



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Annual Parish Meeting January 22, 2023

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OPENING PRAYER

From The Book of Common Prayer, p. 280

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:
look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery;
by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation;
let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

2023 Vestry Election

Who May Vote ?

All confirmed communicants in a good standing not less than sixteen years of age. Those voters so qualified and being present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Requirements to serve on the Vestry are:

- Be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church enrolled as a member of the parish, 18 years of age or older.
- Have been regular in attendance at the services of the church in the year preceding election. Made and maintained a financial commitment to the parish, known to the treasurer, in the year preceding election.

These are qualifications not only for election but for continued service on the vestry. A vestry member should lead the way in participation in the worship life and financial support of the parish. The term of a vestry member is for three years, and a vestry member is not eligible for re-election in the year following the expiration of his or her term, unless the member is serving less than half a term left vacant by the resignation of a vestry member. In this case, the member may stand for a full term in the next election.

Rector's Report for 2022

Submitted by The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

“It is because one antelope will blow the dust from the other’s eye that the two antelopes walk together”- **African Proverb.**

As I write my final annual report as your rector I am filled with gratitude to God for the gift of being a part of the life of St. Paul’s. It has been quite a journey, full of twists and turns, joys and sorrows, tornados and pandemics. Through it all there has been a profound sense of God among us, walking alongside us, and even blowing the dust from our eyes from time to time. You have shown up as Christ’s feet, arms, eyes, and hands for one another. Holy moments abound.

I have been reflecting on that October day when I first celebrated Holy Eucharist among you. I was awed by the beauty of the nave and the music. I admit I was a bit overwhelmed by the number of people participating in the service. I would later be told that each Sunday was the number in the service was around 50. David Waldron was the Verger and briefed me on the details of the service. Joanna Macpherson taped a “Madonna mic” on my face. It was the first time in my career that I wore or mic or my sermon was recorded. Six years later I’m very

comfortable being on live stream. Lauren Gallagher who was Senior Warden that year attended both services that day to support me. Every Senior Warden I've had the pleasure to work with at St. Paul's has been exceptional. Wendy Llosa followed Lauren. Then Jennifer Thomasson took on the role for four years. Renee Powell is our current Senior Warden. Her calming presence and listening ear are two of her many gifts. Each vestry seemed to have to exact makeup needed to meet the challenges of their time. That's Grace.

During Jennifer's years I became your rector. The Children's Wing had new life breathed into it. The Children's Chapel became truly a sacred space. The new playground is always in use. The parish hall, kitchen, and new classrooms are inviting. The renovations brought a cohesion to the entire architecture of the building. Thank you donors, Tomco Construction, Designer Anna Gillon, Architect Randy Young, Big Mike, and Jennifer for making the Strategic Planning Committee's dreams a reality.

On a list of "10 Reasons Why You Should Be an Episcopalian" created by the Episcopal Church Foundation number 5 is, "You should be an Episcopalian if you believe the glory of God can be revealed through beautiful architecture, beautiful music, beautiful liturgy, beautiful art, and beautiful literature. Episcopalians believe God is fully revealed in the midst of such artistic beauty and we seek to support and value the aesthetic in all of life."

I realize this report is getting lengthy but I can't say enough about our staff. Cynthia Meisinger as Director of Youth and Children is exactly the right person for this vital role. Other than the Rector, Cynthia is our only full-time staff member. Our part-time staff includes Nicole Edwards, Parish Administrator; Mason Copeland, Choirmaster Organist; Dawn Harrison, Music Associate; Cole Hankins, Multi-Media Associate; Geoff Mattera, Communications Director; and Kimberly Stokes, Financial Assistant. They are quite a team. As you know Mason will be leaving in a couple of weeks. His ministry here cannot be overstated. David Kinraid will be our Interim Choirmaster/Organist while the search continues. Mark Johnson, Deacon, intends to be at St Paul's until his ordination to the Priesthood in June.

I am eternally grateful for the community of St. Paul's and for the presence of Jesus among us. I'm here until May but know that you are all indelibly written on my soul.

In peace,
Hazel+

Senior Warden Report

Submitted by Renee Powell

Finding myself in the unexpected role of serving as Senior Warden for 2022, I began to contemplate all that had been accomplished during my two previous years on the Vestry under the leadership of Jennifer Thomasson. The list was long: the second phase of our Peace and Purpose Project had been completed including the porte-cochere, the walkway, the Children's Playground and Courtyard, the Parish Hall renovations and addition of meeting rooms, and a commercial grade kitchen was complete. Bishop Wright had visited and dedicated all of these lovely new spaces. Re-opening protocols had been implemented and in-person worship services had been re-established. There had been so many positive changes those two years that were obvious and easy to see. I was excited to attend the Vestry Retreat and begin planning for the year ahead as our ministries and activities resumed. I began to wonder about the changes within our parish that were not so visible.

