

2018 Annual Parish Meeting

January 27, 2019 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- A. Call meeting to order and opening prayer**
- B. Approval of agenda for the Annual Meeting**
- C. Approval of the minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting on January 28, 2018**
- D. Reception and File for Audit of the 2018 Treasurer's Report (separate document)**
- E. Reception and Approval of the 2019 Budget**
- F. Report of the Senior Warden with Nominating Report – Freyja Rasmussen-Johns**
- G. Election of new member of the Vestry – Rebecca Smith, Terry Dickow, and Donna deOliveira (terms all ending January, 2022)**
- H. Nominations and election for the delegates to the Diocesan Convention November 22-23, 2019 – 3 delegates and 1 alternate— Marv Kombrink, Adam Frieberg, Jennie Cummings; alternate delegate – Bill Cummings**
- I. Election of Board Members of the Endowment Fund Committee— Pat Brown and George Nenonen, terms to end 2022**
- J. Reception of the Reports from the Subcommittees of the Vestry and Ministries of St. Paul's**
- K. Thank you and presentations: 1) Rev. Heidi; 2) Search Committee, Dick Downen, Marilyn Cleland, Rick Johns, Lori Judkins, Marv Kombrink, Jane Nenonen, Rebecca Smith; 3) Retiring from Vestry, Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Gretchen Schlabach; 4) 2018 Convention Delegate, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns. Thank you to Freyja Rasmussen-Johns for serving as our Senior Warden**
- L. Adjournment and closing prayer**

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul
DeKalb Illinois
Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting
January 28, 2018

Senior Warden Peg Newby called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, offering an opening prayer. Rick Johns moved to approve the agenda for the Annual Meeting; George Nenonen seconded and was approved.

George Nenonen moved to accept the presented minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. This was seconded by Pat McMahon and approved.

Peg Newby announced Jocelyn Prall was appointed as the clerk for the meeting.

A motion was put forth by Roy Mason and seconded by George Nenonen to receive and file for audit the 2017 Treasurer's report. Treasurer Pat Brown reported a needed correction to page 1 and 2 of the treasurer's report. The date should read January 28, 2018; not 2017. Pat gave a brief overview of the parish's financial state as well as the status of the Endowment Fund. She also explained the various financial reports included in the Annual Meeting packet. Pat thanked the finance committee for their work on the budget for 2018. George Nenonen encouraged parish members to consider donating to the Endowment Fund to ensure the financial stability of St. Paul's in future years. Following Pat Brown's responses to additional questions, the motion was approved by acclamation.

Pat McMahon moved to receive and approve the 2018 budget. Roy Mason seconded and motion passed by acclamation.

Report of the Rector, Rev. Ed Bird: In addition to his written report, Father Ed gave a verbal presentation. He stressed the vibrancy of St. Paul's along with the many works of God happening within and outside the church walls. He stated that Jesus Christ is palpable here. He complimented the vestry and parish at large for its commitment during this transitional period. He called attention to a song playing along with the pictorial slide show displaying the many programs and parish activities. He read the lyrics stating how they so aptly describe St. Paul's.

Senior Warden Peg Newby referred to her written report. She also thanked Freyja Rasmussen-Johns for stepping up to fill the Junior Warden's spot this past year. She also thanked Rick Johns for securing Father Ed for the position of Interim Rector during her absence. She encouraged the people of this parish to step up to help continue to do God's work at St. Paul's; to prayerfully considered serving when asked.

Peg Newby presented the Nominating Committee Report with the following nominations: Maureen Gerrity for new vestry member (term ending in 2021); Junior warden, Marv Kombrink; delegates to the Diocesan Convention November 16-17, 2018 (3 delegates and 1 alternate); Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Marv Kombrink, Jennie Cummings, alternate delegate Bill Cummings. Nominations of Board Members to the Endowment Fund Committee were presented; Dick Downen and Jamie Stubblefield (term ending 2021). Pat Brown moved to approve the election of the above listed. The motion was seconded by George Nenonen. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Roy Mason moved and Henry Leonard seconded to approve the reception of the reports from the subcommittees of the Vestry and Ministries of St. Paul's. The motion was approved by acclamation. As the new Senior Warden, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns thanked Peg Newby for her superb job serving as Senior Warden over the past year. She also thanked retiring vestry member Julie Stubblefield and the 2017 Convention Delegates, Peg Newby, Pam Kombrink, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns and Jocelyn Prall.

