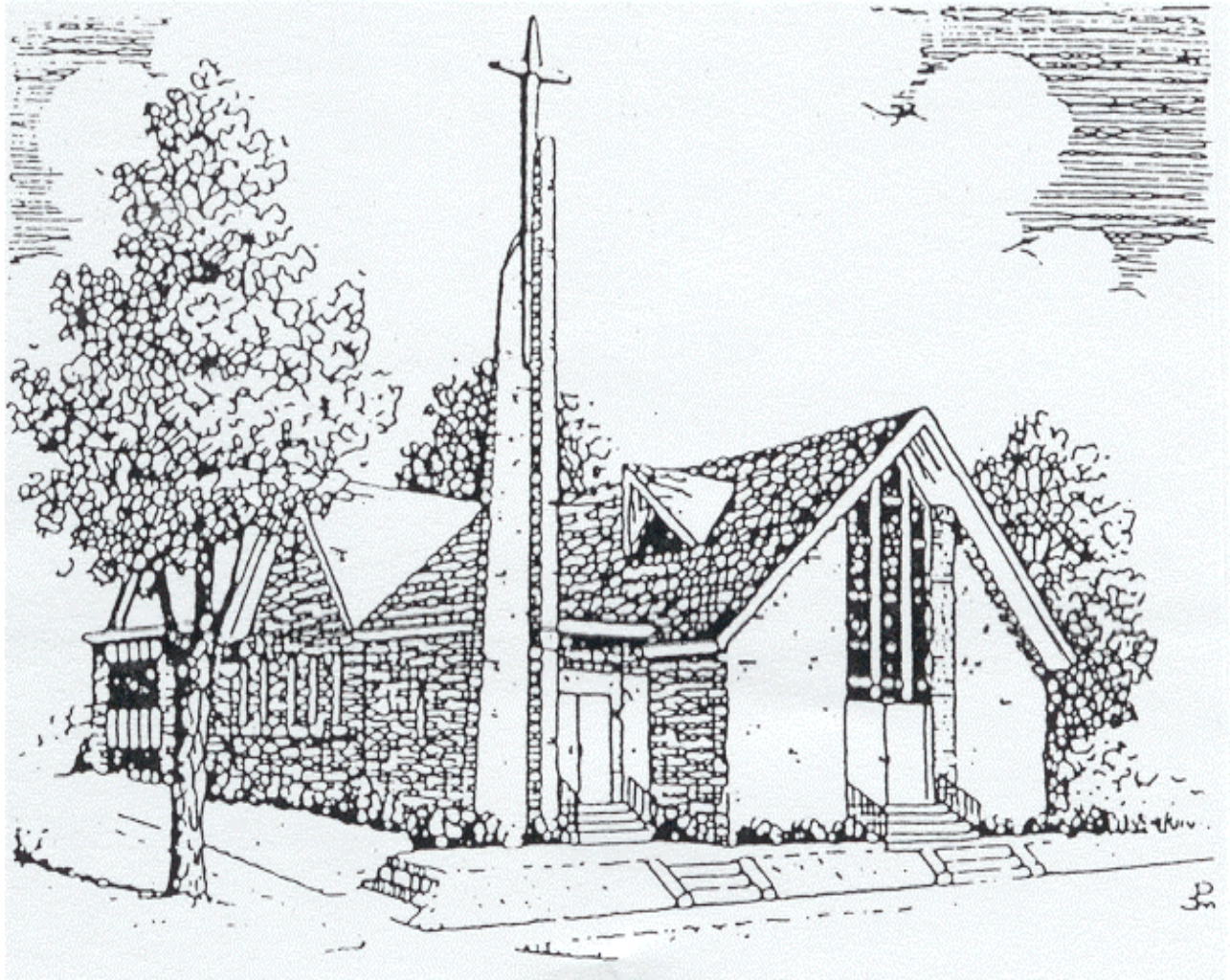




St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Good News



**Feb, Mar, April
2020**

Sunday:
Rite I: 8:00am

Sunday
Rite II:
10:00am

Office Hours:
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
10:30 - 2:30

Good News Editor
Sandy McEwan
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Priest in Charge
Rev. Kristen C. Foley

Office Manager Hours
Tue, Wed & Thur
10:30 - 2:30

Clergy's Corner

February 1, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This season brings new opportunities for new vision, new love, and new hope. These virtues can seem hard to find in today's troubled world, but Christ's everlasting promises of peace endure. Saint Paul's Episcopal Church's journey through Lent 2020 will be guided by our longing for new vision, new love, and new hope.

