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# The Messenger

News & Highlights  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Akron, Ohio  
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## FROM THE RECTOR

### December 1st is Not Too Soon

**To sign up for the *Second Annual Men's Lenten Retreat*, March 13–15, at the *Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma*.** While some details are still undecided, we already have landed the main speaker, Hollis Haff, former chaplain to the *Pittsburgh Steelers* and *Pittsburgh Pirates*, and founder of the *New Community Church* in Wexford, PA.

Hollis, along with Dave Scavuzzo and me, will facilitate learning and discussion about discipleship in our current world. Last year's attendees voted unanimously to go back to Parma in 2026! So that's what we're doing! Sign up at the Front Desk beginning Monday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Brochures will be out later in the month.

**To support our Christmas Fund.** This long-standing custom of giving (over half a century, I think) supports those in our community in need of emergency help with basic needs: especially clothing, housing, and utilities. And supports others, too.

**To sign up for the Christmas Carnival on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** This is for everyone! We will have games, hot chocolate, and ornament making. And, of course, Santa will be there for the kids.

**To make a year-end gift of thanks!** Donations in December help us secure our balanced budget in light of inflationary costs associated especially with healthcare and building maintenance and repair.

**To look forward to upcoming events:** Save the dates for A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>), the Annual Meeting (Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>), and our Lenten Programs beginning in February.

**To make plans for Christmas Eve** – and to invite a friend! Let's let our love for God and for the gift of His Son overflow toward others who do not actively celebrate the good news week by week. Let's love, and let's name the source of our love and joy to others. When we share our faith, we grow in faith.

With exceedingly great joy,

In Christ,

**Mark +**

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## DECEMBER ADULT FORUM

### Sundays at 9am, Parish Hall

**Dec. 7 – The Jesus Series:** Jesus in the Letter to the Romans: Part I *The Rev. Mark Pruitt*

**Dec. 14 – The Jesus Series:** Jesus in the Letter to the Romans: Part II *The Rev. Susan Tiffany*

*No Adult Forum on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.*



# ST. PAUL'S

## *Christmas Services*

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24</b> <b>5 PM—Family Service with Pageant</b>  <b>8 PM—Holy Communion</b> (Music at 7:30 PM)	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>THURSDAY, DEC. 25</b> <b>10 AM—Holy Communion</b>  <b>SUNDAY, DEC. 28</b> <b>8 AM—Holy Communion (Chapel)</b> <b>10 AM—A Festival of Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
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*Join Us!*

A photograph of several lit yellow candles of varying heights, surrounded by silver and red Christmas ornaments and red jingle bells on a reflective surface.

### Please Donate Online to our Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already committed gifts to our Annual Appeal! Your gifts that support St. Paul's are greatly appreciated and help us to continue our ministries. If you are in need of a pledge card or if you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 330-836-9327, ext. 120. Also, you can make an online contribution through our website at [www.stpaulsakron.org/give-online](http://www.stpaulsakron.org/give-online), or by texting Givestp to 73256 to make a secure donation.







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### Clergy

- The Rev. Mark Pruitt  
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- The Rev. Susan Tiffany  
*Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*
- The Rev. Dr. Paul Gaston  
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- The Rev. Polly Glanville  
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- Gail Wild  
*Business Manager & Treasurer*

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY & ADVENT COMPLINE

### Tuesday Lunchtime Bible Study

#### Tuesdays at Noon, G-4

Our Tuesday lunchtime Bible Study continues. It's open to all. You may bring a lunch. And no experience is needed. The Gospel of Luke is our focus – one chapter at a time. Please join us!

### Special Advent Compline Sessions

#### Wednesdays at 7:45pm, Zoom

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Compline Group invites you to participate in three special Advent Compline worship sessions on Wednesdays, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Each compline session lasts 15 minutes. Please have a copy of *The Book of Common Prayer* for participation.

Starting Time: 7:45pm (log-in before 7:45pm preferred)

Log-in Protocol:

1. Please Type:	zoom.us/join
2. Meeting ID:	844 1828 4802
3. Pass code:	942011

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women's Book Group Focuses on Jesus

#### Starts Feb. 2 at 10am, Parlor

"*Simply Jesus*" by NT Wright is the focus of the women's book study beginning Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at 10am in the Parlor. Wright's book presents us with a new vision of who Jesus was, what He did and why He matters. Join us for a compelling and illuminating journey about a very odd sort of king. On Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll discuss chapters 1–3.

