

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET



2017 Annual Report

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

St. Paul's Church in Nantucket 178th Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Immediately following the 9:30am service

Opening Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum (minimum of 37 members)

Report of the Wardens

Recognition of Vestry Members and Church Officers

Wardens

Treasurer

Clerk

2017 Treasurer's Report and 2018 Budget Report

Presentation of Officers and Vestry Slate for 2018

Elections

Questions & Answers

Closing Prayer

*Please join us for Brunch
in Gardner Hall after this meeting.*

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2017

Call to Order. At the close of the 9:30 A.M. service on January 22, the Rev. John Beach called St. Paul's Annual Meeting to order at 10:44 A.M. and began with a prayer. Copies of the 2016 Annual Report had been emailed to congregants earlier in the week and were available in the church.

Clerk Pam Goddard reported that the quorum of church members was present.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting.

2016 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Robinson began his report with a reminder that the numbers presented are preliminary and subject to change and advised of the accounting change that defers prepayments of pledges and gifts to the following year beginning January 1. He urged parishioners to consider remembering St. Paul's in their wills by giving a percentage of their estate to St. Paul's through the Caroline French Society.

Benefiting from the generous giving of our members, from the successes of our critical fund raising events, from the resources of the Capital Campaign Fund and from the munificence of several deceased members, St. Paul's ended 2016 with

- an operating surplus around \$9,000,
 - over \$180,000 available as working capital,
 - an unrestricted reserve of over \$40,000,
 - a Capital Campaign Fund balance of over \$166,000,
 - the funding of a new account dedicated to the restoration of the Bell Tower, and initially funded at \$43,500, and
 - a year-end transfer to our long-term investments (endowment) of over \$37,000.
- Fundraising provides 16% of our annual budget.

EMC Report

EMC Chair Pam Goddard thanked everyone for their generosity and support of this year's Every Member Canvass and was happy to report that we are well ahead of where we were last year at the same time. Some comparisons:

End December 2015: 121 pledge cards returned \$250,170

2016: 148 pledge cards returned \$304,009

9 first time pledgers, 33% increased their pledge, while 11% decreased

2015 prepaid pledges/gifts \$89,000

2016 prepaid pledges/gifts \$95,000

That being said we still have a challenge before us of meeting the needs of the church for the coming year. The Every Member Canvass is a year-round effort; this campaign will end the day before the next one begins. We invite anyone who has not yet returned a pledge card to do so and can provide extra copies of the material for those who need it.

2017 Budget Report

Assistant Treasurer Dual Macintyre: Biggest change in proposed budget is reducing the amount of income for this year's fundraisers as we have concerns about maintaining these numbers. These include a letter from Penny Macintyre and Sharon Robinson concerning the Fair: number of volunteers, competing events, and aging church population. While we have a projected deficit of about \$18,000, we are hopeful that we can make up this difference in the coming year.

Marshall Keys commented that date change of Fair may have been one of the reasons for lower Fair attendance, particularly from local camps. Sharon Robinson countered with information about how camps are contacted and other efforts to bring Fairgoers.

The following Motion to Approve the Annual Budget was presented by Treasurer Frank Robinson: "I move that the Annual Budget presented to this Annual Meeting is hereby approved and that the Vestry is authorized to amend such budget from time to time as the best interests of the mission of St. Paul's, the preservation of its properties and the circumstances require and as St. Paul's resources permit."

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The new reality of the Fair by Sharon Robinson: we need to involve new, younger people with new thinking and technology skills. There are several openings for the coming year. Sharon urged volunteers who have time and energy and invited someone new to come in and learn the ropes and extend the continuity. Sharon is coming up on the final year of her 3-year commitment. The children's portion of the Fair particularly needs some attention. She stressed that the Fair is an important part of the life of St. Paul's, and she would hate to see it come to an end.

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee chair Stacey Stuart presented (1) the nominees for the Vestry Class of 2020, (2) the slate of officers for 2017, and (3) the 2017 delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery: Vestry Class of 2020, Deborah Beale, 2020, Robert Inglis, 2020, Larry Smith, 2020, Scott Widmeyer, 2020,

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate of new vestry members was declared appointed by virtue of acclamation.

