

# **2019 Annual Parish Meeting**

February 9, 2020 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 2018 Annual Parish Meeting held on January 27, 2019**
- D. Reception and File for Audit of the 2019 Treasurer's Report (separate document)**
- E. Reception and Approval of the 2020 Budget-Pat Brown**
- F. Reception, brief introduction of draft By-Laws revisions- Gretchen Schlabach, (The Rev.) Barbara Wilson**
- G. Report of the Senior Warden with Nominating Report – Maureen Gerrity**
- H. Election of new members of the Vestry – Bill Cummings, Jacob Maas, Gretchen Schlabach; with Gretchen Schlabach standing for Junior Warden**
- I. Nominations and election for the delegates to the Diocesan Convention- November 20-21, 2020  
Jennie and Bill Cummings, Maureen Gerrity; standing for Alternate Lynne Jacobson**
- J. Election of Board Members of the Endowment Fund Committee—going off in 2020: Dick Downen; Jamie Stubblefield, with a vacancy left to by George Nenonen ending 2022. Standing for re-election to two 3 year-terms and the 2-year vacancy: Dick Downen, Jamie Stubblefield and to fill the vacancy left by our brother in Christ, George Nenonen, Rick Johns.**
- K. Reception of the Reports from the Subcommittees of the Vestry and Ministries of St. Paul's**
- L. Thank you: 2019 Convention Delegates, Jennie and Bill Cummings. Thank you to Maureen Gerrity for serving as our Junior AND Senior Warden, Rick Johns for his help as assisting treasurer and Counter and Peg Newby for her help as a Counter on just about every Sunday morning through the year!**
- M. Adjournment and closing prayer**

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul  
DeKalb Illinois  
Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting  
January 27, 2019

Senior Warden Freyja Rasmussen-Johns called the meeting to order at 9:15 am and Mother Barbara offered the opening prayer.

Freyja thanked Lorraine Langer and Jocelyn Prall for the arrangement and set up of the breakfast this morning. Freyja appointed Jocelyn Prall as the clerk for the meeting.

Rick Johns moved to approve the agenda for the Annual Meeting; Pam Kombrink seconded and was approved. George Nenonen moved to accept the presented minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting. This was seconded by Dick Downen and approved.

Senior Warden Freyja Rasmussen-Johns referred to her written report. Additionally, she stated that although her time in the role of Senior Warden was busy and often challenging, it was also inspirational and a time of joy. She said she felt honored to serve St. Paul's and privileged to serve with Father Ed Bird, Mother Heidi Haverkamp, and now, Mother Barbara Wilson.

Freyja presented the Nominating Committee Report with the following nominations: New vestry members - Rebecca Smith, Terry Dickow, and Donna deOliveira (terms all ending January, 2022). There is no Junior Warden in place for this year as of yet so Freyja will stay on in an advisory capacity for now. Nominations for the delegates to the Diocesan Convention (November 22-23, 2019) are Marv Kombrink, Adam Frieberg, Jennie Cummings and alternate delegate Bill Cummings. Nominations for the Board Members of the Endowment Fund Committee are Pat Brown and George Nenonen, terms to end 2022.

Pam Kombrink moved to approve the election of the above listed. The motion was seconded by Jane Nenonen. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Dick Downen moved and Rick Johns 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. Following this, Dick Downen, Chair of the Endowment Committee spoke. He explained the origin of the Endowment Fund which was started by a family as a continuing replacement for their pledge to St. Paul's. He informed the group that the market downturn had some effect on the fund and that careful decisions will need to be made due to the volatility of market. By-laws limit the use of the fund for church operations to 5%. Interested parish members are encouraged to review a copy of the by-laws at any time. They will also be available through the Realm program once up and running.

Marv Kombrink presented appreciations: to Mother Heidi (she will receive thanks at a later date as she was unable to attend the meeting) for her role as Priest In Charge following Fr. Ed's departure and prior to the arrival of Mother Barbara; Search Committee chair Dick Downen and the members of the committee – Marilyn Cleland, Rick Johns, Lori Judkins, Jane Nenonen, Rebecca Smith and Marv Kombrink; retiring Vestry members – Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Gretchen Schlabach; 2018 Convention Delegates – Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Marv Kombrink, Jennie Cummings and Bill Cummings. A special thank you, including gifts was presented to Freyja Rasmussen-Johns for serving as our Senior Warden.

