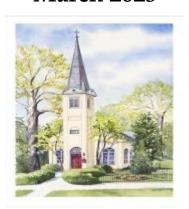
St. Paul's PARISH Epistle





Please Join Us
March 5, 2025
Imposition of Ashes &
Holy Communion
11:00am



Please Join Us—March 4th at 5:30pm
Everyone is Welcome
St Paul's Men will be cooking!

Rites of Passage

Birthdays

Dot Abbott March 1

Joshua Jasick March 2

Katherine Melton March 7

Sabine Sellers March 8

Ben Heilman March 16

Charley Johnson March 16

Reed Hazuda March 17

Carol Lorditch March 18

Ellis Walker March 20

Jo Lou Klingler March 21

Jean Hilleary March 22

Becca Anderson March 31

Harriet Todd March 31



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

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What is the Episcopal Church doing in the World?

Eco Justice

www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/ EcoJustice

Refugees and Immigrants

www.episcopalmigrationministries.org

Office of Government Relations advocacy.episcopal/church.org

<u>Pastoral Emergencies</u>

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

Treasurer's Update

St. Paul's Finances				2025			
	St. Paul's Finances - January						
		Actual		Budget	Di	fference	
Revenue					-		
Pledges	\$	83,630	\$	69,227	\$	14,403	Favorable
Other Offerings	\$	1,146	\$	7,139	\$	(5,993)	Unfavorable
Building Fund	\$	2,500	\$	4,167	\$	(1,667)	Unfavorable
Other Income	\$	749	\$	656	\$	93	Favorable
Total Revenue	\$	88,025	\$	81,189	\$	6,836	Favorable
Expenses			-		-		
Total Personnel	\$	11,076	\$	8,628	\$	(2,448)	Unfavorable
All Other Operating	\$	10,252	\$	14,748	\$	4,496	Favorable
Building Fund	\$	1,698	\$	630	\$	(1,068)	Unfavorable
Total Expenses	\$	23,026	\$	24,006	\$	980	Favorable
Revenue minus Expenses	\$	64,999	\$	57,183	\$	7,816	Favorable





Search and Transition Committee Update

The Search and Transition Committee continues to make progress in our work to find St. Paul's next rector. The committee is divided into three teams: Search Team, Transition Team and Communications Team.

The parish profile is almost complete. The Communications Team wrote the narrative for the profile. The entire Search and Transition Committee reviewed the narrative. Last fall's parish survey helped inform the profile narrative. Myron Richardson helped secure the inkind services of a professional editor to review the narrative.

A graphic designer is currently putting the narrative together with photos for a finished product. The Communications Team is reviewing the first draft of the profile at this time. We are also presently working to update the parish website.

On February 9th, we held our first listening session. The second session will be held after service on Sunday March 16th. If you have any questions or comments, please come and talk with us.

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 oe 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

Thank you for providing dinners for the Haven Ministries Shelter. Only April 14 and 15 still need to be covered, so please check your calendar and sign up! The sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board and in Donaldson Hall. 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 barbacker-mann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569.

Thank you!

Barb Ackermann



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.

Episcopal Church Women Elections: Call for Candidates

Dear Episcopal Church Women,

We are seeking members who are interested in serving in leadership roles within our organization.

Positions are:

President

Vice President

Secretary Treasurer

If you are interested/willing in serving or would like more information, please contact one of the following:

Elizabeth Stanton

Linda Carol

Kim Hazuda

Elections will be held on March 9th, so please reach out if you are interested hank you for your support and dedication!





Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday:

