



September

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. In-person and on Zoom

Blended Holy Communion Service

Masks are optional.

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From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



Worship Times

The Worship Committee met on Monday, August 29th. One of the things on the agenda was to discuss our worship times moving forward into the fall.

The biggest questions that came up were, do we remain a single blended 10:00 a.m. service? Do we remain a single 10:00 a.m. service and alternate back and forth between Traditional and Praise? Do we return to two separate Sunday morning services, 9:00 Praise and 11:00 Traditional? (There was not much discussion about adding the 5:00 p.m. service, so if having a 5:00 p.m. service will increase your attendance and spiritual growth, please notify the office 775-358-4474, or email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.)

This was not at all a clear-cut decision, as there were pros and cons for each option. The biggest hurdle that arose is we currently lack sufficient numbers of volunteers to help with ushering and altar guild.

Though everyone had their personal preference, it was consensus that the best thing for St. Paul's to do is to wait and reevaluate things again after the first of the year.

Thank you for your understanding.

Senior Warden's Report

Dear St. Paul's Family,

It is so good to be able to worship with you in person. I am doing well having finished my chemotherapy!

I have had time to think a lot while I was going through my treatments and recovery.

How do I get back into a rhythm again?

What do I want to do to support St. Paul's?

What does St. Paul's need that I can contribute?

I encourage each of you to consider these questions for yourselves. We have an opportunity as we emerge from the pandemic to

be a service to the church. When you pray, ask for guidance to the right ministry for you.

I also encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a Sunday or two to see if St. Paul's is the family they seek as well as providing the opportunity to meet Christ. You never know who is waiting for the invitation to be extended.

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Pizza and Beer Men's Group

All the men of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to gather for Pizza and Beer! We will meet up at Boulevard Pizza 1076 Rock Blvd in Sparks on Thursday, **September 8th** at 4:30pm (it's still happy hour). Contact Dick Schori for more information at richard.schori@gmail.com.

Empty Bowls On-Line Bidding

Can't Attend Empty Bowls but want to bid on bowls? Those that can't attend Empty Bowls but want to bid on bowls can buy the link through Eventbrite.com for a \$5 donation to The Community Food Pantry. The bidding link will arrive in your email when you purchase the On-Line ticket, which will be available on Eventbrite.com beginning Friday, September 9th.

"Empty Bowls" is an international project to fight hunger, bowls personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level. Reno/Sparks Event is hosted by The Community Food Pantry to raise funds to support our programs. In 2021 we fed 34,174 people and handed out 299 TONS of food. Bowls are auctioned at the event where a simple soup and salad dinner is served. This is our annual fundraiser.

Please contact Barbara Monroy 775-742-4856 if you have any questions.

School Supply Drive

The Daughters of the King would like to thank those that have contributed to the School Supplies that will be given to our local elementary school, Robert Mitchell.

Free Concert at St. Paul's

Free "Classicplay" concert at St. Paul's **Sunday, Sep. 25th** at 7:00 PM featuring Never too Late Barbershop Quartet, Penguin Box Percussion, the Sierra Highlanders Pipeband, and MC Ben Gallagher! Donations go to fund the special music budget for St. Paul's. Familiar favorites such as "We Don't Talk About Bruno" and "Make 'Em Laugh", as well as music never performed before at St Paul's. Come have some fun and bring a friend!

Altar Guild

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Altar Guild Team. If you are interested, please contact either Sue Schultz at 775-626-5814 or the church office at 775-358-4474. Training is provided.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The pantry needs help! Are you able?

Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00

Bringing in food from the delivery truck and stocking the shelves.

Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00

Helping distribute food.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer, email TCFPVolunteers@gmail.com

United Thank Offering 2022

The UTO Blue Box offers each and every one at St. Paul's the means to express their Gratitude for blessings received both large or small. By placing pennies, dimes, dollars in the box we thank God for the blessings in our lives: a loved one's birthday, a sunny day or a rainy one, a new job, for healing. "Every penny given is then given away in grant funding to missions and ministries to live Jesus' way of love."* These funds may turn into kitchen equipment for a homeless shelter, a school in the Dominican Republic, family counseling, vans, a library for a seminary in Africa. More than 5,300 grants have been awarded for a total of \$140 million to support missions and ministries throughout The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion.*

St. Paul's Campaign began May with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex for pick up and culminating on "Ingathering Sunday", November 6. Any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-747-4485.