## QUARTERLY HEALING SERVICE

### Healing Service Scheduled for February

#### Thursday, Feb. 5 at noon, Chapel

Sometimes we need a quiet place to go where we know the Lord is present, a place that for years has been bathed in prayer, and where God has answered prayers. That place at St. Paul's is our chapel. We will gather there to offer thanks and praise to the Lord, and to pray for His touch upon us at a healing service on Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at noon. We will pray for ourselves and others, and we will receive strength from the Holy Spirit to persevere through the things that trouble us.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Men's Lenten Retreat – Save the Date

#### March 13–15, 2026

Our 2026 St. Paul's Men's Retreat will take place at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, Ohio. Plan now, registration opens soon. Our guest speaker, Hollis Haff, former chaplain to the *Pittsburgh Steelers* and *Pittsburgh Pirates*, and founder of the *New Community Church* in Wexford, PA. Hollis, along with Dave Scavuzzo and Mark Pruitt, will facilitate learning and discussion about discipleship in our current world.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### Welcome New Stephen Ministers

At the November 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am service, St. Paul's was blessed to welcome three new Stephen Ministers. These wonderful people met, studied, and worked together to complete the 50 hours of training necessary to become a Stephen Minister.

Our Stephen Leader, Jan Burns-Nowicki lead the training sessions providing the attention and guidance that is needed to prepare them for the ministry of listening and caring that St. Paul's congregation will benefit from.

Please welcome Tana Alexander, Theresa Berg and Karen Knowles as the newest members of the Stephen Ministry team. They join Karen Chadwick, Carol Ficken, Ginnie Gore, Brian Good, Susan Hinson, and Stephen Leaders Jan Burns-Nowicki, Carrie Searle and Bonnie Severt.

If you are faced with challenges, whether it's the loss of a loved one, a change in your health, downsizing, right sizing, trying to cope with situations that seem overwhelming, your Stephen Ministry team is available. A confidential, listening ministry, they are trained and prepared to meet with you as

you work through these challenges. You don't need to go alone – let a Stephen Minister walk with you. Just as Jesus sent the disciples out in twos, so you can have a partner in your spiritual journey.

To inquire about Stephen Ministry and how we might be a part of your journey, call Bonnie Severt at 330-328-2453.



**Theresa Berg (left) and Karen Knowles (right)**  
**Not pictured, Tana Alexander**

## OHIO & KENTUCKY PILGRIMAGE IN 2026

### Sign Up Now for New Beginnings Pilgrimage!

Space is still available to register for St. Paul's New Beginnings pilgrimage, **Nov. 3-6, 2026**, for a four day/three-night spiritual recharge in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky.

Celebrate the reality we see in Scripture that our God is a God of second chances in this journey filled with worship, prayer, and Biblical teaching as we visit:



**Maria Stein Retreat Center & Relic Shrine** that houses more than 1,100 saints' relics, a testimony to their new life in Christ while on earth, now complete in heaven, cheering us on to the same.

**Wright Brothers National Museum** where we will learn how these brothers' aspiration to reach the skies can inspire our efforts to ascend to new and greater heights in our lives of faith.

**Ark Encounter** in northern Kentucky—a life-sized replica of Noah's Ark where we will learn how God through Noah gave humanity and all creation a second chance.

**Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption**, a breathtaking house of worship that honors Mary for bearing the One who brings new life and second chances to all who encounter Him.

**Hopeton Earthworks in Chillicothe, Ohio**, a UNESCO world heritage site. While Native Americans were seeking God at this site from 200BC-500AD, God came to earth to give them and all people a chance for new beginnings!

Cost per person/double occupancy is \$875. Non-refundable deposit of \$300 is due when registering at [www.incrediblejourneys.com](http://www.incrediblejourneys.com)

## ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

### New Addition to Memorial Garden

The desire for burial within church grounds and the common acceptance of cremation led to the development of our Memorial Garden. The Garden allows us to remember our friends and loved ones. It is also a quiet, lovely place for meditation. St. Paul's Memorial Garden was dedicated on November 7, 1993.

The Memorial Garden has gone through several transitions and upgrades over the years. Recently, the Memorial Garden Committee approved the funding to extend the pergola and it was completed in October. The beautifully crafted new pergola is a welcome addition and helps to better incorporate the dedicated name plaques on the church into the Memorial Garden.



