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A Letter from the Senior Warden and the Rector

“All is calm, all is bright...”

Dear People of St. Paul's,

The cover of this year's annual report captures a moment in our lives together at St. Paul's in 2022. As is our tradition, each year we light candles as we sing "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve. And we share a moment of calm reflection and a time of hopeful anticipation for a bright year ahead as we wait for the "dawn of redeeming grace". What a perfect snapshot for this annual report which we hope will both sum up all that went on in our parish this past year and look forward to what lies ahead.

2022 was not without its challenges. Once the masks went away and pandemic life faded to memory what emerged was really a *new* reality. And so the work of St. Paul's shifted once again to rethinking how we engage and reach our parishioners; rebuilding programs to serve our community; and renewing the hearts and souls of our people after the past years of hardship, separation, and loss. This annual report is full of the stories of this work.

With a revamped 9 AM service, St. Paul's is reaching out to families who may be new to our church and to the Episcopal Church at large. The service invites families to participate and helps children feel comfortable with the weekly church service. And the learning continues with the addition of Holy Questions, a formation offering for families which helps answer theological questions and provides monthly time for fellowship.

With the creation of the Damascus Project St. Paul's is helping entrepreneurs in the city of Alexandria access funding for small business loans. Most of the business owners assisted are women who are new to this country and would otherwise not be able to access this vital funding. Parishioners at St. Paul's also reached out to support refugees from Afghanistan who have fled their home country and are living in Alexandria.

With the Compline by Candlelight services during Lent, Advent, and Epiphany, St. Paul's offered a space for parishioners to pause and reflect. These weekly services allow those who attend to experience what it is to be implicit in God's grace through the enchanting music of Taizé and candle lighting. St. Paul's also continues to reach out to a virtual audience recording services each Sunday as well Wednesday Eucharist, Compline services, and Sunday Adult Forums.

Regathering takes time and 2022 taught us that it also is a chance to rethink how we do things. Through all of this one vital factor has remained constant – the financial support of the parishioners of St. Paul's. The people of this place have steadfastly supported the mission and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church with their financial resources.

Thank you for the many ways you support St. Paul's. As we look back at 2022 and forward to 2023 we can tell you that all is calm, and all is bright.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Oran Warder
Rector

Mr. Jim Kahl
Senior Warden

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING,

A Year in the Life of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS:



January 2022: COVID numbers are up and St. Paul's starts 2022 with virtual services.



February 2022: Volunteers serve dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter.



March 2022: St. Paul's launches the Damascus Project.



March Compline by Candlelight offers weekly compline services during Lent.



April 2022: Palm Sunday
A chilly start to spring.



April The Bishop visits after 2 years away and confirms 42.



May 2022: St. Paul's goes back to Shrine Mont after 2 years away. Alyse went for the pickleball.



JUNE 2022: St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool holds its second graduation.



June VBS Returns!



July 2022: Worship moves to Upper Norton Hall for the summer.



July The Sanctuary painting and lighting project is well underway.



August 2022: Summer is for Outreach! August is school supply collection month.



September 2022: Welcome back to the sanctuary and another year of programming!



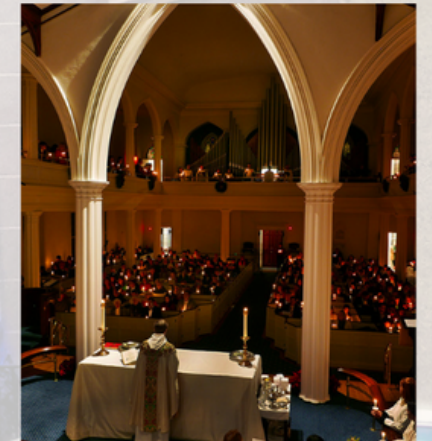
October 2022: A rainy blessing of the animals.



November 2022: The St. Paul's choir sounds beautiful every month of the year!



December 2022: The Christmas season is upon us once more.



December Another year in the books at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Damascus Project

Progress Report



Oran Warder



**Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
for in its welfare you will find your welfare**
Jeremiah 29:7

Rector's Note: For a complete review of the Damasus Project please see the last three editions of the Epistle Magazine for the three-part series titled Seeking the Welfare of the City: Investing in Restorative Economics in Alexandria (Part I can be found on pages 12-14 of the Fall 2021 Epistle Magazine; Part II can be found on pages 8- 9 of the Advent 2021 Epistle Magazine; and Part III can be found on pages 8-9 of the 2021 Annual Report/Spring 2022 Epistle Magazine. All three magazines can be accessed on the parish website stpaulsalexandria.com). The St. Paul's Damascus Project was officially launched on March 14, 2022. What follows is a brief summary and progress report.

Brief Summary

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...for in its welfare you will find your welfare. This piece of biblical wisdom and truth, from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that we are interconnected and interdependent on one another. Our welfare does indeed depend on the welfare of our neighbors. Throughout its history, St. Paul's has strived to be faithful in making these connections and serving the world around us. The Damascus Project is our latest effort and aims to be an investment in restorative economics in Alexandria. It is modeled after the microeconomic enterprises that have been so successful in the developing world and seeks to apply these principles to our local context. There are essentially three components: 1) Access to much needed capital to start and maintain a small business enterprise (usually very small amounts that are given as low or no interest loans); 2) Intentional education and training (groups formed to share best practices and engage in problem solving); 3) Mutual support and accountability (groups meet regularly and are deeply interconnected - making, or not making, payments on an individual loan directly impacts the livelihood of other group members). Relationships are key to success and the results are often transformational for individuals, for families, and for whole communities.

Our nonprofit partner in this work is the Latino Economic Development Corporation of Washington, DC (LEDC). This organization is already well established and experienced in the training, education, and relationship building components of the project. They also already have the mechanisms in place to grant and service the loans that we would make. Our partnership brings their resources and expertise to Alexandria where they have not previously had a presence. Our role in this partnership is to fund the Alexandria staff, provide volunteer mentors, and to support the small businesses that we help to develop. While LEDC was originally established to serve the Latino Community, its mission has expanded to include all underserved communities. Those who are currently part of our program do reflect the actual demographics of the Alexandria community.

Lastly, it is important to note that the first three years of this partnership have been funded by two anonymous parish donors, both of whom are business people and both inspired by the effort.

