



The Word

The Newsletter for the Friends of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

A Message from Mother Anne



Dear Friends,

We have been St. Paul's Beyond the Walls since the sudden impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in March. It has been a long eight months. The change is felt daily by each of us. You have been forced to find new ways of working, studying, and connecting. Together, we are living our faith and our hope in a very new way. Through all of this, the clergy, staff and people of St. Paul's have continued to do the good and holy work of our Church.

- We help our community—we continue to host regular Red Cross blood drives, we help move families from homelessness to stable housing (including helping people evacuated during the recent fires), and we reach out through our music ministry.

- We gather virtually—our committees and ministries have shifted to online meetings. Our live-streamed services and concerts are reaching from 300 to 650 screens—a very large congregation compared to our usual Sunday attendance of 200-300 people.

- We worship—we gathered at a Mass on the Grass service unlike any other! Thank you to those of you who came. Thank you to those of you who stood in the park to watch and listen at a distance. Thank you to those of you who watched online and put up with the technical difficulties.

- We give—when we put out the call for help to pay for the new communications equipment—cameras and more—you answered with abundant generosity. Our At Home Gala raised \$45,000—wonderful! Thank you for your faithfulness and trust. Every contribution, large and small, is precious and appreciated. Every bit of the money is allocated with great care.

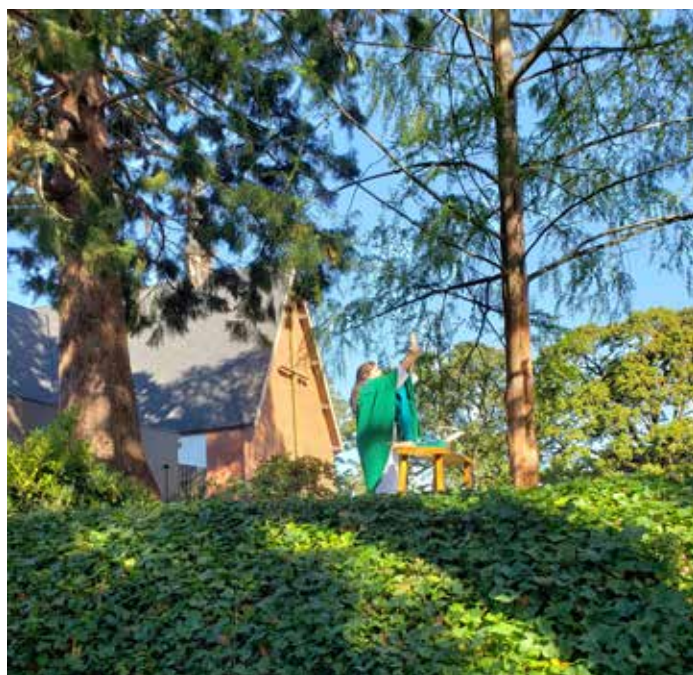
My heart is overflowing with gratitude for you. I miss you, and I know you are there. Thank you for your messages: online, by email, and through the mail. You have told us how much everything we are doing together means to you.

You tell us over and over that it helps to know St. Paul's is here, and to know you can express your faith through worship and music in safety, even in this isolated time.

We are St. Paul's—we are here for you now, and we will be here and strong when this pandemic season is over. We have not stopped doing the work of Christ in the world. You are part of something that makes a difference, right here. Right now. Thank you for your continued support, we depend on it. We can't be St. Paul's without you. We are a community of faith, of prayer, and of generous care for each other. We live in hope of God's promise to us. In the words of St. Paul: *"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us"* (Romans 8).

May the grace, mercy and peace of God be with you now and evermore,

Mother Anne



WORSHIP



Stewardship & Anxiety

“For I know the plans I have for you, plans for your prosperity, and not for evil, to give you a future, and hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

We have been living for many months now amid multiple crises, with lots of uncertainty. Uncertainty creates anxiety. Anxiety is the emotion-driven thought process that takes over when we are confronted by the limits of our control over outcomes. In other words, anxiety shows up when we realize we are not God.

The antidote to anxiety is *faith*. Now: faith is not naïve credulity that everything will turn out the way we want. Faith recognizes the boundary between the things that are ours to manage and the things we cannot control. The intersection of capacity and powerlessness is where we meet God. What we cannot control must be offered to God.