A motion was put forth by Rick Johns and seconded by Marv Kombrink to receive and file for audit the 2018 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Pat Brown called attention to the Treasurer's Report packet which includes the Treasurer's Report, 2018 Financial Statements and the 2019 Budget. Pat explained and reviewed areas of her report including where various funds are located (institutions); reviewed items that were funded during the year, including some use and designated future use of a major donation; explained why certain funds are not part of the operating budget, and a new line item in the budget under "Receipts" titled "Additional Receipts", the amount which is needed to balance the budget. Pat also stated there is a plan to complete an inventory of all the building's assets (equipment etc.). She informed the parish of the attempt to keep the Building Fund at approximately a \$40,000 level for funding of major building emergencies. This fund is currently a little below this level. She reviewed the amount of money taken from the Endowment fund for operating costs. Pat also explained the Apache Stock is from years ago and is planned to be sold due to the small number of shares which are no longer profitable. She responded to various questions regarding the budget or other reports. Pat stated the Lobster Boil Report for 2018 is pending. Marilyn Cleland pointed out there are other donations that cannot be included in the budget, but needed acknowledgment such as food donated by coffee hour hosts, extra flowers donated by members of the flower guild, and various other donations of items used at church by our members.

Pam Kombrink moved to receive and approve the 2019 budget. Marilyn Cleland seconded and the motion passed by acclamation.

Dick Downen motioned for the adjournment of the meeting. George Nenonen seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jocelyn Prall; Clerk

***COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM REPORTS (attached)***

- **Rector's Report**
- **Senior Warden's Report**
- **Altar Guild Report**
- **Art and Music Ministry Report**
  - **Communication and Technical Support Report**
- **Endowment Fund Report**
- **Episcopal Church Women Report (narrative)**
- **Flower Guild Report**
- **Garden Report**
- **Greeting Cards Report**
- **Mission and Outreach Report**
  - **KHUSA**
  - **Salvation Army**
  - **Taize**
- **Stewardship Report**
- **Sunday School Report**

***FINANCIAL REPORTS (separate document)***

- **ECW Financial Report**
- **Lobster Boil Financial Report 2019**
- **Annual Budget for 2020**
- **Treasurer's Report**

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## Rector's Report

To the Beloved of God in the community of St. Paul's, DeKalb:

Grace to you and peace.

Attendance has been fairly stable throughout the year. Last January, the 8 AM service was reinstated where we've seen on average between four to ten people each Sunday. Averaging the 8 AM attendance together with the 10:30 AM, we're seeing about 42 people most Sundays. We had fun with an autumn bonfire and dedication of a Red Maple tree to mark the beginning of our new ministry together. We also hosted about 30 bicyclists riding cross country from Baltimore to San Francisco in the 4K Against Cancer fund-raiser and will be doing it again this year.

We've celebrated some liturgical high points with a first-ever Children's Eucharist at Pentecost, the pet blessing at the Feast of St. Francis in October and our first Taize service in December and continuing into this year. We've also added an opportunity for prayer and anointing for healing on the fourth Sunday of each month.

In the past year, we've sadly experienced a number of "leave takings." We've parted ways for a time with Averil Schrieber, Joan Graham and George Nenonen. Each of them left us with individually shining examples of what it looks like to follow Christ closely through this life---with all its usual difficulties---lived faithfully and well.

Two families have also left; the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp and her husband, the Rev. Adam Freiberg. Former Senior Warden Marv Kombrink and his wife Pam moved to South Carolina to be closer to family there. Their vivacious, energetic presence is sorely missed and we've been saddened by their leaving.

We welcomed young Ashton Judkins, grandson of Dean and Lori, into the household of faith with a bilingual Spanish-English service of Holy Baptism. We've also been blessed by the arrival of about six new members to the congregation.

We've also continued with interesting and meaningful Adult Formation offerings including a Lenten study of the theology of the Atonement ("at-one-ment") by Richard Rohr on Wednesday evenings; an in-depth study of a book by Elaine Pagels, "Revelations: Visions, Prophecy and Politics in the Book of Revelation," and "Heaven on Earth: God's Call to Community in the Book of Revelation," by (the Rev.) Michael Battle. We read and discussed Parker Palmer's, "The Active Life." We also had several sessions of Lectionary Bible study on Sundays at 9 AM between the topical educational offerings.

