

THE VENITE

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Bishop Waynick Announces Retirement

The Rt. Rev. Cate Waynick, bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis, announced her retirement at the one-day diocesan convention on April 25, after serving faithfully for eighteen years. The process for election of a new bishop is very involved and benefits from the full participation of all Episcopalians in the diocese (and even beyond). St. Paul's parishioners will be kept informed of the process and progress. It is expected that a new bishop will be elected at the October 2016 diocesan convention with the new bishop consecrated in April of 2017.



Easter Egg Hunt

(More pictures on pages 4,6 and back cover)

Pitch-in Breakfast May 3

The next first-Sunday-of-the-month pitch-in breakfast at Adult Forum will be May 3. Please bring a dish to share as we continue our Easter theme of a biblical exploration of Resurrection.

Deanery Confirmations

Deanery Confirmation services will be held on May 14 (at the cathedral in Indy) and May 30 (in Jeffersonville). Please plan to attend either of these service and support all our Confirmands. (Please see more information on page 4).

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Vestry Contacting Congregation

The Church finds herself in the midst of dramatic cultural and demographic shifts, and St. Paul's is not immune. In an effort to be proactive in grappling with the effects on participation, ministry, and finances, over the next few weeks members of your Vestry will be reaching out to every member of the congregation for conversation and listening. We invite and appreciate everyone's candid participation as we discern God's Spirit moving us forward.

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission: Proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

Vision:

- We are first and foremost a worshipping community, participants rather than spectators.
- Hospitality
- Service to the community (St. Paul's as well as local, national, and international)

Values:

- Anglican traditions (e.g. scripture, tradition, and reason, the via media, unity in diversity.)
- Uphold the traditional orthodox formularies (scriptures, Creeds, sacraments, and the historic episcopate.)
- Recognize and value every person as made in the image of God, welcoming the gifts that diversity affords.
- Seek to equip all the saints in the baptismal ministry to which they called.



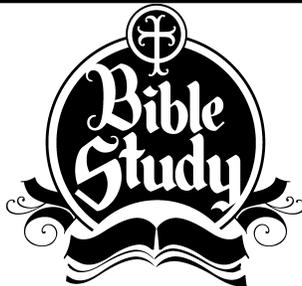
Meetings

Finance Committee: Tuesday,
May 12, 5:30 PM

Vestry: Tuesday,
May 12, 6:30 PM

Vestry Officers

Rector's Warden	John Settle
People's Warden	Nancy Morris
Clerk	Beverly Kennedy
Treasurer	Mike Bell



This month, we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Please come join us on Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30 AM, for prayer and lively discussion (and tea) as God's word impacts our faith formation.

Vestry Members

Frank Guthrie '14
 Beverly Kennedy '13
 Nancy Morris '13
 Rocky Myers '14
 Barbara Parker '15
 John Settle '13
 Mark Stocks '14
 Lou Wenzler '15
 Melissa zur Loye '15

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 Building and Grounds
 Communications
 Congregational Development
 Finance
 Worship

Office Notes: New deadline for Venite information and articles is the 15th of the month. If you wish, you may leave a message concerning schedules to serve, etc. in the gray book outside the office, call the office, 372-7869, or send an email, stpaulscols@att.net. Thanks, Cathy

FROM THE RECTOR

The strangest things can be hopeful signs for life and ministry in the church. Did you see the new large-screen monitor in the parish hall? (Thanks to Myers family.) Two things: First: Four of us (three from Vestry and myself) are going to a conference in May on how to use church buildings effectively, not just for our own use, but with outside groups as well. We have done fairly well with attrition and newcomers cancelling each other out (especially in the face of such dramatic cultural change that is affecting all so-called “established” or mainline churches; I’ll write on that again another time soon). However, by now you are well aware that our financial situation has us in a rather tenuous position on all kinds of fronts - mission, ministry, staffing.... Every month in Finance and Vestry meetings, it is clear than our financial issues are not on the expense side. Our expenses are reasonable for our operation and are kept well in check. The difficulty is nearly always on the revenue side. We have been considering for some time (e.g. the 2014 Vestry retreat) how to use our building more effectively, but it’s mainly just been about ideas and not plans. Now we are moving closer to making actual plans for using our building, not just for missional or evangelistic purposes, but possibly even as a new stream of revenue. Sounds a bit crass, but if we want to remain (or better yet, improve) our ability to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ, then this is but one way we can be a hopeful sign for life and ministry in Columbus.

