St. Paul’s 2019 annual giving campaign will begin on Sunday, September 9, highlighted by a Parish Ministry Fair during formation time. Campaign Chairs Marshall and Liza Smith will speak at services that day. The Smiths chose Share Joy as the theme for the campaign.

“In the three years our family has been part of St. Paul’s, we’ve experienced so much joy in worship, in formation classes, in activities and committees we’ve been involved in and the wonderful friendships the four of us have made,” said Liza. “When we were asked to choose a theme for the campaign, the idea of sharing our joy and encouraging others to share theirs just naturally fell into place.”

“There’s a sharing component in stewardship,” said Marshall. “Being a steward of all God’s gifts implies sharing those gifts with others freely and generously. And that sharing very often promotes feelings of joy in both the giver and the receiver. So sharing joy by participating in the stewardship campaign is an idea that makes perfect sense.”

The Share Joy campaign goal is to secure $2,200,000 in pledges of financial support for St. Paul’s during 2019. A portion of the year’s pledge income will be dedicated to increasing budgets for children, youth and outreach ministries.

“For 2019, in addition to our focus on the pledge total, we are strongly emphasizing participation in the campaign at all levels by more individuals and families,” said Director of Stewardship Margaret Turner. “As always, we count on a core group of parishioners who pledge their support faithfully and generously year after year. With the Share Joy campaign, we want to encourage first-time pledgers to join them in making a formal commitment to support St. Paul’s in the coming year. Pledges of any amount will be welcome, and it will be wonderful if they come from more of our members than ever before.”

Throughout the Share Joy campaign, special prayers regarding stewardship will be offered at Sunday services. The campaign will conclude on Sunday, October 14. That day, there will be a blessing of pledge cards collected in the offering plate and prayers of thanksgiving for pledges made throughout the campaign.

“The Vestry and staff rely on pledges to predict revenues accurately in the coming year as they prepare the operating budget,” said Margaret. “Concluding the campaign on October 14 will allow everyone involved in the budgeting process enough time to plan for the coming year.”

“We believe your pledge is deeply personal, between you and God,” added Marshall. “At the same time, as part of the community of faith that is the St. Paul’s parish, we’re all in this campaign together. “It will take hundreds of pledges of all sizes to meet our goal. The more who feel moved to pledge, and the more generous each feels called to be, the more joy St. Paul’s can continue to share with so many people in so many ways.”
A new staff position, Director of Music for Children and Youth, has been created at St. Paul’s, and the search for the right candidate is well underway.

“We’re looking for someone who loves God, loves kids and longs to teach youth and children how to worship God through song in the Anglican liturgical tradition,” said the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector. “We hope to see our youth choirs, parents and the congregation educated about the musical, liturgical and theological dimensions of their Christian formation while our music program grows in new directions. This new position will make a significant contribution to all worship leadership at St. Paul’s.”

As the title suggests, the primary focus of the new position will be on expanding and overseeing music programs for children and youth. The new staff member will be responsible for music during the 9:00 a.m. liturgy and will plan and execute weekly youth choir rehearsals, organize music-related activities for children and youth and collaborate with Organist and Director of Music for Adult Choirs, Dr. John Cummins, in leading shared services.

“At least for the past two generations, we have focused on children as part of the service at St. Paul’s,” said John. “Currently, there are a number of area churches that have children rehearsing regularly, but we’re the only church in Winston-Salem having children singing every Sunday.”

Children and youth who participate in St. Paul’s music program study Voice for Life, a curriculum from the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCM). The multi-level program provides training for choral singers from beginning to advanced levels.

“Voice for Life is a structured choral training program that helps choral singers at all levels develop their vocal skills, musical understanding and knowledge of the repertoire,” said John. “A wonderful benefit of singing in our choirs is that children and youth receive a free, high-quality music education.”

“Historically, St. Paul’s has been known for its music,” said Dixon. “Through the years, the music has been much of the reason why many people come here. For the program to continue to thrive and flourish, we see creating this new position as a way to take music at St. Paul’s to the next level. We’re essentially doubling down on everything that’s working in our music program while building on the success of our children’s and youth ministries. John and I are excited to bring a teammate on board who can join him in taking St. Paul’s tradition of excellence in musical worship into the next decade.”

“And in the more immediate future, we look forward to offering more opportunities for greater participation in music by the younger members of our congregation, too,” added John.

Auditions and interviews are being conducted, and the goal is to have the new staff member in place by fall.

**Summer Enrichment Sunday**

On Sunday, July 15, St. Paul’s celebrated Summer Enrichment Sunday in recognition of the program’s 46th year.
Two St. Paul’s Choristers recently participated in the Royal School of Church Music in America summer courses.

Kate Dossel attended the Carolina Course at Duke University and Lucas Bannigan was a proctor at the Charlotte Course at Queens University.