It’s normal to have anxiety about finances. And why not? In our culture and economy, money equals survival. Anxiety – hyper-awareness of the limits of our control – relates to our sense of security, and our culture tells us repeatedly that security depends on wealth. So when we are insecure, we worry about money. But as the twentieth-century martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer observed in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship* (1937), trusting in material wealth actually increases our anxiety, because we begin to worry about losing it. We perpetually wonder: will I have enough? The antidote to financial anxiety is *generosity*.

Anxiety around money shows up in the Church, too because it represents stability and signifies the health of something vitally important to us. But the Church is not a business where success and viability are measured primarily by financial projections and meeting targets. The success of a vibrant parish is calibrated by the way it cares for its people, brings a message of hope, instructs us in the faith, draws us into a relationship with Christ, helps us make sense of our world, and gives purpose and meaning. That’s not quantifiable in dollars.

But of course, it takes money to do what churches are expected to do. And so, in the midst of a great deal of very real anxiety and uncertainty, we ask you to pray and renew, increase, or initiate your financial support for St. Paul’s, because you believe in what we’re doing. Because you believe that Jesus is Lord and that what we teach, preach, believe, and live at St. Paul’s is of real, tangible, and intangible benefit to our members and neighbors. Because this family in Christ has helped and supported you, inspired you, and you want that joy and consolation for others, as well. Give in gratitude for all that God has done for you and as a sign of your faith and trust that God will continue to provide.

ST. PAUL'S HAPPENINGS & NEWS

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day is a daily devotional resource loved by Episcopalians and widely available in parishes across the country. Each page contains a reflection by guest writers based on the Bible readings for every day of the year. But if recent closures and uncertain re-opening time lines have you wondering how to get your next edition, never fear! You can subscribe and have the quarterly issues delivered directly to your home. Large-print, Spanish, and e-Book editions are available. Or, you can sign up for free daily emails! Visit forwardmovement.org and order your preferred version today!

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee spent the last 18 months revising the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for Lay Employees to ensure compliance with recent changes to employment laws. To St. Paul's benefit, the Committee was able to lean on the expertise of Randy Sutton, a lawyer with Saalfeld Griggs Law and the son of Larry Sutton, the Committee Chair. By the time the Personnel Committee handed over the revised Manual for Vestry review in July 2020, Randy and his colleagues had provided St. Paul's with a complete standard Personnel Manual template and countless hours of review, all for a minimal gratuity. In appreciation of the first-rate service at a bargain, Senior Warden Toni Phipps, and Larry Sutton met Randy at his office in early August to present him with wine and truffles (made by St. Paul's talented chef, Shauna Hodges). Hopefully Randy enjoyed the wine and truffles as much as St. Paul's appreciated his help.



St. Joseph's Woodcutters

The Woodcutters are back doing what they do best, namely cutting, storing, and delivering chopped wood to individuals in need. This ministry is long-standing and meets every Tuesday. The spirit of camaraderie and communion shared by these men is central to their relationships and the hard work involved. Many members of our congregation have been recipients of their labor and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you gentlemen!

Knit, Pray, and Crochet

While the church buildings have been closed and the weather cooperated, the Knit, Pray and Crochet ministry found an alternate location to meet in fellowship and to do their work. A shady yard with gentle breezes caressing their busy hands, these ladies are knitting and crocheting hats, lap blankets, and scarfs that will keep students and guests of the UGM warm this winter. Laughter can be heard as well as quiet conversation. Members who are unable to join in the afternoon gatherings continue to knit or crochet in their homes and then deliver their goods to the church. Thank you ladies (you know who are).



Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to virtually meet on Zoom. If you wish to join in with this group, please contact Martin Loring at 503-364-4379 or mwloring5332@outlook.com. Participants will receive an email with the materials to be read and discussed as well as a link to the Zoom meeting. If you do not have an email, Martin can provide information on the readings to read on your own and a phone number to access the meeting via your phone.

Keepers of the Garden

The roses outside the Chapel were beautiful this year. Thanks to Mary Ann and Roy Bryan's ministry the rose bushes have been watered and pruned all summer long. They provide a beautiful backdrop for the stained glass window that has been reinstalled in the Chapel. The blueberry bushes that the Bryan's planted in the courtyard last year also flourished – although not as bountifully due to lack of water with the church buildings closure. But, there is evidence that birds did partake of the few berries that survived. Thanks, Mary Ann and Roy.



STAFF PROFILE



Meet Nicholas Ertsgaard!

From the very beginning of the pandemic, Nicholas Ertsgaard has been our go-to person for online worship. The first services were broadcast using nothing but his mobile phone. Gifted with a tremendous ability to multitask, he was troubleshooting, reviewing tutorials, and setting up the layout and blocking for the service--all at the same time in those first days! He did amazing work under pressure. Nick has taken on a huge responsibility, and he has been involved in every step of identifying and applying our new technology and software. His efforts have made it possible for us to meet and worship together when we need each other more than ever.