## STAFF UPDATE

### We Warmly Welcome Tammy Lee!

Tammy Lee began her work as our new Financial Administrator in October 2025. She brings over 20 years of diverse accounting experience. Before joining St. Paul's staff, Tammy served as a Senior Staff Accountant, where she enhanced accounting systems, streamlined reconciliations, and implemented automated tools to improve efficiency and accuracy in financial operations. Tammy graduated from Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, earning her B.A. in Accounting. She has also served as Treasurer at St. Joseph's School in Canton and is an active member of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Akron Chapter. Tammy lives in Canton with her husband, Terry, and they have two adult children. In her free time, she enjoys home improvement projects, gardening, strumming on her guitar, and, most of all, spending quality time with family. Tammy can be reached at 330-836-9327, ext. 122.



### St. Paul's Nursery School — Thriving after 71 years!

Did you know that our Nursery School has been caring for young children Mondays-Fridays since 1954? St. Paul's Nursery School was Akron's first "preschool." Children ages 3-5 learn free from academic pressure while carefully tapping into each child's potential with creative and stimulating activities. Located on the ground level of St. Paul's. For information on the 2026/2027 school year, contact Director Rebecca Bussey at 330-836-9327, ext. 160.



### Seeking Christ's Freedom Pilgrimage

On a brisk and sunny day last month 26 pilgrims journeyed from St. Paul's to Medina's Spring Grove Cemetery for the *Seeking Christ's Freedom Pilgrimage*. They explored how Jesus' resurrection is key to gaining freedom from sin and death. The day began with Morning Prayer, then, gathered under the shadow of a Civil War monument, the pilgrims listened attentively as parishioner Tana Alexander spoke about why, because of Jesus' resurrection, we can be fearless in the face of death.

The group moved into the stone chapel, built in 1883, for a reflection by Rev. Susan Tiffany on embracing spiritual freedom from the risen Christ who walks alongside us as He walked alongside two disciples on their way towards Emmaus (Luke 24.13-35). Following a refreshment break, Susan Will from St. Paul's used Revelation 19.1, 4-9 as the text for her reflection on God's promise of eternal life.

For the final reflection of the pilgrimage, the group assembled at the graves of Col. H.G. and Elizabeth Blake and Lt. Col. Herman and Martha Canfield where cemetery volunteers told of these couples' involvement in Medina's underground railroad, and the abolitionist movement. While at the graves, Randy Malick from St. Hilary in Fairlawn reflected on Galatians 4.1-7 and its focus on freedom from spiritual slavery through the resurrection, since "we are no longer [slaves], but God's child" (Galatians 4.7).

The pilgrimage concluded with noonday prayer, followed by a fellowship lunch in the parish hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Medina.



**Friends of the Cemetery volunteers Karen Thorn (l) and Teresa Markle welcome pilgrims to Spring Grove Cemetery**



**Pilgrims raise their voices in song, from left Tana Alexander, Norma Daniels, Mary Shepherd and Kyra Landzelius**

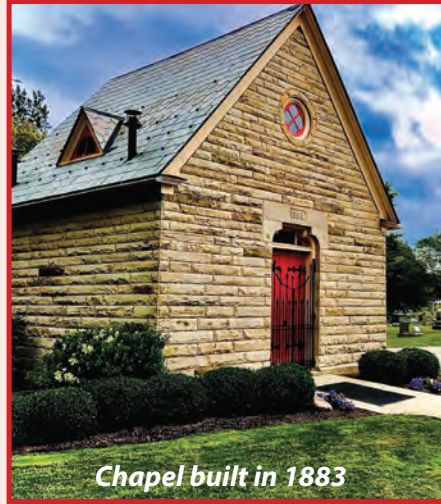


**Chuck Severt (l) reads from Galatians at the grave of Medina residents Col. H.G. & Elizabeth Blake, whose home was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Also pictured, Rev. Susan Tiffany and Randy Malick, St. Hilary Parish**