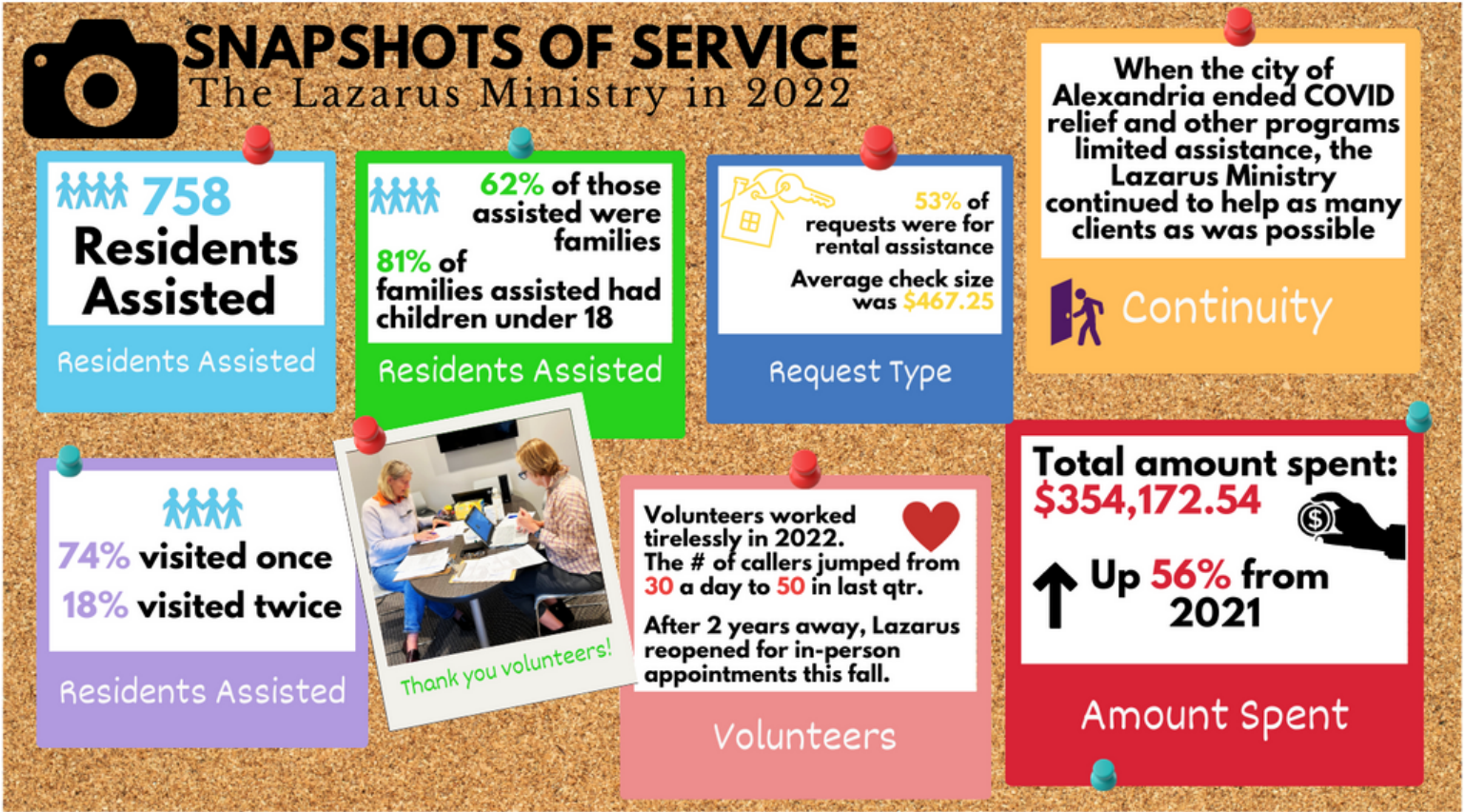
Progress Report

I am pleased to report that in 2022 LEDC approved **21 small business micro loans** which is a portion of the over \$800,000 that are currently deployed in loans by LEDC. Of this group **12 new businesses have been launched**. Businesses range from social enterprises, community initiatives, culinary services, as well as graphic and local art - from a window tinting business, to computer consulting, to a language school. In addition to offering Entrepreneur Boot Camp, and Small Business Coaching, LEDC will be providing a longer and more extensive business training series in 2023. Some specific needs from St. Paul's in 2023 are volunteers with expertise in basic finance and commercial real estate. We are off to a great start. Micro loans can lead to macro transformation. Please keep the Damascus Project in your prayers.

The Lazarus Ministry

2022 Report and Transition

2022 was a pivotal year for the Lazarus Ministry as Covid became less of a daily issue. All the protections enacted during Covid ceased mid-year. Landlords began to evict tenants and utility companies began to cut off services. As a result, the Lazarus Ministry saw a huge uptick in the number of people needing financial assistance. Often it was heartbreaking: the family facing eviction for owing less than \$500, the elderly widow who had lost her son to Covid and was facing getting put out on the street, the mother with four young kids whose gas had been cut off for two weeks, had no hot water and could not cook for her family. We could not have helped them or all the other families without the amazing support of St. Paul's Parishioners. Your wonderful generosity and very big hearts have made a world of difference in our community.



Lazarus Welcomes New Director

The start of 2023 brings a new face to the Lazarus Ministry - June Geoffray, who is its new Director. With assistance from Laura Simmons, who completed her tenure as Director at the end of 2022, June is learning the ropes as the Lazarus Ministry continues to experience high volumes of Alexandria residents seeking financial assistance.

June Geoffray is a lifelong Alexandrian; her family has been in this city for six generations. June has been a non-profit Development professional for most of her career. She worked for several non-profits in Alexandria including the Campagna Center where she served as Deputy Director of Development, and for Senior Services where she served as Development Director. June also worked for two environmental organizations.

June has been a member of St. Paul's since 1983. She was quite active in the late 80's and early 90's as a volunteer with the St. Paul's Youth Group. It was at St. Paul's that she was recruited by former Rector Geoffrey Hoare to serve on the board of the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry.

And in 2022 June was recruited once more! Oran was aware that June was seeking a part-time job with a service organization and reached out about Lazarus. It was a perfect fit.

We are excited to welcome June Geoffray to the staff of St. Paul's!



It Takes a Village

St. Paul's Parishioners Assist Afghan Refugees Martha Martin

A year ago, I learned from my daughter that an Afghan refugee family had moved to the Virginia Theological Seminary. I was told they were a three-generation family of nine: mother, three sons, two daughters, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Wanting to help, I offered some of my unused baby equipment. When I heard back that what they really wanted was a sewing machine, I was delighted to give them mine as it hadn't been turned on in 10 years!

That was the beginning. I was introduced to Melanie Gray with the Christ Church Refugee program and Linda Serabian, a parishioner of Immanuel Church on the Hill. After almost a year, Linda and I have become devoted to this family and I could not navigate caring for them without my "team".

After living at the Seminary for three months with the help from Philadelphia mentors the family was able to rent a house. EVERYTHING was donated: furniture and bedding, kitchen pots and pans and dishes and cutlery. Making this house a home taught me that there is no such thing as coincidence but Divine intervention is real.

Some examples stand out:

- When we were getting them settled I went and bought a 15" TV set. Two days later I got a call that someone wanted to give them a 15" TV set. I returned mine and when I picked up the donated one it was the exact same make and model as the one I had bought.
- We worried about their new neighbors and how they would be treated. Their neighbor across the street is a young couple with a baby the same age as theirs and her husband works with refugees. Another neighbor helped assemble their donated lawn mower and provided gas and tools. He had served in Afghanistan and was very welcoming. One neighbor brought by cookies. And I have just learned that they are teaching another neighbor, who is German, how to cook Afghan dishes.
- The girls attend Edison High School, love being in school, and appreciate the gift of being educated. They often speak of the Taliban and how uneducated they are, explaining the reason why they are so evil. Their English is a work in progress: the men speak good English and are eager to improve. They ask thoughtful questions requiring me to be disciplined in picking my words.
- I love sharing the history of this country. I explained the genesis of Memorial Day, the Civil War, and the 4th of July. In turn I have learned about Ramadan and Eid ul-Adha. We have spoken of our beliefs in an afterlife.
- The Holidays are another source of discussion! The house at the girls' bus stop did it up big for Halloween. There were 12' skeletons, cobwebs galore, spiders that must have had motion detectors so they jumped out when anyone passed. The girls, accompanied by their mother, had quite a shock the first time they passed by. During the Christmas season the skeletons were decked out with red scarves around their neck. The smaller were lined up like reindeer pulling a sleigh with a skeleton dog leading the pack. Even hardened old Americans have a hard time fathoming that. Before Christmas I casually mentioned that David and I were going to get our tree. They looked puzzled and I said that yes, we bought trees and decorated them for Christmas. Assuming they were for outside, I corrected them and said they were for inside and then struggled to explain the origins of this tradition. Imagine the conversations they must have about Americans!

Since becoming involved with this family, I am reminded every day that this is an extraordinary country with endless generosity. If you are interested in helping this family or families like this one, I hope you will reach out. In the upcoming months the family will be renewing the lease for their home. Last year this involved paying a year's rent in advance and we expect the same requirement for next year's lease.