Nick serves as Associate Director of Music at St. Paul's. He grew up in Salem and joined St. Paul's Music Ministry six years ago. In addition to assisting Dr. Klemme with our Music Guild, he directs the children's bell choirs, selects and plays the music for Wednesday services, runs Zoom meetings for the children's choirs, directs the Canterbury ensemble, plays and records for the St. Paul ringers, sings in and assists Paul leading Trinity Choir, composes music for music groups and services at St Paul's, and now he is also our tech guru.

His ministry extends beyond his service to St. Paul's. He is the program director of Western Compass, an ecumenical organization (partially funded by the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon) which ministers to students at Western Oregon

University. They have weekly fellowship over shared meals, periodic special programs and retreats, and spiritual and emotional support. That ministry has also had to adapt to an online model. When the world is not amid a pandemic, he also sings professionally as a Tenor soloist, and with professional choral groups in Portland including Cappella Romana, Resonance Ensemble, and the Ensemble of Oregon, all of which are currently on hiatus.

Nick grew up in Salem and graduated from South Salem High School in 2006. Nick currently has a bachelor's degree in Music, with an emphasis in vocal performance, from Millikin University in Decatur, IL, and a bachelor's degree in Science in communicative disorders from Utah State University. He is currently continuing his education and working towards his master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology at Nova Southeastern University. Nick and Hanna were married in July 2013 and they welcomed twin boys, James and Benjamin, in November 2017. Nick and Hanna were gracious to share those precious moments; they allowed Dr. Klemme and Mother Anne to meet the boys in the hospital, on the day they were born!

Nick's favorite things about St. Paul's:

- We are an open and welcoming congregation. "You don't have to check your brain at the door".
- It is a great community, there is always room for everyone.
- Of course, the music!

He is partial to Honey Crisp apples with a wedge of sharp Tillamook cheddar cheese, paired with a lovely Oregon Pinot Noir. Nick enjoys watching the British Bake-Off and eating any kind of pizza or carbs and cheese—if you haven't seen his video of how to make Syrian bread, you should find it on YouTube; the boys play supporting roles. Thank you, Nick, for your continued dedication to helping St. Paul's community lift up our hearts in this new world.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Orders due by October 31

Orders for Egan Garden's poinsettias due now! Pricing for the plants is as follows:



- \$15 (1-4 plants)
- \$14 (5-9)
- \$13 (10-19)
- \$12 (20+)

Color options: Red, White, Pink, Burgundy, Jingle Bells(glitter). Please indicate the number of plants and what color plant(s) you would like when ordering. Payments can be made by check or cash to the office or online at www.stpaulsoregon.org, please select the Poinsettia Fund in the drop-down menu. Contact Amy Goerger amygoerger@stpaulsoregon.org, to place your order today!

Pick Up on December 6: Plants will be available for pick-up on December 6th. All monies raised will benefit the children and youth ministries of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

This is NOT Sunday School

This fall the children and families of St. Paul's are gathering online to grow in Christ together as we look at a different Bible story each week. Join us as we read, discuss and engage with God's Word in fun and creative ways that are designed for the whole family! We meet via Zoom on Sundays at 11:30am. The Forma and Forward Movement ministries of the Episcopal church have made the source materials available for you to access at your convenience at www.ChurchNext.tv.

SPY (St. Paul's Youth)

You are loved and you are missed! We want to see your faces! Youth in grades 6-12 please join our weekly Zoom meeting Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. Monthly in-person gatherings are happening on the following dates:

October 18-Pumpkin Carving Fall Fun! (Thanks to those that participated in this event!)

November 15-Christmas Share Wrap Party

December 20-Compline by Candle Light (Longest Night of the Year)

In order to ensure the proper safety precautions are being observed and to reserve your spot for these events, please register for in-person gatherings by email to amygoerger@stpaulsoregon.org.



ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING DRIVE THRU EVENTS

St Paul's Drive Boo & Trick or Treat

October 31, between 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

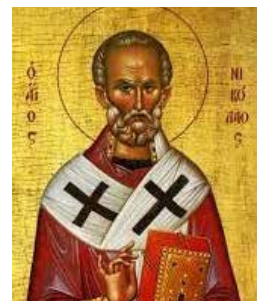
The entire family will love St. Paul's Halloween "Drive Boo & Trick or Treat" event. Join us for a safe Halloween experience. This event will take place while the sun is still up, with guests safely in their vehicles, and allow for Trick or Treating at socially-distanced candy stops.