Father Ed lead the closing prayer. George Nenonen motioned for the adjournment of the meeting. Pat Brown seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Prall; Clerk

COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM REPORTS (attached)

- **Rector's Report**
- **Senior Warden's Report**
- **Junior Warden's Report**
- **Adult Formation Report**
- **Altar Guild**
- **Art and Music Ministry**
- **Communication and Technical Support Report**
- **Endowment Fund Report**
- **Episcopal Church Women**
- **Flower Guild**
- **Garden Report**
- **Greeting Cards**
- **Mission and Outreach**
- **Stewardship**
- **Sunday School – Children**

FINANCIAL REPORTS (separate report)

- **ECW Financial Report**
- **Lobster Boil Financial Report 2018**
- **Annual Budget for 2019**
- **Treasurer's Report**

Rector's Report

2018 Rector's Report
from Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

I have served for only six weeks in 2018, but was glad to do so.

We said goodbye to a much-loved interim rector, The Rev. Ed Bird IV, in late November, who had served with us since April 2017. He brought to St. Paul's a deep affection for people, an attitude of appreciation and encouragement, a heart for the social gospel, and a delightful sense of humor and playfulness.

During my time with you in 2018, I have:

- preached four Sundays, at the Blue Christmas service, and on Christmas Eve
- planned worship and edited bulletins
- reformatted bulletin layout to improve readability
- attended a vestry meeting, executive meetings, and staff meetings
- given attention to personnel and finance situations and questions
- attended the St. Nicholas Party
- visited Averil Schreiber at Oak Crest rehab
- written thank you notes and made pastoral phone calls
- helped to plan a warm welcome for Mother Barbara
- updated Letters of Agreement for the music staff for 2019
- led Bible Study for two Sunday adult education sessions
- organized and led a meeting to plan out the church calendar for 2019
- added a second chalice bearer to 10:30 service
- helped re-organize our team of offering counters
- wrote newsletter columns
- many other tasks, various and sundry

I'll be glad to be available to Mother Barbara as she requests, and glad to continue to worship with you all, here at St. Paul's!

Mother Heidi

Senior Warden's Annual Report

Senior Warden's Annual Report

First of all, I want to welcome Mother Barbara and Lynne as we start a new year and a brand new ministry with them. We are very excited that they are here with us and we look forward to a long, rewarding and blessed relationship together.

2018 was a year of transition, full of ups and downs, many new activities and events, some good-byes, some new faces, plenty of hard work, and a lot of anticipation. I am amazed and awed by the energy going on here at St. Paul's and by the amount of participation I witness each week in so many different ways.

Starting in January, the Lobster Boil Committee geared up to start planning for the 50th Annual Lobster Boil, and the ideas and plans just took off! During Lent, Mother Heidi led a wonderful Wednesday evening book discussion of her book on Holy Solitude, which was very well attended. Father Ed presided during a lovely Holy Week and Easter; we enjoyed a Low Sunday Brunch; much hard work went into our annual Spring Clean-up Day. Lobster Boil was a great success, and the summer picnic was great fun. The Vestry had a great retreat, and is working on an Envisioning Plan for the future.

We continue to provide fun-filled ministries and activities for our children – Godly Play on Sunday mornings, an Easter egg hunt, movie nights, pumpkin decorating, and a children’s Christmas decorating party. We also remain active in our outreach ministries, such as our Community Garden, Salvation Army food collection and Thanksgiving baskets, the Pet Blessing, and Grace Place meals. And I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our fantastic music program led by Lorraine Langer, Hannah Buckle, and Kathleen Johnson, as well as the adult and kids choirs.

As Junior Warden, Marv Kombrink coordinated the tidying up of the church grounds and hired a tree-trimming company to clean up trees and bushes on the property. The sidewalks around the church have been evened out and are now safely navigable, and each of the church doors is now labeled with a large, legible number. The grounds are just beautiful.