2017 Officers

Stacey Stuart, Warden
Lou Gennaro, Warden
Frank Robinson, Treasurer
Pam Goddard, Clerk

2017 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery

Paul Borneman, Jr.
Marshall Keys

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate of vestry officers and convention delegates was declared appointed by virtue of acclamation.

Blessing of Officers and Vestry

Recognition of Departing Vestry Members

Warden Stacey Stuart then recognized Sheila Daume, Mary Lacoursiere, Bambi Mlezcko, and Steve Paradis and thanked them for their service to St. Paul's.

Warden's Report

Lou Gennaro began his report by asking everyone to stand and shake the hand of or hug the person next to them and thank them for all the work they do for St. Paul's. He then recognized our challenge of bringing in younger families to our church and asked that any ideas be brought forward, acknowledging that we are not the only church facing these issues. Wyatt Leske shared his thoughts on using digital media to reach out to younger people. St. Paul's truly appreciates the help and support of everyone.

Rector's Report

While it is difficult to discern what good stewardship is, we are looking at our local, national, and international efforts in our Outreach Committee. John Beach invited other interested parties to join this effort.

A second ministry on which we will focus is how to welcome the newcomer.

New Business

Penny Macintyre introduced the signup sheet for the midwinter dinners, which will take place on Saturday, February 18.

A homecoming celebration at the beginning of the summer will be planned to celebrate and lift up the ministries of this parish.

Godfrey Frable shared a story that narrated the way that members of this church give of their time and stressed the need for being joyful and welcoming and recognizing the children among us, and sharing this joy with others, perhaps through digital media.

Lucy Bixby echoed Godfrey's suggestion to make a cover for the harpsichord and offered to coordinate this effort.

Upon adjournment at 11:40 A.M., all those present were invited to attend brunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Goddard
Clerk

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NANTUCKET **2017 Annual Report of our Rector**

Dear Friends,

I write this report as I prepare for my transition to become the interim priest at St. Thomas Church, Taunton Mass. This has been a turbulent year for St. Paul's, and I would like to commend the faithfulness, courage and honesty of our current wardens, Stacey Stuart and Lou Gennaro, as they oversee the discernment process to improve levels of trust and transparency in our parish governance. They have been working with our consultant, The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard in creating an environment in which the entire congregation can participate in our decision making process.

There are many people who have been exemplary in their contributions to the development of the ministry of this community. I would like to particularly thank Frank Robinson who, in addition to serving as our treasurer, has spearheaded a new Outreach Ministry, "Laundry Love", in which, once a month, members of St. Paul's offer free laundry at our local laundromat to those in need. This has been a blessing to many and has provided us with an opportunity to demonstrate to the community that St. Paul's is a caring congregation. It is my hope that the other churches on Nantucket might also participate in this program. I am grateful as well for the role which Frank, as well as Erin Schrader, have played in the Interfaith Council.

I am also grateful for the inspirational work and dedication of Penny Macintyre and Sharon Robinson in the organization of the Summer Fair, and for the work of Tracy Murray and Sheila Daume in our Christmas Market. Both of these events were not only more financially successful than anticipated, they provided an opportunity for most of the congregation to participate in our common life.

I am grateful for the work of Dual Macintyre and Frank Robinson in insuring that we are good stewards of our material blessings at St. Paul's. Among his several hats, Dual has written and submitted a successful grant application to cover a substantial portion of our tower reconstruction.

Luke Thornewill has prayerfully and diligently overseen plans for our tower reconstruction project. We hope that this project will be completed in 2018. Luke's has also faithfully organized our Wednesday meditation and Eucharist; this has done much to set the tone for our common life as a Christian witness on Nantucket. In addition, Luke has made available delightful sailing opportunities for our church family.

Inspired by Cynthia Borneman, and chaired by Larry Smith, we have established a "Family Ministry" committee which has organized monthly social activities which are intended to be multi-generational. This has provided us with new ways to welcome members of our community.

With the generous and hospitable work of Tracy Murray and Randy Wight, we have established a “NewComers” committee which seeks to be more intentional about how we make meaningful welcoming overtures to those who come to this place for worship. For this, I am very grateful.

