



January

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship Information

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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Senior Warden Report



Happy New Year!

Greetings to Everyone this New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Please take note of the painting that has recently been done to make our shared space nicer. If you have any concerns about the church property, please talk to Kathie Dixon or another member of the vestry.

Upcoming events include our Annual Parish Meeting on January 25. Please plan to attend the services that Sunday to learn hear our accomplishments and hopes. We will also present the budget for the next year. It is not too late to make a pledge if you have not done so.

My thanks to all of you for making the past year a success.

We have much to look forward to in 2026!

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Prayers and Squares

We are looking forward to another fun year making quilts for those in need. But we need your help to finish them. No sewing skill is needed to help. Please join us at our Saturday get-togethers. Bring your lunch and enjoy the social time while we assemble these wonderful symbols of our love.

In 2026 we will be meeting on the second Saturday of most months. But of course, there will be exceptions based on Parish Hall availability. The first one is in January when we will be meeting on January 3. All our work sessions will start at 10 am and run until about 2 pm. Please join us and be part of this special ministry.

We will meet February 14 and March 14 so you can mark your calendar for those coming months. If you can come in January, please contact Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com. For later months, contact Linda Kennedy at linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com to let us know that you are attending.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Almighty God, we give you praise for blessings us in many ways. Create in us grateful hearts and with these gifts a blessing start. Amen (UTO Book of Prayers)

In May, St. Paul's began their United Thank Offering Campaign to express our gratitude to God for the blessings received in our lives. Our ingathering was held in November and because of your gifts of gratitude St. Paul's will send \$580 to the National United Thank Offering office to be used for program grants throughout the US and the Anglican Communion. Thank you to all parishioners for your generous response to God's Blessings.

Jori Trimble and Kathie Dixon

St. Paul's Girls' Weekend 2026

Save the Dates for St. Paul's Girls' Weekend (Women's Retreat) 2026: April 24-26

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2026 will be held Friday, April 24, Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 at Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe.

Who: Women of all ages and their friends are invited.

When: Friday, April 24-Sunday, April 26, 2025

Where: Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Why: Come enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe, walk on the beach (the camp is steps from Lake Tahoe), get to know other women from our church, eat delicious food, have great conversations, play games, watch movies,

enjoy an art project or two, go to South Lake Tahoe to shop or see a movie, and relax!
Price: \$210 per person. (Galilee raised their per person price) Limited scholarships are available- if needed, please chat with Tia. Payment is due before the event.

The weekend will begin with dinner on Friday night. Everyone attending will contribute a food item for Friday dinner. All meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday are included and prepared by Camp Galilee staff.

If you would like to attend on Saturday only, the price can be pro-rated. Talk with Tia.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, you can call or email Tia Mittelstadt at tia.mittel@gmail.com or 775-722-3329; or Erin Anderson at erin@trinity-ai.com or 775-250-2699 or Anne Carter Hargrove at anne@carterhargroveinc.com. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and please note for SPGW 2025 on the memo line. Hope to see you there!

2026 AFRICAN DINNER

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Join International Development Missions (IDM)

As We Celebrate 25 Years of Mission

An Evening of Flavor, Culture, and Celebration

Saturday, February 28, 2026

St. Paul's Parish Hall

The dinner revival will be IDM's major fund-raising event for the year and will include a 5-course African buffet dinner (the menu will be posted in the Narthex), brief review of IDM's local and global projects and guest presentation on disease mitigation collaboration with the Katie Adamson Conservation Fund, silent auction, and a little African themed entertainment. Ticket price is \$60. Contact Deb Stiver at stiver@unr.edu or 775-636-1155.

IDM will be supporting the Community Food Pantry at the Dinner.

Bring a non-perishable food item to the dinner and receive a craft item made in Kenya in appreciation for your support.

Annual Parish Meeting

January 25th at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, January 25th we will have our annual parish meeting blended into our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Every member is HIGHLY encouraged and/or expected to attend. We hope you will join us.

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.

Contact: Rachael Pitts - 775-247-3417
baywolf2025@outlook.com

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.