I never anticipated that during one of my very first conversations with Hazel+ as Senior Warden she would tell me that she would be retiring in 2023. To be honest, my initial reaction was absolute panic. But the panic subsided as the news was shared with the others at the retreat and then with the parish. My hope was that, as we worked together to rekindle ministries and activities, we could prepare for the changes ahead with courage and optimism, and that we would navigate these transitions as smoothly as possible.

We needed to gather our St. Paul's family. We needed to share special and fond memories of our past, stories about our pandemic experiences, and what had happened in our lives, as well as our present situations. There was a need to renew and strengthen our family ties. We needed a family reunion.

Over the summer, we gathered as a family for suppers and to talk about our past, our present, and our future. Through these discussion we realized that although there is diversity within our family, we are united by an abundance of love for one another and our love for St. Paul's. As the summer ended, our ministries began to revive from the dormant pandemic period. Though not fully recovered, we are beginning to thrive once again.

It is vital that we continue to grow and strengthen as we face another year of transitions at St. Paul's. I ask you to pray for Hazel+ as she transitions into a new stage of her life. I ask your prayers for the Vestry, for your new Senior Warden, and for those who will be involved in the search for a new Rector. I ask your prayers for our ministries and ministry leaders. We need your prayers. We also need your participation to grow and thrive through the upcoming transitions. If you are not

involved in a ministry, please consider joining one. If you are active in a ministry, please invite others to join. Be present for worship. Be present for work. Be present for fellowship. Not only will your presence be a blessing to St. Paul's, it will be a blessing to you.

I believe that God brought us together as the St. Paul's family to serve His purpose. Trusting in His love and in one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and the fellowship we share, we will be able to do the work He has given us to do.

My time on the Vestry and as Senior Warden is at an end. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this way. I cannot express how much I appreciate the dedication and support of all the Vestry members with whom I have served this year. I cannot find words that convey my deep gratitude for the love and support I have received from all of you. Nor can I tell you how grateful I am for the encouragement and support of my family. Truly, I have been blessed.

Renee Powell
Senior Warden

Junior Warden Report
Submitted by Mark LeVan

We had a busy but productive 2022. Below are some highlights about activities and larger projects performed in 2022.

In September, in response to the number of shooting incidents around the country, we were able to offer a class "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" (C.R.A.S.E) presented by an officer from Homeland Security/F.E.M.A. Walking through with the officer, we identified a few safety enhancements, but overall, the church was in good shape.

The Children's Wing was experiencing very low water flow after the renovation project. With heavier use, the issue became more apparent. Plumbers found the waterlines inside the wall plugged with mud and debris. The lines were cleaned, the toilet hardware replaced, and the faucet filters replaced. We also added some isolation valves.

Two large trees hanging over the church in back were removed. Most of the HVAC units were installed when the the new church was built. We replaced two this year, the Narthex and the chapel side in the Children's Wing. We repaired the units in the Nave, the Choir Loft, and the office undercroft units.

I want to thank the Sexton Team, John Crow and Frank West. A special thanks to John Crow for all the emergency calls he has responded to, and Katy Crow for putting up with my calls. Also a special thanks to Bill Tudor and Ron Wilson for their support when needed.

Mark LeVan
Junior Warden

Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Brother Massenburg
Finance Committee Chairman*

Revenues

2022 was a challenging year both in terms of revenues and expenses. Open Plate reflected an increase of about \$3,000 over 2021 levels to \$88,472. However, Pledged Offerings received reflect a \$17,569 decrease from Budgeted levels. An encouraging note for 2023, despite the total number of pledges being down by 18 representing \$37,000, pledges that have been received represent an increase of \$11,000 over total pledged revenue received in 2022. Efforts have commenced on contacting those individuals in hopes they will renew their pledges. Another encouraging source of revenue is the projected \$16,000 year over year increase in interest income with the higher CD / Repo rate environment.

Expenses

Expenses increased substantially over budgeted levels due to a number of unforeseen expenses during 2022 including the Diocesan requirement to increase Nursery Workers from one to two; replacement of two A/C units; elevator maintenance; removal of two fallen trees; property insurance; utilities; purchase of two new computers; and software expenses.

2023 Budget

For 2023, while several of those increased expenses (e.g. nursery, utilities, insurance, and janitorial) will be recurring in nature, we are anticipating our building / equipment expenses, grounds and landscape, elevator and miscellaneous expenses will all be lower than 2022 level.

