

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

February 5, 2021

A Message from the Finance Committee



2021 promises to be a challenging year at St. Paul's by-the-Sea. The continuing pandemic has impacted our ability to worship and gather together. We have had to suspend programs at the Red Doors. There are no Parish Life events planned any time soon, and no fundraisers are in the planning stages. However, the Vestry is committed to continuing to provide meaningful worship services to the congregation through a streaming service, and to have thoughtful conversations on how we will face the future. Our Shepherd's Crook Ministry has continued to provide food to those in need despite all of these challenges. We are so grateful to our Shepherd's Crook Board and volunteers.

One challenge the Vestry has accepted is to achieve a Pledge Goal for 2021 of \$80,000. So far, we have received \$59,000 in pledges from our parishioners. If you have sent in your pledge, thank you. If you have not, please consider doing so and helping us achieve our goal. We need your support, especially at this time. Thank you. *The Finance Committee*

February 2nd Vestry Meeting Highlights

Bob Rothermel reported that Mid South Audio is installing the audio/video equipment in the church that will enable high quality live-streaming of church services. Bob also reported that the Town of Ocean City should soon be issuing the building permit to reconstruct the steps to the church on Third Street.

Tom Shuster reported that the Bylaws amendment reducing the number of Vestry members to 7 is ready to be presented for a vote at the Annual meeting on February 14.

The Vestry approved a slate of candidates for the two open Vestry positions and two delegates and two alternates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention. The Vestry also set the deadline of Monday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. to receive any other nominations.

Paul Rogers presented the Treasurer's Report for the Calendar year 2020.

The Vestry discussed if the parish should return to in person worship services and determined to continue with no in-person services through the month of February. The Vestry will reconsider moving to in-person beginning in March should the effects of the pandemic improve.

Tom Shuster presented the recommendations of the Red Doors Work Group to establish

a new Mission, Position in the Community, Vision, Core Values and Goals for the Red Doors programs. The Vestry unanimously approved the recommendations.

The Vestry accepted the resignation of LB Steel from the Vestry.

The Vestry revisited the decision to suspend Red Doors programs and determined not to re-open at this time. The Vestry will continue to assess the status of Red Doors operations on a monthly basis.

The next Vestry meeting was scheduled for Sunday, February 14 immediately following the Annual Meeting.



2021 Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, February 14th at 1pm we will gather via Zoom to review 2020 activities and look to the future. Please plan to attend! Your participation is valuable.

We will vote to approve amendments to our by-laws which will reduce the number of Vestry members from 12 to 7, as well as elect two new vestry members, and two delegates and two alternates for the 2022 Diocesan Convention. Nominations will only be accepted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Please contact any vestry member to submit a nomination.

On Friday, February 12th, the report booklet will be emailed to everyone along with the Zoom link. Booklets will also be available at the church office for those who would like to pick up a copy.

If you are not comfortable using Zoom please let us know by calling the church office, 410-289-3453. We have plenty of time to give you the assistance/instruction you may need to use the program and participate in the meeting.

Sunday Services

February 7:
Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, officiated by Fr. Ron Knapp.
Click here for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

February 14:
Rite II Morning Prayer service with music, officiated by our Lay Worship Leaders.

To view the January 31st Morning Prayer service, **click here**.

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.



Sad News

It is with great sadness that we announcement the passing of Patricia Stevens, a longtime member of St. Paul's by-the-Sea. May her soul rest in peace.

Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Click here to see her obituary.

Memorial Brick Sale

Memorial bricks are being offered for sale. They are available in two

Birthdays

2/10 Daniel Childs

2/11 Alexander Mitchell

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Philip's, Quantico, and their Vicar, the Rev. Ken Thom and his spouse, Arlene.

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

Episcopal Relief & Development

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has designated Sunday, February 21st (First Sunday of Lent) as **Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday**. This is ERD's annual effort in encouraging dioceses, parishes and the wider church community (both national and global) to focus, highlight and financially support the work of this critical servant ministry.

Episcopal Relief and Development is recognized across the church for its humanitarian work, especially in its timely response to situations of natural disaster. In the wider communion it is known for its work in the depressed and challenging areas of the world struggling with health care issues, clean potable water, economic sustainability and other areas of basic human needs.

Episcopal Relief and Development is oftentimes the first to arrive and later, the only relief agency still around when the spotlight is removed from a place that had undergone tragic and catastrophic life-changing events.

The Diocese of Easton has been a beneficiary of this ministry on several occasions and so have many other dioceses across the Episcopal Church and global Anglican Communion.

Donations may be sent to the Diocese of Easton, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601 earmarked for ERD or send them to your parish indicating the same notation.

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