Our church has taken large strides this year into the 21st century with a new Apple computer in the parish office, and our fantastic new A/V system installed in the parish hall. With that large screen TV, we have been able to implement several new ideas for adult formation and for fellowship. There have been several fun family movie nights with pizza and popcorn, and we’re getting ready for a big Superbowl party next month. Parishioners have been able to put together and present slide shows of their travel and other photos. And this screen has been put to use in new Adult Formation activities: Father Ed taught a well-received Episcopal 101 series on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings in October, and the following month Pam and Marv Kombrink hosted TED Talks.

We sadly said good-bye to Father Ed and Beth in November with a luncheon reception, and also bid farewell to our friends Mechelle and Chuck Goodenough in December. But November and December were also full of wonderful activities – Diocesan Convention, Blue Christmas service, the St. Nick party, the Children’s Christmas party, and the beautiful Christmas Eve service (which Rick and I missed so much this year).

Of course, the biggest piece of work done this year was that of the Search Committee and the Vestry in discerning our new rector. Months of work went into dealing with CAT surveys, writing our profile, working closely with our Diocesan contacts, reviewing candidate files, interviewing, and then selecting our final candidate, negotiating salary and other expenses, and so much more. Several of us also put in large amounts of physical labor to prepare the rectory for its new inhabitants. I am thrilled that we decided upon Mother Barbara Wilson, and that she and her wife Lynne Jacobson have decided St. Paul’s is also the right fit for them.

None of this would be possible without so many wonderful volunteers to keep our church maintained, our programs running, new events popping, and regular activities moving seamlessly along. Our Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Choir, Building & Grounds Crew, Greeting Card mailings, Endowment and Finance committees, and so many others keep St. Paul’s humming. I invite each of you to consider where you might help this new year, and if you are called upon to serve, please think about saying, “Yes, I believe I can do that!”

We have a terrific team of staff members, without whom our church wouldn't be able to operate, and so I am very grateful to our administrative assistant Susan King, choir director Lorraine Langer, organist Kathleen Johnson, pianist Hannah Buckle, cleaner Ellen Kilday, and child care workers Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, and Karyn Perkins.

Very special thanks go to Father Ed Bird for serving as our Interim Priest during most of 2017 and 2018; to Mother Heidi Haverkamp for stepping into the role of Priest-in-Charge for the past two month period; and to Mother Barbara Wilson for beginning this new ministry with us as Priest of St. Paul's.

I am extremely grateful to Marv Kombrink for all his hard work this past year as Junior Warden. I know he'll be more than competent as Senior Warden. And to Pat Brown; she has worked tirelessly to keep our finances straight, get all the bills paid, and keep track of the budget. Thank you to all the Vestry members this past year for your work and ministries – we have made great strides forward! And huge thanks go to the members of the Search Committee – you all put in enormous amounts of time and effort, and all that work has come now to fruition. This has been a wonderful and fulfilling year!

-Freyja Rasmussen-Johns

Junior Warden's Annual Report

Junior Warden Report for 2018

During 2018, I was proud to be part of the vestry, the search committee and work on the building and grounds committee.

The hard work and professionalism of the vestry, and especially Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, was very inspiring. 2018 was a very busy year. Rev. Ed and Freyja worked countless hours leading our congregation. In addition to normal parish operational decisions, we met countless times with the search committee and the candidates. Once a candidate was selected, Freyja worked closely with the Diocese on the contract and compensation package for Mother Barbara. We also met twice each month for executive committee meetings and our monthly vestry meetings. I also have taken on the responsibility for developing a long-range emergency and violent acts procedure. You will be hearing more about this in 2019.

I also was a part of the search committee led by Richard Downen. Frequent, initial meetings were held to determine our criteria for a new pastor. This was done through parish surveys. When the information was compiled, Rick Johns did an excellent job preparing our parish candidate profile for the Internet. We had five applicants respond favorably and we narrowed it down to three applicants we interviewed via Skype. We invited two of the candidates for a visit. During this time, they visited the Diocese, interviewed with vestry members and search committee members, held a Saturday service for the vestry and search committee, and attended one of our Sunday services. The decision was made to offer the position to Mother Barbara and we look forward to her being our new Rector.