On a net basis, we are budgeting a \$15,000 loss for 2023. As a remainder, that loss is expected to decrease with every dollar of the \$37,000 in pledged amounts from 2022 we are able to get renewed for 2023.

Balance Sheet wise, our undesignated liquidity remains strong at \$209,000 and we remain 100% debt free.

Brother Massenburg
Finance Committee

2023 Budget

	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues			
Open Plate/Non-Pledged	\$ 88,472.77	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Pledged Offerings	434,938.65	452,508.00	445,865.00
Uncollected Pledge Holdback		(6,682.81)	(10,000.00)
Transfer from Restricted Accts	42,453.19	79,634.00	108,801.25
Interest Income	2,514.22	1,500.00	18,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,082.35</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$569,461.18</u>	<u>\$612,959.19</u>	<u>\$637,666.25</u>
Expenses			
Personnel	\$391,984.21	\$376,159.19	\$390,613.52
Property	79,236.77	50,500.00	61,600.00
Communications	3,593.87	4,150.00	4,000.00
Office Expense, Utilities & Audit	82,437.39	63,300.00	80,700.00
Nursery & Kitchen Expenses	186.42	700.00	700.00
Vestry/Stewardship/Council	7,435.41	4,150.00	4,900.00
Parish Life/Evangelism	13,280.00	7,150.00	7,950.00
Worship	8,537.30	10,000.00	10,000.00
Christian Formation	4,261.06	5,950.00	8,170.00
Health & Healing/Outreach	20,619.75	24,262.55	20,000.00
Diocesan Commitment	<u>64,466.04</u>	<u>66,337.00</u>	<u>68,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$676,398.22</u>	<u>\$612,959.19</u>	<u>\$(14,967.27)</u>

Stewardship Report

Submitted by Philip Hand, Stewardship Vestry Liaison

Our annual pledge drive to fund 2023 worship, operations, programs, and ministries for St. Paul's Episcopal Church followed the theme of *Every Perfect Gift*. As of January 19, 2023 we have received 66 pledges totaling \$447,365. Additionally, as in year's past, we also distributed scholarships to eligible graduating high school seniors from the Mary Kate Parks Mason Scholarship Fund. For any graduating seniors this year, be on the lookout for an announcement regarding 2023 scholarship applications in the next month or so.

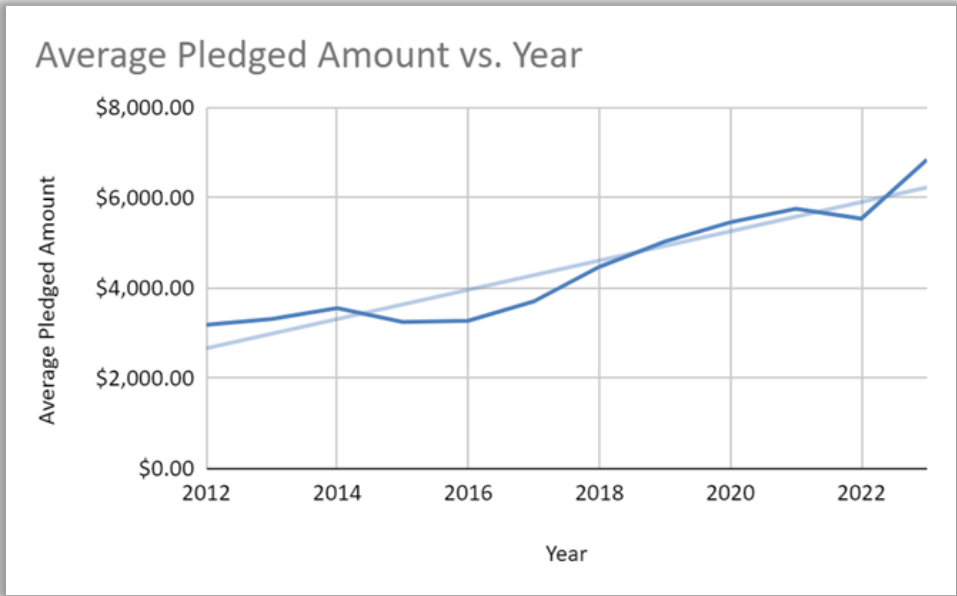
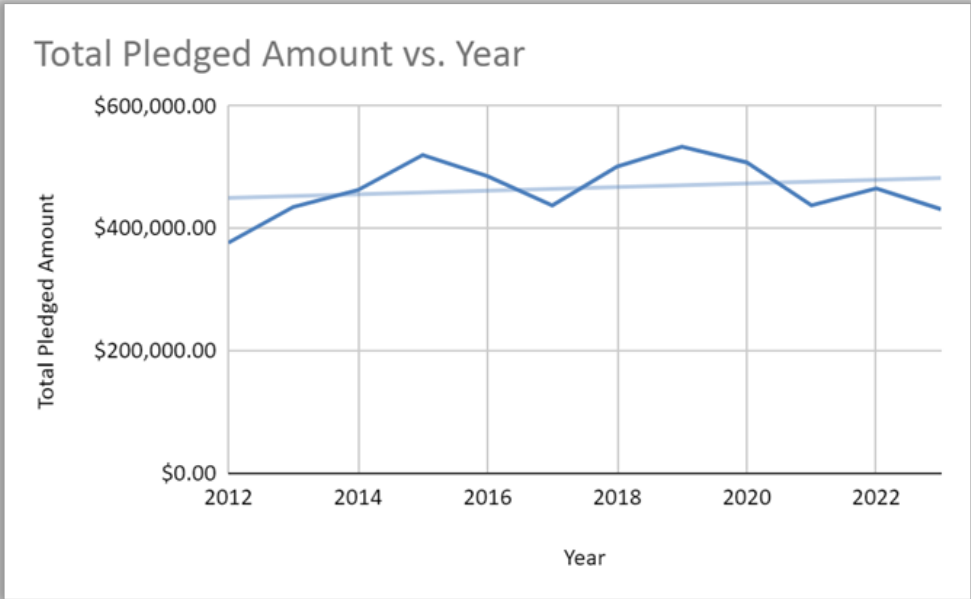
Finally, thanks to the upgrade to Realm, we are now able to more easily report on historical stewardship campaigns as compared to this year. Below you will find a table summarizing campaigns back to 2012 as well as a few charts displaying key data from our campaigns including total pledged amount, average pledged amount, and number of pledges. The straight line on each chart represents the trend for that particular piece of data.