I attended a weeklong educational session of the College for Congregation Development last July which was the first year of a two-year program which I hope to complete with another summer intensive this year. I continue in a two-year online, interactive course titled Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification, which is accredited through the Greater Good Center, University of California, Berkeley. Also, I will be taking the Diocesan training and certification course for church treasurers beginning in March to brush up on my knowledge of church accounting. I'm now a member of the Diocesan Antiracism Committee.

Peg Newby, Gretchen Schlabach and I worked the update of the Parish By-Laws presented here at Annual Meeting.

As a board-certified member of the Association of Professional Chaplains, I served on a certification committee interviewing and certifying a chaplain serving our diocese through Bishop Anderson House in Chicago late in the year.

Immediately upon my arrival last January, I found myself embroiled in a serious conflict which had been engendered in December, 2018, among the leadership of St. Paul's. The conflict consumed much of my time and focus for most of the year as I tried very, very hard to keep everyone together. Through the earlier months until the end of summer, we worked together on it and finally asked for outside help from the Diocesan Office for Ministry through which the Rev. Ellen Ekevag worked with us over the space of some weeks. By the grace of God and some painfully hard work by all involved, the situation was finally resolved.

Throughout 2019, the regular routine of pastoral ministry continued unabated: Communion was taken to shut-ins; and as scheduled, I celebrated the Eucharist every other month at Oak Crest Senior Residence.

And now the ground-work is laid for another year for, as our Presiding Bishop says, "following Christ out into the neighborhood," as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement here in DeKalb.

Grace, peace, and all good things,  
Barbara+

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## Senior Warden's Report

Dear St. Paul's Family,

2019 was a year of new beginnings. Mother Barbara Wilson officially began her ministry to St. Paul's the day of our last annual meeting. She and her wife, Lynne Jacobson, and all the members of St. Paul's wholeheartedly jumped into the "waters of change", which are both life-giving and frightening!

Since her arrival, Mother Barbara has encouraged us to incorporate new spiritual practices into our worship life. The last service of the month now includes the sacrament of healing. In December of 2019, St. Paul's held its first Taize Evening of Prayer and Meditation. Members of the surrounding communities were invited and the response was fantastic. Many in attendance felt a deep-seated yearning for contemplation and expressed their gratitude to St. Paul's for this offering to the community.

With Lynne Jacobson's help, Mother Barbara also initiated a new ministry for the children of our parish and the community. St. Paul's now offers "Children's Chapel" during the 10:30 am service. Attendance in the 9:30 am Sunday School classes for children had dwindled in recent years. We are hoping the new time schedule will work better for families of young children.

2019 has also been a challenging year. Last year at this time, the proposed budget for 2019 included a \$30,000 deficit. At the Annual Meeting, it was agreed that we would "plug in" additional receipts of \$30,000 to balance. There was no funding source identified for those additional receipts. We ended 2019 with a deficit of \$27,878.17. We started the year with sufficient funds to make up the shortfall, but the bottom line is we disbursed significantly more than we received in 2019.

The proposed 2020 Budget expenses are very close to the 2019 figures. However, based on the 2020 pledges received to date, 2020 receipts will be \$20,000 less than 2019. This means we are projecting a 2020 deficit of nearly \$50,000. The shortages in the 2019 and 2020 budgets are a major concern to us all. We all want St. Paul's to thrive long into the future.

Please do not be discouraged. St. Paul's has so much to offer our community, and that is because of each of you! Our "visibility" in the community is growing. We have made wonderful connections through St. Paul's Community Garden and through our involvement in the Beloved Community. The "Mysteries of Taize" classes are attracting community members, as are the monthly Taize services. The key to St. Paul's future is building on these relationships and looking for new opportunities to connect with the community.

Another serious challenge for St. Paul's in recent years has been finding members to serve on the vestry and as Wardens. As I write this, the Junior Warden position is vacant. We do have an offer from a member to serve as Junior Warden in 2020, but not as Senior Warden in 2021. In this scenario, we would be trying to fill both the Junior and Senior Warden positions in 2021. You are all welcome to attend the monthly vestry meetings. I hope that it will allay your fears to see firsthand how parish business is conducted. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

I will close with the reminder that when Christ sent His followers out to spread the Good News, He told them not to take anything with them. (Not even a change of clothes!) We are blessed to have a beautiful worship space and welcoming and affirming members. With Christ as our guide, nothing is impossible!