Ushers Needed

Ladies and gentlemen, as we approach the new church year, we are finding the continual need for the ministries that serve during worship and that includes ushers. The usher duties aren't complicated or demanding, and the more volunteers we have the fewer times you are called to serve. If you are already in a ministry that serves during worship (choir, praise team, lectors, eucharistic ministers, etc.) adding usher to your list could complicate your life. If not, you can help and still participate in the service from the cheap seats. Please give some thought to joining the crew. Let us know at office@stpaulssparks.org or contact Dick Stufflebeam.

St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to Robin at church or Rita at honda07rita@gmail.com or 775-971-4775.

Prayer requests for your special people will be on for about 2 months, unless you need a longer date. Your special people will be lifted to our Lord each day. Thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your special people.

Episcopal Women of Nevada Annual Tea

September 24th at 1:00 p.m.

Here at St. Paul's

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Please make a reservation by emailing

Stephanie Tall at Stef.tall@gmail.com



Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Silent Film Screening

Watch the 1920 classic Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, starring John Barrymore, accompanied by world renowned organist Dorothy Papadakos improvising the score on the spot!

This special screening will be held on Friday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 200 Island Avenue, Reno, NV 89501. Tickets for the Film Screening can be purchased in the parish office or online at <https://bit.ly/3QPFuAe>

Dr. Jekyll Wine and Dessert Meet and Greet

There will also be a special wine and dessert meet and greet with organist Dorothy Papadakos being held at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3rd**, at here St. Paul's. Tickets for the Meet and Greet can be purchased in the parish office or online at <https://bit.ly/3QPFuAe>

All proceeds from these two events will be used to help pay for a new parking lot at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sparks.

We offer up a BIG thank You to Dorothy Papadakos for offering her time as well as to Trinity Cathedral for hosting.
<https://bit.ly/3QPFuAe>

Funding the Mission



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks July 2022

The second quarter financial results for 2022 were excellent compared to the budget projections. Operating receipts totaled \$69,467 and operating expenses totaled \$67,918. This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$1,549 compared to the budget's deficit prediction of \$17,125. Eighty percent of this difference was due to general giving exceeding

our budget prediction. A large portion of that eighty percent was from parishioners who were making up some missed pledge payments from previous years. We are very appreciative of those gifts.

Consequently, the results for the 1st half of the year are very favorable. We have accumulated a surplus of \$31,155 compared to the budget's prediction of a \$13,012 surplus. As I typically caution, we expect a surplus in the first half of the year due to a large amount of annual pledges being pre-paid in January. But with total giving where it's at and expenses under control, I am optimistic that we can end the year with a surplus instead of the budget's predicted \$15,983 deficit.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity and is posted in the narthex. If you would like me to email you a copy, send me an email at the address below.

You can direct questions personally to myself (Roger Towne) or to any Vestry member or contact me by email at Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org **IMPORTANT NOTE:** By all your gifts, we are blessed. For your gifts we are grateful.

Calendar at a Glance

Sept 8, 4:30PM Pizza and Beer Men's Group at Boulevard Pizza on Rock Blvd, Sparks.

Sept 10, 5PM, Empty Bowls Pantry Fundraiser held at – Boys & Girls Club, Reno

Sept 24, 1PM, Episcopal Women of Nevada Annual Tea at St. Paul's.

Sept 25, 7PM, Free Music Concert Fundraiser for the St. Paul's Traditional Music Team

Oct 6, 1PM, Clergy Conference at Galilee

Oct 7-8, Diocesan Convention

Nov 3, 7PM, Wine & Dessert Meet & Greet with organist Dorothy Papadakos at St. Paul's

Nov 4, 7PM, Silent Film Screening of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde featuring organist Dorothy Papadakos. Held at Trinity Cathedral, Reno.