Donations to assist this family and other displaced Afghan families are being accepted by the Afghan Peaks Charitable Trust, afghanpeaks.org/AfghansRising. You can donate to this family identifying your gift with "St. Paul's Church/Martha Martin". I will hear from the Trust acknowledging your gift and you will receive a tax donation statement. If you are interested in helping a refugee family, please contact Melanie Gray at mgray@calex.org.

It certainly takes a village to support and assist those among us who are struggling and rebuilding. Our local community has helped many families from Afghanistan make a new life in a strange foreign city, and what a blessing it has been to be a part of this village. We now await word of their application for asylum as we continue to support them on this long journey.



It Takes a Village

St. Paul's Parishioners Assist Afghan Refugees Dale Allen

Previously, I wrote in The Epistle about a young Afghan refugee family I've been working with here in Alexandria for the past year and a half. Jawid is in his early thirties, as is his wife, Wazhma. They are well educated and hope to provide the same for their two daughters, Lemarina, 5, and Oba, 3. In Kabul, Jawid was a university lecturer on global security. Wazhma was a well-established broadcast journalist, often working from the presidential palace in Kabul.

Jawid continues learning the ins and outs of the international rug trade. He works for Zia, an Afghan rug merchant in Alexandria who has become a mentor to him. Another St. Paul's parishioner, Hendrik Browne, and I got Zia and Jawid together. He is also working on a Master's degree in global security, on scholarship, at George Mason University two days a week. This is closely related to his earlier career as a university lecturer in Afghanistan. He is continuing as a subject matter expert on Afghan issues on Afghan TV political talk shows locally here in the United States. Jawid describes it as an Afghan version of the BBC. I explained to him that he is now a 'talking head' on TV in the United States.

Jawid's brother was able to leave Afghanistan last year when he married an Afghan woman who is an American citizen. They are living in Texas and recently had a baby boy. Wazhma has a married sister, also a journalist, who was able to get out of Afghanistan. She is currently in Germany and hopes to move to the United States.

Since their two daughters are now in school, Wazhma is finally able to focus on herself. While broadcast journalism is an eventual possibility here in the States, Wazhma has focused on IT training created specifically for Afghan refugees. Husband Jawid is studying the same online course four nights each week.

Wazhma has a great eye for photography . . . for telling the story. I've encouraged her to pursue this talent, perhaps even focusing specifically on portraits of Afghan refugee families. She might even find an Afghan photographer to mentor her. It's a unique niche that she could possibly thrive in.

Lemarina started pre-K late in the previous school year. She loves school and is doing well. She is still in pre-K and will start Kindergarten in the fall. One of my neighbors recently donated her son's outgrown lime green Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle two-wheeler, with training wheels, to Lemarina. Wazhma and I surprised her with it, and she surprised us by riding it through the apartment. She and her Mom have plans to cover the bike with pink stickers. I wish there was a way for me to include in this update the video Wazhma sent me of Lemarina riding her new bike in the apartment, wearing her helmet, approaching the camera like a professional actress, dismounting, introducing herself and talking about her new bike and where it came from!

Oba, the baby of the family, also started school, attending pre-pre-K. It got off to a bit of a rough start, but Oba told her mother very seriously not to worry, she would not cry in school again. So far, so good!

Starting last February I introduced Wazhma, Jawid, Lemarina and Oba to the American birthday party concept. We start with dinner at a restaurant they've never been to, so they can try new foods and check out the ambiance of these establishments. In February we started with a birthday dinner for Jawid at Clyde's at Mark Center. Excellent food and décor! Dinner is always followed by a wonderful birthday cake back at their apartment, with much picture taking and laughter. They even surprised me with a typical Afghan dinner on my birthday in July.

On a more serious note, Wazhma's mother is still living in Afghanistan. Sadly, she has been ill for a long time and Wazhma has been desperate to be with her. Returning directly to Afghanistan would be far too dangerous. On January 8 she and her daughters flew to Dubai and then on to Pakistan, where she waits, hoping her mother can travel to Pakistan for medical treatment. Please keep them in your prayers for God's Peace and a safe return from this difficult situation.



Lemarina enjoys learning and takes it seriously. Here, she is researching fairies!



What three-year-old wouldn't want a birthday crown?



For Dale's birthday it was a traditional Afghan dinner followed by German chocolate cake.

Rebuilding Zion

The Life and Work of the Rev. William H. Wilmer

During his recent sabbatical, taken over the summer of 2022, The Rev. Oran Warder researched the life and work of the Rev. William H. Wilmer, the second rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The fruit of this labor and study will be a book, Rebuilding Zion, which will be published by the Virginia Theological Seminary press later this spring.

What follows in an excerpt from the introduction.

Rebuilding Zion Introduction

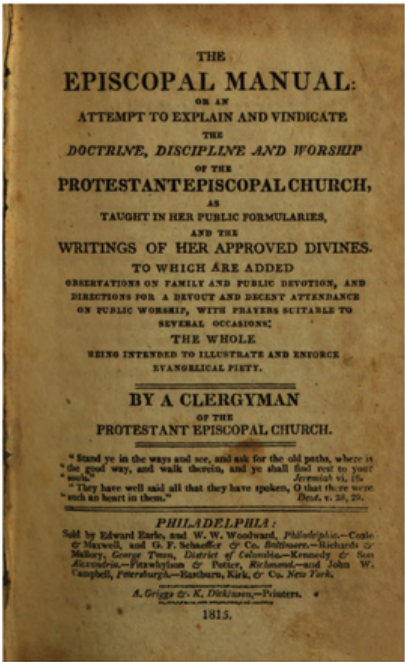
Sunday after Sunday the clergy preside only a few steps away. Generations of faithful parishioners pass by on their way to and from the communion rail. Thousands of tourists are shuttled through on the opposite side of a velvet rope. And very few take notice. There, underneath the floor, at the edge of the small and narrow chancel of Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, are the remains of its 12th rector. The original stone tablet over his remains begins with these laudatory words:

IN
MEMORY
OF
THE REVD. WILLIAM H. WILMER, D.D.
WHOSE EMINENT TALENTS AND EXEMPLARY PIETY
ENABLED HIM TO FILL, WITH DIGNITY
AND USEFULNESS,
THE IMPORTANT STATIONS OF
RECTOR OF THIS CHURCH:
PRESIDENT OF WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE:
PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF CLERICAL
AND LAY DEPUTIES OF THE PROTESTANT
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
HE WAS BELOVED IN PRIVATE,
RESPECTED AND HONORED IN PUBLIC LIFE:
A SOUND DIVINE,
A FAITHFUL PASTOR,
A SINCERE AND PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN.

What the stone does not include are these other items from his rather impressive resume:

- He helped unify and shape the newly formed Episcopal Church in America. On May 22, 1817 he would be elected president of the House of Deputies and preside over four sessions of the General Convention. At 34 years old, only seven years after ordination, he would be the youngest person to ever hold this position.
- He was one of the key reformers who led the revitalization of the Church in Virginia. On May 4, 1814 he preached the opening sermon of the Diocesan Convention and the inaugural sermon for the Monumental Church in Richmond. It is in this sermon he issues the call to rebuild the desolate Zion of the Episcopal Church in Virginia. From this sermon one may accurately date the revitalization of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.

- He had previously served as rector of the growing parish of St. Paul's, Alexandria, VA, while simultaneously serving as the founding rector of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, in Washington, DC, and engaged Benjamin Henry Latrobe to design both houses of worship which were constructed under his leadership.
- He wrote *The Episcopal Manual: A Summary Explanation of the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church*, in the United States of America published in four editions which served as both a field guide and textbook for the new church in a new nation. This was one of the American church's first theological works and gives Dr. Wilmer a claim to being its first theologian following independence from the Church of England.
- He was the founder and chief editor of the *Washington Theological Repertory*, a monthly journal of the Anglican Evangelical movement within the Episcopal Church.
- He was one of the founders and first president of The Society for the Education of Pious Young Men for the Ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia and Maryland, which eventually led to the founding of the Virginia Theological Seminary where he would serve as its first professor. There is universal agreement that if only one person was the moving spirit of the Seminary's founding and early days it was William Holland Wilmer.