The Carolina Course was directed by Martin Baker, Master of the Choristers at Westminster Cathedral in London, England. The Charlotte Course was directed by Robert McCormick, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

Did You Know?

If your children are the beneficiaries of your retirement assets, federal income taxes may erode a substantial portion of the amount they receive. However, if you choose to designate those funds to St. Paul’s the funds may be tax-free. For more information about planned giving at St. Paul’s, contact Margaret Turner, Director of Stewardship, at mturner@stpauls-ws.org or (336) 723-4391, ext. 1210.

Please note: The above is not intended to be tax or legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. Consult with legal or tax counsel regarding implications of a specific charitable gift.

As a course proctor at the Charlotte Course, Lucas Bannigan (far left) was responsible for groups of younger choristers at activity time and monitored dormitory life and meal times.

Dr. John Cummins joined Course Director Martin Baker and Kate Dossel at Duke Chapel following Evensong.

One-Mile Youth Trip Puts Local Ministries in Focus

by Nick VanHorn
Director of Youth Ministries

This year, our youth “trip” looked a little different. On Sunday, July 8, a group made up of senior high students and young adults packed up the church bus to drive to a house one mile down the street from St. Paul’s. If you’re surprised, I promise you are not as shocked as our youth were!

The purpose of our trip was to let our youth view Winston-Salem through a different lens to see how their church and other agencies minister to our home town.

Each morning, our youth came to St. Paul’s to lead the senior high portion of the Summer Enrichment Program. In preparation for this week, our leaders had met to plan the programming calendar. Each night during the trip, our youth planned the details. It was simply awesome to witness our youth implement the program ministry they planned themselves and to have them reflect about it each day over lunch.

Every afternoon, our youth participated and/or learned about various ministries in Winston-Salem such as ReadWS, City with Dwellings, Second Harvest Food Bank, the Salvation Army and Love Out Loud.

Each night concluded with group discussion about our home and how we, as a church, can make in impact on those closest to us.

This trip allowed our youth to experience Christ’s signs of resurrection in their own home town. Our hope is that they now have a better understanding of the resources and opportunities we have so they may continue to live lives of service throughout the year rather than limiting their Christian vocation of service to just one week. This week also provided opportunities for Anglican formation as we spent each morning and evening participating in the Daily Office and some of our youth even led devotions. It was a time for challenge and motivation in ways that only the Holy Spirit could give, and it was awesome.
Unsung Heroes: Stewardship Committee Volunteers

Each fall, under the leadership of the Director of Stewardship, St. Paul’s conducts its annual giving campaign, inviting parishioners to pledge their support to the church during the coming year. Members of the Stewardship Committee, led by campaign chairs, help plan and guide the process.

“We depend on committee members to help us think strategically and keep us in touch with the many, diverse members of our parish,” said Director of Stewardship Margaret Turner.

“They bring fresh perspectives and insights based on professional experience, volunteer work on previous campaigns and years of active membership at St. Paul’s.”

Jill Carson, who grew up attending St. Paul’s with her family, has served on the Stewardship Committee since January. “St. Paul’s has given me so much,” she said. “All of the programs I took part in as I grew up here and, more recently, the community of both the young adults’ group and the choirs, have been a huge part of my life. I felt like serving on the Stewardship Committee was a useful way to give back.”

Marshall and Liza Smith have served on the Stewardship Committee since 2017, when they agreed to co-chair the 2018 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow campaign in preparation for chairing the 2019 Share Joy campaign.

“Stewardship is a critical part of enabling St. Paul’s to continue providing all of us a place to worship together, share fellowship together, and serve God together through outreach,” said Marshall.

“Stewardship impacts all of the ministries at St. Paul’s. We felt like serving on the Stewardship Committee would be a meaningful way to contribute back to a church that offers so much to our family and our community.”

Tom Connors, a member of the Vestry Class of 2020 serving as Junior Warden this year, has served on the Stewardship Committee for two years.

“I was asked to serve on the Stewardship Committee because of my professional background in development,” he said. “It pleases me to know my knowledge and experience may be of benefit to St. Paul’s.”

“I think it’s really important to financially support the places and movements I believe in, so being part of the committee that encourages others to make a financial commitment makes sense to me,” added Jill.

“The outreach St. Paul’s does in the Winston-Salem community is a huge influence on the city, and the programs within the church are so important to our members. None of that can exist if we don’t support it. Being on the Stewardship Committee gives me a role in making sure this place and our programs continue to thrive.”

Parish Ministry Fair Set for September 9

On Sunday, September 9, St. Paul’s will offer a Parish Ministry Fair in Colhoun A from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. The fair will mark the beginning of Share Joy, St. Paul’s 2019 annual giving campaign. “The goal of the fair is to showcase our many, diverse ministries together in one place,” said Stuart Russell, who with his wife Marley, is coordinating the event.