In Faith and Hope,  
Maureen Gerrity, Warden

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## Altar Guild Report

### 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 Rasmussen-Johns. New members are always welcome!

During 2020 we will be looking into purchasing a new Chasuble for the season of Lent (for use starting in 2021) along with some additional needed items.

Recently the Altar Guild was involved with the Taizé gatherings, new to St. Paul's and will continue to provide any needed support as this evolves.

Jocelyn Prall

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## Art and Music Ministries

### Music Ministries Annual Report for 2019 Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, February 9, 2020

#### I. The Adult/Youth and Children's Choirs

- ◆ **A very talented and dedicated choir is one of the many strengths St. Paul's church is very fortunate to have:** The music program hosts a multi-generational group of singers and instrumentalists (15+ volunteers and 4 paid staff) that continues to thrive and grow musically, spiritually, and in fellowship. The Sanctus and Hand-Bells continue to be a wonderful opportunity to bring children and adults (members and visitors) into the worship service. To note how the adult choir brings a special offering to the church, they sang a beautiful prelude for George Nenonen's funeral service in November. The first funeral that they sang for in over 15 years. A wonderfully talented and generous group.
- ◆ **Enhancements:** We have three new choir members this year, one new NIU student volunteer instrumentalist for part of the year, a new resident alto recorder player, and a new paid bass (singer) section leader for our adult choir, that have greatly enhanced our worship service experiences, in addition to enriching our parish family lives. Several occasional singers (ringers) assisted the adult/youth choir when members were sick, on vacation, or took family time off. And they joined us in special worship services such as Christmas and Easter this past year. We added a regular bass singer to assist the choir (music fund resources). We are offering an opportunity for these young artists/students to engage and grow professionally and equally important, as a part of our outreach ministries we offer them a home away from home, enhancing our lives as well as theirs, while simultaneously nurturing our relationships with NIU and the community at large.

#### II. Music Worship and Liturgy

- ◆ **Liturgical Season:** This was a wonderful year with worship and Liturgy. In addition to our traditional and festive services throughout the year that encompassed Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Advent and Christmas, we added a "Children's Eucharist", an "Advent Lessons and Carols" and "Taizé Gatherings".
- ◆ **Advent Lessons and Carols:** Our first in over 20 years was one of my favorites. In addition to leading the congregation in beautiful hymns, the choir's artistry on three anthems was stunning!

#### III. Outreach and community engagement

- ◆ **Chicago Diocese Convention:** Until last year, the convention never had a children's choir. And for the second year in a row, St. Paul's music program was instrumental in creating and collaborating with children and youth convention programs, to make this a fun, exciting and inspiring addition to the convention. I was asked to collaborate with several other musicians from the Diocese with liturgy planning for the Diocese of Chicago's Annual Convention. I was also asked to work with the children again, and in collaboration with our pianist (Hannah Buckle) and alto recorder player (Lynne Jacobson) I arranged, and then directed an anthem for the children to sing during the Saturday morning worship service. Lynne made a great connection with the children in rehearsals, acquainting them to the recorder, and she played beautifully while accompanying the anthem.



- ◆ **Music from the Community in the Sanctuary:** St. Paul's hosted a Northern Illinois University Student Recital in May (NIU has a space shortage for recitals), as well as a Chamber music rehearsal space for fellow Episcopal musicians for one day. Terree Emrich, choir director/organist at St. Ann's Episcopal church in Woodstock and Kylee, a flautist from Bradley University in Peoria, preparing for two recitals in Chicago.
- ◆ **Taizé Gatherings:** The gatherings are fully utilizing our music program resources, and will soon include a monthly Saturday morning music rehearsal open to all the community.