As part of my vestry duties, I was involved in the building and grounds committee, working with Rhys Prall, Brad Smith, and Rick Johns. Below are just a few of the activities of the building and grounds committee:

- Parish grounds and building walk-around inspection
- Punchlist of items needing attention, with each of us responsible for a specific item
- Rhys Prall replaced weather-stripping were needed

- Brad Smith purchased and installed dehumidifiers in the undercroft
- Rick Johns addressed electrical issues in the building, including insuring working motion detectors at all doorways
- Rhys replaced ight bulbs as needed, especially on the cross in front of the church
- Rhys, Brad and Rick addressed roof issues
- Marv Kombrink managed the landscape clean-up of the building grounds, and made a list of issues that needing attention in the rectory before Mother Barbara arrives
- The building and grounds committee, along with Adam Frieberg, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Pam Kombrink, and Jocelyn Prall met on January 5th to prepare the rectory
- Sidewalk snow shoveling has been assigned for times when we have snow or ice less than 2 inches
- Marv had large numbers installed at each door for emergency purposes
- The parish had a clean-up day in the spring of this year where we had two sororities and members of the congregation work the whole day

Marv Kombrink, Junior Warden

Adult Formation Report

Formation Committee in 2018

In early 2018, Marilyn Cleland, Gretchen Schlabach, Lorraine Langer, Pam Kombrink, Freya Rasmussen-Johns and I met to discuss our formation plans for 2018. We just came off of a highly successful Lenten retreat on Solitude facilitated by Mother Heidi. Our Sunday morning adult formation had dwindled to minimal attendance. We held a brainstorming session and decided to concentrate on five things the remainder of 2018: Episcopal 101, Taize, TED talks, movie night and a book club. At our next meeting, we decided to reorganize the five areas. We put TED talks and Episcopal 101 under adult formation, with movie night and the book club under the fellowship committee. We decided to defer the Taize service for a later time.

Rev. Ed held a well-attended Episcopal 101 on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Both sessions were well-attended. The 9 AM Sunday session was rejuvenated, and we had new members participating. Pam kombrink facilitated the TED talks in late fall. We had minimal attendance on Wednesday nights, but good attendance on Sunday mornings. On January 6 and January 13, Mother Heidi facilitated a 9 AM Sunday adult formation gathering. Once Mother Barbara arrives, the formation committee will meet again to determine a plan for 2019. We are considering having a meditation and contemplation program for Lent led by Mother Barbara.

Marilyn Cleland organized sessions for people interested in the book club and the launch has been a success. Pam Kombrink and Lorraine Langer had various movie nights with movies for the kids at 5 PM and movies for the adults at 7 PM. In the beginning, attendance was high, with numbers dwindling as the weather grew cold. Even though numbers decreased, all who attended shared fun and fellowship. On reflection, we may have scheduled too many movie nights, or we should not try to do this in the cold weather months. We are now in the process of planning a Super Bowl party. There seems to be good interest in it. We are planning to have fun games and great fellowship.

Marv Kombrink

Altar Guild Report

January 2019

ALTAR GUILD: Annual Report for 2018

About the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild members help prepare our worship space for Sunday, weekday, and special services. Their ministry is carried out under the direction and guidance of the rector. In addition to preparing the altar, the group cares for the sacred vessels, linens, vestments, and candles. Hymn posting is another responsibility.

The Altar Guild works in close coordination with the *Flower Guild*, especially during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Both groups make our sanctuary festive and beautiful on these occasions.

Thank you to parishioners who routinely served in this ministry during this past year---Peggy Newby, Jane Nenonen, Jocelyn Prall, Pat Brown, Pat McMahan, and Freyja Rassmussen-Johns. New members are always welcome!

Our goal this year will be to welcome our new priest, making any changes and additions to our routine as she sees appropriate. We will also be assessing potential needs of linens, vestments, candles etc. for the upcoming year.