What is God doing in our midst? No, really: What is God doing in our midst?

The second thing is this: Financial constraints or not, every Christian person has the missional imperative to “proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ” (BCP p. 305). We do that in a particular tradition (the Episcopal Church) and at a particular place (St. Paul’s in Columbus). Given both the dramatic cultural shifts in our time and the financial constraints, in order for us to remain a vital congregation into the foreseeable future, dynamic in our the mission of proclaiming the gospel, we need to be acutely aware of what God is doing in our midst (meaning in our personal lives, at St. Paul’s, and in Columbus and the rest of the world). So, you see below questions and spaces to write answers, below a dotted line. That is so you can write at least one thing in answer to each of the questions so we can, both individually and as a community of faith, start being more aware and thus more articulate about how to communicate our good news in the midst of a world becoming increasingly indifferent, if not outright hostile, to matters of faith. When you have written your answers, please cut them off this page, and either bring it with you to church or mail it in (or even email it). Then we can begin to compile it, publicize it, and *live* it more fully for the sake of being hopeful signs of life and ministry in God’s church.



What is God doing in our midst?

- in my life

- at St. Paul’s

- in Columbus

Christian Formation

Adult Forum

We will continue our study of Resurrection through May 17. Based on the study *Resurrection, Living as People of the Risen Lord*, author Kristie Berglund asks what it means to live in the light of that glorious day that our Lord was risen. This study explores the role resurrection in our lives through a survey of both New and Old Testament passages, exploring our calling and identity as people of the risen Lord.

There will be no forum on May 24 due to the Memorial Day weekend (or as it is known here, Race Weekend).

There also is no forum on May 31 since we will be celebrating our graduates and children's ministry teachers during forum time.

Confirmation

The spring Confirmation class will conclude with a review on Sunday, May 3. Please hold all our Confirmands in your prayers as we celebrate this milestone with them at Deanery Confirmation services on May 14 and May 30.

Deanery Confirmation

For a person who was Baptized at an early age, Confirmation provides an opportunity to make a "mature public affirmation of faith and the commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism," (BCP 412). Following a four month course of study, candidates for Confirmation (or Reaffirmation or Reception) will gather with other candidates from around the Deanery/diocese for the service of Confirmation, either on May 14 at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis at 7:30 pm. or at St. Paul's, Jeffersonville, on Saturday, May 30, at 11:00 am. Candidates from St. Paul's include: Confirmation: Elizabeth Bell, Megan Debolt, Ashley Fisher, Ryan Fisher, Stephanie Myers, Rose Neeley, Ben Thompson, and Jen Trenary. Reception: Shelly Bell and Rachel Neeley.

Children's Ministry

May 3 - The Beatitudes

May 10 - The Beatitudes

May 17 - The Good Shepherd

May 24 - The Good Shepherd

May 31 - Final Class before Summer Break



Liturgy

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Things to Celebrate

Many thanks to all those donors, known to us or to God alone, who have recently made a number of things possible: the automatic door openers, the sound system in the church, and the monitor in the parish hall.

Various and Sundry

Graduation/Children’s Ministry Celebration Sunday, May 31

Graduation is a milestone that we will celebrate with liturgical recognition during the 10:15 service and a cake reception between the services on Sunday, May 31. Since we want to make sure that we recognize and congratulate all who are graduating from high school, college, or EfM and not miss anyone, *please call the office with a family member or friend who is reaching this milestone this year*, and especially if they will be present with us on that Sunday.

Likewise on Sunday, May 31, we will recognize and honor those who have contributed so faithfully to the baptismal imperative to raise up children of faith in our Children’s Ministry. Join us that day for a rousing thank you and reception for the time and commitment of our Children’s Ministry leaders.