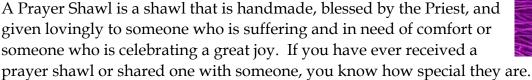
11:00am Informal Eucharist

• 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, March 18th at 2:00pm





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















Ministries Schedule for March 2025

	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30
Ministry	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Lector-Lessons	Carolyn Carney	Jack Shaum	Mark Freestate	Sharon Burak	Eleanor Strietman D. Donnelly-
Lector - Prayers	Elsie Ozinga	Ned Aull	Dan Rugg	Mike Grace	Barton
LEM	Carolyn Carney	Gary Anderson	Chris Pupke	Haley Melton	Chris Pupke
LEM	Tom Andrews	Eleanor Strietman	Bob Ozinga	Doug Kaufmann	Kim Hazuda
Ushers	Steve Parkhurst	Mark Freestate	Mike Grace	Scott Hazuda	David Cooper
	Tad Stewart	David Cooper	Kim Hazuda	Tom Andrews	Bill Clark
	Bob North	Sally Cooper	Stoney Duffey	Dan Rugg	Sally Cooper
Acolytes					
Server	Tom Andrews	Eleanor Strietman	Bob Ozinga	Haley Melton	Eleanor Strietman
Crucifer	Jimmy Miller	Jimmy Miller	Mark Freestate	Doug Kaufmann	Jimmy Miller
Acolyte				Alex Leary	
Vestry Rep	Sherri Ward	Wendy Emerson	Carolyn Carney	Charlie Acker- mann	Diane Freestate
Counters	Bob Ozinga	Char McClatchy	Byron Luna	Myron Richardson	Barb Ackermann
Tuesdays	Michele Miller	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate	Patricia Jamison	Gail Brown
Altar Guild	Sharon North	Sally Cooper	Laura Kaufmann	Jessica Sellers	Sharon North
	Dot Abbott	Diane Freestate	Haley Melton	Penny Lins	Dot Abbott
	Chrissy Aull	Ann Grace	Barb Ackermann	Wendy Emerson	Kathie Moore
	Kathie Moore				Chrissy Aull

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast

March 1st 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.

March 2025

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23 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II	Parish Office Closed 10:00am Homeschool Group	9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Vestry Meeting	26 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:15pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon	9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food	28	1 8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery
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9 DON'T FORCET TO SPRING FORWARD 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 Parish Office Closed 10:00am Homeschool Group 5:00pm PEO Set Up	8:00am PEO Meeting 9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Corsica River Conservancy	12 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:15pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon	9:00am Backpack for Kids Packing the food 6:30pm Northbrook HOA	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due Today
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Mark Your Calendar



St. Paul's Presents

Stefan Scaggiari

Piano Concert

April 27, 2025 at 4:00pm

Freewill offering will be collected



Ministries of St Paul's Episcopal Church

Acolytes

Dan Rugg 410-758-1395

Acolytes serve as the Crucifer, Torch Bearers and Servers. The Crucifer is charged with carrying the Cross. The Torch Bearer is charged with the lighting and extinguishing of the Altar candles. The Server assists the Rector with preparing the table for Holy Eucharist.

Altar Guild

Sharon North 443-262-8792 Jessica Sellers 410-725-8288

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up and caring for the furnishings in the nave, sanctuary, and sacristy, as well as any other area of the church where special worship will take place. The Altar Guild is a ministry of "quiet service". It's behind the scenes, but a most critical act of service to the church.

Back Packs

Sharon North 443-262-8792

Back packs are filled and delivered for distribution to children of need through Social Services.

Choir

Stef Scaggiari 443-988--8704

The primary role of the choir is to lead and support the congregation's worship through singing. Choirs may also sing anthems or make other special musical offerings to beautify and enhance the experience of worship.

Coffee Hour

Kathy Anderson 410-253-3000 Gail Brown 443-618-0609

The Coffee Hour is held every Sunday after the service. It is a time of fellowship, which gives members of the congregation the opportunity to meet other members while enjoying coffee and a small snack. Members of the congregation sign up for a particular date to supply the snack.

Contemplative Prayer

A form of mental prayer in which meditation and petition give way to quiet adoration of the mysteries of God. Contemplation is the fruit of divine grace. It comes after a period of reconciliation and self- abandonment.

Counters

Michele Miller

410-758-1553

The Counters are responsible for accurately registering monetary contributions from the church service.

Episcopal Church Women

Lizzy Stanton

410-590-1251

All women are members of the ECW. The ECW sponsor fund raisers for local charities and sponsor women's social events.

Hand Bells

Nancy Cook

410-758-2502

Music created with Hand Bells to enhance the experience of worship.

Haven Ministries (Homeless Shelter at Kent Island Methodist Church)

Barbara Ackermann

443-797-4569

On a scheduled basis, St Paul's provide food and fellowship to homeless individuals and families.