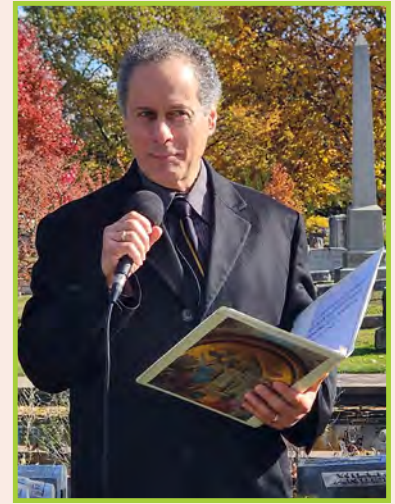




**Pilgrims Jeff Stenroos (l), Marcheta Scott, and Susan & Jeff Will offer prayers during Noonday Prayer**



**Chapel built in 1883**



**St. Hilary's Randy Malick reflects on the transformation of release from slavery to sin and becoming slaves of Christ.**



**Michael & Joanne Pasko from Our Lady of Victory Church in Tallmadge pray at Noonday Prayer**

## TAKE NOTE

### If It's Monday, It Must Be Crafts

#### Mondays at 1pm, Family Room

It is difficult to adequately express the many joys of the Monday Craft Group. We have been drawn together through our love of crafting, but our shared passion has exceeded all expectations. We not only come together to craft as a group, but teach each other new skills, share great conversation and snacks, share materials and patterns, tidbits of our lives, and most importantly friendship and laughter.

If you are considering trying out a small group that is warm and welcoming, look no further! Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday afternoons at 1pm in the Family Room.

Contact: Marcia Giordano [mjgiordano47@gmail.com](mailto:mjgiordano47@gmail.com)



**Folded fabric Christmas ornament**

### Year-End Giving Reminder—Expect Post Office Delays!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to audit requirements, donations are tax-deductible for 2025 ONLY if they are received and/or postmarked by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Donations postmarked after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> will be applied to 2026, regardless of check date. All year-end donations must be received BEFORE NOON on Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Church offices will be closed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. For questions, please call Treasurer Gail Wild, at 330-836-9327, ext. 124.

### Christmas Fund

St. Paul's members have been very generous to our Christmas Fund over the years. All Christmas Fund money goes directly to help people in need outside of St. Paul's. Through October 2025, our volunteers have met face-to-face with 36 households: serving 42 adults and 51 children. So far, we have given out \$26,114.00 in assistance. Most importantly, we listened and gave counsel, following Jesus' example and command. This is a very important way that St. Paul's extends its reach into the community. We ask for your prayerful consideration in giving generously to our Christmas Fund.

### Nan's Giving Tree

In cooperation with Broken Chains Ministry (Lydia's Home) and in memory of Nan Bartlett, our 2025 Giving Tree gifts will help Lydia's Home, a faith-based recovery residence in Green that assists women to overcome substance abuse and achieve independence. Gifts for their children are due back at the church on Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Calling All Knitters & Crocheters!

As Thanksgiving draws near, I am reminded of how thankful I am for all the people who have contributed to another successful year for Wrapped in Prayer Ministry.

To our dedicated knitters and crocheters, I am utterly amazed at the output of beautifully created hats, scarves, cowls, shawls, chemo caps, and baptismal gifts that you have so generously donated for the comfort of others.

To all who have given yarn, monetary donations, or any type of support, we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. WIP survives through the generosity of donations, and we are so grateful.

Shopping bags of items for donation to Wednesday's Child, Stewart's Caring Place, and Harvest Home are being prepared for delivery during the holidays. These organizations are extremely happy to receive our annual donations.

We can always use more help in providing these gifts of love. If you are interested in helping out with knitting, providing yarn, or supporting WIP with a monetary donation please contact Marcia Giordano at [mjgiordano47@gmail.com](mailto:mjgiordano47@gmail.com)

**Handmade hat and baptismal blanket made lovingly by Wrapped in Prayer Ministry!**



### Open M Update

The Open M Holiday Food Drive was a huge success. St. Paul's goal was 200 boxes of Mac N Cheese. We doubled our goal by collecting 520 boxes! Thank you to Anne Cannon for her work on this project.

### 2025 Habitat House Nearing Completion

The St. Paul's Habitat volunteers are rounding the corner to completing our 2025 Habitat home! Our last build date is Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Word has it that our partner family, Tasha Terrell, will likely be moving into her new home by the end of November.

Tasha's home – 595 Hollibaugh Ave., Akron – will be dedicated in January, along with three other homes in the Silver Maple Ridge neighborhood. Please hold open Saturday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, the tentative dedication date, and plan to attend the dedication, which will be held at the Habitat offices at 2301 Romig Rd., Akron 44320, at 10am. We look forward to congratulating Tasha at her celebration of home ownership.