New Vision: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18a, KJV)

By engaging in prayerful conversations, the faithful folks of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church continue to discern God's vision for us as a community. These conversations occur whenever we gather, but they are especially holy when we gather as a community to study the Bible. The seasonal Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays after the midweek service during Lent (February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1). Evening sessions can be scheduled depending on interest expressed.

New Love: "The greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13b)

Jesus calls us to love God and our neighbor and there will be three opportunities to live into Christ's call during Lent.

On March 21, there will be a SPACE gathering from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. SPACE is Saint Paul's All-Ages Christian Education ministry, providing an opportunity for people of all ages to get together and learn about the Lent and Easter seasons.

On March 28, the church will be open for quiet and prayer from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. There will be communal prayer at 9:30 AM followed by time for individual silent meditation.

On April 6, we are excited to host "The Outlet," an opportunity to open our doors to kids from the congregation and the wider community during Spring Break. Offering time and space for play, crafts, lunch, and educational activities, "The Outlet" will be held from 8 AM to 1 PM in Rennell Hall.

New Hope: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." (Romans 15:13a)

There is nothing more hope-filled than the promise of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. We find this hope by journeying through Holy Week together, moving ever closer to the joy of the resurrection.

Palm / Passion Sunday is April 5. We worship together at 8 AM and 10 AM to mark Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem and to hear the story of his suffering on the cross.

Maundy Thursday is April 9. The 7 PM service remembers the Last Supper and includes the option to participate in foot washing. After the altar is stripped in silence, the church will remain open for one hour of prayerful meditation in the Lady Chapel.

Good Friday is April 10. The 12 Noon service walks with Jesus through his passion, death, and burial. At 7 PM, we remember Christ's journey to death in the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday is April 12. Both Holy Eucharists (8 AM and 10 AM) joyfully celebrate Christ's triumph over death, the ultimate sign of God's love for all of humanity.

In Christian Hope,

Reverend Foley

priest.spbb@gmail.com

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908-967-8683 (pastoral emergencies)

Warden's Report

The Senior Warden's Report - 2019

Having alternated between Senior Warden and Vestry member over the past 14 years, with multiple experiences and challenges, it is time to pass this responsibility on to another.

Throughout the years, many of our members were responsive in assisting all the various functions necessary to attain and maintain our core activities as each arose. For them and all who were part of these years my appreciation remains endless.

Thank you, and my God bless you and St. Paul's.

With His love,

Carol

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

This meeting is a one-year anniversary. It has been exactly one year that Reverend Foley has been with us. It's been a great benefit to all of us. She has brought a much better organization to the way we run our church. She has taken leadership over pretty much all of our functions and day to day programs. She has been a very strong advocate to meet our full Marks of Mission obligation with the diocese, which we did this year.

Still, we face many difficult challenges for the future. Our congregation is continuing to decline. We are rich on paper but can't balance our annual budget. Many of the ministries that we were so proud of are gone, like Fish Hospitality and the Christmas giving tree. At times it seems as though we have lost our way and only serve our own self-interest. We are praying, we are talking the talk of love and fellowship, but besides a few programs like Lunch on us and the Rummage sale we are doing very little to serve the community around us. We certainly can't blame ourselves entirely, we just don't have the number of members that we did in the past. But we need to try to bring some of these programs back. For me, these are the things that show our commitment to God and show the community his glory. We are the greatness, or folly, of our church. Big numbers or small numbers we can make a difference in peoples lives. Try to do something at St. Paul's this year to help people that are not as fortunate in life as ourselves. I plan too and hope you will as well. I don't know what else we can do to make St. Paul's attractive to new members. The "Heavenly Boutique" is a good example of an effort to serve this local community. Let's hope it works. There is no good excuse as to why we did not host a giving tree this past Christmas even with our smaller congregation. Try to make a difference this year. Our best chance to make St. Paul's healthy is to keep our church's name prominent in the local community.

The Outlet:

Designed to give caregivers a brief break during Spring Break, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church's Rennell Hall will open its doors to kids from the congregation and the wider community on Monday, April 6, from 8 AM to 1 PM. There will be time for play, crafts, lunch, and educational activities. There is no cost to participate - all materials will be provided for free. For questions or to express interest, please see Juli Fischer or Rev. Foley.