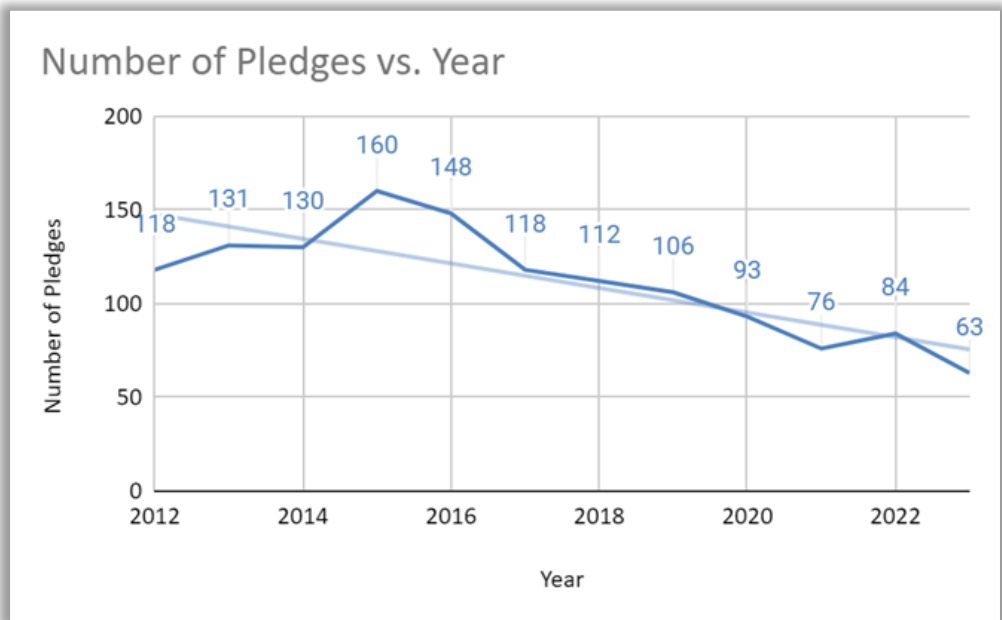
As a final reminder, it is never too late to make a pledge. While we focus our efforts on stewardship each fall, anyone wishing to make or update a pledge may do so anytime throughout the year.