The title page of the first edition of *The Episcopal Manual*. Retrieved from the New York Public Library via HathiTrust, <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/nyp.33433070792415>

The stone does not include that he was widowed twice, married a third time, and helped to raise eight children. Neither does the stone include the fact that his tenure as rector of Bruton Parish and president of the College of William and Mary lasted for only a single year. Nor does the stone highlight that he accomplished all these things before dying three months shy of his 45th birthday.

The inscription on the stone ends with this rather unusual and important qualifying detail.

THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY THE CONGREGATION,
AND CHRISTIANS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS,
IN TESTIMONY OF THEIR PROFOUND RESPECT,
AND ARDENT AFFECTION
FOR THE DECEASED.

It is clear that Dr. Wilmer's death was not only felt by the people of Bruton Parish and the College of William and Mary, but also by the entire Williamsburg community. The townsfolk wore black armbands, entered a time of public corporate mourning, and in a time of great financial hardship, gathered the necessary funds to provide a burial deemed appropriate for this esteemed and beloved member of the community. One of his local ministerial colleagues quipped at the time of his death that had his life been spared, there would have been but one church in that old city.

This book attempts to tell the story of the imperfect yet extraordinary life of William Holland Wilmer.

Worship

Compline by Candlelight: The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread The Rev. Alyse Viggiano



Evocative and popular Australian musician Nick Cave, recently co-wrote a book titled *Faith, Hope, and Carnage*. It explores the many facets of his life: family, death, being on tour, writing songs, but most striking were his reflections around God. The following is from the book and a dialogue between Cave and his co-author Sean O'Hagen:

“**Sean:** For me, lighting a candle for someone may be more of an act of hope, than faith . . .
Nick: To go into a church and light a candle is quite a consequential thing to do . . .it is an act of yearning.
Sean: I guess so, and yet I struggle [with] what it means exactly and maybe it just makes me feel better about myself.
Nick: It is a private gesture that signals a willingness to hand a part of oneself over to the mysterious. . . prayer to me is about making a space within oneself where we can listen to the deeper more mysterious aspects of our nature.’”

Having lit many candles in my life, this dialogue finally gave credence to such an overlooked act and introduced a universal way of participating in worship, regardless of your religious background.

Having lit many candles in my life, this dialogue finally gave credence to such an overlooked act and introduced a universal way of participating in worship, regardless of your religious background.

In conversations with people who aren't a part of a spiritual community, there remains a yearning to find communion with God. One roadblock is the overwhelming sense of diving head first into a church community, committing to the teachings of scripture, and believing what it means to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Although valid reasons for anxiety, honestly understood, the truth is faith is the work of a lifetime, and is never figured out all at once. This is where Compline by Candlelight comes in.

In general, Compline is the final service of the daily office. It's meant to be said right before heading off to sleep. It offers prayers of solace and peace, recognizing "what has been done, has been done, let it be." and gives hope for the day ahead, all resting in God's grace.

St. Paul's Compline by Candlelight offers the prayers above, as well as candle lighting and the beautiful, enchanting music of Taizé. This combination provides a space which offers a palpable sense that God is present in the midst of dark, confusing, difficult times.

As to why Compline by Candlelight is the gateway experience to other worship, it offers a sacred space of reception and participation. Scripture is read, but you don't have to analyze it; music can be sung (even by those who, like myself can't carry a tune) or simply enjoyed. Then there's the candle lighting which offers a tactile experience and expression for when words fail us. This is the clearest example of worship being more than a passive experience. When you show up and however you show up, you are necessary to worship. All of it together, when we understand our responsibility in worship, whether that's being in the congregation or lighting a candle, this draws us into the implicit nature of our being a part of God's existence.

To be clear, this worship does not replace the Eucharist, but rather than a dive, this worship is a gentle wading into the water of God. Compline by Candlelight is truly for anyone and especially those who are weary (whether that be of the institution or just being tired) by providing comfort, relief, and hope when we need it most.

12 1. Nick Cave and Sean O'Hagan, *Faith, Hope and Carnage*, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux ,2022), Ch. 7

St. Paul's Music Ministry

Re-introducing Adriano Eric Scnobrick



A year and a half ago, the Casavant Frères organ at St. Paul's was in pieces, scattered around the choir gallery. It was in the process of receiving much-needed and long-planned maintenance and upgrades, and it was getting ready to receive a new organist. Since the departure during the pandemic of Organist and Choirmaster Grant Hellmers, I had been sitting as the organist when one was needed. (By the time we began to regather in the sanctuary, there were blessedly few services left before the organ was to take its summer break for maintenance.) I knew before I started to play, though, that I was not going to be the long-term solution in this role. The congregation and the instrument both deserved to hear more than I was able to give. And so, we began our search for an Organist in Residence.

Anybody that has attended the 11:00 service in the past sixteen months knows that we found our answer in Adriano Spampinato. From the first week that Adriano was with us, we were convinced that it was a good match. As everyone that has spoken with him after services knows, he is always ready for a warm and good-natured chat. And as the choir can tell you, his skill set is far broader than is on display most Sundays. His musical experience and leadership has enriched St. Paul's greatly, and it has been clear since he joined us that he was ready to be more than just our organist.

So it was with the utmost confidence that we asked Adriano to become our Assistant Director of Music. I asked him about his thoughts on his new role here at St. Paul's:

ES: You have been with us at St. Paul's for over a year as our Organist in Residence. Why did you feel like joining us as our Assistant Director of Music was the right choice for you?



AS: I'm always eager to try new things. I have lots of skills as a musician but I have never held that kind of position yet. I'll have to learn new competencies, which is always great. Also, I feel really happy and supported at St. Paul's, the decision was simply easy and natural.

ES: Your weekly responsibilities aside, does anything feel different about your place at St. Paul's with this new position?

AS: Actually, not really since I'm the official Organist. But I am really excited about building a concert series.

ES: In your new role with us, what do you hope to add to the music program and to the worship experience? Are there any programs or ensembles that you are particularly excited to begin work on?

AS: Always bringing good and interesting music for the congregation. Jumping between traditional and modern repertoire, famous and lesser known composers from 16th century to nowadays. Bringing back the bell choir will definitely be exciting, and trying to compose some pieces. Ideally, I'd love to create the St. Paul's Baroque Ensemble

ES: Is there anything that you would like for the wider St. Paul's community to know about you?

AS: Just thank you for your support and your kind words each Sunday. It is always a pleasure to play.



Join the Alexandria Choral Society's chamber ensemble, Pro Coro Alexandria, [at St. Paul's on April 22 at 7:00PM](#) as they present a performance featuring the stunning Josef Gabriel Rheinberger Mass in Eb. This a cappella mass for double choir honors the Renaissance and Baroque writing preceding, with undeniably Romantic styling to and through the final 'Dona nobis pacem.' Be sure not to miss a performance of this unique work, paired with choral treasures ranging from the 1600's to modern day."

St. Paul's Children, Youth, and Families

2022 Recap



Lillian Hardaway

Seen & Heard...

A family had a family vote to decide on St. Paul's as their new church home! When the votes were tallied and the decision was made, one of the children cheered!

A preschooler said, "I love that song, *For Each New Morning* (meaning the St. Paul's Children's Prayer), but whenever I ask Alexa to play it, she says she cannot find it!"

Each Youth Group meeting ends with Compline and we always have lots of volunteers to be officiant and readers!

At a Christmas Pageant rehearsal our Pageant leaders wanted to answer the questions "What is your favorite historical thing to learn about?" and the answers were incredible!



