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10:00 - Noon
Shepherd's Crook
205 S Baltimore Avenue

Tuesday, February 13th
Ecumenical Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Atlantic United Methodist Church,
4th Street, OC
6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday Services
Undercroft Noon & 7 p.m.

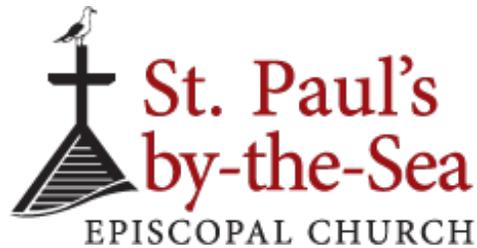
Wednesday, February 21
Vestry Meeting
7 p.m., Undercroft

Friday - Saturday,
February 23-24
Diocesan Convention
Hyatt Regency, Cambridge

**Shepherd's
Crook
Shopping List**

**The following items are
always needed and always
welcome:**

Tuna - packed in water - 5



Annual Meeting In Review

On Sunday, February 4, about 40 parishioners gathered together for the Annual Meeting. After a joyful worship, we enjoyed breakfast while reviewing our parish's activities in 2017 and looking forward to 2018.

There is no denying that 2017 was a very busy year for St. Paul's by-the-Sea. Father Matthew congratulated the congregation on their "patience and good will" amid the construction, tolerating the frequent adjustments necessary to accommodate all the demands on our usable space. Fellowship Commons is nearing completion and on April 28th Bishop Marray will bless the building.

SPBTS experienced growth in 2017. Our average Sunday attendance has increased from 44-54. We exceeded our Stewardship goal of \$100,000. We had three births; and gained five new parishioners by transfer. Thanks be to God ... we are moving in the right direction!

That growth will be needed to support our many ministries which are also growing. For instance, Shepherd's Crook welcomed and assisted over 16,000 people in the 260 days they were open in 2017. That is an average of 61 per day! In the summer months that

oz. cans
 Vienna Sausage
 Canned spinach, collards,
 pinto beans, kidney beans
 Fruit - cans or plastic one-
 serve containers of
 pineapple, peaches, pears,
 oranges
 Soups - anything
 Progresso, Tomato,
 Chicken Noodle
 Pasta Sauce (in non-glass
 containers)
 Pasta
 Macaroni and Cheese
 boxes

number is closer to 125 per day.

The business of the annual meeting is, of course, the Vestry and Convention Delegate elections. The Class of 2020 Vestry members are: Larry Lorton, Brian Connor and Jane Ellis.



After this election, the current Vestry consists of seven members:

Class of 2018: John Knotts, *Sr. Warden*; Karen Cramer
 Class of 2019: Jean Charles, Elizabeth Hall
 Class of 2020: Brian Connor, Jane Ellis, Larry Lorton

Officers not on Vestry: Mark West, *Jr. Warden*;
 Cheryl Nottingham, *Registrar*; Suzy Young, *Treasurer*



The elected delegates to the 2019 Diocesan Convention are John Knotts and Amy Rothermel; with Nancy Knotts and Tom Shuster as alternates.

Many thanks to the outgoing officers and Vestry members for their service and dedication to our church: Linda Ballenger (*Senior Warden*), JeriLyn Holston, Patricia Mulcahy, Suzanne Zantzinger, and Debbie Shuster (*Registrar & Newsletter Editor*).



Now, we look forward to 2018. Father Matthew poses these questions: "As we move forward from the fire, what will our identity be? What models of congregational life and worship, and of ministry are we being called toward?" We won't answer these questions quickly; it will take time. We are, however, in Father Matthew's words,

"on the cusp of something new and profoundly exciting in Ocean City, in our congregation, as well as among our brother and sister worship communities."

Special Recognition



At the Annual Meeting, Fawn Mete received a plaque that acknowledged her efforts as the Founding Director of Red Doors Community Center, 2012-2017. On it was the following message, *"We believe that God made humans to be creative and inquisitive beings. We think, we communicate, we build, we write, we dance, we experiment, we draw, we sing, we explore, we imagine."* This is what Red Doors is all about. Thank you, Fawn!



Debbie and Tom Shuster were also recognized for their service to St. Paul's by-the-Sea. Both have played many roles and have supported the church throughout the years. Tom has most notably been the head of the Financial Committee and FCCC construction committee. Debbie has been Senior Warden, a Vestry member and the editor of our newsletter. Thank you both for all your work and devotion.

16th Annual gLOVES Drive

From Your Heart to Theirs!



This Valentine's Day ... Open your hearts and share the gift of warmth. The Noel Community continues its gLOVES outreach program. Donations of new socks, blankets, and hats (all sizes) will be collected on February 14.

Please place the items in the bin located in DeWees Hall.

NOEL Lunch Program

It's been a really cold month so far and people have been coming to Shepherd's Crook not only for food but for warmth and comfort. Our numbers have risen to an average of 45 people per day and those that come earliest have ended up staying at the tables having coffee and conversation for a while before they have to face the cold again. The Cold Weather Shelter at St. Peter's Lutheran has been open quite a few nights and even stayed open during the day for several of the coldest days. This is what we are called to do - feed the hungry - and in the process we show God's love to those who need us.

We are still looking to fill March 3, 10 and 17. If you are available to provide lunches for Shepherd's Crook on one of these dates please contact Patricia Mulcahy pgilsgirl@msn.com.

If you have any questions, articles, or suggestions for this e-newsletter, please contact Jody Farley at spbtsnewsletter@gmail.com Thanks for reading!