Spanish-Language Ministry:

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church worships among many Spanish-speaking people in Bound Brook and our surrounding communities. There will be a brainstorming session this Spring, date and time to be determined, to discuss how to best minister to and with our Spanish-speaking neighbors. All members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to attend and share your ideas, inclusive of all languages spoken.

Pray with a Priest:

In an ongoing effort to meet our neighbors and expand our presence in the community, our Pray with a Priest ministry continues. Join Rev. Foley from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at the McDonald's at the Promenade and/or from 12:30 to 1:30 PM at the Panera on the Somerville Circle on the following dates:

February 11,
March 10, and
April 22.

Open Office Hours:

Reverend Foley's office is open for prayer and conversation most Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. There are also evening office hours scheduled for 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on the following Thursdays: February 20, March 19, and April 16. Be sure to check the church's Facebook page or website in case of cancellations. No need to call in advance - feel free to stop by



EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING

Given by: _____

In Memory of / In Thanksgiving for (circle one):

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Altar Guild and place them in the alms basin or return to the office. Thank you.

Love Local:

There will be two opportunities to support local businesses on Main Street through our Love Local ministry: February 19 and April 15. We will meet at the church at 12:45 to decide where to enjoy lunch and drive there as a group. The date, time, and location of an evening "Love Local" will be announced soon.

Ashes to Go:

Please join Rev. Foley and other brave volunteers as we meet our neighbors at the Bound Brook train station. We will offer prayers and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday - February 26 - from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM. This unique ministry presents an opportunity to welcome others to the Lenten journey.

Ash Wednesday:

There are two opportunities to worship as a congregation on Ash Wednesday, February 26 - 12 Noon and 7 PM. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and the celebration of the Eucharist. Come and begin your Lenten journey with the faithful people of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church!

Adult Christian Education in Lent:

A six-session Lenten Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays after the midweek Eucharist for approximately 45 minutes using a curriculum to be determined. Feel free to come to all the sessions or as many as fit in your weekly schedule. The Bible Study sessions are scheduled for February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1. Please see Rev. Foley if you are interested in an abbreviated evening Bible Study series.

SPACE Gathering in Lent:

SPACE is Saint Paul's All-Ages Christian Education ministry. We will gather in Rennell Hall on Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM to learn about Lent and Easter through Bible study, craft activities, and conversation. There is no cost to participate; all materials, including snacks, are provided for free. Please let Rev. Foley know if you plan to attend.

Lenten Quiet Morning:

Lent can seem like a long season, especially if we journey alone. Let us come together as a community on Saturday, March 28, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM for a Lenten Quiet Morning. Our morning begins with communal prayer and the rest of the time is available for silent prayer and meditation.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

The holiest days of the Christian year are observed between Palm / Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday. Come, pray, and worship as a community!

April 5 - Palm / Passion Sunday, 8 AM and 10 AM

April 8 - Holy Wednesday, 12 Noon (No Bible Study)

April 9 - Maundy Thursday, 7 PM (optional foot washing and silent prayer in the Lady Chapel)

April 10 - Good Friday, 12 Noon

April 10 - Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 8 AM and 10 AM

St. Paul's Super Spring Rummage Sale

Woohoo!!!!

Thursday, April 23, 2020

9 am – 6 pm

&

Friday, April 24, 2020

8 am – 12 noon

(Bag Day)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

214 Church Street

Bound Brook, NJ 08805

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**(Psssttt... there will NOT be a Fall Rummage Sale so please bring all
your items on Set-Up Sunday, April 19th!**



