



November

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship Information

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

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Senior Warden Report



Welcome to November!

Goodness but there is a lot going on at St Paul's!

If you are like me, it is hard to believe how quickly October went by. I hope you enjoyed the Trunk or Treat event. I know the children in the neighborhood had a good time, thank you to Shari McLaughlin for coordinating the event.

We had our Diocesan Convention on Oct 10 and 11th. It was good to gather with other Episcopalians from around our diocese - 26 of the 27 churches sent representatives. Bishop Elizabeth is encouraging us to remember our Anglican roots. We should be proud of the history of our church and celebrate its wonderful organization of prayers and readings. I have often had difficulty saying daily prayers and finding the right readings and psalms. The bishop shared an app for your phone that takes the mystery out of finding them. It is called VENITE. Please consider downloading it for yourself. I have been using it since convention and am so happy to have found this resource. Don't forget about our Book of Common Prayer. It might be a good Advent discipline to familiarize yourself with all the information, prayers and help it has to offer.

The rector search is gearing up for the release of our parish profile. Several of your fellow parishioners have been working on the information needed to complete the document. This is what candidates for our rector position will see as they are called to a new ministry. Please continue to pray daily for that person as only God knows who it is. We are hopeful that the profile will be posted not later than the first of November.

January brings us to our Annual Meeting. It will be held on January 25 during our Sunday service. At that time, you will hear many reports about events of 2025. We will also elect 2

members of the Vestry. Jeannine Funk and Kathy Dixon will complete their 3-year terms. Kathy has indicated that she will run for another 3-year term. Therefore, if you have a desire to run for Vestry, please contact a member of the Vestry for more information.

Current members of the Vestry and the year their term expires are:

2026: Kathy Dixon and Jeannine Funk

2027: Margaret Bouzek and Connie Swain

2028: Mary Lynch and Karl Riegelsberger

We also elect our delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Next year's convention will be held via Zoom in October. If you would like to be a delegate, please submit your name to the church office.

Many thanks for all you do for St. Paul's,
Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Funding the Mission October 2025

The third quarter financial results for 2025 were again very strong. Operating receipts totaled \$60,167 and operating expenses totaled \$43,906. This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$16,261 compared to the budget's predicted deficit of \$16,058. Our annual surplus now sits at \$97,412.

As with last quarter, almost this entire \$32,000 difference between the budget's prediction and the actual result is due to not employing a full-time priest. I would expect a similar surplus in the fourth quarter even though the Vestry continues to spend some of these excess funds on needed repairs and improvements in and around the building.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains details 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.

Help Wanted

The Projection Team needs a few more volunteers to run the slide show during services. Training is provided for this important yet fun task to make our worship a success. Please see Tim Miller if you are interested.

The Technology Team invites interested people to join in making sure we have the right equipment for projection. You will be trained in the tasks. Please see Tim Miller or John Hannah for more information.

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING NOVEMBER 2

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Ingathering will be on Sunday, November 2. During the service the UTO Boxes and Envelopes will be collected with the Offerings and presented at that time. So please bring your blue boxes with you on the 2nd. If you would prefer to write a check to represent the coins collected, Envelopes are provided in the Narthex for that purpose. The checks should be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a notation for UTO. Offering grants for 2025-2026 will be awarded for areas of ministry that "welcome the stranger as Jesus would in our midst." If you have any questions, please call Kathie Dixon 775-846-9751.

California Bluegrass Reunion Band in Concert at St. Paul's

Thu, Nov 13 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Doors open at 6:30pm Children 12 & under are free. Students 13 & over with Student ID, \$15
REMEMBER - NNBA MEMBERS USE YOUR MEMBER NUMBER IN THE DISCOUNT CODE BOX AT CHECKOUT FOR A 20% DISCOUNT.
Refreshments (including beer and wine)

available. To purchase tickets please visit:
www.nnba.org/events

St Paul's Altar Guild

Are you looking to do more for St Paul's Episcopal Church? Is it the time of year to find new ways to serve your church?

The Altar Guild is getting ready for the busy fall and Holiday time of the year. There is much to do in weekly preparation for the holidays and our place of worship. There are changing colors and then the Christmas celebration. The Altar guild is busy this time of year and can always use some fresh faces and extra hands-on deck to complete the year.

Our goal is to make our holy place beautiful and filled with the Lord's spirit. If you would like to be involved in such a goal, to make our holy place special for yourself, family and friends consider volunteering. Assignments are scheduled so one does not have to do Altar Guild setup every week or by themselves. The tasks are shared with other members of the group, rotated so you are not working alone.

During times when several things must be done there are others who step up and help with the assignment. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact myself or other members of the Altar Guild. After Sunday services you can come forward and watch how we take down the altar, ask questions and learn about this beautiful ministry.

Susan Schultz: 775-409-6151; email
Susieque2019@gmail.com

Prayers and Squares

Prayers and Squares will be meeting on November 1 beginning at 9 am. We will not be meeting in December. Beginning in January we will start meeting on the second Saturday of each month. We are changing our meeting time to start at 10 am and will go until about 2 pm. So please come and bring your lunch.

We need more help. You don't need to know how to sew. Please join us next year and help with this wonderful mission of St, Paul's. Either Linda Kennedy or Margaret Bouzek would be glad to tell you more. Just give us a call or stop us on Sunday. Linda: 775-722-1657 Margaret: 775-232-4712

Worship Leader Schedule

The current worship Leader schedule can be found at www.StPaulsSparks.org under the ministries tab.

Donate Your Old Computers

The Lion's Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken computer equipment. Working computers will be repurposed for those in need and the broken ones will be recycled.

You can bring these computers to the church for pickup by Dick Schori. If you have questions, contact him at richard.schori@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to 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.

Want Something in the Newsletter?

Email it to Office@StPaulsSparks.org by the 25th each month.