Healing Prayer Team

Eleanor Strietman

301-642-5950

Knitting Ministry

Jean Hilleary

410-758-1858

The Knitting Ministry supplies the handmade Prayer Shawls, which are given to individuals upon request. Prior to giving the Prayer Shawl to the individual, it is blessed during a worship service by the Rector and the congregation.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Chris Pupke

410-924-8279

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are persons licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist. They may administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priest or deacons to assist the celebrant.

Lectors

Chris Pupke

410-924-8279

Lay persons trained in reading scripture who are appointed by the clergy person in charge of the congregation to read lessons or lead the prayers of the people.

Pastoral Care Team

Linda Carroll

410-490-6299

The Pastoral Care Team provides visits, meals and rides to parishioners who need a little tender, loving care and assistance.

Planned Giving

Bob North

443-454-6923

Ushers

Dan Rugg

410-758-1395

Ushers welcome parishioners into the church. They create a welcoming environment and set the tone for every parishioner's personal experience with the church. Ushers collect the offering at the appointed time during the service. Ushers are responsible for securing the offering until it can be counted and deposited. Ushers organize the procession to the Holy Eucharistic and assist individuals with mobility issues.

Vestry

Bob Ozinga

410-490-4767

The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation, to support the church's mission by word and deed, to ensure effective organization and planning and to manage resources and finances. At St. Paul's, vestry members are expected to be faithful in worship and stewardship and well informed about the activities of the parish.



We would like thank all our wonderful volunteers. There are so many fantastic people at St. Paul's that give there time and talents without ever expecting accolades or to be thanked personally. It is very hard to thank everyone because there are so many amazing volunteers. Please know we see you and know all that you do for St. Paul's. We appreciate you every single day.

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You're Invited To Join

The Breakfast Club

A gathering for survivors, thrivers and women in treatment



A welcoming space for women and their circle of support at every stage of the cancer journey. Bimonthly Saturday gatherings.

March 1st, 15th & 29th, 2025 | 10am - Noon

March 1st meeting focus: Nutrition & Cancer Wellness

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To My Dear St. Paul's Family,

I have been asked about Pastoral Care and what is happening now. Result? We need to reorganize and reeducate what our Pastoral Care team does. We also hope you will think about what talents you have and where you can help. You probably don't realize how much you have to offer or perhaps you don't feel you have the time. Our team is extremely flexible and by working together, we accomplish so much. Our Feb 19th Pastoral Care meeting was quite productive. I am pretty thrilled about that. Now we need to explain to others our goals.

As my WAZE says, "Let's go."

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED US? You do not need to be on death's door to call Pastoral Care, in fact, that is what clergy is for. In past years, we have even regularly driven people to the hairdresser. Sounds a little goofy, doesn't it, but it was such a tremendous help to a working daughter and a mother who was content knowing she could get to her hair appointments. This daughter is still an extremely grateful parishioner even though her mother is gone, but the daughter is still a member of St Paul's after 30+ years, extremely active, loving and appreciative.

Help shopping? In the days before the grocery store would shop for you, we shopped. Still today, I believe shopping for someone is so much more personal and useful. Human contact, one-on-one conversation, is so important. Do you need help with this?

Visits to Nursing Homes? Do you have a family member who would benefit from our visit? We can do that. We have a visit schedule that is caring and thoughtful. Or, if you would like to have someone available during an invalid's meal time, we can act as that aid and assist.

Do you or a family member need a little companionship? We will sit with shut-ins or people who just had surgery and should not be alone. That's pretty easy for a team member to do. Sometimes we read to them, watch TV with them, play cards, or just sit quietly. When someone is more content with just another person nearby, what a comfort that simple gesture gives. We will not always go to someone with gifts in hand. Yes, sometimes we take the altar flowers, a card, or a trinket, but our smile and warmth is sometimes all that is really needed.

We drive. If you need to be driven to the city or locally, we have members who are comfortable with city driving or local driving. The reason you need to go anywhere is not questioned. We will get you there -- and home again. Uber and County Ride are always available, but having Pastoral Care drive you is so much more personal.