Lucy Bixby has made two trips to the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba and is planning several more, to which members of the congregation are warmly invited. It is my hope that bonds of affection between these two very different islands will help us to appreciate the diversity within the body of Christ.

I am grateful for the quiet and persistent dedication of Pam Goddard in both her role as vestry clerk and as the coordinator of our Every Member Canvass. Her thoughtfulness and patience are a great gift to our church.

I would like to thank the staff at St. Paul's:

Christine Borneman, our parish administrator, for graciously attending to the many administrative details of our parish;

Ann Colgrove, our music director, for her faithful commitment to the use of music as an instrument of worship;

Sr. Susanna Margaret, our children's ministry coordinator, for her infectious love of children and her desire that they be fully included in the church community;

Curtis Barnes for his oversight of the many liturgical details of planning worship (many of which members of the congregation never see). His love for St. Paul's has been source of strength which has allowed us to sail through some very difficult times.

There are many, many others I could thank, but I am reminded of the final verse of John's Gospel “if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written” (John 21:25).

Denise and I will be moving to Taunton, Mass in mid-February where I will be taking on the position of interim priest for 12-18 months. Among the ministries to be found in this community is a daily soup kitchen called “Daily Bread”. It would be a source of joy if any among you would like to come visit us and assist in serving lunch to those living in poverty in that community. We shall be remembering St. Paul's in prayer, and ask that you pray for us as well as we begin this new chapter in our lives.

Faithfully,
The Rev. John Beach

A. LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Wardens' Report

We begin this annual report with words of gratitude for all who have contributed to the life of St. Paul's Church this past year.

We thank John Beach for the time he has spent here as our Rector. We will be forever grateful for John's gift as a preacher and for the many Sunday mornings when he brought the Old and New Testament to life for us, and stimulated our hearts and minds with his words. We wish John and Denise well as they leave us and pursue a new ministry in Taunton, MA.

We thank the church staff for all their time and dedication; Christine Borneman for her pleasant and helpful demeanor as the Parish Secretary, Sister Susanna Margaret for her work with the children of our parish, Ann Colgrove for her leadership and creativity with our music programs, and Curtis Barnes, our Verger and man for all seasons for the uncounted ways he makes a difference.

We thank our Treasurer, Frank Robinson for the many hours he dedicates to the financial well being of St. Paul's and for his acumen in guiding us on legal matters. We thank Dual Macintyre for his expertise in so many financial matters and for his willingness to help in any way we ask.

We thank Pam Goddard for her work as Vestry Clerk and for leading the EMC campaign throughout the year.

We thank all members of the Vestry for their dedication and support.

We thank Luke Thornewill for the many hours he has given to the ongoing care and maintenance of our buildings, and for his work pursuing a long-term solution to the Church Tower leaks.

We thank all those who provide leadership to the many initiatives of our parish thru the course of the year – Penny Macintyre, Sharon Robinson, and Deanna McCormack for the Summer Fair; Sheila Daume and Tracy Murray for the Christmas Market; Lucy Bixby for Book Group; Bill Jamieson for Movie Nights; Barbara Anderson for supporting weddings; Dottie Gennaro for Altar Guild; Vicky Goss for Outreach; Sheila Daume for Fellowship; Whitney Burr and Paul Borneman Jr. for being there when John was unavailable; Ken Beaugrand for focusing our long range planning; Randy Wight and Tracy Murray for Newcomers; Larry Smith for Family Ministry; Cindy Borneman and Vi Allen for Prayer Shawls; Scott Widmeyer for Communications; and Nigel Goss for his music.

In so many ways, it has been another good year for our parish thanks to all these people and those who work with them. But it has also been a year of challenge as we struggled to reconcile our differences, provide transparency, and discern the way forward. We have strived to serve as Wardens with the best interests of the parish foremost in our hearts and thoughts. We thank you for your support as we endeavor to listen and serve every member of our church family. As the spiritual journey proceeds we ask and hope that each of you will look forward with joy and help us work towards a better and even more loving St. Paul's in the years ahead.