Happy St. Nicholas Day! Drive Thru

December 6, between 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Drive through for a hot cocoa to go and a chance to see St. Nicholas. He'll have his gold coins ready to hand out! Christmas Share gifts may be dropped off at this time as well. Don't forget to pick up your beautiful poinsettia plants too!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

All Saints' Day

November 1, 11:30 a.m.

Join us this year for a Saintly Scavenger Hunt Zoom style! During our Children and Family Ministry Online Zoom, we will celebrate All Saints' Day with a fun activity to get us thinking about some famous faithful followers of God!

All Saints' Day Art Projects

Mary, Mother of God 2017



Communion of Saints 2018



Christ Pantocrator 2019



Advent To Go

Do Not Be Afraid! Advent begins Sunday, November 29, and at-home activities for individuals and families will be available the week of November 22nd. This year we will publish a St. Paul's Advent Devotional booklet written entirely by our beloved parishioners! Contact Amy Goerger amygoerger@stpaulsoregon.org or the church to arrange a pick up time or request delivery.



Virtual Christmas Pageant

The wonderful Christmas Eve pageant that is traditionally acted out during the afternoon Children and Family service will not be able to happen in all its typical chaos. Fear not! A virtual pageant of sorts will be pre-recorded this year and will be filled with children, costumes, singing, and joy! Children and families who would like to be a part of our virtual pageant please contact Amy Goerger amygoerger@stpaulsoregon.org.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

Music Ministry During a Pandemic!

Greetings, to my dear St. Paul's congregation. The organ was my main instrument of study during college. I also studied and learned about the art of conducting. During the time of COVID, I am conducting performances on my newfound instrument - the cell phone! These challenging times are forcing our music ministers to share their God-given talents over the Internet.

I am so grateful to the St. Paul's virtual music team who have stepped forward to assist. Nicholas Ertsgaard, Bob Morris, Clarke Hylton, Mark Kavanagh, Thomas Carpenter, and Simon Staples have all helped to send videos and build virtual choirs.

I invite you to go to stpaulsoregon.org and view the many video submissions that include Hymns for the Soul, Music Ministry Messages, Music Guild concerts, Sunday morning services, and Daily prayer offices. Simply click on the YouTube link on the front page. It will take you to the archived YouTube channel. Remember to scroll down the page to find all of the content. Enjoy!

Please see the next column on this page for information about the next three Evensong Concerts. All concerts are free to the public. Donations to the St. Paul's Music Guild can be sent to the church or can be made at the "Give Online" button at the St. Paul's website (stpaulsoregon.org.) Choose the music guild option.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Paul Klemme, Director of Music Ministries



EVENSONG CONCERTS

November Evensong Concert: November 1 at 4 p.m.

In observance of All Saints Day, the St. Paul's Music Guild is offering a performance of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem". A chamber group of musicians distanced and masked will offer this beloved masterpiece written in 1890. The concert will be streamed on St. Paul's YouTube channel that day.



December Evensong Concert: December 6 at 4 p.m.

"Celtic Music for Advent" will be offered through a live stream performance on the St. Paul's YouTube channel. Tenor, Nicholas Ertsgaard will be featured along with violinist, David Feinberg, and Laura Zaerr on the Celtic Harp.



January Evensong Concert: January 3 at 4 p.m.

Jeannine and David Jordan offer "Around the World in 80 Minutes" as a part of the May Dudley Memorial Organ Concert. This multi-media event will be on St. Paul's YouTube Channel. Jeannine will play the Gabriel Kney Organ at St. Paul's while Media Artist David will show images from around the world through a power-point display. They both live in Lincoln City, Oregon and are happy to share this concert with you.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

NOV		JAN	
Sun. Nov 1	All Saints Day	Sun. Jan 3	Christmas II
Sun. Nov 8	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. Jan 10	Epiphany I
Sun. Nov 15	24th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. Jan 17	Epiphany II
Sun. Nov 22	The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King	Sun. Jan 24	Epiphany III
Sun. Nov 29	Advent I	Sun. Jan 31	Epiphany IV
DEC		FEB	
Sun. Dec 6	Advent II	Sun. Feb 7	Epiphany V
Sun. Dec 13	Advent III	Sun. Feb 14	Last Sunday After the Epiphany V
Sun. Dec 20	Advent IV	Sun. Feb 21	First Sunday of Lent
Thurs. Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	Sun. Feb 28	Second Sunday of Lent
Fri. Dec. 25	Christmas Day		
Sun. Dec. 27	Christmas I		