Regional Youth Event: Field Games Edition
April 30 6-8pm
St. Paul's Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont
May 19-21
Vacation Bible School
June 19-23 2023 9am-12pm
Music Camp
June 26-30 2023 9am-12pm
Links to registration and more info can be found on our website!

Youth

St. Paul's is part of the Alexandria Region of the Diocese of Virginia. There are 7 other Churches in the region including: Christ Church, Church of St. Clement, Church of the Resurrection, Emmanuel, Grace, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, and Meade Memorial. For the first time since before the pandemic we are having Regional Youth Events! In the beginning of January there was a Regional Youth Event hosted at Grace Church and we had 10 youth attend! The event included dinner, games, and a program led by a Casa Chirilagua staff person.



Families

2022 was an incredible year for St. Paul's Families! The 9am Family Service was brought back with a new vision and more ways for families to serve. Families serving together as Worship Hosts (these hosts fill the roles of acolytes, ushers, lectors, and intercessors) has brought an accessibility to participating in worship for all ages. **While each Sunday 9am service is incredibly special, we finished off 2022 with several incredible family services:**



Hymns & Graces



Jesse Tree



Christmas Pageant



Family Christmas Eve

Formation

Lenten Learning Opportunities 2023



The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone

As we begin to emerge from winter towards the budding life of spring, and prepare for the hope of our Easter celebrations, the season of Lent lends itself to reflection, learning, and growth. Whether you are returning to church after a time away, new to faith altogether, or looking for new ways to connect your inner faith and spirituality more deeply with your relationships and daily life, St. Paul's is offering a variety of courses and stand-alone sessions for your Lenten learning this year. Take a look; come and see; invite a friend...

FEB25: Lenten Quiet Day
The Book of Forgiving
Saturday, 2/25, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Gather at St. Paul's for a morning of reflection, prayer, and gentle conversation based on *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. Facilitated by the Rev. Jenni Ovenstone

FEB26: Margaret Gardner
God in the Garden
Sunday 2/26, 10 am, Upper Norton

The season of "Lent" is named from an old English word meaning "spring." Even as we turn inwardly this season to tend to reflection and spiritual growth, Margaret Gardner will help us look for God in the signs of life preparing to bloom outwardly all around us. Margaret Gardner is a floral artist and educator in the DC area. She serves as the associate for adult discipleship and small group ministry at National Presbyterian Church.

FEB27: Lenten Book Study
A Resurrection Shaped Life: Dying and Rising on Planet Earth
Mondays, 2/27 - 4/10, 9:30 am, Wilmer Library

Join the Rev. Sam Mason throughout Lent for a weekly discussion of this work by the Bishop of Western Louisiana. Reexamine the biblical concept of resurrection, and discover how Jesus' resurrection influences us every day through Christian practices that allow new life to emerge through our ordinary experiences. (Participants are invited to gather first for St. Paul's 9am Morning Prayer in the chapel.)

MAR1: Dinner and Discussion Course
Deepening Discipleship
Wednesdays, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, & 4/5, 6-7:15 pm, Upper Norton Hall

Each week participants will be asked to view a video in advance from the "Owning our Faith" series taught by the clergy of St. Paul's. We then gather in person on Wednesday evenings over a light meal for fellowship, reflection, and guided conversation about each week's theme with the intention of exploring, and more deeply living, our faith. This course is designed especially for people who are new to exploring Christian faith; seeking to re-engage or deepen their spiritual life in community; looking for connection and conversation around questions of faith; or considering making a renewed affirmation or commitment in faith through the sacramental step of Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church

MAR12: St. Paul's Lenten Series
What in the Hell is Wrong with Us?
Sundays, 3/12 - 3/26, 10 am, Upper Norton Hall

While Episcopalians tend to shy away from talking about sin, we know full well that the world we observe, and our own selves, fall short of the goodness and flourishing that God desires for us. Join the parish clergy for this three-part exploration of sin, how it distorts all facets of our lives, and how God frees us from it. We will use the baptismal liturgy's renunciations of evil - cosmic, systemic, and personal - as our starting point.

March 12: *The spiritual forces of wickedness: the evil that enslaves us.*
The Rev. Oran Warder

March 19: *The evil powers of this world: the evil done on our behalf.*
The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone

March 26: *All sinful desires: the evil we have done.*
The Rev. Alyse Viggiano

Questions?

Information and registration forms can be found on our website, www.stpaulsalexandria.com. If you have questions about any of these offerings, email Jenni at jenni@stpaulsalexandria.com

SPEP is blessed with an amazing community of people – students, families, staff, alumni, and St. Paul’s Church friends. **But what else makes SPEP special?** Our specials! As a play-based preschool we offer our Toddlers through Kindergarten students numerous and varied opportunities outside their classrooms to learn through play every day. Here are the "special" parts of our day at SPEP:

Art

Our 3s – Ks enjoy a weekly Art lesson in the sunlit ‘Amy’s Art and Science Center’. From process art to project art a variety of materials and techniques are used to make unique creations. Painting with marbles and vegetables, crafting self-portraits, holiday and seasonal crafts, as well as Impressionist and Modernist inspired works.

Chapel

Our Toddlers – Ks love Ms. Lillian! Using Godly Play materials, children see and hear Bible stories come to life, including the Creation, Noah, Moses, Advent, Nativity, and parables such as the Good Samaritan and Good Shepherd.

Field Trips

Our bus is always rolling through town taking our 3s – Ks on weekly field trips: Natural History Museum, Illusion Museum, local libraries and playgrounds, River Farm, and Krispy Kreme to name just a few!

Library

All SPEP children enjoy weekly story time in our dedicated ‘Offutt Library’. We read stories and sing songs to support classroom learning, holidays and seasons, as well as old favorites. Our collection is broad, and we were able to add many new titles to our shelves thanks to our successful fall book fair.

Music

Toddlers on up play weekly with hand drums, shakers, jingle bells, triangles, and our Ks are beginning to learn the xylophone. Children sing and act out songs and stories while practicing rhythm, tonal patterns, and audiating. The annual SPEP Christmas pageant is always a musical highlight!

Resource Room

Small groups of 3s – Ks love their weekly session in our Resource Room. Our teacher guides them in playing games, putting on puppet shows, imagining in the dramatic play areas, reading stories, and making crafts.

Science

Our 3s – Ks have an engaging, hands-on, age-appropriate lesson each week. From fossils to physics, our teacher provides the children with a bite-sized lesson and vocabulary alongside materials to learn, experiment, and play with.

Afternoon Fun!

Our optional after school Lunch Bunch is available for our 2s – Ks; plus, our Ks can opt to stay for SPEP’s new Afternoon program. Three days per week our Ks extend their learning and fun through literacy, art, and math-based activities with units on Healthy Bodies, Polar Animals, and Nursery Rhymes to name just a few.

Spread the word and come see for yourself how special SPEP is!



We are so thankful for all of those who donated to the St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool Rise and Shine Fund. Started in 2021, this annual giving program supports the students at SPEP, helps ensure competitive salaries and professional development for our teachers and staff, and maintains the unique program offerings at our school including our beloved school bus.

Anonymous Donors
 Ford Adams
 Duncan Blair
 Suzanne Brock
 David Brown
 Chris Byrnes
 Steve Callahan
 Mary Calvert
 Megann Clarke
 Whitney Cooke
 Lee & Ted Ellett
 Michael Farnum
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 Candi Sparrow
 John Steitz
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Future ornithologists at SPEP



Science is serious business



Look who joined the Christmas Walk!



Tuesdays are for chapel



Listening and learning

SPEP budget can be found on pg. 27



The Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 5, 2023 | 10 A.M. | In the Nave

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Vestry Advisory Ballot Results
- Review Vestry Election Procedures
- Vestry Election
- Report of the Rector
- Presentation of the 2023 Budget
- Report of The St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool
- Election of SPEP Board Parish Representative
- Report of the St. Paul's Foundation
- The Necrology
- Adjourn (no later than 10:50 a.m.)