Philip Hand
Stewardship

Year	Number of Pledges	Average Pledged Amount	Total Pledged Amount
2012	118	\$3,186.56	\$376,014.63
2013	131	\$3,316.24	\$434,426.92
2014	130	\$3,555.53	\$462,218.80
2015	160	\$3,246.96	\$519,512.92
2016	148	\$3,275.69	\$484,802.40
2017	118	\$3,702.32	\$436,873.96
2018	112	\$4,468.89	\$500,515.96
2019	106	\$5,028.41	\$533,011.12

2020	93	\$5,455.48	\$507,360.00
2021	76	\$5,753.42	\$437,260.00
2022	84	\$5,534.60	\$464,906.00
2023	66	\$6,778.26	\$447,365.00





Organist and Choirmaster’s Report
Submitted by Mason Copeland

In staff meeting this past week, the staff was discussing the future of the music ministry at St. Paul’s. Then we began reflecting on my time as Organist/Choirmaster, and what the music ministry has accomplished during my time at St. Paul’s. As I’ve thought about how to present this to you all, I see it in three parts: the past, where we currently are, and ultimately what this means for the music ministry at St. Paul’s going forward. While it may seem like unfamiliar territory, in truth, these waters are familiar and ultimately will lead to a place of abundance.

The past...

In the past 6 years at St. Paul’s:

- The choir has grown over 20 members.
- St. Paul’s has made a commitment to four choral scholars who help lead each section (soprano, alto, tenor, bass).
- The choir has gone on many successful retreats.
- We kept traditional music alive during a pandemic.
- We overcame acoustical challenges due to changes in the Nave.
- We expanded our music library.
- The choir has sung over 500 anthems.
- The congregation has sung over 1500 hymns.
- The church has heard over 600 preludes and postludes.
- We have invited guest musicians such as brass quintets, string quartets, and

soloists to play at special services.

- Google tells me that the average piece of music is roughly 3 minutes in length...so we have listened to 7,800 minutes of music!

The present...

On more than one occasion, an appreciative parishioner has pondered “what’s the secret sauce with the choir?” In other words, how are we so successful? That answer is really quite simple: the dedication and commitment of the individual musicians in the group. Week after week, the choir members show up to rehearsal and to church on Sunday, with open ears and open hearts. From navigating singing in a pandemic, to loss, to joyous times, and times of great difficulty, this choir always shows up. That’s the secret: the love and care for each other and their ministry.

The future...

As St. Paul’s enters a time of transition, I want you to know that the keys to success are already in your hands: show up for one another, for the church, and for the good of the greater community. If you do this with consistency and intention, you have already succeeded. As Hazel taught me, “meet people where they are.” The song “I am the church” comes to mind...

*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church together*

*All who follow Jesus
All around the world
Yes, we’re the church together*

I would be remiss if I did not thank the following individuals: first and foremost, I would like to thank my wife, Elisabeth, and my family for their unwavering support as I spent time in service of the church. I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Paul’s for always being supportive and listening to our ministry. I would like to thank the senior wardens that served during my tenure: Lauren Gallagher, Wendy Llosa, Jennifer Thomasson, and Renee Powell. I would like to thank the members or the choir for always putting up with me, even in my questionable moments. I would like to thank my biggest fan, Dawn Harrison (and Bill, because with one, you get the other), for refurbishing handbells, leading the children’s choirs, filling in for me unexpectedly, and for making copies, I couldn’t have done it without you! And finally, I would like to thank the one and only Hazel Glover, for her collegial working relationship and for becoming a lifelong friend.

St. Paul's was our spiritual home for six years and will continue to remain a home for us. Thank you for your generosity and understanding through one of the most profound times of our lives. Chip was baptized in St. Paul's beautiful font, and you will forever be part of our story.

I love you all, and look forward to hearing about new chapters in your lives.

Gratefully,
Mason

Music Associate Report
Submitted by Dawn Harrison

We were finally able to have choir rehearsals in person this year. While some children were still willing to wear masks, it was wonderful to have the fellowship without the computer being involved. The choir season runs from August through Pentecost, usually the end of May.

I continued with a Cherub Choir this year and while our numbers were smaller we still had an energetic few to learn new songs and prepare the songs for the Christmas pageant. I increased the number of songs for the pageant so it was helpful for those who participated to learn them before December. This year we expanded the story of the birth by including the arrival of the Wise Men. My thanks to all the children who participated in the pageant. If you have a child(ren) age 3 and up to and including first grade, please have them join this choir which meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 to 5:00. Not only do we sing songs, we tell stories that help teach vocal techniques, and occasionally we tour the church and talk about Episcopal terminology.

The St. Cecilia Choir kids are: Elijah Edwards, James Edwards, Mary Huskison, Sydney Pape, Zachary Reynolds, PJ Saintilus, and Tallis Wieda. This choir meets at 5:00 – 6:00 on Wednesday in the choir room. Most of these children do double ministries for our church, including being acolytes, so it is convenient for them to sing in the chapel transept when they sing for the service. As with the Cherub Choir they continue to learn more about the Episcopal church and the liturgy.

My thanks to all the children and parents for their help and faithfulness to the music program at St. Paul's.