A great deal of thanks go out to the following members and friends of St. Paul's who volunteered to build and provide lunches to make this ministry a success:

Tana Alexander  
Charlie Cruikshank  
Kathy Cockfield  
Norma Daniels  
JoAnne Dawson  
Marge DeCastro  
Strat Douglas  
Betty Eastman  
Carol Ficken  
Dorothy Fitzgerald  
Brian Good  
Charles Kausch

Tim Nowicki  
Becky Pruitt  
Dan Sarvis  
Bonnie Severt  
Mary Shepherd  
Ramizi Shepherd  
Susan Tiffany  
Victoria Vozar  
Jeff Will  
Susan Will  
Doug Zook



## FAMILY MINISTRY AND EDUCATION

### Christmas Carnival — In it's Fifth Year!

**Sunday, Dec 7, 4–6pm, Assembly Hall**

Come one and all to our Christmas Carnival on Sunday, Dec. 7, 4–6pm. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, games, prizes, ornament making and Santa! To register, contact Beth Guenther at [bguenther@stpaulsakron.org](mailto:bguenther@stpaulsakron.org) or 330-836-9327, ext. 131.

### Calling all Shepherds and Angels!

We need children to help with the Christmas Pageant at the 5pm Family Service on Christmas Eve. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm in the church followed by dinner. If you are interested in participating, contact Beth Guenther at [bguenther@stpaulsakron.org](mailto:bguenther@stpaulsakron.org) or 330-836-9327, ext. 131.

### Christmas Gifts for Access

This year at the 5pm Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant our children are asked to bring gifts for Access (*Access is a local shelter dedicated to serving women and children experiencing homelessness in our community*). These gifts are brought up to the altar at the end of the service and are taken directly to the shelter. These gifts are greatly anticipated and appreciated each year. This is a beautiful time to help our children learn about sharing God's love in a concrete way. Simply label the wrapped, new, and in original packaging gift with a tag that states the age and gender for which the gift is intended. We are looking for a family or two who might be willing to drop the gifts off at Access Christmas Eve after the service. For details, contact Beth Guenther at [bguenther@stpaulsakron.org](mailto:bguenther@stpaulsakron.org) or 330-836-9327, ext. 131.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth/Confirmation Class (Grades 7-12)

**Sundays, 10am, Room 211**

David Shahata, our Youth Assistant, leads Youth grades 7–12 every Sunday at 10am in Room 211.

### Serious Fun (Grades 5-12)

**Fridays, 6–8pm, Youth Space/Gym**

Junior High Youth Ministry (aka Serious Fun) is a Fun Friday Night with food, creative programming, and fellowship. Join in and have some serious fun!

### Advent is Upon Us

*The Advent Wreath* is a circular garland of evergreen branches that represent life everlasting. The circle of the wreath has no beginning and no end.



There are four candles on the Advent Wreath, three purple and one pink. Each week we will light an additional candle until all four candles are lit.

*On the first Sunday of Advent*, we light the first purple candle. It is typically called the “Prophecy Candle.” With this candle we remember the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah.

*On the second Sunday of Advent*, we light the second purple candle. This candle sometimes is called the “Bethlehem Candle,” symbolizing Christ’s manger. This candle represents love.

*On the third Sunday of Advent*, we light the pink candle or the “Shepherd’s Candle.” This candle represents joy.

*On the fourth Sunday of Advent*, we light the last purple candle, the “Angel’s Candle.” This candle represents peace.



### Are you expecting or do you have a child that you wish to have baptized?

Baptism is an important family decision. It initiates a journey of faith for your child and you. At the time of Baptism, with the congregation as your witness, you make a covenant with God that you will raise your child to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Knowing that it takes a faith community to raise a disciple of Jesus, the congregation promises to help you with this important and vital Christian responsibility. At St. Paul's, we take these promises seriously and with sincerity. For this reason, we ask that you fill out an online application for baptism at [StPaulsAkron.org](http://StPaulsAkron.org) under the 'Life Events' tab. That will let us know of your interest and allow us to contact you to arrange a meeting with clergy.

