently moved to Centreville, and I feel blessed to have found St. Paul's. I have appreciated the warm welcoming we received; and I have just recently begun to serve as an usher. I am a lifelong Episcopalian, as were my parents and grandparents. I grew up on Long Island, N.Y., where my family has roots (including New York City) going back generations.

Before moving to Centreville, we lived in Washington, D.C., for 32 years. We have two boys, ages 32 and 30, both of whom live and work in Washington. I was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD, and served as an usher and was involved in various volunteer projects. As a family, we would visit the Eastern Shore with the boys growing up, and I've always wanted to live here someday. It's a wonderful, interesting and historic area.

For most of my career I worked as a journalist – writer, editor and executive editor – of various publications – including Dow Jones in New York, The Washington Post, as an editor focusing on international news; and Thompson Publishing Group, which publishes legal publications. After almost 30 years as a journalist, I segued into real estate and have worked for TTR Sotheby's International Realty in residential real estate for a number of years.

I have a BA from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in journalism and an MA from Columbia University in international affairs. Before UNC, I graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., where I was head usher in the school's Episcopal chapel and an acolyte.

The vestry will be facing many challenges over the next several years, especially the search for a new rector, as well as addressing the survey results. (I know the search process well; I served on the board of trustees of a private school in Washington, D.C., and was chair of the search committee when the head of school announced her pending retirement.)

I am honored to be considered as a member of the vestry. I'm mindful of the St. Paul's School "school prayer" that has guided its students and graduates for nearly a century.

"Grant, O Lord, that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind. Help us to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy than ourselves, and eager to bear the burdens of others, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen."

Rites of Passage

Birthdays

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Scott Hazuda | January 4 |
| Susan Johnson | January 5 |
| Lane Parkhurst | January 5 |
| Mary Shea Valliant | January 6 |
| Will Freestate | January 18 |
| Byron Luna | January 23 |
| Nancy Wiley | January 23 |
| Frazier Walker | January 27 |
| Egan Valliant | January 28 |
| Trevor Ayres | January 30 |



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary please call the parish office at 410-758-1553.

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Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the parish office at 410-758-1553 and leave a message.

Treasurer's Update

| St. Paul's Finances | | 2024 | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| | | St. Paul's Finances - November | | | |
| | | Actual | Budget | Difference | |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Pledges | \$ 261,637 | \$ 262,224 | \$ (587) | Unfavorable | |
| Other Offerings | \$ 32,372 | \$ 38,419 | \$ (6,047) | Unfavorable | |
| Capital Fund Offerings | \$ 38,860 | \$ 28,951 | \$ 9,909 | Favorable | |
| Other Income | \$ 67,203 | \$ 72,960 | \$ (5,757) | Unfavorable | |
| Total Revenue | \$ 400,072 | \$ 402,554 | \$ (2,482) | Unfavorable | |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Total Personnel | \$ 183,500 | \$ 195,135 | \$ (11,635) | Favorable | |
| Capital | \$ 71,731 | \$ 87,718 | \$ (15,987) | Favorable | |
| All Other | \$ 141,447 | \$ 145,977 | \$ (4,530) | Favorable | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 396,678 | \$ 428,830 | \$ (32,152) | Favorable | |
| Revenue minus Expenses | \$ 3,394 | \$ (26,276) | \$ (22,882) | Favorable | |





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Please remember that all donations received after 12/31/24 will be counted as 2025 tax contributions. If you need to know what you owe on your 2024 pledge please call Michele at 410-758-1553.

If you have not turned in your pledge card you still have time. Please drop it off to the parish office, mail it to P.O. Box 278, Centreville, MD 21617 or put it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Give



Serve



Attend



Grow

Stewardship



Epiphany



You are Invited

David Larrabee and Carolyn Carney are hosting Epiphany: A Season of Glory, a 4-week study and discussion in their home (in Claiborne Fields). We will share together what we think about and how we experience Jesus, God made manifest, as we read Fleming Rutledge's slim book Epiphany. We can't expect you to do this on an empty stomach! So, we will prepare a simple meal of homemade soup and bread. We will meet on JAN 5 after the service in The Richardson Room (next to the office) to discuss details and to give you the book.

Our subsequent gatherings will be on FRIDAYS AT 6 pm; JAN 17, JAN 31, FEB 14, and FEB 28. Although we understand that things come up that might cause you to miss an evening, we would like you to make every effort to come all four times. Although this group is open to anyone from St Paul's, space limits us to only 10. Questions? Please email us: dalarrabee@gmail.com or cmcarney31@gmail.com

If you are interested in participating, but unable to attend the Jan 5 meeting, please email us before Jan 5."

Thanks for considering joining us!



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please sign up to host Coffee Hour. There is a sign up sheet in Donaldson Hall. If you have any questions please see Kathy Anderson or Gail Brown. We need volunteers. If no one volunteers than we will not have coffee hour that Sunday.