Music is such an important part of worship and no matter your age or your ability to “carry a tune” you are welcome to join one of our choirs. God really doesn’t care if you can “carry a tune” or not.

Dawn Harrison
Music Associate

Children’s & Youth Ministry Report

Submitted by Cynthia Meisinger

Though only starting in August of 2022, I am thrilled with the year that we have had. After fully relocating to Newnan in September, getting to know St. Paul’s and the surrounding area has been such a wonderful experience and helpful in getting my programming underway.

We started off the year with the Kids vs Parents Kickball game, which was a great way to involve the whole family and get everyone excited about the start of our year. Our next big event was the All Hallows Eve festival, complete with a Chili Competition, Trunk or Treat, and a not-so-haunted house. I was overjoyed by the turnout for both of these events and look forward to making them annual events. The youth had successful gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas enjoying fellowship, food, and games during the holiday season.

There were some scheduling changes that took place, such as beginning to offer Sunday School for 5th-8th grade during the 9 o’clock hour and moving Godly Play to every other Sunday during Children’s Chapel. Moving forward I would like to have Sunday School offerings for all ages, however I will need volunteers that would help with teaching lessons.

I am excited for what 2023 brings for Children’s and Youth Ministries. I have plans to continue to build our Children’s Ministry with events and programming while nurturing our Youth Ministry with continued offerings. I do hope that these ministries will continue to be in the hearts and minds of the parish at St. Paul’s. Their success relies heavily on the involvement and participation of not only the children and youth but also their families and willing volunteers to assist in shaping their faith.

Cynthia Meisinger
Children and Youth

Parish Administrator Report

Submitted by Nicole Ravenell Edwards

I started at St. Paul's July 2022 in a temporary role. The months since coming on board have been spent trying to get trained and establishing processes for completing the church bulletin, newsletter, and work with staff on internal processes to complete administrative tasks. A lot of work has been done and I'm pleased at what has been accomplished, but much more is needed. Over the next few weeks some of you will be contacted to assist with our continued roll out of Realm, participation and/or organization of events and activities, and we will seek out your input in various special projects.

Nicole Ravenell Edwards
Parish Administrator

Communications and Multimedia Report

Submitted by Geoff Mattera

This past summer it was my privilege to be hired as St. Paul's Communications Director. As the era of Covid restrictions continues to recede, it's imperative that St. Paul's demonstrate to the public at large, as well as to our church family, that we are indeed "open for business." It's been exciting to watch, over the last year, as our Sunday morning attendance numbers have risen and some of our long-standing ministries come back into full swing. In order to build continued awareness regarding these and other good things happening at St Paul's, the church has accelerated its use of social media.

Facebook (both our public and private page) is consistently updated with news and announcements regarding our worship services, live-streaming, Wednesday night suppers, special events, youth group activities, etc. St. Paul's website continues to be a work in progress as revisions are ongoing in order to simplify and enrich the experience of any user who browses our site. Our YouTube channel now not only streams our Sunday morning worship services, but we have expanded our programming to include two ministry profile videos (Acolyte Training and Healing Intercessors) and the "St. Paul's Revealed" series. While our presence on the Internet has certainly grown, and will continue to do so, it's important to remember that social media can never replace the blessings St. Paul's can offer *in person* to our surrounding community.

Our church will face challenges in 2023, including the search for a new rector, choir director, and parish administrator. I look forward to collaborating with the Vestry, staff, ministry heads and volunteers to ensure that we present our church in

its best light to prospective candidates. St. Paul's has a rich history and a creatively dynamic congregation. Our community deserves to have its best attributes effectively conveyed to potential hires.

Finally, I want to say thank you to Rev. Hazel Glover for giving me the opportunity to be on staff. Her intuition and leadership has provided me with the guidance and direction necessary to do my job. It must also be mentioned that St. Paul's communications department would be ineffective without the dedicated efforts of Nicole Edwards, Cole Hankins, Virginia Williams, Anne Graner, Mark Huskison, Mary Huskison, Kasey Yarborough, and Mindy Benefield. I extend my gratitude to these folks as well.

Geoff Mattera
Communications Director

Compliance and Documentation Report

Submitted by Tony King

Implementation of the Diocesan Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth was a major focus of the Vestry in 2022. A safeguarding policy implementation team comprised of Tony King, Mark Huskison, Nicole Edwards and Cynthia Meisinger was formed to review the diocesan policy, make recommendations to the vestry and plan implementation of the policy at St. Paul's. The vestry added the diocesan safeguarding policy to the church bylaws, then amended certain screening and training requirements per recommendations by the implementation team to better conform the policy to our parish programs and customs. Implementation has begun with a goal to have the parish in compliance by June 30, 2023.