## FLOWERS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

### December and January Altar Flowers

#### Dec. 7

In loving memory of James W. Nolte, Eileen and James W. Nolte, and Catherine and Owen O'Dell; given by Connie Nolte

#### Dec. 14

In loving memory of James Kirby Martin; given by Fred Martin

#### Dec. 21

In loving memory of Florence Maloney given by Bill Maloney

#### Dec. 28

In loving memory of Peg Ethridge; given by Peggy Koblenzer and Family

#### Jan. 11

In loving memory of Fred Walton; given by Christine

#### Jan. 18

In loving memory of Betsy A. Silver; given by the Silver Family

#### Jan. 25

In loving memory of George Sarkis; given by Judy Sarkis

In celebration of Vonie Krell's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday; given by Anonymous



### Christmas Flowers Fund

Remember your loved ones this Christmas with a donation to the Christmas Flowers Fund. The Flower Guild is self-supporting through your donations and memorials. Envelopes are at the Front Desk.

Any questions, call Julie McFarland at 330-819-8552, or email: [period2380@gmail.com](mailto:period2380@gmail.com)

## GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

### We Give Thanks For All Gifts, And Gifts To...

the Choir Fund from Mr. Frederick W. Martin

the Christmas Fund for Community Outreach, from Yvonne M. Krell

the Christmas Fund in memory of Frances Tait and Ginny Wojno, from Mr. & Mrs. Robin Reid

the Christmas Fund from Mr. Phillip Ridgely and Mr. & Mrs. Walton Silver

the Community Meals Fund in memory of Tom Robb from Mr. & Mrs. Ralph A. Genetti

the Community Meals Fund from the Graves Family Foundation and Yvonne M. Krell

the Community Meals Fund in memory of Betty Sandwick from Mrs. Alexandra S. Walker

the Disaster Relief Fund from Mrs. Alice Bergstrom, Ms. Joanne Dawson, and the Rev. Charles Cruikshank, for Hurricane Relief

the Easter Fund from Mr. & Mrs. Walton Silver

the Endowment Foundation from the estate of Mary Louise Broggini

the Flower Guild from Mr. Alan & Mrs. Joyce Healy-Abrams

the Memorial Garden in memory of Elizabeth Sandwick from Mr. Gerald L. Schweigert

the Needlework Guild in memory of Mary Louise Broggini from Shirley Graham

the Needlework Guild in memory of Janet Burchett from Dr. Rebecca A. Zurava

the Quiet Committee in memory of Robert Denton from Mrs. Marian Denton

the St. Paul's Center for Learning & Ministry from Mrs. Julie E. McFarland

the Rector's Discretionary Fund in memory of Carolyn Chapman from Ms. Suzanne Dalton

the Women's Ministry Fund, from Mrs. Deborah Eshleman, Mr. Francis Figliomeni, and Dr. & Mrs. Gregory L. Hinson

### We Give Thanks For Gifts in Memory of...

Jean Allread, from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Allread

The Rev. Robert Denton, from Nancy A. Cleminshaw

Tom Robb, from Ms. M. Sharon Lane

Elizabeth B. Sandwick, from Ms. Elizabeth Parker, Mr. & Mrs. John D. Riding, Mr. John Sandwick, and Mrs. Ann M. Towell

Virginia Wojno-Forney, from Ms. M. Sharon Lane, Michael Limpach and the kids of Joan Limpach, Bradley Wojno, and Mrs. Mary H. Wojno



## All Saints' Day Memorial Additions

### Given by

Mrs. Ruth Barkow  
 Mrs. Maggie Beatty  
 Ms. Theresa Berg  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Billow  
 Mr. & Mrs. William H. Bousfield  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Chadwick  
 Mr. Michael Chritton  
 Mrs. Mary Cole  
 Ms. JoAnne Dawson  
 Mrs. Marilyn DeCarlo  
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 The Rev. & Mrs. Mark J. Pruitt  
 Mr. William Silver  
 Mr. Mark Wheeler  
 Mr. Bradley Wojno  
 Miss Lorraine M. Yost