Jocelyn Prall

Art and Music Ministries

Music Ministries Annual Report 2018 Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 27, 2019

St. Paul's is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented volunteer musicians. **The Adult/Youth and Children's Choirs*** and music program are special, unique, and one of St. Paul's many strengths. A multi-generational group of singers and instrumentalists that continue to thrive and grow musically, spiritually, and in fellowship. They effectively and consistently assist the priest and congregation, thereby enhancing the worship service experience. The Sanctus bells continue to be a wonderful opportunity to bring children (members and visitors) into the worship service. We have had seven additional new and occasional singers joined us in worship services this past year. The choirs are a blessing to work with, and I thank them for their continued gifts of talent, time & spirit!

Community Outreach*: While networking with NIU music dept., and the surrounding area communities, and to enhance our worship experiences, we mentored and hired the **NIU Student Brass Quintet** for All Saints Sunday, and a **Celtic Bagpiper from the Dekalb Fire Department** for our Interim Priest's last Sunday. A surprised, Rev. Ed Bird, and many of the parishioners, enjoyed the beautiful sound!

In an attempt to stretch our St. Paul's music presence into the Chicago Diocese, I assisted and collaborated with Dent Davidson, Associate for Arts and Liturgy, and other musicians from the Diocese, with **liturgy and music planning for the Diocese of Chicago's Annual Convention**. I co-wrote, and directed a multigenerational choral anthem for the service, the first time at convention to have a children's choirs.

Music Maintenance*: All instruments are maintained regularly. Appraised at \$975,000.00 the **Sanctuary Organ** is regularly maintained and performing very well. **The Sanctuary, Parish Hall and Undercroft Pianos** are functional yet need to be replaced. Appraised guestimate is \$3,000.00. The **Choir Robes** are functional (15 years old).

*For more detailed information shared throughout the year about music ministries and our artistic contributions in the DeKalb community at large, I defer to the 2018 Proclaimers (St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter archived on the website) and The monthly Approved Vestry Reports (also archived on our church website).

Lorraine Langer, Director of Music (2005)

Kathleen Johnson, Organist (2008), Hannah Buckle, Pianist (2016)

Communication and Technical Support

Communications and Technology Upgrades** Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 27, 2019

Comcast is now our service provider for **phone, internet, TV**. We switched for DNA to Comcast for three main reasons: Reliability (higher ethernet security and data access), Speed (increase 5 to 100 MB), Customer Service (available on phone, on line access/control, quicker in person tech assist). One vendor that offers **24/7 Customer Service support and tutorials**.

The **Parish Office** added a new **iMac Computer**, offering many new tools. It has a 3 Yr. warranty (Exp. 06/2021) called **Apple Care** with **24/7 technical support and assistance**, that includes phone support, on-line remote access, walk-in on-sight Genius Bar support at any Apple Store. Uploading well over 6,000 photos into the iPhoto library, our pictures are better organized into years, dates, moments, etc. The computer can be streamed into, and up on, the Parish Hall TV, via Apple TV (small black box).

The **Parish Hall Audio/Video** upgrades offer many new opportunities to facilitate new programming. **Best Buy** is our service provider. We have a **5-year Extended Service Protection (ESP) for the TV**. Other products includes; a Sony TV, Sonos Sound System, Sony DVD player, USB slot, Apple TV, which allow us to sync and stream (iCloud, iTunes, iPhoto, Netflix, Ted Talks, YouTube). In addition to displaying announcements, we have monthly family movie nights and the adult formation Ted Talks, that were open to the community at large. Additionally, several parishioner projects were presented.

PayPal has been used with our Lobster Boil community fundraising event for several years. With adding PayPal to our Church Website Donate Page, we now have the ability to receive and track any monetary gifts. Donations can be made to: The Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Garden, Music, Buildings/Grounds, Rectors Discretionary, Liturgy and Worship, Endowment, etc.

Constant Contact is an online application used for designing professional looking weekly emails, announcements, monthly newsletters (Mars Hill). Church/Lobster Boil contact management source.