Thank You,
Stacey Stuart and Lou Gennaro

2. Treasurer's Report

Thanks primarily to the generous support of its members, St. Paul's finances remained strong as of the end of its fiscal year, December 31, 2017. The financial results presented below, which should be read in conjunction with the italicized note at the end of this report, included pledges and gifts made pursuant to its Every Member Canvass that accounted for about 40%, and fund raising events that provided about 14%, of its ordinary income. As presented in the tables below, net income for the year exceeded \$70,000 and net ordinary income was less than \$5,000 negative, some \$13,000 better than budgeted.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Robinson, Treasurer

St. Pauls Church in Nantucket
FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

2017 Income Statement

| | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| 1 | <u>Ordinary Income 2017</u> | | |
| 2 | EMC 2017 prepayments received in 2016 | 94,766 | |
| 3 | EMC 2017 pledge and gift income | 213,642 | |
| 4 | Subtotal EMC 2017 Revenue | | 308,408 |
| 5 | Unrestricted gifts/plate | 83,758 | |
| 6 | Restricted gifts | 21,986 | |
| 7 | Subtotal gifts | | 105,744 |
| 8 | Summer Fair | 39,602 | |
| 9 | Christmas Market | 9,337 | |
| 10 | Ships Inn Dinners | 12,008 | |
| 11 | Rug Raffle and other fund raising | 9,221 | |
| 12 | Subtotal fund raising | | 70,168 |
| 13 | Property Useage | | 31,935 |
| 14 | Other | | 409 |
| 15 | Total ordinary income | | 516,664 |
| 16 | <u>Ordinary Expenses 2017</u> | | |
| 17 | Diocesan assessment | 67,142 | |
| 18 | Capital contribution to Diocese | 10,000 | |
| 19 | Subtotal payments to Diocese | | 77,142 |
| 20 | Clergy | | 125,471 |
| 21 | Liturgical expenses | | 8,156 |
| 22 | Staff | 134,268 | |
| 23 | Administration, payroll, insurance | 59,781 | |
| 24 | Subtotal staff and administration | | 194,049 |
| 25 | Christian Education | | 2,605 |
| 26 | Youth | | 1,014 |
| 27 | Outreach | | 10,722 |
| 28 | Music Program | | 3,476 |
| 29 | Utilities | 33,613 | |
| 30 | Maintenance, repairs, improvements | 65,285 | |
| 31 | Subtotal buildings | | 98,898 |
| 32 | Total ordinary expenses | | 521,533 |
| 33 | NET ORDINARY INCOME | | -4,869 |

| | | | |
|--|--|---------|-------------------|
| 34 | <u>Other Income and Expenses 2017</u> | | |
| 35 | Weddings/memorial services | 15,400 | |
| 36 | Capital Campaign contributions | 4,500 | |
| 37 | Tower gifts | 3,500 | |
| 38 | CPC grant funds (reimbursement) | 15,000 | |
| 39 | Subtotal | | 38,400 |
| 40 | Income appreciation on long-term investments | | 70,327 |
| 41 | Total Other Income | | 108,727 |
| 42 | Tower expenditures | | 26,565 |
| 43 | Rector's Discretionary Fund outreach | | 4,283 |
| 44 | Total Other Expenses | | 30,848 |
| 45 | NET OTHER INCOME | | 77,879 |
| 46 | NET INCOME | | 73,010 |
| 2017 Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017 | | | |
| 47 | <u>Current Liquid Assets</u> | | |
| 48 | Cash (includes \$98,425 2018 prepayments) | 141,725 | |
| 49 | Money Market | 74,677 | |
| 50 | Reserve | 40,833 | |
| 51 | Subtotal working capital | | 257,235 |
| 52 | Outreach Funds | 3,594 | |
| 53 | Rector's Discretionary Fund | 12,831 | |
| 54 | Capital Campaign Fund | 142,857 | |
| 55 | Tower Fund | 38,667 | |
| 56 | Subtotal restricted funds | | 197,949 |
| 57 | Total Liquid Current Assets | | 455,184 |
| 58 | <u>Other Current Assets</u> | | |
| 59 | Fidelity - Nelson Fund - restricted | 266,918 | |
| 60 | Fidelity - Vanguard - DIT unrestricted | 480,069 | |
| 61 | Total Other Current Assets | | 746,987 |
| 62 | Total Current Assets | | 1,202,171 |
| 63 | <u>Fixed Assets: land, buildings, fixtures</u> | | 20,463,800 |
| 64 | TOTAL ASSETS | | 21,665,971 |
| 65 | | | |
| 66 | <u>Liabilities and Equity</u> | | |
| 67 | Current Liabilities | | 0 |
| 68 | EMC 2018 prepayments received in 2017 | | 98,425 |
| 69 | Security deposit | | 1,200 |
| 70 | Total liabilities | | 99,625 |
| 71 | | | |
| 72 | Equity - property and equipment | | 20,463,800 |
| 73 | Retained earnings | | 1,029,540 |
| 74 | Net Income | | 73,010 |
| 75 | Total equity | | 21,566,350 |
| 76 | | | |
| 77 | TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | 21,665,975 |