May All Voices Be Heard

St. Paul's Transition and Search Committee

Our parish is beginning a new journey of faith and hope. In the coming months, we will engage our St. Paul's community in Holy Conversations and prayers, inspired by Christ and by one another, as we seek a new Rector.

This effort must truly "hear all the voices" of St. Paul's. Therefore, before each Sunday Service, a parish member – from the Vestry, the Search Committee, or the congregation-at-large – will offer a short prayer or reflection about our parish transition. These messages will be forward looking and personal, full of joy, and hope for our community of faith.

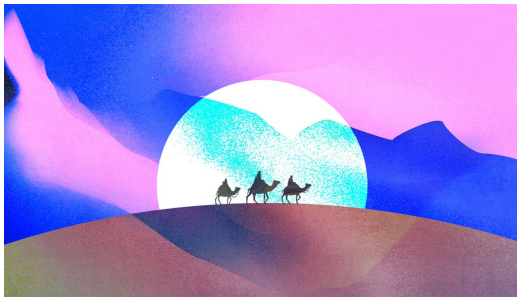


Haven Ministries Dinner

The February - April 2025 schedule for providing dinners for the Haven Ministries Shelter is now posted on the bulletin board and in Donaldson Hall. St. Paul's is scheduled for Feb 10 and 11, March 14 and 15, and April 14 and 15. Please check the signup sheets to see when you could help. When providing a dinner, it can be meat and vegetables, or a main dish casserole and salad, and bread. Dessert is

optional. Drop off is at 6:30 pm at Kent Island Methodist Church. I will let you know how many guests they are serving closer to the date. Please contact me with any questions at barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569. Thank you! Barb Ackermann





Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday:

11:00am Informal Eucharist

- Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment
- Holy Matrimony may be administered at anytime outside the seasons of Advent or Lent
- Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present. (BCP 312)

The Susan Whitaker Prayer Shawl Knitters

Please Join Us

Tuesday, January 21st at 2:00pm



A Prayer Shawl is a shawl that is handmade, blessed by the Priest, and given lovingly to someone who is suffering and in need of comfort or someone who is celebrating a great joy. If you have ever received a prayer shawl or shared one with someone, you know how special they are.

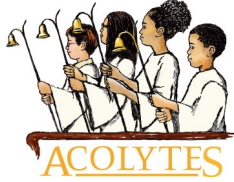
The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the Richardson Room (sitting area next to the church office) at 2:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month and we would like to encourage anyone who can knit or crochet or anyone who wants to learn either of these to join us! We get together each month to knit and crochet, help those just learning, provide solutions for problems, answer questions, and basically enjoy the time together. There is no pressure in this group and everyone works at their own pace and in their own way. Some members have been knitting or crocheting for a long time and others are just starting out. At this point, our prayer shawl supply is low and we really need more members in our group.

Please consider joining our group and contributing to St. Paul's in this way. For more information, contact Jean Hilleary at 410-758-1858 or Susan Johnson at 203-623-4221.

We would love to see you at our next meeting!!

Jean and Susan

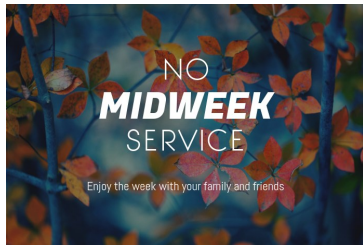
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|-----------|---|
| <p>29 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> | <p>30 Office Closed 10:00am Homeschool Group</p> | <p>31 Office Closed 9:00am Bible Study</p> | <p>1 No Wednesday Service Office Closed 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>2 9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery</p> |
| <p>5 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> | <p>6 The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00am Homeschool Group</p> | <p>7 9:00am Bible Study</p> | <p>8 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:15pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>9 9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food 6:30pm Northbrook HOA</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> | <p>13 10:00am Homeschool Group 5:00pm PEO Set Up</p> | <p>14 8:00am PEO Meeting 9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Corsica River Conservancy</p> | <p>15 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:15pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>16 9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> | <p>20 10:00am Homeschool Group</p> | <p>21 9:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> | <p>22 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:15pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>23 9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II Annual Meeting following the service Pot Luck Brunch to Follow A-M please bring savory N-Z please bring sweet</p> | <p>27 10:00am Homeschool Group</p> | <p>28 9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Vestry Meeting</p> | <p>29 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:15pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>30 9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food</p> | <p>31</p> | <p>1 8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery</p> |