Our **Website** continues to be hosted through **Network Solutions (NS)****. Most everything is stored online in our NS library. One of the many positive features is that we as a church, manage the library and content in house. Our Professional Website Hosting Package provides the following service's and Hosts our: domain name (2 of 5 yrs. free), emails (2500 individual 1 GB each), website (ability to self-manage). Additionally, it has **24/7 customer service support and tutorials**. We currently have a 5-year renewal contract with Network Solutions (one-time payment), and received a 30 % discount. See below.

NETWORK SOLUTIONS	Qty	Term (Exp. Date)	Retail Cost	Discount 30%	Sale Cost	Yearly	Monthly
• Professional Website	1	5 years (09-02-2023)	669.90	200.97	468.93	93.78	7.81
• Storage Space	15GB	5 years (09-02-2023)	124.38	0.00	124.38	24.87	2.07
Totals (Paid in Full 2018)		5 years (09-02-2023)	794.28	200.97	593.31	118.66	9.88

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Lorraine Langer, Director of Music

Endowment Fund Report

Episcopal Church of St. Paul
Endowment Fund Annual Report
DeKalb, Il 60115
Report for Calendar Year 2018

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Clergy,

The St. Pauls' Endowment Fund is governed, by a five-member elected committee. The committee is charged with establishing an investment policy, engaging a portfolio manager, and overseeing the portfolio manager. The committee is required to be sure that the manager complies with the established investment policy. During the course of 2018 the committee twice met formally with the manager and determined that the manager complied with the investment policy on both occasions. We also determined that the manager was not churning the investment, and not using the funds for personal profit.

The committee also reviewed the investment policy to be sure that it is in the best long-term interests of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The level of volatility in the financial markets in 2018 was much higher than in 2017. This was particularly true on the downside. Our return did not match the 2017 performance before fees and withdrawals of 14.82%. The Committee is however satisfied that the current asset allocation of 40 to 80 percent in equities, 20 to 60 percent in long term debt, and 2 to 20 percent in cash and short term debt is an appropriate allocation for a nonprofit which can draw up to 5% of assets per year to be used for church expenses.

On January 1, 2018 the balance of the fund \$2,123,682. On January 1, 2019 the balance, after properly budgeted withdrawals, which totaled \$100,000, was \$1,931,706. Adjusting for the withdrawals the fund experienced a net return of -4.33% for the year.

The terms of Dick Downen and Jamie Stubblefield on the Endowment Committee expire in January 2020, the term of Mary Lincoln has two more years (2021), and the terms of George Nenonen and Pat Brown expire this year.

Richard Downen, Chair

Episcopal Church Women's Report for 2018

St. Paul's ECW sponsors the annual Lobster Boil. Half of the proceeds are donated to local charities. Proceeds from the 2017 boil were disbursed in May 2018 as follows:

\$500 each to:

- The Children's Waiting Room
- Safe Passage Women's Shelter
- Hope Haven Homeless Shelter
- Voluntary Action Center
- Family Service Agency

\$1,008 to St. Paul's for General Parish Support

\$756 to St. Paul's Discretionary Fund

\$252 for our Fair Share to the Diocesan ECW

Thank you to all members of the congregation for your hard work during Lobster Boil "season".

St. Paul's ECW also collected \$128 for the annual United Thank Offering.

Maureen Gerrity

Flower Guild Report

Flower Guild Report 2018

The Flower Guild had a productive year. The altar flowers every week enhance the worship experience and this ministry gives our members a creative way to contribute to St. Paul's. The special celebrations of Easter and Christmas during the church year are other ways to make our worship space festive. Flowers for these special events are ordered from Shady Hill Nursery. The funds come from donations, celebrations and memorials given by parishioners. Our members include: Marilyn Cleland, Lori Judkins, Mary Lincoln, Jane Nenonen, Betsy Pool, and Rebecca Smith. We always welcome anyone who would like to be part of this ministry. This year we have a very special "Thank You" for all of our parish family who helped with decorating the altar with the beautiful poinsettias on Christmas Eve Day!