[The forgoing narrative, the income statement, and the balance sheet are based on preliminary financial results for St. Paul's fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The results do not fully reflect, among other things, fourth quarter of 2017 investment results or minor adjustments that may be required when bank statements for December 2017 have been received. The Church's basis of accounting is cash, modified only by reporting as 2017 income the amount of the pledges and gifts received in 2016 but made as prepayments of pledges and gifts intended for 2017 and deferring until 2018 recognition of pledges and gifts intended for 2018 but prepaid in 2017. Cash based accounting is not in accordance with generally accept accounting principles, and the results presented are unaudited.]

The following budget for the Church's fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 was approved by the Vestry at its January 11, 2018 meeting and will be submitted for approval to those attending the Church's Annual Meeting on February 4, 2018. Assuming approval at such meeting, the budget will remain subject to adjustment by the Vestry to address changes in circumstances, including, by way of example and not limitation, the retention of a priest-in-charge and a music director. While based on past results and known and projected circumstances, the budget is aspirational and is not a guarantee of results.

January 11, 2018
Approved by Vestry

**Saint Paul's Church
2018 Budget**

| | <u>2016 Results</u> | <u>2017 Results</u> | <u>2017 Budget</u> | <u>2018 Budget</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| 4-1100 · EMC Pledges | 220,461 | 247,482 | 247,000 | |
| 4-1200 · EMC Gifts | 67,250 | 58,796 | 83,000 | |
| 4-1250 · Combined EMC Pledges & Gifts | 287,711 | 306,278 | 330,000 | 300,000 |
| 4-1300 · Back Pledges | 2,750 | 2,130 | 3,000 | 2,200 |
| 4-1400 · Plate Offerings | 50,970 | 31,120 | 50,000 | 30,000 |
| 4-1500 · Special Offering - Memory/Honor | 6,450 | 200 | 5,000 | 2,000 |
| 4-1600 · Gifts - Restricted | 7,050 | 12,636 | 6,000 | 10,000 |
| 4-1610 · Gifts - Unrestricted/Contrib. | 55,303 | 52,438 | 23,000 | 45,000 |
| 4-1700 · Special Services and Ceremonies | 2,797 | 9,350 | 3,000 | 12,000 |
| 4-1710 · Property Usage | 27,425 | 31,935 | 27,000 | 22,500 |
| 4-1720 · Gifts for Flowers | 2,375 | 2,510 | 2,000 | 2,300 |
| 4-2200 · Rug Raffle | 7,579 | 6,336 | 7,000 | 6,000 |
| 4-2100 · Fair | 43,589 | 39,602 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| 4-2500 · Christmas Market | 10,240 | 9,337 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| 4-2390 · Ship's Inn Dinners | 12,600 | 12,008 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 4-2000 · Other Fund Raising | 4,250 | 375 | 4,000 | 0 |
| 4-3000 · Int / Div / Stock Sale Gain | 496 | 409 | 500 | 500 |
| Total Income | 521,585 | 516,664 | 515,000 | 487,000 |
| Expense | | | | |
| 6-0800 · Outreach Capital | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 6-0500 · Diocese Assessment | 60,708 | 67,142 | 77,200 | 65,700 |
| 6-0000 · Outreach | 16,031 | 10,722 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 6-1000 · Christian Education | 3,848 | 2,605 | 4,000 | 3,000 |
| 6-1100 · Youth | 759 | 1,014 | 5,000 | 2,000 |
| 6-1500 · Liturgical Expenses | 5,062 | 8,156 | 5,000 | 6,000 |
| 6-1600 · Music Program | 3,980 | 3,476 | 4,000 | 8,000 |
| 6-2000 · Clergy | 126,187 | 125,471 | 140,000 | 90,000 |
| 6-3000 · Staff | 117,936 | 127,768 | 133,400 | 130,000 |
| 6-4000 · Administration | 44,612 | 50,154 | 45,000 | 48,000 |
| 6-5000 · Payroll Expense | 8,583 | 9,627 | 9,000 | 10,000 |
| 6-6000 · Church Building | 14,034 | 17,654 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 6-7000 · Parish House | 7,611 | 5,301 | 11,000 | 8,000 |
| 6-8200 · Rectory | 7,347 | 9,577 | 10,000 | 11,000 |
| 6-8300 · Cottage | 1,588 | 1,081 | 2,500 | 4,000 |
| 6-8400 · Buildings & Grounds | 49,008 | 65,785 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| 6-9999 · Miscellaneous | 6,000 | 6,000 | 7,000 | 11,300 |
| Total Expense | 483,294 | 521,533 | 533,100 | 487,000 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 38,291 | -4,869 | -18,100 | 0 |
| Net Income | 38,291 | -4,869 | -18,100 | 0 |