**IV. Music Maintenance:** All instruments are maintained regularly and functional.

- ◆ **Pipe Organ:** The Sanctuary Pipe Organ is appraised at \$975,000.00, will need some repairs this year (2020) for the amount of \$750.00, and is performing very well.
- ◆ **Pianos:** The Sanctuary Yamaha Grand Piano: guestimate appraisal is \$3,000.00 and performs okay. We need to purchase a cover for the piano (especially with ongoing ceiling damage). Both, the Parish Hall Mason Hamlin Grand Piano (100+ years) and the St. Timothy Center Acrosonic Spinnet are in very poor condition, and should be replaced.
- ◆ **Hand Bells:** The Sanctus (Hand Bells) are in good shape, and in the future, we should purchase another octave so that we may add bells to the choral anthems to further enhance our congregants engagement and worship service experiences.
- ◆ **Choir Robes:** The robes are functional (15+ years old) and we need to purchase a few more for new choir members in the near future.

**V. Communications and Technology: (900-262)**

- ◆ For detailed information shared throughout the year about Communications and Technology (900-262), I defer to the Monthly Vestry Reports (archived on our website).

**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 2019 Proclaimer (St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter) and The Monthly Vestry Reports (archived on our website).**

*Lorraine Langer, Director of Music*

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## Endowment Fund Report

Dear Clergy and Fellow Parishioners,

The St. Paul's Endowment Fund is governed by a five-member committee elected by the members of the church. The Committee is charged with establishing an investment policy, engaging a portfolio manager, and overseeing the portfolio manager. Oversight includes verifying that investments are consistent with the Investment Policy Statement, and that expenses are maintained at a low but reasonable level. During the course of 2019 the committee met formally with the manager, determined that investments complied with the Investment Policy Statement, and that the total expenses incurred were below 1%. We also determined that the manager was not churning the portfolio and not using portfolio funds for personal profit.

We had a very good year with a total return of 17.86%. As a religious institution we strive to maintain a conservative portfolio with 35% in fixed income securities (bonds). On the positive side such a portfolio will be a relatively safe portfolio with less downside potential than riskier portfolios. On the negative side we will not experience extreme gains in good year. Our portfolio strategy is in compliance with the policy statement and provides us with the ability to confidently expect to be able to withdraw up to 5% for annual budgeted expenditures.

On January 13, 2020 the balance of the portfolio was \$2,180,614. While to most of us that is a significant amount of money we must keep in mind that the Endowment exists to support our church over the very long term.

This year the terms of Dick Downen and Jamie Stubblefield expire. Both have indicated a willingness to serve another term. Mary Lincoln's term expires in 2021. The terms of Pat Brown and our brother in Christ George Nenonen expire in 2022. To fill George Nenonen's unexpired term the committee nominates Rick Johns.

The Endowment Committee

Richard Downen, Chair

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## 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 2018 boil were disbursed in May 2019 as follows:

\$500 each to:

- The Children's Waiting Room\*
- Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter
- Hope Haven Homeless Shelter
- Voluntary Action Center
- Family Service Agency

The remaining 2018 proceeds were distributed as follows:

\$649 to St. Paul's for General Parish Support

\$649 to St. Paul's Discretionary Fund

\$216 to St. Paul's Endowment Fund (new recipient)

\$216 for our Fair Share to the Diocesan ECW

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

\*It should be noted that the not-for-profit org that created and managed the Children's Waiting Room at the DeKalb County Courthouse turned over the operations to the County this year. \$500 of the funds remaining in the Children's Waiting Room account after the transition was donated to St.Paul's.

Peg Newby represented St. Paul's ECW at the ECW Province V Annual Conference & Meeting in April and at the Annual Diocesan ECW Meeting in May.

St. Paul's ECW began 2019 with a fund balance of \$13,892.89 and ended the year with a balance of \$13,393.20.

Maureen Gerrity, ECW Treasurer

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## Flower Guild Report

Every week the Flower guild enjoys preparing the altar with flowers to make the worship pleasing. Easter and Christmas are special times during the year. Last year for Christmas we mixed things up a bit. We purchased greenery from Ava Stubblefield as well as a few small trees from Jewel to go with the poinsettias. We seek donations as well as the flower guild pays for the flowers they use. The Members are: Marilyn Cleland, Mary Lincoln, Betsy Pool, Rebecca Smith and myself, Lori Judkins. We are always open to others who would like to join and try their hand at flower arranging.

Lori Judkins

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## Garden Report

Our Garden Group, of the "Green Team," has grown from our experiences of working together in fellowship. The goal of the garden remains an outreach ministry to provide fresh, organic, garden produce to the food insecure in our neighborhoods and to members of the parish. We began our 2019 season with a parish meeting attended by eighteen people interested in learning about the garden.