Submitted by Rebecca Smith

Garden Report

St. Paul's Donation Garden Project 2018 Report

Several parishioners and attenders worked diligently to build, plant and harvest a vegetable and fruit garden for our community. The goal of the garden was an outreach ministry to provide fresh, organic, garden produce to the food insecure in our neighborhoods and to members of the parish. Eleven beds were planted with vegetables: carrots, onions, radishes, beets, green beans, peas, broccoli, cauliflower, collard greens, kale, turnips, yellow squash, zucchini, lettuces, butternut squash, pole beans, peppers, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, herbs, and cucumbers. This summer we also harvested garlic planted in the fall of 2017. Almost all seeds and plants were organic and we did not use any non-organic products on our garden produce. A new project was the building and planting of a raspberry orchard on the slope behind the work shed. Four rows of June bearing raspberry plants donated from Master Gardeners were planted and this fall, supports were purchased.

We began our gardening year with monthly planning meetings beginning in January and then working with NIU students on NIU Cares Day to revitalize our existing beds with fresh compost and mulch. Regular harvests began in May with asparagus and ended in October with Butternut Squash, kale, broccoli, and collards. A final harvest of Brussels sprouts was made in December. A total of 10 church volunteers, including a child, and 3 community volunteers worked in the garden at various times during the year. The volunteers worked an estimated 108 man-hours in the garden. A total dollar cost for the support of the garden is not available, but is estimated to be \$800.00.

A total of 552 pounds of produce were harvested and delivered to community members, and three local food pantries, Bethlehem Lutheran, New Hope Baptist Church, and Salem Lutheran Church. The community members using the pantries were delighted with our donations and very vocal in their appreciation. Often times, produce would disappear from my baskets when I was delivering during their hours of operation before I could put the produce out on display. Most popular items were tomatoes, peppers, collards, green beans, squashes of all varieties, and broccoli. The pantry leadership has also been appreciative of anything we could provide. Garden produce also graced our Parish's tables at Coffee Hour and potlucks. In addition we welcomed some food pantry participants to our summer family picnic as we extended our invitations to all pantries.

We are planning our 2019 garden beginning with a potluck meeting in February and all are welcome to join our garden loving group.

Submitted by Kristen Borre

Greeting Card Report

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Anniversary/Birthday/Christmas
Card Mailings – 2018

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Updated as of January 2019

January

A Nenonens
 A Newbys.
 B DeOliveira, D.
 B Stubblefield, L.
 B Larson, J.
 B Smith, R.
 B DeGolier, J.

February

B Gerrity, M.
 B Mason, R.
 B Russell, B.
 B McMahon, K.
 B Schlabach, G.
 B Haverkamp, Rev. H.
 B Rasmussen-Johns, F.

S Judkins Family
S Gerrity, M.
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March

B Nenonen, J.
B Russell, E.
B Russell, J.
B Russell, D
B Stubblefield, J.
B Dickow, J.
B Lincoln, M.
B Piper, G.
8

April

B Russell, M
B Johns, R..
B Wright, G.
A Mounts
A Bird & Lee
5

May

A Judkins
B McLane, E.
B Buckle, H.
B Dickow, T.
B Mason, N.
B Maas, J.
6

June

A Clelands
A Meyers
GW Leonard, H.
S Johnson, K.
4

July

A Pralls
B Bird, Rev. E,
B Prall, J.
B Lee, B.
B Graham, J.
B Cleland, M,
B King, S.
B DeGolier, S.
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August

A Johns
A Haverkamp H. & Frieberg A., Revs.
A DeGoliers
A Masons
A Goodenoughs
5

September

A Cummings
A Stubblefields
B Cummings, B
B Russell, P.
B Russell, R.
B Langer, L.
B George, E.
B Brown, P.
B Newby, P.
B Frieberg, Rev. A.