The parish by-laws were added to the St. Paul's website along with the Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People policies to improve access and transparency.

Tony King
Compliance and Documentation

Health and Healing Report

Submitted by Polly Hopkins, Health and Healing Vestry Liaison

This ministry is prepared to help parishioners with specific needs and is available to provide a meal or a list of community resources. Frank West coordinates all requests and Lisa Beerman is coordinating meals. If you or a fellow parishioner

need assistance from the Health and Healing ministry, please complete the pastoral care card that can be found in the back of the pews or accessed online.

Blood Drives hosted by St. Paul's

Wendy Llosa and Virginia Williams, Ministry Leaders

In 2022 St. Paul's hosted three blood drives. The turnout was great for all three and we exceeded our unit goal each session. We currently have three blood drives scheduled for 2023. For more information contact Virginia Williams via email vb_williams@yahoo.com or Wendy Llosa at wendy@llosacentral.com.

Daughters of the King

Robyn Olsan, Ministry Leader

DOK is an international organization for women of the Episcopal Church. Their mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. If you are interested in learning more about the DOK, Robyn Olsan (404) 630-3496 is the ministry leader.

Grief Ministry

Alice Ann Massenburg, Ministry Leader

This ministry assists the people of St. Paul's who are grieving the loss of a close loved one. Four books and letters are sent to grieving parishioners upon the death of an immediate family member according to a recommended schedule.

Healing Intercessors

Anne Graner, Ministry Leader

The Healing intercessors ministry's purpose is to support parishioners through prayer. All prayer requests are held in confidence and can be for specific needs, needs of others, or unspoken. This ministry has blossomed this year. Membership has grown which has allowed them to be present in the transept before the 10:30 am service, during communion and after the 10:30 am service. If you have a prayer request, questions about the ministry or would like to become a part of this ministry, please contact Anne Graner at (404) 444 6015.

Polly Hopkins
Health and Healing

Outreach Report

Submitted by Lauren Gallagher with invaluable input from Nicole Edwards

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ~Acts 20:28

The outreach committee was busy in 2022 and provided the following assistance to worthy groups as follows:

Corral (\$2,500)

The Coweta Organization for Riding, Rehabilitation and Learning provides therapy support using horses. St. Paul's is sponsoring Maxx, a 14-year-old quarter.

Hope Revisited (\$5,000)

Hope Revisited was established in February of 2021 with a goal of reintegrating families that have been separated, into healthy sustainable family units and creating strong family bonds that will last for generations to come.

I58 Mission (\$2,500)

The I-58 Mission is designed to *Exalt Christ and make Him known* by caring for those in crisis. They work to meet people's physical needs and show the love of Christ.

One Roof (\$10,300)

St. Paul's is one of the early supporters of One Roof. One Roof provides food, clothing, and financial assistance to those in need, as well as shelter to women and children at The Lodge. They also run a thrift store to help support their non-profit mission. Serving over 6000 families per year, One Roof helps lift up those in need through material and spiritual support.

Heartfelt thanks to Jennifer Jones for heading the Grants Committee, Carrie Wendelburg for the Angel Tree, Josh Weida for our involvement in Work of Our Hands, and Nicole Edwards for doing an amazing job in this ministry.

St. Paul's is known for community generosity and support of all God's people. We have many opportunities to continue this vital work in 2023, so please look for ways to get involved.

Lauren Gallagher
Outreach

Parish Life Report

Submitted by Frankey Henderson, Parish Life Vestry Liaison

The purpose of the Parish Life ministries is to provide opportunities within our parish for fellowship, spiritual growth, and celebration of special Holy Days of the liturgical calendar. The ministries that were active during 2022 are Men's Club, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Special Events and Receptions, Wednesday Night Supper, and Parish Library. Ministries that were active in previous years, prior to pandemic restrictions included Foyer Groups and Women's Book Club. If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries and would like more information please contact the Vestry Liaison and/or the ministry leader.

Men's Club

Bob Heaberlin, Ministry Chairman

The Men's Club has been actively in 2022. We have a great number of members who are consistently active and participating in activities. The members met in the parish hall on Sunday evenings about once a month for fellowship. The November dinner meeting honored our veterans. Steve Quesinberry, one of the greatest teachers ever in Coweta County, was the guest speaker. Steve presented his new book, *Better Men*. A Christmas dinner was also held. Plans are for the ministry to continue to meet and we welcome anyone who would like to participate. The next meeting will be held January 29th.

