



# Parish *Life*

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## Connecting Across Generations: *Imagining Our Future Together at St. Paul's*

*by the Rev. Sara Ardrey-Graves  
Associate Rector*

It's a really interesting time to be a Christian. Really.

We are alive at a time when six different generations of believers are active in our community. Spanning over 100 years, we have members who were born during the Great Depression and World War II, and we also have members who have no memories of a world without the Internet. It's pretty amazing.

All these various generations have very different experiences of formational childhood moments: the moon landing, the day Kennedy was shot, the crumbling of the Berlin Wall, MTV, the terrorist attacks on 9/11. And these generational groups have wildly different ways they connect, communicate, participate in civic life and care about God and faith. They see the world from the perspective of their own unique culture. They joke differently. They grieve differently. They vote and contribute to charity differently.

This makes ministry in the church a very challenging

enterprise. We must strive to communicate creatively, of course, as a way to connect across the generations and invite a new group of believers to be a part of our church. A fundamental disconnect between the generations must be addressed if we are to continue to grow as a church community. But we also have a responsibility to be in close relationship with each other, especially with those whose world views challenge us.

There are lots of instances in the Bible where friendships were forged across generations in order to better engage with the truth of God's movement in the world. Samuel and David. Elizabeth and Mary. Jesus and John the apostle. Paul and Timothy. In these relationships, an older person saw God expressed in a younger friend, and vice versa.

There is holiness to be found when we open ourselves up to the possibility of wisdom in unlikely people. So the challenge to us is two-fold: how might we each intentionally seek out a friend in our congregation who is older or younger than ourselves? And how might we create opportunities at St. Paul's for



different age groups to mingle and share their stories?

I hope you will join me in imagining a new future for our life together at St. Paul's this upcoming year. I am excited that St. Paul's is a community that already enjoys the holy relationships that form in small groups, but how might we use these groups to bridge the generational gap? Think

about making lunch plans with a younger or older person in our church or volunteering to teach Sunday school for a younger or older age group than your own. If we all make even a small effort to begin friendships across generations, we might discover our world view shifting to include other perspectives and, hopefully, see ourselves growing more deeply in our faith.

### Sunday, February 7

**Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Morning Prayer & Annual Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

*Publication delivery times vary. If you are receiving this issue after February 7, we apologize for any inconvenience.*

## Senior Warden's Report



by Morris Friedman  
Senior Warden

As I write this, the Vestry slate for 2016 has been announced, and I am pleased to see that the future of our parish is in good hands. I want publicly to thank the eight parishioners who have allowed their names to be placed in nomination. Each of us owes each of them a great deal of gratitude for their willingness to serve in this important role.

Since this is my final column in *ParishLife* as your Senior Warden, I want to reflect on what Vestry service has meant to me. According to the church canons, the role of a Vestry is to serve as "agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy."

But what does this mean? What do we really do? At St. Paul's, we are blessed with a phenomenal staff under

## Finances at a Glance Fiscal Year-End 2015

	<b>Actual</b> January-December 2015	<b>Budget</b> January-December 2015	<b>Budget Variance</b> Favorable (Unfavorable)
Pledge & Non-Pledge Operating Revenue	\$2,342,000	\$2,324,000	\$18,000
Operating Expenses	(\$2,539,000)	(\$2,540,000)	\$1,000
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$197,000)	(\$216,000)	\$19,000

*If you would like to know more about St. Paul's commitment to eliminate the operating deficit or about St. Paul's finances in general, please contact Parish Administrator Tom McDowell, Director of Stewardship and Outreach Ministries Sally Dudley or any member of the Vestry—Jimmy Broughton, Morris Friedman, Annette Lynch, Mary Lou Wilson, Jonathan Blanco, Bill Davis, Jim Ruffin, Sally Shore, Anne Dunn, Sally Engram, Kimberly Gregg or Ted Irvin.*

the leadership of our Parish Administrator Tom McDowell. The ability of our staff to manage the church on a day-to-day basis frees up the Vestry to think and dream about where we are as a parish and where we want to go.

I see the Vestry's role as being in an ongoing process of mutual discernment with the Rector and clergy, attempting to define and then oversee the church's mission. We are all in this together, bound by our love for Jesus Christ and for St. Paul's. Our church could not function without the diligent efforts of countless volunteers, each helping in some way to fulfill our mission, whether it be with liturgy, music, Kids' Café or Boy Scouts. Having said this, the Vestry are the elected lay leaders of our church and help to set the tone for the church, which I hope has been one of openness, transparency and mutual respect.

I can say without reservation that serving on this Vestry has been without a doubt the most

rewarding volunteer activity I have ever been involved in. Thanks in large part to our Rector's leadership, this Vestry group has been active, highly functioning and engaged, with diverse viewpoints and healthy discussion.

If you are ever called in the future to stand for election to the Vestry, I would highly commend it to you. My service on the Vestry has truly been a

labor of love. Serving as your Senior Warden has been one of the great joys and privileges of my life.

I have never been more optimistic about the future of St. Paul's than I am today. We are in a good place, with a dedicated, competent staff and inspired clergy and lay leadership. May God continue to bless us and our beloved church.

## Men's Ministry Dinner

St. Paul's Men's Ministry invites the men of the parish to gather in the Colhoun Room on Monday, March 14, from 5:30 to 6:00 for socializing and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for dinner and a program by parishioner Jack Fleer titled, "The 2016 Political Primaries in 20 Minutes."

Jack served on the Political Science faculty at Wake Forest University from 1964 to 2002. His main interests were political parties and behavior,



the legislative process and public policy.

The cost for dinner is \$10, payable at the door. No reservation is required, but those who plan to attend are asked to email Tom McDowell at [tmcdowell@stpauls-ws.org](mailto:tmcdowell@stpauls-ws.org).