St. Paul's Heavenly Boutique

*New & Gently Used
Women's Clothing & Accessories*



*Open the 2nd Saturday of each month
9:00am - 1:00pm*

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1/4/2020

Their Report - Last year:45
1/1/2019 through 12/31/2019 Using Budget 19

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Category Description	1/1/2019 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2019 Difference
INCOME			
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raisers	1,409.29	700.00	709.29
Inreach-Outreach Contribution	2,874.77	2,875.00	-0.23
Investment Income	19,000.00	19,000.00	0.00
Other Income	6,499.52	7,000.00	-500.48
Plate	2,933.03	3,500.00	-566.97
Pledges	73,977.00	75,000.00	-1,023.00
Rectory Rental	11,400.00	6,500.00	4,900.00
Special Donations	8,516.37	5,000.00	3,516.37
TOTAL INCOME	126,609.98	119,575.00	7,034.98
EXPENSES			
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00
Business Insurance	8,355.00	8,100.00	-255.00
Church School	330.28	500.00	169.72
Continuing Ed - Rector	690.00	756.00	66.00
Housing Allowance - Rector	11,500.00	12,000.00	500.00
Initial Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Insurance - Rector	228.00	0.00	-228.00
Marks Of Mission	Emergers 3566 + 6,434.00 = 10K	10,000.00	3,566.00
Medical Insurance	0.00	228.00	228.00
Miscellaneous	736.22	1,400.00	663.78
Music	72.00	100.00	28.00
Office Supplies	3494 + 1556 5,050.14	4,024.00	-1,026.14
Pension - Rector	6,975.43	8,192.00	1,216.57
Professional Expense - Rector	1,047.52	3,375.00	2,327.48
Rector Supply	806.36	1,500.00	693.64
Rectory Expense	188.13	0.00	-188.13
Repairs & Maintenance	6,952.42	7,000.00	47.58
Salary - Organist	10,250.00	9,000.00	-1,250.00
Salary - Rector	29,013.35	30,275.00	1,261.65
Salary - Secretary	9,069.84	9,070.00	0.16
Salary - Sexton	10,581.59	10,581.00	-0.59
Soc Sec Offset - Rector	3,099.28	3,234.00	134.72
Soc Sec Others	695 + 809 = 1,503.43	1,503.00	-0.43
Travel Expense - Rector	1,146.64	500.00	-646.64
Unknown	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities - Church	12,580.35	12,000.00	-580.35
Utilities - Rectory	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Experience	0.00	250.00	250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	126,609.98	133,588.00	6,978.02
OVERALL TOTAL	0.00	-14,013.00	14,013.00

Food Pantry

Our food pantry continues to collect non-perishable food items that are donated to either the “Lunch On Us” volunteers at St. Paul’s or the Somerset County Food Bank (located on Easy Street in Bound Brook). In addition, we have an annual February “Souper Bowl” collection in which soup and crackers are added to our weekly donations. We encourage the congregation to drop off, what they feel they can afford, in the designated basket which is found in the narthex of the church. Once these donations reach approximately 25 to 30 bags of food, they are transported to the food bank. During the 2019 year, the food pantry has collected approximately 122 bags of groceries. Thank you for your generosity.

Susan and Art Hoffman

Lunch On Us! A Saint Paul’s Outreach Ministry

Organizer: Irene Parker

I hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas and that the year ahead will be happy and healthy one for us all.

Lunch On Us serves the local community by providing not only a hot, substantial meal but also a place of comfort and welcome. This is, quite simply, a wonderful ministry here at Saint Paul’s. Our “volunteer teams” prepare a meal for anyone in our community who walks through the doors of Rennell Hall. All are thankful for the welcoming atmosphere as well as the luncheon fare. Since September, Lunch on Us has served nearly 200 meals. For the 2019 calendar year we have served about 440 meals.

We are thankful that several church members have joined our group of volunteers to supplement our teams or just fill in when called upon. The Lunch On Us ministry is always looking to add to our core of volunteers. How you can help, you wonder. Well, that’s easy! All you need to do is join an existing team or form a new team and you too can share your culinary talents. Not all of our volunteers are gourmet cooks (or cooks at all) but contribute by bringing salad or fruit or dessert. Perhaps you have always wanted to help others but you just aren’t sure how you can make a difference. In any case, please consider this wonderful ministry. I am anxious to speak to you about the Lunch On Us ministry, and to answer any questions that you may have.

Irene Parker

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INREACH

The income realized from the three major fund raisers is divided into three sections: InReach, OutReach and upkeep of Rennell Hall. InReach has been saving their earnings for many past years and in 2020 will be able to give a sufficient amount towards the much-needed roofing project. There will be only two main fundraisers this year (one Rummage Sale and the Silent Auction) but the creation of The Heavenly Boutique will hopefully earn much more to replace the fall Rummage Sale. Please read the forthcoming ads and news regarding the boutique. It is well-stocked with lovely conveniently priced clothes, shoes, scarves, jewelry, etc. Please help in spreading the word to your family, friends and acquaintances.