Modified Cash Basis

[The foregoing budget is based on cash receipts and expenditures. It reflects as income pledges and gifts made in respect of 2018 but prepaid in 2017 and excludes pledges and gifts that may be received in 2018 but are prepaid in respect of 2019.]

3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is responsible for providing broad oversight of St. Paul's Finances. It works to assure that our financial results have transparency for the parish. Among the issues it is currently addressing are the reporting of our financial results, developing a long term capital budget, evaluating the investment of long term assets and recommending as required changes in strategy and participating in the Audit process.

Phil Smith, Sandy Keys, Dual Macintyre, Frank Robinson and Martin McKerrow
Members of Finance Committee

4. Every Member Canvass (EMC)

The theme of this year's canvas was "Awaiting a Mighty Wind," which alluded to the inrushing of the Holy Spirit and a challenge to engage with that Spirit and seek what God is calling us to be: "Filled by the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit, the simple fabric of St. Paul's can become the sail that propels the vessel where we are all crew, working together to witness to His will and make His Kingdom come."

The campaign concluded with 168 pledges and a pledged amount of \$318,261. We had nine first time pledgers, and 30 per cent increased their giving from the previous year. If you have not returned your pledge card, we still welcome any contributions. The 2018 EMC, "We Can Make a Difference," is still ongoing. While it is helpful to have pledges in prior to the end of the year for planning purposes, the current campaign will be underway until the day we start the next year's.

We are extremely grateful for everyone's support and participation. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2017 EMC possible, whether it was in the creative process, drafting the materials, printing, stuffing and mailing the packets, writing follow up letters, or just verbal support, your assistance and guidance, as always, was much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Goddard
EMC Chair

5. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket nominates for the following positions the following parishioners for election by the Parish at its Annual Meeting on February 4, 2018:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Warden for a one-year term | Lou Gennaro |
| Warden for a one-year term | Pam Goddard |
| Treasurer for a one-year term | Frank Robinson |
| Clerk for a one year-term | Dual Macintyre |
| Vestry for a three-year term | Lucy Leske |
| Vestry for a three-year term | Malcolm MacNab |
| Vestry for a three-year term | Yvette St. Jean |
| Vestry for a three-year term | Libby Tracey |
| Vestry for a two-year term | Ken Beaugrand |
| Diocesan Delegate for a one-year term | Rev. Paul Borneman |
| Diocesan Delegate for a one-year term | Tracy Murray |

Alternate Diocesan Delegate Penny Macintyre

Vestry Nominees Biographies:

Ken Beaugrand:

Ken was born in New York City. He graduated from Brown University with a B.A., from Columbia Law School with a J.D. and from the University of London with a Masters in International Law. He started work as a lawyer with Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City. Then he was in international finance, living and working in Switzerland, England, France, Holland, the Bahamas and Japan before moving to Canada. In Canada he was in the life insurance business, retiring from that career as President and CEO of the US operations of Manulife Financial.