Fr. Marc Away on May 17

Fr. Marc will be away Friday the 15th through Sunday the 17th (Rebecca’s European orchestra tour rehearsal in Michigan again). The Rev. Wendy Manley will be celebrant and preacher on Sunday the 17th. Marc may always be reached via cell phone at 812-764-0355, however, in case of pastoral emergency that needs immediate attention, please call Wendy at 802-279-0063.

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May 8 - Marc and Leticia Vance
 May 25 - John DeLap and Tracy Hosterman
 May 27 - Stephen and Julie Abedian

May 4 - Sam Robinson
 May 5 - Daylan Mueller
 May 9 - Jennifer Gust
 May 10 - Adele Vincent
 May 13 - Axel zur Loye
 May 14 - Kim Swope
 May 15 - Victoria Parker
 May 17 - Julie Abedian
 May 17 - Andrew Thompson
 May 18 - Susan DeBolt
 May 18 - Katie DeLap
 May 22 - Christy Sebastian
 May 25 - Sain Goldsmid
 May 29 - Nivanka Paronavitana
 May 30 - Meri Meredith



Altar Flowers

10 - In honor of the birthday of Jennifer Roy, granddaughter of Karen Hunsberger.



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Coffee Hour

From the People's Warden:

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the two Coffee Hour sessions. Your input was much appreciated. We all agreed that fellowship is an integral and vital part of our Sunday worship. We want to set a new course for St. Paul's fellowship. In exploring creative options for how we can all fully participate and enjoy this important part of Sunday Worship you will see us start to make small changes to encourage everyone to share in fellowship. We already have some volunteers who have stepped up to help reframe Coffee Hour. The Vestry wants this time to be so inclusive that anyone, anytime from after the 8:00 am service and continuing on through the 10:15 am will feel welcome to gather for fellowship.

Certainly a lot more to come on this. I do want you to look for the changes we will be making and let us know how you like it. We hope to see you for a cup of coffee or tea or as one of our youth who attended a session said, "Not everyone drinks coffee or tea, how about hot chocolate or a glass of juice or soda." 😊

Outreach

Lunches & Lessons 2015, St. Andre School Mithon, Haiti

In late March, Matthew Cole of Trinity Church, Bloomington, presented a Sunday forum to update us on the status of the school building and operation at St. Andre church in Mithon, Haiti. The original church/school building located very near the epicenter of the January 12, 2010, earthquake was totally destroyed. With a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, a new permanent nine-classroom school was completed last year. Built with the advice of US architects, the new building is as earthquake resistant as could be built in this rural mountain community.

Mithon is not really a town or even a village. It is a widespread community, the central building of which consists of the destroyed church/school, the temporary school (floor and roof only building) which we built soon after the earthquake, and now the beautiful large school that is currently providing education for 200 students - Pre-K through 6th grade. Like Indiana, the school year runs from August to late May and each semester more children walk from the surrounding hillsides to learn to read, write and prepare to matriculate to high school in the town of Darbonne some five miles away. St. Andre has been an important early education source for the country and the diocese for many years. Many of the current country's leaders and the clergy of the diocese received their early education at this school, so replacing it was a high priority for the Diocese of Haiti.

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We continue to have a great opportunity to support this important mission work in Haiti by supporting the Lessons & Lunches program that has operated for the past three years. This program provides lunches to the students at the school and a small annual salary for the teachers who serve these children. Initially, individuals from congregations in our diocese provided support for both parts of the funding. We made pledges of \$150 per student per year over the last three years.

This year we are being asked to make an annual commitment of \$99 per year to provide lunch each school day for one student. You can make a three year pledge to support a student. There are Lunches & Lessons brochures in the parish hall that gives the details of how to send your support to Trinity Church, Bloomington.

For many of the students, this is the only full meal they receive each day. Needless to say their studies are much better when they have a decent meal. Congregations in the Indianapolis diocese are being asked to make donations from their budgets to St. Andre to help cover the additional financial need to pay the modest salaries of the teachers. Our Outreach Committee budgets annually to provide support for this part of the program. There are of course many other needs at St. Andre; equipment, school supplies, repairs. Some of this is covered by the parents of the students who do pay a small tuition as well as providing their children with uniforms.

A number of St. Paul's parishioners have supported this partnership with St. Andre since 2012. Won't you consider joining us to help make education available to these children who have so little else to improve their lives in so many ways?