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CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Warder opened the meeting with prayer and announced that a quorum was present for our 212th Annual Meeting (He noted that this is our 213th year as a parish but there was no 2021 parish meeting due to COVID. Under direction of the Chancellor of the Diocese of VA, the canons allow parish leaders to remain in place until new leaders are elected. The result is that all parish leaders extended their terms by one year).

APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Warder announced the appointment of Duncan Blair, Parish Chancellor, as Parliamentarian and Julian Burke as Register, who is also the Vestry Register. On behalf of the congregation, Rev. Warder offered his thanks to Mr. Blair for the legal services he provides to St. Paul's.

Andrew Lund is parish representative to the new St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool

Mr. Lund serves as Chair of the SPEP Board and is in year two of a three year term as the parish representative.

PARISH TREASURER

Rev. Warder recognized Larry Campbell for his work as Parish Treasurer. He is currently in year three of a five year term.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Rev. Warder recognized the appointment of Wesley Schmidt as Assistant Treasurer (*ex officio* member of vestry – a term not to exceed 5 years). Donna Lefevre made a motion to approve the appointment, which was seconded by Karen Grane. The motion was approved.

THEME OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. Warder said the theme to this year's annual meeting was giving thanks for the St. Paul's community during these challenging times.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. Warder presented the minutes of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting. A motion was made by Cindy Roscoe and seconded by Jim Norman to approve the minutes from the 2020 Annual meeting. The motion was approved.

RETIRING VESTRY MEMBERS

Rev. Warder thanked the retiring Vestry members for their service and presented them with gifts of appreciation. They included Jennifer Adams, Anne Ayres, Clark Bavin, Karen Grane (completing an unexpired term eligible for reelection), Cathy Sachs and Lisa Walsh.

REMAINING VESTRY CLASSES 2023-24

Rev. Warder acknowledged the remaining members of the Vestry and thanked them for their service.

Class of 2023

Talley Fulghum
Catherine Linskey
Andrew Lund
Anthony Marasco
Lesley Markham
Jim Morrell

Class of 2024

Andrew Blair
Cindy Brack
Julian Burke
Dale Cloyd
Dede Stanko
Ann Webb

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rev. Warder asked the Executive Committee to come forward to be acknowledged.

Executive Committee

Senior Warden, Anne Ayres

Junior Warden, Jim Morrell

Treasurer, Larry Campbell *ex officio*

Assistant Treasurer, Karen Grane *ex officio*

Register, Julian Burke

At-Large Member, Jennifer Adams

REVIEW OF VESTRY ELECTION (adopted 2017).

Mrs. Walsh gave a review of the Vestry election process.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PAGE 24 OF THE ANNUAL REPORT)

Mrs. Walsh recognized and thanked the following individuals, who had agreed to stand for the Vestry: Virginia Banchoff, Lisa Eskew, Steve Francis, Karen Grane, Bruce Hedman, Jim Kahl, Carol Kaufmann, Taylor Kiland, Teresa Taylor and Charles J. Zauzig III. Rev. Warder also thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Mrs. Walsh shared the results of Advisory Ballot - All 3 received a supermajority of votes:

Lisa Eskew
Steve Francis
Jim Kahl

Rev. Warder asked for a motion to accept the advisory ballot. The motion was made by B.J. Martino and seconded by Joe Stanko to accept the advisory ballot, and was approved. Rev. Warder asked for other Nominations from the floor, and there were none.

ELECTION

Mrs. Walsh instructed everyone to strike Lisa Eskew, Steve Francis and Jim Kahl from their ballot, and vote for three of the remaining nominees. The tellers, consisting of retiring and former vestry members Lisa and Matt Walsh, Jennifer Adams, Clark Bavin, Charlie Harris, Dede Stanko, Talley Fulghum, and BJ Martino collected all of the ballots.

The Rev. Warder recognized the parish clergy, staff and seminarians who work so hard for all of us every day. He announced two staff changes. Laura Rose will be stepping down as events coordinator, but will continue in her membership role coordinating baptisms, confirmations, funerals and parish transfers. Sue Setliff has completed her position as Interim Director of Buildings and Maintenance. Katie Woodruff will be assuming that role, while we seek a longer term solution to maintaining the buildings on the St. Paul's campus.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Warder offered his appreciation to all of the parish representatives who agreed to extend their terms by an additional year, as a result of not being able to hold our annual meeting last year.

PARISH TRUSTEES

The Rev. Warder offered his thanks to Duncan Blair, Suzanne Brock, Bo Miller and Cathy Tyler for their work on behalf of the parish.

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RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rev. Warder offered his parish report remaining hopeful during these difficult times. He referenced a historical perspective. Only two times in 213 years was St. Paul's closed. The first was during the Civil War, and the second was during the pandemic. Upon reopening after the Civil War some things returned to normal quickly, while other things took longer. During the pandemic, we were able to stay connected and support each other. His hopes were that future generations will look back and appreciate the way we handled the adversity, as we stayed connected, kept people safe and continued to worship together. He hoped that others would also say that we were faithful stewards of our legacy of service to the community and the world. Our worship has ranged from low tech outdoor services to high tech "live" and recorded services. Currently, we offer hybrid services including low tech in-person services and high tech live-streamed services, which will continue as part of our future. He noted that our worship attendance numbers are almost at pre-pandemic numbers, and that Wednesday's noon eucharist service numbers online exceed the capacity of the chapel where the in-person service is typically held.

The Rev. Warder noted the Lazarus Ministry's exceptional outreach in 2021. It served 754 people representing 452 families. 84% of those individuals had only come to St. Paul's once for a little bit of help to keep things going. The congregation offered almost \$250,000 to serve the community. Our finances are very strong reflecting the commitment of the parishioners and the work that we do.

The Rev. Warder referenced the great success of newly established St. Paul's Episcopal Pre-school under the leadership of Kristin Teeters and SPEP Board Chair Andrew Lund.

He reported on the success of the St. Paul's Foundation, and some of the projects that have been completed with its support.

The Rev. Warder gave thanks for the Richard and Mary Simmons Bequest of over \$2,000,000.

The Rev. Warder acknowledged our partnership with LEDC (Latino Economic Development Center), which was celebrated this past week. The initiative is based on micro lending in the developing world, helping small business owners to have access to capital with small business loans, to provide education and training to those who receive those loans and provide the support and accountability necessary for their success. This partnership offers LEDC a presence in Alexandria. The total funding by St. Paul's will be a three year commitment of \$150,000. The initiative will be called the Damascus Project: Micro Loans. Marco Transformation.

The Rev. Warder reported that the Vestry has approved a four month sabbatical leave from May 1 through Labor Day weekend. He looks forward to our time apart, which will give him the opportunity to come back ready to lead St. Paul's in the next chapter of our life together. He acknowledged that he leaves St. Paul's in very capable hands with Jenni Ovenstone, Alyse Viggiano and the wonderful parish staff.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 BUDGET

Larry Campbell

Mr. Campbell reviewed the financial report for 2021
Recap of 2021 Operating Budget Results

Operating for a second year in the midst of a global pandemic, St. Paul's continued to be blessed in 2021 with strong support from parishioners who provided support for the operations and ministries of the church with

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both financial support and countless volunteer hours.

Pledge receipts and other gifts for 2021 totaled \$2,120,240. Total actual expenses totaled \$1,878,514.

While maintaining our commitments to the clergy and staff of St. Paul's and increasing our support for work with the Diocese of Virginia, the people of St. Paul's provided generously to support the Lazarus Ministry and other outreach programs.

Overall support for Outreach ministries exceeded the 2021 budgeted level by \$283,103. Total Outreach support in 2021 was \$466,758.