In April, a small group of us worked with NIU students to prepare the beds and get compost distributed on the beds. After completing soil preparations, eleven beds were planted with vegetables: onions, radishes, beets,

green beans, peas, broccoli, collard greens, kale, turnips, yellow squash, zucchini, lettuces, butternut squash, peppers, tomatoes, herbs, flowers, and cucumbers. Our earliest crop comes from our perennial bed of asparagus. We practiced intercropping for the first time to produce multiple harvests of some vegetables. We are thankful to Blain's Farm and Fleet in Sycamore and parishioners for donating our seeds.

Gardening was much more enjoyable and easier because we prepared our walkways with a heavy mulch to prevent weed growth and mulched our beds heavily. We ended our season with a Saturday workday in November to put our garden to bed and enjoy a celebration with cider, hot chocolate, hot cross buns, and fresh Wisconsin apples. Putting to bed means cleaning out the old plants and preparing the soil for a winter rest and quick spring planting, cleaning the yard space, and mulching where needed. Heidi Havercamp provided leadership for much of our vegetable gardening planting and harvest.

In addition to the vegetable garden which is primarily used to produce vegetables for our use but mostly for the distribution to food pantries, especially Bethlehem Lutheran's and New Hope Freewill Baptist Church's, we converted the front beds, once used by the children to grow strawberries, to flower beds and put in plantings around our signage on Normal. Mary Short and Linda Lorbach led those efforts. Both annuals and perennials graced those beds. Mary also created a quiet, shady spot near the beds with a bistro table and two chairs inviting shared companionship or quiet meditation. Flowers were available during the summer months to use for worship and to gift to those in need of cheering up.

Challenges we faced were ones familiar to most gardeners and farmers. The weather was extremely wet during planting season delaying us getting seeds and plants in. We also had to do some replanting as seeds washed away in a heavy deluge. The weather limited our harvest this year but we still were able to provide vegetables almost every week beginning in late June to the pantries. We also lost our squash crop to insect damage. Then the early frost, freeze and snow in October prematurely ended our abundant tomato and pepper crops and cut short our harvest of green beans and broccoli.

Secondly, we were overwhelmed by the winter and deer damage done to our raspberry bed. Because our number of regular gardeners diminished over the summer, we were unable until fall to direct our attention to the raspberry bed. We debated giving up on the raspberries, but decided to give it a go once again but gardening a bit smarter. Rhys Prall constructed a beautiful garden fence with hog wire to keep out the deer. A small group of us replanted the berry shoots, weeded and heavily mulched the beds.

The community members using the pantries remain thrilled to have our fresh produce and those running the pantries are always very appreciative. Most popular and requested items include tomatoes, peppers, collards, green beans, squashes of all varieties, and broccoli. Garden produce also graced our Parish's tables at Coffee Hour and potlucks.

We are planning our 2020 garden beginning with a planning meeting February 16 during and after coffee hour. All are welcome to join our garden-loving group. Our team needs outreach workers to transport our vegetable harvest to the pantries each week, so if you want to help but feel you can't or don't wish to get down and work in the soil, there is a role for you. We also need more members interested in working with the flower garden design, planting, and maintenance (regular watering).

Submitted by Kristen Borre

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Anniversary/Birthday/Christmas  
Card Mailings – 2019

January

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

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February

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

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March

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

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April

A Mounts  
 B Russell, M  
 B Johns, R.

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May

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

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June

A Clelands  
 A Meyers

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July

A Pralls  
 B Prall, J.  
 B Cleland, M,

B King, S.  
 B DeGolier, S.