### In Loving Memory of

Henry Barkow  
 Dr. Arthur Willard Coon & Lulu Docherty Coon  
 Ed & Kathy Berg  
 Chuck & Retta Billow, Jeanette & Patrick McQuillen  
 Bousfield, Zaynor, & Rice Families  
 Karl Hay, Lisa Dietrich, and Lois Stevens  
 Romaine and Will Chritton  
 Leland D. Cole  
 All Saints  
 All Saints  
 All Saints  
 Doyle Family  
 Leslie Holbert and Bob Edwards  
 Fred Lacher, Wanda Fulton Yurkon  
 Jack Carter, Shirley Carter, Merrill Godshall, & Ann Godshall  
 Fred Lacher and Frank Wharton  
 Mary & Peter Caster and Jennie & Tony Olivieri  
 Karl Hay and Lois Stevens  
 Carolyn M. Hunsche  
 Lois Stevens  
 Robert & Anne Hawk, and Robert Hawk Jr.  
 Robert Quade  
 Frederick Lacher  
 All Saints  
 Raymond D. Myers  
 All Saints  
 All Saints  
 Richard & Betsy Silver, and Edward & Betty Sawyer  
 Marjory & Bob Wheeler  
 Mary H. Wojno and Ginny Wojno Forney  
 June Yost



## FROM THE TREASURER

### Operating Budget Results

*Summarized here are the St. Paul's operating budget results for the calendar year to date:*

The year-to-date as of 10/31/2025 ended with total revenue below year-to-date budget and total expense slightly greater than year-to-date, resulting in a net deficit for the year to date. Month to date total expense was higher than budget in the areas of Property (supplies, repairs, grounds, electricity), and Parish Life (postage and printing expenses).

As of 10/31/2025	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	2025 Annual Budget
<b>Pledge Income</b>	\$ 513,787	\$ 504,167	\$ 605,000
<b>Non-Pledge Income</b>	\$ 82,501	\$ 92,518	\$ 111,022
<b>Other Contributions</b>	\$ 32,487	\$ 27,482	\$ 32,978
<b>Transfer from Endowment</b>	\$ 404,135	\$ 434,400	\$ 521,280
<b>All Other Income</b>	\$ 153,182	\$ 200,695	\$ 240,834
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 1,186,092	\$ 1,259,262	\$ 1,511,114
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 1,260,850	\$ 1,259,262	\$ 1,511,114
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$ (74,758)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon, Dec 1** Women's Book Study, 10am, Parlor. Weekly thru Jan 26  
Monday Crafters Group, 1pm, Family Room. Weekly
- Tues, Dec 2** Tuesday Bible Study, noon, G-4. Weekly  
Needlework Guild, 6:30pm, Family Room. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
C.S. Lewis Study Group w/Dave Scavuzzo, 7pm, G-4
- Wed, Dec 3** Community Meal, 6pm, Assembly Hall. Weekly  
Evening Compline, 7:45pm, Zoom. Weekly
- Fri, Dec 5** Serious Fun for Grades 5-12, 6-8pm, Youth Space. Weekly
- Sun, Dec 7** Christmas Carnival, 4-6pm, Gym
- Thur, Dec 11** Needlework Guild, 1pm, Parish Hall. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- Fri, Dec 12** Nursery School Lunch with Santa, 11am-1pm, Gym. *RSVP needed*  
Apollo's Fire, 7:30pm, Church
- Sun, Dec 14** Blood Pressure Checks, 8:30-11:30am, Family Room. Monthly
- Sun, Dec 21** Wrapped in Prayer Group, 11:15am, Family Room. 3rd Sundays  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Dinner, 4pm, Church/Parish Hall
- Wed, Dec 24** Christmas Eve services:  
5pm-Family Service w/ Pageant, Church  
8pm-Holy Eucharist, Church (Choral prelude begins at 7:30pm)
- Thur, Dec 25** Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10am, Church
- Fri, Dec 26** Church offices closed
- Sun, Dec 28** Holy Eucharist, 8am, Chapel  
A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, 10am, Church
- Wed, Dec 31** Church offices close at noon  
*No Community Meal Starts back on Wed, Jan 7*
- Thur, Jan 1** Church offices closed for holiday
- Tues, Jan 6** Tuesday Bible Study, noon, G-4. Weekly  
Needlework Guild, 6:30pm, Family Room. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- Thu, Jan 8** Needlework Guild, 1pm, Parish Hall. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- Sun, Jan 11** Blood Pressure Checks, 8:30-10am, Family Room. Monthly
- Sun, Jan 18** Wrapped in Prayer Group, 11:15am, Family Room. 3rd Sundays
- Mon, Jan 19** Church offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



## WORSHIP AND EDUCATION

### SUNDAYS

- 8am** Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 9am** Adult Forum, Parish Hall
- 10am** Holy Eucharist, Church  
Church School (Age 4-Grade 6)  
Youth/Confirmation (Grades 7-12)