With the extraordinary support of St. Paul's parishioners, the parish was able to end 2021 with net positive income of \$162,464, after adjusting for advance pledges received for 2022. The funds set aside in the Major Repair fund will support the ongoing cost of maintaining our historic sanctuary and parish buildings. Details of the Major Repair fund and other parish special funds can be found on page 27 of the Annual Report. A list of major improvements undertaken in 2021 can be found on page 28 of the Annual Report.

Mr. Campbell noted that in 2021, we completed the Virginia Historic Tax Credit Project, and as a result were able to transfer over \$500,000 to the St. Paul's Foundation. Our eligibility for the credit was due to our Sanctuary and Norton HVAC Capital Campaign Project. He thanked everyone for their support. Mr. Campbell indicated that the parish finances are subject to an independent audit and financial review by an outside accounting firm, which is then delivered to the Diocese of Virginia.

The 2022 Operating budget can be found on page 27 of the Annual Report

REPORT OF THE ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL

The Rev. Warder introduced Andrew Lund, who is the Chair of the St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool to present his report found on page 26 of the Annual Report.

Mr. Lund reported on the newly established school, and that the SPEP Board accepted the challenge to continue the traditions of the former school, while adopting new practices and addressing new concerns. With help of the clergy, Vestry, staff, teachers and parishioners there is a great story to tell. Two years ago the financial picture was not clear, but in fiscal year 2021-2022, the SPEP Board presented a balanced budget. The same is true for fiscal year 2022-2023, while simultaneously providing an operating reserve to address future needs of the School. A seamless transition in the position of Head of School from Chris Byrnes to Kristin Teeters has also occurred. Mrs. Teeters was able to guide the School successfully through the pandemic.

Mr. Lund offered his thanks to the Vestry and St. Paul's Foundation for their support of the renovation and expansion of the School. The School is close to full enrollment this year, and expects to be at full enrollment next year

He recognized the SPEP Board for all of their support.

Cary Steiner, Vice Chair
Jim Wallace, Treasurer
Catherine Linskey, Secretary
Katherine Murphy, Director At Large
Catherine Schmidt, Director At Large

Katherine Murphy is the head of the SPEP Finance Committee and is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Paul's to formalize the School's expenses and chart a path for the future in addition to the expansion of the K5 program.

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ST. PAUL'S FOUNDATION

The Rev. Warder introduced Foundation President John Siegel. The Foundation ended 2021 with a balance of \$5,700,000. Mr. Siegel acknowledged and gave thanks for the Richard and Mary Simmons bequest and also the Historic Tax Credit of over \$500,000 previously discussed by Mr. Campbell. The Foundation's portfolio was up 10.7% and the equity portfolio was up over 18%. Projects they helped finance last year included the Wilmer HVAC project, completion of the stained glass window initiative, the gutters in Norton Hall and the Wilmer roof. Projects on the horizon included the painting of the Sanctuary, upgrading the fire system across the campus and repairs in the Rectory and Narthex. The Foundation has also increased its contribution to maintenance contracts throughout St. Paul's. He concluded with the three ways that the Foundation grows; through gifts in memory of loved ones, legacies and bequests (The Covenant Circle) and market appreciation. He encouraged those who are considering gifts to reach out to the church office.

The Foundation report can be found on pages 29-31 in the Annual Report. Rev. Warder thanked Saint Pollard for his service on the Foundation, and Dawn Stump for agreeing to serve as a Foundation Trustee.

NECROLOGY

The Rev. Warder acknowledged the members of the St. Paul's community who died between February 2021 and January 2022.

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear, praying especially for

Charles Rapley Hooff III,
Mark Richard Maddox,
Stephen Arthur Richardson,
Audrey Weston,
Richard deLacey Simmons,
David Thomas Lefevre,
Matthew B. Gleason,
Raymond von Drehle,
Elizabeth DeBruyn Weight,
Elizabeth "Libby" Sibold,

and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL – "GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD."

ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL TOMORROW/MONDAY OR AS AVAILABLE.

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Vestry Nominations



Treston Chandler

Employment: Senior Research Associate, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control

Hobbies: Reading, in particular history and historical fiction books; baking bread; traveling

St. Paul's Experience: I've attended St. Paul's since 2017 and was married here in 2019. I've had the honor of being on a Parish Discernment Committee and a Seminarian Lay Support Team. I also participated in Sacred Grounds, portrayed Joseph in the drive-thru nativity, was a virtual lector, and am an active member of the 20s and 30s group.

I care about St. Paul's because... St. Paul's is my family's spiritual and community home. It accepts all, regardless of where you are in your faith journey, and helps you grow inwardly in your faith and outwardly through service to the community. I treasure the fellowship of the St. Paul's community, which helps us to embody Christ's two commandments.



Chris Fulghum

Employment: Managing Director of Global Events at the Institute of International Finance

Hobbies: Boating, Travel, Reading, Skiing, Food & Wine

St. Paul's Experience: Lay Convener for St. Paul's Seminarian; Shrine Mont Parish Weekend Coordinator; Usher; Lector; Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Volunteer; St. Nicholas' Breakfast Coordinator; Advent Supper Group Participant.

I care about St. Paul's because... In the early 1990s, this community welcomed me and my then girlfriend, Talley. We were married here. We baptized our daughter Parker and sent her to pre-school here. We said good-bye to parents here. This parish is knit into my life. I would like to contribute in my small way to the light that shines out of this community.



Carolyn Fuller

Employment: Van Scoyoc Associates: Counsel for Federation of State Humanities Councils and Policy Advisor for EPSCoR/IDeA Foundation, which supports NSF programs

Hobbies: My grandchildren, reading, music, and travel

St. Paul's Experience: I have served on the Altar Guild for almost two decades; before that as Acolyte Master. I have helped organize Evensong and other receptions, co-chaired events supporting the music program and arranged flowers, especially at Christmas and Easter. Last Fall, I was part of St. Paul's delegation to the Compass Rose Society.

I care about St. Paul's because... I care about St. Paul's because of the guidance and support that it has provided me and my family during times of joy and sorrow. I have witnessed its comforting and healing value in my life and that of other congregants. My children attended St. Paul's Nursery School, were confirmed here and my youngest was married here. It is a very special place.



Bruce Hedman

Employment: Managing Director, Entropy Research, LLC

Hobbies: Boating, music, beaches and rooting for the Nats and Eagles

St. Paul's Experience: I've been a parishioner since 1994. My son was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's, and attended Sunday School and St. Paul's Nursery School. I am a long time usher at the Family Service, and served on the executive committee of the 3rd Century Campaign and on a Seminarian Lay Committee. I am currently filling an unexpired seat on the Vestry and hope to continue my service with a full term.

I care about St. Paul's because... I care about St. Paul's because of the fellowship I've found here. The St. Paul's community has been a welcoming home to celebrate and give thanks for life's joys, and a source of strength in facing life's challenges. I especially value the community outreach that is so integral to St. Paul's mission.

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Vestry Nominations



Saint Pollard

Employment: Winston Partners Group, LLC

Hobbies: Tennis, Reading, Enjoying ACC Basketball

St. Paul's Experience: Vestry Member 2013-2016; Executive Committee Member (Register) 2015-2016; St. Paul's Foundation Trustee 2017-2021; Baptismal Counselor 2009-2014; Lector; Drive-Thru Pageant Shepherd 2020-2021; Day School parent.

I care about St. Paul's because... My family and I are so fortunate to be part of such an incredibly welcoming, loving spiritual community. I hope to be able to give back at least a fraction of everything St. Paul's has meant to us over the past 16 years.



Diane Thomas

Employment: Retired Attorney, Homemaker, and Community Volunteer

Hobbies: Spoiling our pandemic puppy, Gardening to clear up after him, Baking sweet treats, Exercising to balance the baking habit, Reading books of all varieties, and learning to play pickleball and speak Spanish.