Having spent many summers on Nantucket, Ken and his wife Gussie moved to Nantucket in 1994 when he purchased Nantucket Real Estate Co which he subsequently merged into Atlantic East Nantucket Real Estate. He has been a director and President of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the ad hoc committee that created the school housing project, a director of Housing Nantucket, a Vice President and Trustee of the Nantucket Historical Association, and Chair of the Westmoor Club board. He is currently Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, Chair of the Nantucket Preservation Trust, the President of the Nantucket Association of Real Estate Brokers and Vice president and director of the Nantucket Rotary Club. He is a former Treasurer and Senior Warden and currently Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee of St. Paul's.

Lucy Anthorp Leske:

Lucy has lived year-round on Nantucket since 1979 and was married to the late Cap'n Tobey Leske for 35 years. An executive recruiter for higher education and non-profit executives since 1992, she is currently a Senior Partner for Witt/Kieffer, an international executive search firm based in Chicago. She has been a weekly columnist on gardening and naturalist issues for the Inquirer & Mirror for over 30 years, served one term as a member of the Nantucket Conservation Commission, and was a co-founder of the Invasive Plant Species Committee of the Nantucket Biodiversity Initiative. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut. She first attended St. Paul's Church in the company of her late grandmother, Mary Louise Anthorp, Nantucket summer resident and member of St. Paul's for many decades. Lucy's volunteer service at St. Paul's Church includes serving as a member of St. Paul's choir, chaperone and volunteer on the Hurricane Katrina youth group mission to Bayou La Batre, Alabama, and member of the 2008 rector search committee. An alumna of Mt. Holyoke College, she has many interests including sailing, gardening, hiking, outrigger canoe paddling, cooking, writing, and spending time with her two boys Colin (30) of Encinitas, CA, and Wyatt (27) of Plymouth, MA.

Malcolm MacNab:

Malcolm and his wife Karen made Nantucket their year-round home in 2006, but their time in Nantucket dates to the 1980s. He is a research physician who has specialized for over 45 years in pharmaceutical research and development in the area of cardiovascular medicine. Malcolm received his MD and PhD from Temple University in the mid-70s. He is presently President of Great Point Research, a company providing scientific and medical consulting services for the pharmaceutical and healthcare sector. Malcolm is Chairman of the Nantucket Board of Health and a member of Maria Mitchell Association Board of Directors. He previously served on the Vestry of St. Paul's. When living in New Jersey, he was on the Vestry of St. Bernard's Church, a member of his local Board of Health, and Trustee for the Bonnie Brae School, a school for troubled boys. Karen and Malcolm have been married for 47 years and have two grown children.

Yvette St. Jean:

Although not born on Nantucket, Yvette St. Jean has lived on island since the age of three and has been a regular member of St. Paul's except for the years she lived in Illinois. Since her return in 1999, she has been a regular attendee, mostly at the eight o'clock service. She has been a reader, usher and has been able to indulge in one of her passions, baking, by helping provide goodies at coffee hours, the summer fair and the Christmas market.

In her spare time, Yvette enjoys crafting, reading, traveling and hanging out with her fur-kids. She looks forward to taking on the commitment to serve in a new capacity and is honored to accept the nomination of the Committee.