B Stubblefield, J.
B McMahon, V.
B Cummings, J.
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October

A Kombrinks
B Dowen, R.
B Piper, L.
B Meyers, D.
B Meyers, J.
B Leonard, H.
B. Lorbach, L.
B Prall, R.
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November

A Pipers
B Cleland, C.
B Nenonen, G.
B Sitzes, J..
B Stubblefield, Liam
B Johnson, K.
B Mounts, J.
B Judkins, L.
B Judkins, D.
B Kombrink, M.
All Saints Card Order 11/3
All Saints Card Payment 11/15
GW Mounts, J.
S Prall Family
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December

A Dickows
A Russells
B Altepeter, B.
B Stubblefield, A
B Pool, B.
B Kombrink., P.
B Bach, J.
B Goodenough, M..
B Mounts, M.
GW Schreiber, A.
10

Christmas Cards

Adams-Finnan
A;itepeter
Anderson
Bach
Brown
Buckle
Clark
Cleland
Cummings
DeGolier
de Oliveira
Dickow
Dowen
Edokpayi
Fanning
Fickling
Franklin-Smith
George]
Gerrity
Goodenough
Graham

Haverkamp & Frieberg	Perkins
Hill	Piper
Jensen	Pool
Johns	Prall
Johnson	Retherford
Jones	Rissman
Judkins	Roberts
Kilday	Rogers
King	Russell, B.
Kombrink	Russell, R.
Krogman	Schreiber
Krueger	Short
Langer/Schlabach	Smith
Larson	Stubblefield
Lee	Torma
Leonard, A.	Wagner
Leonard, H.	Worder
Lincoln	Wright
Lobach	70
Maas	2017 mailings = 172
Marcotte	
Mason	<u>Summary of 2018 Mailings</u>
McLane-Stuart	
McMahon	Stamps remaining 12/31/17 41
Meyers	Stamps purchased 7/5/18 100
Mounts	Total 141
Nenonen	2018 Greeting Cards mailed 99
Newby	Stamps remaining 42
Newport	Stamps purchased 12/7/18 100
Ostberg	Stamps remaining 12/31/18 72
Ouellette	

Pat McMahon

Mission and Outreach Report

2018 MISSION AND OUTREACH REPORT

St. Paul's continued its outreach project with the Salvation Army Food Pantry during 2018. Parish volunteers assisted at the pantry on the first Thursday of each month. Parishioners who volunteered were Bill Cummings, Dick Downen, Mary Lincoln, Vince and Pat McMahon, and George Nenonen.

Contributions collected on Food Pantry Sundays during the year totaled 12,746 items (1,817 diapers, 9,912 baby wipes, and 747 food /personal items). The total number of donations in 2018 represents an increase of approximately 58% over 2017.

In addition to these donated items, monetary contributions were made to the pantry by a number of St. Paul's parishioners.

Grace Place Campus Ministry at NIU holds a supper fellowship hour followed by a worship service on Tuesday evenings. St. Paul's has provided the meal on two occasions this semester. Thank you to those who contributed to one or both meals and who delivered the food: Maureen Gerrity, Donna DeOliveira, Peg Newby, Marilyn Cleland, Jocelyn Prall, and Freyja Rasmussen-Johns.

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Stewardship Report

Annual Giving 2019

In thanksgiving for God's many blessings, and to support the work of the Church in this parish, in our diocese, and throughout the world, I/we pledge to contribute the following amount, to the annual fund, during calendar year 2019:

- The number of those pledging increased.
- 56% of those who pledged last year INCREASED their pledge
- Pledged dollars last year \$115,974; this year, \$117,974 for an increased total dollars pledged of \$2,911 or 3%. Pledges have increased by 16% from years 2017 and 2016.
- Your individual increases ranged from 2% to 25% over last year.

In prayerful consideration, let's keep doing or starting:

- Increase our understanding and appreciation of other faith communities.
- Ecumenical opportunities for projects and worship
- All the great things we have started or continued this year.
- Would like the 8 AM service to continue, which meets a need for those of u who prefer a quiet service and Rite I. The more options available to parishioners, the better.

Sunday School Report

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH FOR THE YEAR 2018

St. Paul's Sunday School Program for children and youth served 4 students from 3 families in 2018. Adult volunteers serve as teachers and greeters. The nursery staff is also on "standby" to serve as greeters when needed. The Godly Play curriculum uses the storytelling genre to help children place themselves in the sacred stories and traditions of Christianity.

Thank you to the faithful adults that volunteer their time to this important ministry.

Maureen Gerrity

Financial Reports in Separate Document