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August

A Johns  
 A Haverkamp H. & Frieberg A., Revs.  
 A DeGoliars  
 A Masons  
 B Wilson, Rev. Barbara

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September

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

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October

A Kombrinks  
 A Roberts  
 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 Lee, S.  
 B Stubblefield, Liam  
 B Johnson, K.  
 B Mounts, J.  
 B Judkins, L.  
 B Judkins, D.  
 B Altepeter, B.  
 B Kombrink, M.  
 GW Nenonen, G.  
 S Nenonen Family

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December

A Dickows  
 A Russells  
 A Wilson & Jacobson

B Stubblefield, A	Leonard, H.
B Pool, B.	Lincoln
B Kombrink., P.	Lorbach
B Bach, J.	Maas
B Mounts, M.	Mason
S Perkins, K.	McMahon
	Meyers
	Mounts
	Nenonen
	Newby
	Newport
	Ostberg
	Ouellette
	Perkins
	Piper
	Pool
	Prall
	Retherford
	Roberts
	Rogers
	Russell, B.
	Russell, R.
	Short
	Smith
	Stubblefield
	Torma
	Wilson/Jacobson
	Worden

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Christmas Cards

Altepeter  
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 Bach  
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 Franklin-Smith  
 George  
 Gerrity  
 Haverkamp & Frieberg  
 Jensen  
 Johns  
 Johnson  
 Jones  
 Judkins  
 Kilday  
 King  
 Kombrink  
 Krogman  
 Krueger  
 Langer/Schlabach  
 Larson  
 Lee  
 Leonard, A.

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Summary of 2019 Mailings

Stamps remaining 12/31/18	72
Stamps purchased 9.30/19	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>
2019 mailings	150
Stamps remaining 12/31/19	22
Stamps remaining 12/31/18	72

Pat McMahon

### **Kids Hope USA**

Although we've had some personnel changes, the program, which benefits at-risk elementary school children, has continued successfully with six members of St. Paul's as mentors. In December, our director Pam Kombrink resigned her position and we were fortunate to have another experienced KHUSA director, Lucinda Brunner, available to take up the mantle of leadership.

Respectfully submitted,  
(The Rev.) Barbara A.T. Wilson

### **Salvation Army Food Pantry**

St. Paul's continued its outreach project with the Salvation Army Food Pantry during 2019. Volunteers assisted at the pantry on the first Thursday of the month.

Contributions collected on Food Pantry Sunday during the year totaled 7,662 items (582 food/personal items, 3,046 diapers, and 4,034 wipes). In addition to these donated items, monetary contributions were made to the pantry by a number of St. Paul's parishioners.

Pat McMahan

### **Taize Gathering Report**

Planning for Taize gatherings hosted by St. Paul's began in September of 2019. After many meetings, our first evening of a Taize gathering was held in December just after the Feast of St. Nicholas. The second gathering was on January 10, 2020. St. Paul's has had between 50 and 60 people attend each of the gatherings. As the majority of the people who have attended are not members of St. Paul's, this offering of meditation, music and quiet reflection can be regarded as a form of outreach to a community that is both hungry for corporate experiences of spirituality—and an opportunity to share the gifts and talents of the people of St. Paul's with the wider DeKalb region.

Many thanks to the planning team of Jennie Cummings, Jan Modloff, Marilyn Cleland, and Lorraine Langer. Their tireless efforts in getting the word out to the greater DeKalb community, creation of booklets, prayers and quality music, have resulted in gatherings that have been met with heartfelt experiences of God's love by those in attendance. Thanks, also, to those who have pitched in to read, sing, usher and provide refreshments for the evenings.

The gatherings will take place the first Friday of every month with music rehearsals on the Saturday morning prior to the gatherings at 11:00 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Jacobson

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### **Stewardship Report**

For the year 2020, pledges were received from 22 households. Last year 24 households pledged.

The dollar amount pledged to date for 2020 is \$96,174 compared to \$117,974 in 2019. This is a drop of \$21,800.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Gerrity

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## **Sunday School Report**

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH FOR THE YEAR 2018  
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St. Paul's Sunday School Program for children and youth used the Godly Play curriculum. The curriculum uses the storytelling genre to help children place themselves in the sacred stories and traditions of Christianity.

### Spring Semester Report:

Meeting Time: 9:30 am – 10:15 am

13 Classes Scheduled – children were in attendance for 2 of the 13 classes

Classes were not scheduled 6 Sundays of the semester due to parish meetings or teacher absences

### Fall Semester Report:

Meeting Time: 9:30 am – 10:15 am

12 Classes Scheduled - children were in attendance for 4 sessions

Classes were not scheduled 4 Sundays of the semester due to teacher absence

In an effort to better serve our Parish Family, Mother Barbara suggested St. Paul's offer a Children's Chapel program during the 10:30 am service.

Maureen Gerrity

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**Financial Reports are in a separate document**