Men's Retreat

Frank West, Ministry Leader

The Men's Retreat was a huge success in 2022. We met August 12-14 at Camp Mikell and was facilitated by Rev. Kyle Mackey. The time together was one of fellowship and spiritual renewal. The 2023 retreat is planned for August 18-20 and will be facilitated by Rev. Mark S. Johnson.

Parish Library

Jennifer Jones, Parish Librarian

The mission of the library is to make books and other materials readily available to all St Paul's parishioners and to provide support for church education programs. The library strives to make materials available that provide inspiration and knowledge to help individuals grow in their faith and to promote spiritual development. In 2020, we added over 50 books to the library's collection. In 2023, we hope to continue to expand the collection with an emphasis on subjects the Adult Formation group is studying. The library's collection is available online.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Katie McBride-Newman, Ministry Leader

Katie McBride-Newman coordinates rotating teams that plan, prepare, and serve either home-cooked or restaurant-catered meals to church members and guests. Wednesday Night Suppers are a time to relax and take a night off cooking while enjoying the fellowship of others. People come not only to be in fellowship but also to use this as time to relax during the busy Wednesday night church programming. Volunteers can either be reimbursed or you can donate the meal.

Women's Retreat

Marianne Lawhead, Ministry Leader

St. Paul's women's retreats are a time for women of the church to go away for a weekend of rest, renewal and fellowship. The 2022 retreat theme was "From Uncertainty to Peace and Purpose" and was held February 18-20, 2022 at Forrest Hills Resort, Dahlonega. Judy Prokopiak was the guest facilitator.

Frankey Henderson

Parish Life

Welcoming Report

Submitted by Marianne Lawhead, Welcoming Vestry Liaison

Welcoming had some significant accomplishments in 2022. First, our new visitor pew cards were finalized. These new cards have a QR code which allows visitors to enter their contact information directly into Realm using their cell phone. This integration with the Realm app should improve our ability to follow up with our visitors more quickly. Secondly, we hosted a Newcomer Brunch at Hazel's home in May. More than a dozen new members attended the brunch along with staff and vestry members. Plans for a Newcomer event in February 2023 are underway.

Coffee Hour

Nikki Henderson, Ministry Leader

Coffee hour continues to provide our members refreshments during our fellowship time with our members and visitors following the 10:30 Sunday service. While operating well in 2022, Coffee Hour needs more volunteers. Coffee Hour's 2023 goal is to add 6 new members. Scheduling is done through Sign Up Genius with plans to incorporate Realm into the process in 2023.

Greeters

Marianne Lawhead, Ministry Leader

Our Greeters team is up and running through Realm. This ministry continues to be a vital first point of contact for visitors and our current members on Sunday mornings. More team members would be welcomed. Our goal is to add 4-5 new members in 2023.

Java Crew

Mindy Benefield, Ministry Leader

Java Crew puts the coffee in coffee hour! This ministry group sets up our coffee service area and sees that fresh coffee is brewed and refilled during our coffee hour. Java Crew's goal for 2023 is to add 5 new members.

Marianne Lawhead

Welcoming

Altar Guild

Submitted by Kathy Ellison and Renee Powell, Co-Leaders

The purpose of the Altar Guild at Saint Paul's is the care and preparation of the sanctuary and altar, vestments, vessels, linens, and supplies that are used in our liturgy. The objective of the Altar Guild is always "care, beauty and traditional correctness attended upon the worship of Almighty God." Altar Guild members are responsible for the set up and clean up after all worship services, as well as weddings and funerals. They wash and iron all small linens and fair linens used in the services. Other responsibilities include polishing silver vessels and brass items during the year and changing the frontal colors according to the season.

Kathy Ellison and Renee Powell

Altar Guild

2022 Rites of Passage

Baptisms

Isobel Jane Berry
Cecilia Page Monti
Silas Padraig Nieto
John Willcoxson Thomasson

Marriages/Vow Renewal

Mindy Friesen and Guy Benefield
Polly Haugen and Bruce MacLane
Kathy and Dwight Ellison

Deaths

Frances Wortham Goodrum
William Mossman Jones
Mary Ellen Sergent
Charles Stenius Stone
Cleo “Kiki” Rebecca Jones Ward

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CLERGY AND Staff

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Rector; **The Rev. Mark S. Johnson**, Deacon; **Mason Copeland**, Organist and Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Cynthia Meisinger**, Children and Youth Director; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Assistant; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Assistant.

VESTRY

Renee Powell, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Lauren Gallagher**, Outreach Liaison; **Philip Hand**, Stewardship Liaison; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life Liaison; **Virginia Williams**, Communications Liaison; **Polly Hopkins**, Health and Healing Liaison; **Marianne Lawhead**, Welcoming Liaison; **Tony King**, Compliance and Documentation Liaison.