St. Paul's Experience: As a parishioner for the past 18 years, I have taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, chaired the Shrine Mont Retreat, served as an Usher and Baptismal Counselor, chaired Seminarian Lay Committee, worked on the Angel Tree team and supported our Sudanese scholarship and outreach programs.

I care about St. Paul's because... St Paul's is the spiritual foundation for my family. This parish has sustained us through joys and sorrows, introduced us to neighbors near and as far as Sudan, and nurtured us with programs like Sacred Ground. It the basis for sweet memories raising our children and hope for the future through this loving community.



Christine Tilton

Employment: Freddie Mac - Head of Talent for the Tech Sector
Associate Level Coach - International Coaching Federation

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, traveling, hiking, yoga, tennis, music, and reading as much as time allows!

St. Paul's Experience: We joined St. Paul's in 2015 originally for the children's programs, and to make new friends. The love we feel from our clergy, and the kind friends we've made have created a community bigger than imagined. I've loved serving as a Sunday School teacher, a Shrine Mont attendee, and as a member of a Seminarian Lay Committee.

I care about St. Paul's because... I treasure our church. St. Paul's has offered unconditional love, community, friendship, peace and solace, direction, a home away from home, a place for our two daughters to grow, spiritual and intellectual growth, and much more. It would be a privilege to serve in this role and to continue to contribute, learn, and grow.



Charles J. Zauzig III

Employment: NicholsZauzig, lawyer and managing partner

Hobbies: Swimming, Surfing, Biking, and Guitar

St. Paul's Experience: I have served on one lay committee for a seminarian and was the leader of such a committee the following year. This year I served as a Delegate to the special convention for the election of our Bishop and to the annual convention of the diocese. I have volunteered as a server at Carpenter's Shelter.

I care about St. Paul's because... Linda and I found St Paul's about 5 years ago and were both confirmed here. Our granddaughter was baptized here. This is our spiritual home. It is an anchor of faith and ministry in our community. It is led by our amazing clergy but the real foundation is the support and service of the lay members of the church.

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2022 & 2023 Operating Fund Budget



INCOME		ACTUAL JAN - DEC 22	BUDGET JAN - DEC 23
Total Pledges		1,278,113	1,320,495
Plate Offerings		253,016	220,000
St. Paul's Foundation		73,300	73,300
SPEP		83,000	77,300
Outreach Designated Gifts		314,012	260,723
Other Income		68,104	40,091
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,069,545	\$1,991,909
EXPENSE		ACTUAL JAN - DEC 22	BUDGET JAN - DEC 23
Work within the Church		142,057	142,419
Outreach*		405,044	310,229
Personnel - Clergy, Staff, Music		905,977	1,045,396
Operating Mainetnance		351,642	345,460
Programs - Church		46,500	66,280
Other		84,640	82,125
*2022 Outreach totals do not include The Damascus Project, funded with \$50,000 gift separate from operating fund			
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,878,514	\$1,991,909
2022 NET INCOME TRANSFER TO MAJOR REPAIR FUND		\$133,685	
The St. Paul's Vestry has earmarked 2022 net operating fund income in to be transferred to the Major Repair Fund. This fund supplements the resources provided by the St. Paul's Foundation to support future capital improvement projects and repairs to St. Paul's historic sanctuary and parish buildings and grounds.			
SPECIAL FUNDS -AS OF 12.31.22			
ADMINISTRATION		RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	
Audit Sinking Fund	5,300	Soper Gift	166,874
Major Repairs	136,925	Rector's Discretionary	82,089
Operating Reserve	243,316	Beede	92,234
		Maxine Bishop	68,517
WORSHIP/ EDUCATION		SERVICE	
Bishop Dyer Lecture	21,423	Jay Von Hemert	20,140
Christian Education	4,517	Ramey	120,728
Memorial	28,935		
MUSIC		YOUTH	
Schleicher Bequest	89,036	Auction Fund	18,870
Bogle	10,715	Mission Trip	(10,170)
Tackett Estate Gift	11,046	Sally Petty	19,489
TOTAL		\$1,129,988	

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

SIGNIFICANT 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS TOTALED \$374,259, INCLUDING:

- Sanctuary painting (includes lighting improvements) – funded by the St. Paul's Foundation
- Wilmer roof repairs – funded by the Major Repair Fund
- Sound system improvements – funded by the Major Repair Fund

SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

- Campus-wide fire system upgrade – funded by the Major Repair Fund
- Falcon Corp. maintenance tracker study – funded by the Major Repair Fund
- St. Paul's Cemetery strategic planning and capital improvements – funded by the Foundation from the Simmons & Cemetery trust funds

2023 OP FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- The proposed \$1,991,909 operating fund budget for 2023 is a balanced budget that reflects ongoing efforts to increase in-person services and program offerings
- Pledge & plate income based on actual 2023 pledges and a conservative estimate of past pledge & plate income. Other income includes operating fund support from the St. Paul's Foundation and SPEP facilities use support.
- Work within the Church is equal to 9% of pledge & plate income.
- Vestry-approved 2023 Diocese pledge maintains St. Paul's position as a leader in fulfilling ahead of schedule the goals set by Diocese of Virginia Plan for Covenantal Giving
- 2023 Outreach funding is equal to 20% of pledge & plate income (using same income metric as Diocesan pledge)
- Personnel budget includes a 5% COLA (above the minimum 4.7% increase set by the Diocese).
- 2023 budget includes expanded support for Lazarus Ministry and Music programs made possible with support from the Foundation's Simmons Fund

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Necrology

What follows is the list of members of the St. Paul's community who died between February of 2022 and January 2023.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants, Acknowledge, we humble beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting piece, and into the glorious company of saints in the light.

Jennifer Elizabeth Bayly Crawford
Heffernan
March 16, 2022

Sara "Sally" Armstrong Bartley
April 18, 2022

Nancy Leith Smith
May 13, 2022

Nancy Jane Gascoigne Richards
May 25, 2022

John Thorpe Richards III
June 12, 2022

Martha Weems Sawyer
June 14, 2022

Louis Brand "Randy" Rodenberg, Jr.
June 26, 2022

Odie Oddsson Curtis
July 7, 2022

Dayre Middleton Davis "D.D." Bozek
July 11, 2022

Harold "Lee" Leland Hernley
July 26, 2022

Mary Judith Wagner
July 27, 2022

Louise Dimlich Forstall
August 2, 2022

Thomas Davies Clay
September 9, 2022

Vincent Philippe Delquie
November 7, 2022

Zelma Lou Grabeel McShane
November 7, 2022

Charles E. "Chuck" Bullock
November 26, 2022

Douglas "Doug" Griffith Lindsey
November 29, 2022

Shirley Hodgson Sutliff Cooper
January 9, 2023

Donna Regan Lefever
January 12, 2023

Thank you to all St. Paul's Supporters
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Below is a listing of parishioners who gave financial donations to the Operating Fund at St. Paul's in 2022. We are so grateful for the continued support of the faithful parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023

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PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023

8:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Palms, Rite I
9:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Palms
Service begins at Market Square
11:00 a.m. - Dramatic Reading of the Passion ((●))
5:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Palms, Rite II

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023

5:30 pm - Family Maundy Thursday
Meal and worship, Upper Norton Hall
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy with Eucharist and
Stripping of the Altar ((●))

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023

7:30 a.m. - Good Friday Liturgy ((●))
12:00 p.m. - Joint Service with Christ Church
Held at St. Paul's
5:30 p.m. - Family Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. - Traditional Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

12:00 p.m. - Holy Saturday Liturgy in the Chapel ((●))

EASTER VIGIL APRIL 8, 2023

7:30 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service at St. Paul's Cemetery
8:00 a.m. - Rite I Easter Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Festival Eucharist with Brass and
Children's Sermon
11:00 a.m. - Festival Rite II Eucharist with Brass

Please note, there is no 5:00 p.m. service on Easter Day.

