

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly news & updates*

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December 26, 2020

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### **A Message from our Senior Warden**

Dear church family and friends:

Let me begin by wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This year will be remembered in history, not for the good that was produced nor the camaraderie that evolved, but for a virus that has killed and is killing people worldwide. We have learned to use masks wherever we go, not to get too close to people, and to make sure we don't have a fever. What also has happened is that we, as a church, have learned to survive...again. Zoom meetings and live streaming services have become the norm.

In the past few months, we opened the church, then closed it again. We were fortunate to have Karen and Blake Wamester and Fr. Knapp helping with Sunday Holy Communion services. Recently, four parishioners took training to provide us with Morning Prayer. And Deacon Penny offered Friday, Advent evening prayer services from her home.

Shepherd's Crook has remained open providing food for the needy week after week during the pandemic. There were numerous grand donations to help.

Unfortunately, Red Doors is limping along with only a couple of adult dance classes and art classes.

As a result of the pandemic, SPBTS is also limping. Without in person services, pledge offerings have been slow and plate donations have been virtually non-existent. Fortunately, some people have been mailing their donations. This has kept us afloat. It is up to us, with God's help, to keep SPBTS a working church. To that end, Don, Jody, and Joy are working daily to send emails, newsletters, and updates.

We need to back up our employees by financially backing our church. I encourage all to pledge as much as you feel comfortable giving. Pledging means helping the church plan expenditures, ensuring bills and employees are paid.

Thank you all for your dedication in SPBTS.

**BE SAFE! BE CAREFUL!**

Hope to see you in church as soon as possible.

Yours truly,  
JeriLyn Holston Andrews  
Senior Warden

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## Lessons & Carols

This Sunday, December 27 at 10 am, we will have a virtual Lessons and Carols service featuring scriptures read by various parishioners via Zoom along with videos of Shirley playing hymns. While the service will take place on Zoom, rather than from the church, it will be streamed for everyone to watch via Facebook Live. **[Click here for the bulletin.](#)**

*Don't forget to follow us on Facebook so you will receive notifications when we are live and when a post has been added. Click the Facebook icon below to visit our page.*



### Online Videos

December 18, 2020

**[Advent Evening Prayer at the Log Cabin - Week 3](#)**

December 20, 2020

**[Holy Eucharist Service with Father Ron Knapp](#)**

### Memorial Brick Sale

Memorial bricks are again being offered for sale, through the end of the year. They are available in two sizes: 8x8 (\$500 each) and 4 x 8 (\$250 each) Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available.

If you are interested in ordering a brick to honor or remember a beloved one, **[click here](#)** to download a brick form. You can also contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658 or **[ocshu@comcast.net](mailto:ocshu@comcast.net)**, or the church office at 410-289-3453 or **[office@stpaulsbythesea.org](mailto:office@stpaulsbythesea.org)**.

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