All St. Paul’s ministries are invited to participate in the fair. Parishioners interested in opportunities for more meaningful involvement at St. Paul’s are encouraged to attend. Ministries will have representatives available to answer questions, share printed materials and refreshments and encourage volunteers to sign up. Last year, more than 40 ministries were represented at the fair.

“Ministry leaders will be on hand to help newcomers as well as seasoned volunteers find new ways to get involved personally in the mission and ministries of St. Paul’s,” said Marley.

To arrange for your ministry to participate in the Parish Ministry Fair, contact the Russells at stuarthalerussell1978@gmail.com, marleyfinchrussell@gmail.com or (919) 810-1669.
The following are highlights of the July 9, 2018, Vestry meeting minutes.

**Financial Report**

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell reported that YTD financials as of June continue to be favorable to the budget. Pledge income is slightly above budget and non-pledge income is slightly below.

**Rector’s Report**

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser reported that a joint meeting of the Vestry with the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be held July 23 to review the studies conducted on the 1928 building.

Dixon also reported that the Security Committee, chaired by Kay Morgan, has met and is currently researching various aspects of our security needs.

**Senior Warden’s Report**

Allan Burrows reported that capital campaign leadership has begun to enlist volunteers. A preliminary goal was approved, to be further refined as the facilities studies are completed. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

To strengthen overall stewardship and endowment policies, Allan distributed a draft of a revised stewardship policy concerning bequests and related estate gifts.

**New Business**

Tom McDowell reported that there are currently four permanently restricted funds held by the church for specific purposes. With the new policies approved, Tom recommended that these funds be transferred to the Winston-Salem Foundation for management. After some discussion and further explanation, the motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

**Transitions**

**Birth**

Madison Rose Godin
May 23, 2018
Daughter of Morgan and Jonathan Godin, granddaughter of Karen and Richard Rogers, niece of Rick Rogers

Virginia Mills Horne
July 25, 2018
Daughter of Margaret and Alex Horne, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Rahn

**Marriage**

Caroline Mallory Cox and Brendan Paul Richard
July 14, 2018

**Deaths**

Mary Alice Helms
June 22, 2018
Sister of Martha Higginbotham

Ruth Smith Pace
July 6, 2018
Mother of Melissa Rogan, mother-in-law of Randy Rogan

Bert Lester Bennett, Jr.
July 16, 2018
Father of Graham Bennett, father-in-law of Janice Bennett, grandfather of Martha Metzler, great-grandfather of Bud, Bennett and Finn Metzler

Karen Louise Heilmeier Rankin
July 18, 2018
Mother of Julie Wise, mother-in-law of John Wise, grandmother of Caroline and Matthew Wise

Eva Walker Honeycutt
July 31, 2018

**New Sexton Joins Staff**

Jair “JR” Acevedo has joined the St. Paul’s staff as a sexton. His first day on the job was Monday, July 16. He will work part-time, as needed, helping with security on Sundays, closing down the building on days when after-office-hours meetings take place, and filling in when others on the facilities staff are on vacation.

JR recently retired after working nearly 20 years on the maintenance staff at Salem College and Academy, where St. Paul’s Facilities Manager Rick Duggins hired him. JR previously worked for 12 years maintaining the football facility at Wake Forest University. "We needed somebody with a flexible schedule we could call in to help as needed," said Rick. "I knew JR had recently retired from Salem, so I asked if he would be interested in a part-time position, and he said yes. He’s very dependable and familiar with heating and air conditioning and electrical systems, so he’s a great addition to our staff.”

JR and his wife have four children and six grandchildren. He enjoys cycling, running and weight-lifting.
Sunday Services Schedule

Beginning September 9, St. Paul's Sunday morning services will be held at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. in the nave. The afternoon service in the chapel is at 5:00 year-round.

St. Paul's 1876 Society

Anyone who has remembered St. Paul's in his or her will qualifies for membership in St. Paul's 1876 Society. To request a membership form, contact Margaret Turner, Director of Stewardship, at mturner@stpauls-ws.org or (336) 723-4391, ext. 1210.

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Kerry Nesbit Concludes Tenure as Communications Director

So it is with tremendous gratitude and some sadness that we announce Kerry’s departure from the church staff.

Kerry’s last day on staff was August 3. She will dedicate her time and creative energy to a marketing and communications business she launched in 1983. During the transition, Kerry will continue serving the church, working on publications and the web site.

"Kerry brought a new level of excellence to our communications and has truly transformed how we share news and information about St. Paul’s. I am so grateful to have had her expertise at our church,” said the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector.

Since joining the staff in January 2013, Kerry has been instrumental in bringing St. Paul’s communications to a professional standard second to none. Her impeccable work and attention to detail have been greatly appreciated.

We ask your prayers for Kerry as she enters this new chapter in her professional life and for St. Paul’s as we embark on our search for the next Communications Director.

by Laura Burrows and Chris Runge, Communications Committee Co-Chairs

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