## Transitions

### Births

**McKinley Marie Golsby**  
and **Kayla Denise Golsby**

January 4, 2016  
Daughters of T. Lynn and  
Kason Golsby, granddaughters  
of Denise Golsby, St. Paul's  
staff member

**Adela Charlotte Stahl**

January 7, 2016  
Daughter of  
Charlotte and Daniel Stahl

### Baptisms

January 10, 2016

**Elias Haden Brendle-Gold**

Son of Denise Gold and  
Stacey Brendle-Gold

**Oliver Edward Creed**

Son of Barry and Sarah Creed

**Margaret Ellen Glick**

Daughter of  
James and Laura Glick

**Thomas Lucca Piscetelli**

Son of  
Mike and Jackie Piscetelli

### Deaths

**Catherine Robbs Hodges**

December 29, 2015  
Daughter of Wilda Robbs,  
sister of Larry Robbs,  
sister-in-law of Dee Ann Robbs

**Geraldine Hartsell**  
**Stewart**

December 31, 2015  
Mother of Wanda Robbins,  
mother-in-law of Ed Robbins

**Charles Gresham Miller**

January 4, 2016  
Husband of Catherine Nagel  
Miller, son-in-law of  
Betty and Bill Nagel

**Pamela Sue Scott Burress**

January 10, 2016  
Wife of Daniel Burress, mother  
of Katherine Burress, sister-  
in-law of Sue Burress Wall and  
John and Mary Louise Burress,  
aunt of Kay D. King, great-aunt  
of Davis and Louise King

**Jill Cermak Pence**

January 7, 2016  
Daughter of Paula Cermak

**John Howard "Jack"**  
**Monroe**

January 12, 2016  
Husband of Boo Monroe, father  
of Cloud Monroe

**Caroline Winburn**  
**Mountcastle**

January 20, 2016  
Wife of George Mountcastle

## Hunter Co-Chairing Diocesan Committee

The Standing Committee for the Diocese of North Carolina recently appointed St. Paul's parishioner John Hunter to co-chair the Nominating Committee during the search for the next bishop diocesan. The Rev. Jemonde Taylor, Rector at Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh, is also co-chairing.



A former marketing executive for Sara Lee Corporation, American Tourister and Days Inns of America, John served from 2000 to 2015 as a certified senior career and executive coach with Lee Hecht Harrison.

John and his wife Pat have been members of St. Paul's for more than 40 years. John has served twice on the Vestry and held the positions of

Senior and Junior Warden. He co-chaired the annual giving campaign and has served as a Stephen minister. He has also been a lay Warden for the Winston-Salem convocation.

John served the Diocese twice on Diocesan Council and as a delegate to several annual conventions. He was a member of the Nominating Committee that elected 10th Bishop Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Robert Johnson.

## St. Paul's 1876 Society Membership Growing

Anyone who has remembered St. Paul's in his or her estate plans qualifies for membership in St. Paul's 1876 Society. Since its introduction to the parish last fall, the society has grown steadily as parishioners come forward to let the church know they have remembered St. Paul's in their wills or named the church as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or retirement fund. Others, inspired by stories shared in *ParishLife*, have asked for more information about how they, too, can make planned gifts to St. Paul's.



"We are so thankful for the foresight and generosity of all society members," said Sally Dudley, Director of Stewardship and Outreach. "We hope their leadership will inspire others to see planned giving as an ideal opportunity to express personal values and commitment to the church and to make a statement of faith and belief in St. Paul's future."

## Youth Confirmands to Sponsor Spaghetti Supper

The Youth Confirmation Class has scheduled its annual Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale for Sunday, February 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Colhoun room. The cost for dinner is \$8 per person or \$35

per family maximum. Tickets are available for purchase after Sunday services and at the door. Proceeds will benefit Save the Children's fund for Syrian refugee children, a charity selected by the confirmands.





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## 2016 Lenten Programs and Practices at St. Paul's

### **Lenten Sermon Series**

During Lent, the clergy will preach a series covering the Sermon on the Mount in its entirety. Each week's sermon will cover a portion of Jesus's sermon from chapters 5 through 7 of Matthew's Gospel.

### **Rector's Forum**

The Rector's Forum series, *Practices, Pearls and Pigs: Living the Sermon on the Mount*, will be presented by St. Paul's clergy in conjunction with the sermon series. Clergy will lead classes to explore what it means to live our faith every day, in the unusual and startling vision of God's kingdom that Jesus presents in his Sermon on the Mount.

### **Wednesday Supper Series**

The Wednesday Supper Series, *Looking Through the Lens of the Cross*, will be led by St. Paul's clergy and guest speakers on five Wednesdays during Lent. We all know Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world. The cross changed everything, and for our Lenten supper series, we will explore how the way we see the world and our everyday life with God, and the issues of power, strength, service and suffering all change when seen through the lens of the cross.

Children are invited to attend the Wednesday Supper Series Children's Ministries program, *The Circle of the Holy Eucharist or Playing with our*

*Food*. Each week's class, led by the Rev. Lauren A. Villemuer-Drenth, Director of Children's Ministries, will explore aspects of the Holy Eucharist. Children will pose for photographs and write a booklet together as they learn the meaning of the Ministry of Word and the Ministry of Table.

### **The Stations of the Cross**

Parishioners may walk the Stations of the Cross in the nave and chapel during church office hours throughout Lent. Booklets containing the liturgy will be available.

### **The Labyrinth**

The labyrinth will be open all day on Wednesdays during



Lent, with a special emphasis on the time from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., right before the 5:30 Eucharist in the chapel.

### **Lenten Devotional Materials**

Printed Lenten devotional materials are available at the back of the nave and outside the chapel.