OUTREACH

OutReach is not just about money. Rennell Hall is used for community activities such as Lunch on Us, ESL and AA and now for The Heavenly Boutique. These are all a portion of St. Pauls reaching out to others. Soup-er Bowl Sunday is another phase of OutReach when parishioners bring cans of soup to be placed in a large "cauldron" to be used for the food bank at St. Pauls and the community. Monies have been distributed to Bound Brook Rescue Squad, Bound Brook Fire Department, Pregnancy Aid Center, Rescue Mission of Trenton, Crossville MBTC and the Fish Hospitality Program. Thank you letters were received from each organization so their appreciation is known.

Thank you, Judy Conrad, Kim Rollison and Cathy Ferris

Thank You

A very sincere thank you to the members of St. Paul's from your organist. I was overwhelmed by the number of cards, texts, phone calls and emails I received while being hospitalized and during recovery. So many people wrote personal notes in the cards and even sent multiple cards. Everything was very much appreciated and I now really understand how best wishes to someone who is ill can really perk up a patient's spirits.

I received many visits from Rev. Foley and she and Sam often went to the Coffee Shop to give Sam a bit of a respite. When Sam sent out an email about the emergency surgery I was to have, Rev. Foley must have jumped in her car and come straight to the hospital. Her staying with Sam until the surgery was over really helped to support Sam as the 30 - 35 minute surgery ended up lasting almost three hours. Her prayers at each visit helped me to remain calm and focused on the healing power of our God.

The reception I received when I returned to St. Paul's was so very heartwarming.

Thank you again for all your support and concern during this difficult time in my life.

Louise Olshan

Gifting Made Easy Scrip Program Fundraiser

The St. Paul's Vestry embarked on a fundraising program using the Scrip program running from October - December. The program turns everyday shopping into earnings for St. Paul's. Parishioners, their family, friends, neighbors, etc. bought gift cards (also known as Scrip) at face value. The church collected the order forms and payment and put in the order to Scrip. St. Paul's received a rebate on each card purchased.

For our first effort, there were 17 participants who ordered a total of \$6,105 worth of gift cards. St. Paul's made a profit of \$415. I think this was a great first effort and look forward to a repeat of the program in March.

If you have any questions, please contact me at glmssgrands@gmail.com, call the church office or call my cell phone. Thank you to those that participated for making this a successful fundraiser.

Thanks,
Irene Parker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Shop With Scrip

%	Vendor	\$ Amt	Qty
2.25	Amazon	25	
		100	
8	Applebees	25	
		50	
8	AMC Theaters	25	
10	AMC Theaters - Single	12	
7	Bed Bath & Beyond	25	
		100	
12	Bath & Body Works	10	
		25	
8	Barnes & Noble	10	
		25	
		100	
4	Best Buy	25	
		100	
12	Bloomingdales	25	
		100	
8	Bonefish Grill	25	
		50	
7	Buy Buy Baby	25	
		100	
8	California Pizza Kitchen	25	
10	Chipolte Mexican	10	
		25	
8	Cracker Barrel	10	
		25	
5	Cheesecake Factory	25	
9	Container Store	25	
		100	
7	Christmas Tree Store	25	
		100	
3	Dunkin Donuts	10	
		25	
8	Dick's Sporting Goods	25	
		100	
8	DSW	25	
		100	
14	Gap	25	
		100	
3	Game Stop	25	
8	Great Clips	25	
4	Home Depot	25	
		100	

Name

%	Vendor	\$ Amt	Qty
7	Home Goods/Marshalls/	25	
	T J Maxx	100	
8	IHop	25	
4	Kohls	25	
		100	
8	Lord & Taylor	25	
4	Lowe's	25	
		100	
16	L L Bean	25	
10	Macy's	25	
		100	
4	Michaels	25	
4	Nordstrom Rack	25	
		100	
14	Old Navy	25	
		100	
8	Olive Garden	25	
		100	
8	Outback	25	
		50	
8	Panera	10	
		25	
		50	
9	Pier 1 Imports	25	
8	Red Lobster	25	
4	Rite Aid	25	
8	Ruby Tuesday	25	
7	Starbucks	10	
		25	
4	ShopRite	25	
		100	
8	Seasons 52 (Darden)	25	
		100	
5	Sephora	25	
8	Super Cuts	25	
2.5	Target	25	
		50	
13	Talbots	25	
9	TGI Fridays	25	
4	Ulta	25	
5	Weis Markets	25	
		100	
8	Williams-Sonoma	25	
		100	
2.5	Walmart	25	
		50	

Phone #

Total