Ministries Schedule for January 2025

| <i>Ministry</i> | <i>1/5 10:00am</i> | <i>1/12 10:00am</i> | <i>1/19 10:00am</i> | <i>1/26 10:00am</i> | <i>2/2 10:00am</i> |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <i>Lector-Lessons</i> | Chris Pupke | Mark Freestate | Carolyn Carney | Mark Freestate | Ned Aull |
| <i>Lector - Prayers</i> | Sharon Burak | Bob Ozinga | Jack Shaum | Elsie Ozinga | Dan Rugg |
| <i>LEM</i> | Eleanor Strietman | Gary Anderson | Carolyn Carney | Tom Andrews | Eleanor Strietman |
| <i>LEM</i> | Chris Pupke | Dan Rugg | Doug Kaufmann | Chris Pupke | Gary Anderson |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Mike Grace Kim Hazuda Stoney Duffey | Scott Hazuda Tom Andrews Dan Rugg | Sally Cooper Bill Clark David Cooper | Steve Parkhurst Tad Stewart Bob North | Mark Freestate Sharon Burak Miranda Burak |
| <i>Acolytes</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Server</i> | Eleanor Strietman | Bob Ozinga | Dan Rugg | Tom Andrews | Eleanor Strietman |
| <i>Crucifer</i> | Mark Freestate | Jimmy Miller | Doug Kaufmann | Doug Kaufmann | Jimmy Miller |
| <i>Acolyte</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Vestry Rep</i> | Laura Bittinger | Julia Eaton | Patricia Jamison | Wendy Emerson | Judy Webster |
| <i>Counters</i> | Byron Luna | Myron Richardson | Barb Ackermann | Bob Ozinga | Char McClatchy |
| <i>Tuesdays</i> | Diane Freestate | Pat Jamison | Gail Brown | Michele Miller | Susan Johnson |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull | Sally Cooper Diane Freestate Ann Grace | Laura Kaufmann Haley Melton Barb Ackermann | Jessica Sellers Penny Lins Wendy Emerson | Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull |





There is no service on December 25th or January 1st.



Men's Breakfast
January 4th at 8:15am
At The Creamery in Centreville

The men's breakfast group meets the first Saturday of the month at the Creamery at 8:15am. Everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed from December 24th until January 2nd. For pastoral emergencies please call the parish office at 410-758-1553 and leave a message.



*Let the magic of love brighten our smiles
and enlighten our souls.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

Bob North, *Senior Warden*

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Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*

Stef Scaggiari, *Director of Music*

Nancy Cook, *Bell Choir Director*

Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*

Elsie Ozinga, *Registrar*

Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*

Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*

Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*

Matt Ward, *Production Manager*

Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*



The Vestry

'25 Laura Bittinger
Julia Eaton
Kim Hazuda

'25 Wendy Emerson
Judy Webster
Bob Ozinga

'27 Peggy Andrews
Patricia Jamison
Sherri Ward



The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

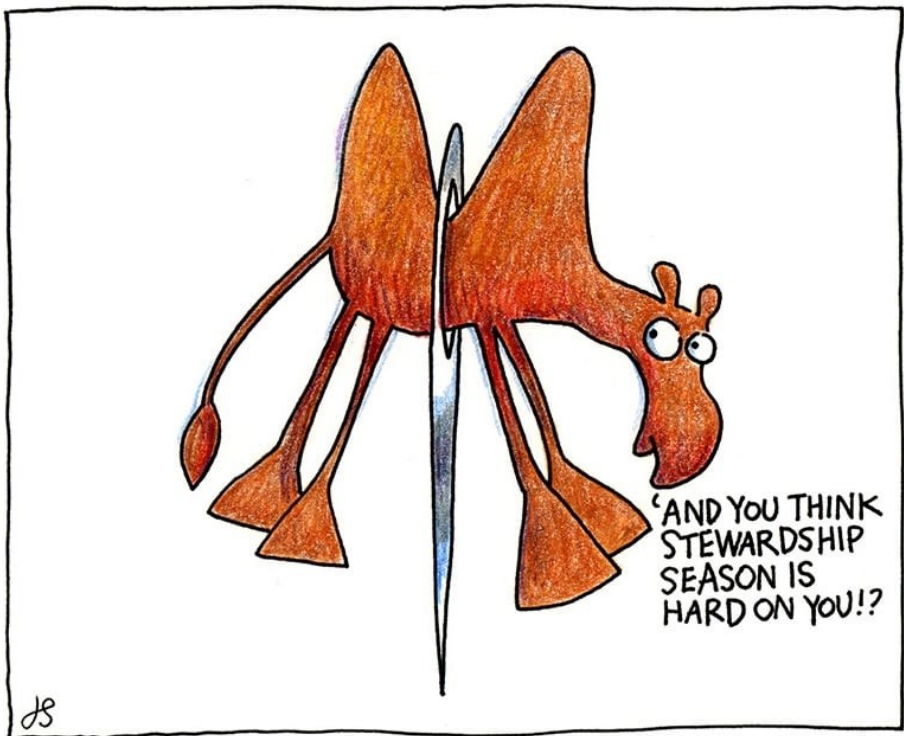
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