More driving ... feeling stuck? Let's just go for a drive. Fresh air or the sight of the ocean can do wonders. Sometimes depression knocks on your door and we can give a little assistance. Just having someone near you can help. Sometimes laughter even gets involved. Do you ever need that or know someone who does?

We will bring you library books, magazines or dinner. We can have conversations about the weather, your family or the color of the last rainbow.

Years ago we supplied dinners to a family where each of them had extreme dietary needs and restrictions and the breadwinner couldn't keep up because he had to work. We studied, prepared what they needed, and the team took them meals for many weeks. Do you or a family member need a little help here? Would meals help to fill-in because of illness or the main cook must leave town to take care of mom?

Do you need other meals? In the past, we had a schedule to take an aging parishioner dinners after his wife died. He needed to be taught how to use the oven, microwave and dishwasher. We were great teachers and we were so appreciated. The meals were great, too!

We can begin lunch or dinner monthly restaurant or home gatherings that you may join. This can be helpful knowing who out there would like to try this. At one time Symphony Village residents met weekly at Doc's. I don't know if they still do that but any St. Paul's member can do this. We can begin a list to let you know who is interested from St. Paul's. Add your name and preferences to our new list.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a "Get Well" card, "Success," "Sympathy" or "Thinking of You" card from St. Paul's? Please share their name with us. Word of mouth is a good idea here, it is the best way for us to know.

Funerals, of course, you probably know we are always available to help grieving families with receptions. Lifting the burden of planning a reception can be a great gift. You don't need to think about that if you want Pastoral Care to do it for you. I have been told we are among the few churches who still do this. We are grateful we have a wonderful group able to help.

Is there anything you need? Can we help? Simply call or text me or Michele. It will just be a little conversation saying what you need and consider it done!

If any of the above seem silly to you, think twice and call me. Talking, visiting or spending time with another parishioner brings us closer together. At this special time, we all need each other even if it is just a ride and sip at Dunkin, a picnic, or a date to meet for lunch. Scratch the picnic for now, it's too cold!

WHAT DOES PASTORAL CARE NEED? THE ANSWER IS YOU!

Yes, I was pretty darn pleased with Wednesday's turn out. I was even more pleased with those that contacted me saying they could not attend, but please add them to the list of helpers. What is my list?

We were fortunate enough to have Rev Mary who was quite good at visiting. She was thoughtful and kept up what she could when she knew there was a need. That being said, Pastoral Care needs to jump in again. At our meeting we worked on scheduling as we did in the past (pre-Mary). We are asking that you and/or a partner, take on a month. Our next open month is April, 2025, then July and August. Many times you won't be called at all during that month, but you will be asked to visit the people residing in nursing homes who are on the list. Don't worry, though, if you can't visit, we always have back up. It has NEVER been my policy to say nasties like "So and so cancelled again." All I need to know is that you checked your calendar and if you can't visit, I respect your decision and I call another team member. That's it!

If you don't feel comfortable trying a month, let me know you like to cook, (I even have a list for "no cooking"), drive and whether locally or city, you are patient sitting waiting, you like board games, you would be happy taking someone to lunch, you will shop or just about anything. It is what YOU like to do and what you are comfortable doing. I have several lists. Lol I will put you on my list of people to call for any particular need. If you are not available at that time, do not fret, we have a couple hundred church members, and the person we need is out there just waiting for their call from me and their turn to help.

Please contact me so I can explain further. I hope you have many questions. Pastoral Care can be very rewarding. The only rule is that we DO NOT gossip about any request we fill. If we must discuss your name, it is with love, kindness, your permission, and with the need to do so.

Thank you for caring and Many blessings, Linda Carroll, Pastoral Care 410 490-6299

btcarroll@goeaston.net

<u>Listening Session – Sunday, March 16th</u>



The Transition and Search Committee Co-Chairs will be available for a "Listening Session" after the service in the Harper Room. The purpose of the listening session is to hear from parishioners who wish to offer additional comments and/or concerns.



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The Vestry

Wendy Emerson
Judy Webster
Bob Ozinga
Peggy Andrews
Patricia Jamison
Sherri Ward
Debra Donnelly-Barton
David Larrabee
Tad Stewart



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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