Youth



Dear Youth (and adults),

May starts the beginning of our work to relaunch St. Paul's Youth Ministry Group. Plans are in place to freshen up the Youth Room and create an inviting space for all of us to use. Outreach to other local youth groups has begun in hopes that we can join in some fellowship this summer. And, while our official launch will not be until August, we need to spend the next few months creating the framework that will define our mission and goals for the future, which means we need you! Please join Ryan and Ashleigh [on May 3rd at 9am](#), in the downstairs Youth Room, to begin this awesome journey with us!

Join us on facebook! www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulscbusYM

Email us with ideas and questions! Stpaulscolsyouth@gmail.com

Vestry Minutes

April 13, 2015

Opening prayer led by Barb. March minutes approved. In Fr Marc's absence, the meeting was led by John Settle, Senior Warden.

Treasurer's Report See below

Commission Reports

Formation: Spring adult forum sessions will be about Resurrection. Thanks to Fr Marc, Rocky, Wendy, Nancy, Teresa and Melissa for offering their gracious leadership skills to the forum.

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Ashleigh spoke to the vestry about plans she and husband, Ryan Fisher, have as the new leaders of the youth group. Some of their ideas were discussed as they begin to create a plan to be launched in the fall aimed at youth fellowship, possibly incorporating aspects of other youth groups in the area.

Welcome: Nancy is spearheading a more workable solution to our coffee hour. Please see Nancy if you are willing to help reinvigorate this social aspect of our congregation.

Pictures for the new parish directory will be taken April 20 and 21. Many thanks to Ashleigh and Heather for organizing this project.

Thank you, Rocky and Stephanie, for the generous gift of a new large-screen monitor recently installed in the parish hall. This addition is a step in our being able to offer the use of our building to the larger community. Fr Marc and 3 vestry members will be attending a conference in May to learn more about how we might reimagine the uses for our spaces—making our church more visible and possibly generating a revenue stream.

Worship/Liturgy: There were 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Easter morning with a brunch and an Easter egg hunt at 9 a.m. We are grateful to Teresa Woods who sang a solo at the 11 a.m. service.

The vestry is very aware of the impact that the absence of a choir director has on our worship and on the vitality of St Paul's. Contact has been made with people currently or previously affiliated with IU School of Music. Ads have been placed and have been renewed. With the new crop of students identified we are hopeful that the right candidate for this important position will soon be identified.

The primary focus of the meeting was on our financial condition: planning for the fall 2015 stewardship campaign has begun, staffing and salaried, and the critical next steps to be taken following the letter to the congregation. The vestry agreed to meet in one week (April 21) to specifically formulate next steps for the Financial Plan.

Melissa presented some thoughts on holy currencies, specifically related to *gracious leadership*. Barbara let the group in a closing/evening prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Vestry will meet April 21 at 5:30. The May vestry meeting will be May 12, 2015 at 6:30

Beverly Kennedy, vestry clerk

Finance

For the month of March, receipts were a very nice \$18,749 (5 Sundays) and expenses were \$11,271 resulting in a positive cash flow for the month of \$7,477 as compared to the budgeted positive cash flow of \$3,437 for a positive difference of \$4,040. Year to date receipts are \$43,172 and expenses are \$41,700 giving us a positive cash flow of \$1,472 vs. the budgeted negative cash flow of \$551 for a positive difference of \$2,023. YTD March '15 versus YTD March last year shows the positive cash flow of 2015 being \$1,472 and for 2014 being a negative \$1,344, showing that we are \$2,817 better than last year.

Receipts: For the month, the pledge receipts and plate offerings were \$18,749 as compared to the budgeted amount of \$16,021 for a positive difference of \$2,728. YTD receipts are \$43,172 vs. the budgeted amount of \$42,604 for a positive difference of \$568. The \$18,749 (5 Sundays) for the month of March is \$3,257 above the previous year's March receipts of \$15,492 (4 Sundays), while YTD 2015 receipts of \$43,172 are \$39 higher than YTD 2014 receipts of \$43,133.

Expenses: For the month, the operating expenses were \$11,271 as compared to the budgeted amount of \$12,585 for a variance of \$1,313.



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