Join Us Regularly

SUNDAYS

Morning Prayer (Rite II) 10:00 am (Live-streamed on Facebook & YouTube)

EVENT	DAY	TIME	WINTER DATES		
Advent Choir	Wednesdays	4:15 pm	Nov 4, 11, 18	Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30	Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
Children & Families	Sunday	11:30 am	Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Dec. 13, 20, 7	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Coffee Class	Select Sundays	12:00 pm	see e-Board	see e-Board	see e-Board
Drive Thru Events (In-Person)	Sunday		Oct. 31 @ 4 pm	Dec. 6 @ 12 pm	TBD
Finance Committee Meeting	Third Tuesday of the month	12:00 pm	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 19
Grace Notes Choir Rehearsal	Sundays	5:30 pm	Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays	5:40 pm	Nov. 5, 12, 19	Dec. 3, 10, 17	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
Knit, Pray, Crochet	Second Tuesday of the month	7:00 pm	Nov. 12	Dec. 10	Jan. 14
Men's Bible Study	Wednesdays	8:00 am	Nov. 4, 11, 18	Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30	Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
Parish Life Ministries Meeting	First Wednesday of the month	11:30 am	Nov. 4	Dec. 2	Jan. 6
Personnel Committee Meeting	First Tuesday of the month	10:00 am	Nov. 3	Dec. 1	Jan. 5
Primary Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays	3:45 pm	Nov. 4, 11, 18	Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30	Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
Property Committee Meeting	First Tuesday of the month	4:00 pm	Nov. 3	Dec. 1	Jan. 5
SPY (St. Paul's Youth)	Sunday	4:00 pm	Nov. 1, 8, 22, 29	Dec. 6, 13, 27	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Trinity Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays	7:00 pm	Nov. 5, 12, 19	Dec. 3, 10, 17	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
Vestry Meeting	Third Tuesday of the month	6:30 pm	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 19

*All meetings are being held via **Zoom** until further notice or unless noted.*

Please see the weekly e-Board or website for the most updated information: stpaulsoregon.org/calendar

SENIOR WARDEN MESSAGE

St. Paul's Anti-Racism Statement: *"As followers of Christ, we strive to be an inclusive and affirming congregation. Everyone is welcome to participate fully in our community life, regardless of race or ethnicity, national origin, citizenship, age, political views, education, physical ability, economic or employment situation, relationship status, gender expression, sexual orientation, or any other markers of identity people sometimes use to create division. All are invited to receive Holy Communion. As St. Paul wrote in the Letter to the Romans, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God'."*

Dear Friends,

By now you are aware of the banners that are flying proudly on our church property: Made in the Image of God, Black Lives Matter. Your Vestry carefully considered expressing our mission and crafted the wording for the banner. We recognize making a civil rights statement could be seen as controversial, but many members of our congregation feel that a public statement regarding the current racial unrest in our community is an important proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your Vestry agreed.

Last year, Vestry developed a statement of our Core Values, founded on the truth everyone is created equal in the image of God. From that, we clarified our commitment that St. Paul's is a strong, thriving, caring, inclusive and open faith community. The wording in our banners, and the Anti-Racism statement adopted by Vestry makes the point that we are not there yet.

We established that St. Paul's needs to strive for a more just community--a community that acknowledges that white privilege, and the resulting denial of true equal access to education, health care, housing, and jobs to nonwhite individuals, are not Gospel values. We are called to participate in the building of God's just and peaceful Kingdom.

We are in support of a non-partisan, social justice and civil rights movement. We believe that our banners give a voice to many in our community who are not being heard. It is perfectly expressed in our Baptismal Covenant that we will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. We affirm that all lives matter, but only when black lives matter equally will all lives truly matter.

This past Sunday, two members of our congregation led a Coffee Class conversation on the impact of racism, and specifically how the laws, policies, and practices that shaped Oregon's troubled racial past were engineered with the intention of oppressing non-white people. To some extent, the history of the Episcopal Church has been complicit; the Church's early leaders also engaged in these same practices, or remained silent. The Coffee Class discussion was informative, interactive, and overall very positive. We prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit to help us live into our Baptismal Covenant.

I invite you to join us for the next session, November 15, on this topic. Coffee class and Zoom information will be available in the weekly e-Board. Let's work together to ensure that St. Paul's future is shaped by our Gospel values.

Toni Phipps, Senior Warden



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