Libby Tracey:

Even as a visitor to the island, St. Paul's has always been a welcoming and loving community to me. So when I made a decision to fulfill a bucket list aspiration to live here for a year, my sister Randy Wight said, "welcome to your new spiritual home, you will love getting plugged into us". She was right about that. Prior to my island move, I was a member of St. Paul's church in Riverside, CT, a place where passion for service and dedication to healthy growth of the parish family were evident. Prior to that affiliation, my husband and I were members of the All Saints Episcopal Church of Brookline MA. He was a member of the Vestry there, and head of the search committee for a new rector. Joel Ives was their choice! Libby was born and raised in St. Louis, Mo., graduated from Washington University, and after her children were born, began a long period of nursing education, the focus of which was oncology. She received her Nurse Practitioner degree in Oncology from Yale University. Her doctoral dissertation researched nursing compassion. In 2014 Libby finished the academic requirements for a

master's degree entitled "Theology in Healthcare" which she began at Boston College, and while she has many clinical hours for degree completion, there is a space on the bucket list! She has 3 sons and a daughter named Randall, and seven grandchildren. Libby is the Clinical leader of the Oncology Program at Nantucket Cottage Hospital as well as the Case Manager for the MGH-ACK program called Integrated Care Management. She begins her third year on the island next summer. She is honored to become a new member of the St. Paul's Vestry, and welcomes the opportunity to serve.

Current Vestry:

For your information, the current officers and members of the Vestry, their terms and their eligibility for re-election are as follows:

Officers and Members whose terms expire at the forthcoming 2018 Annual Meeting:

Lou Gennaro '18 – Warden (Completing his 2nd year term as Warden; eligible for reelection)

Stacey Stuart '18 – Warden (Completing her 3rd year term as Warden; eligible, but declined to stand for reelection)

Frank Robinson '18 – Treasurer (Completing his 2nd full one-year term; eligible for reelection)

Pam Goddard '18 – Clerk (Completing her 2nd full one-year term; eligible, but declined to stand for reelection)

Members whose terms do not expire at the 2018 Annual Meeting and their remaining terms of office:

Martin McKerrow '19 (Serving his 2nd 3-year term on Vestry)

Phil Smith '19 (Serving his 1st full 3-year term on Vestry)

Sandy Keys '19 (Serving her 1st 3-year term on Vestry)

Luke Thornewill '19 (Serving his 1st 3-year term on the Vestry)

Robert Inglis '20 (Serving his 1st 3-year term on the Vestry)

Larry Smith '20 (Serving his 1st 3-year term on the Vestry)

Scott Widmeyer '20 (Serving his 1st 3-year term on the Vestry)

Members whose terms expire at the forthcoming Annual Meeting and their eligibility for reelection:

Cece Fowler '18 (Completing her 2nd 3-year term and ineligible for reelection)

Jean Wagley '18 (Completing her 2nd 3-year term and ineligible for reelection)

Cathy Ward '18 (Completing her 1st 3-year term and eligible, but declined to stand for reelection)

We want to thank these vestry members for their time, dedication and care for St. Paul's.

Senior Warden, Junior Warden:

Solely for purpose of compliance with St. Paul's by-laws that contemplate the election of a Senior Warden and a Junior Warden, and unless the Vestry otherwise provides, the Warden with the longest term of service as Warden shall be deemed to be the Senior Warden and the other Warden the Junior Warden.

Additional nominations:

Nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. We request, however, that if you intend to offer a nomination, you first obtain the consent of the nominee and then advise the Church Office of your proposed nomination and provide a biography of the nominee no later than Wednesday, January 17, 2018 for circulation to the Parish ahead of the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Stacey Stuart ex officio, Chair, Lou Gennaro ex officio, Curtis Barnes, Rev. Whitney Burr, Rev. Paul Borneman, Cece Fowler, Penny Macintyre, Jay Riggs, Frank Robinson, Phil Smith, Jean Wagley

6. Diocesan Convention

Report on the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts

The Reverend John Beach, the Reverend Paul Borneman, and I attended the 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention on behalf of St Paul's.

The main action at the Convention, both in the Bishop's address and in discussion from the floor, was implementing the new Mission Strategy. The Diocese faces the same pressures as most parishes: aging congregations with revenue difficulties. Parishes that are growing rapidly are often in poor areas.

The new Mission Strategy, under development for three years, will replace our existing centralized, Cathedral-focused structure with a distributed, networked structure in which parishes develop links with other parishes to cooperate for mutual innovation and support.

The Mission Strategy has been under development for three years, but the protests last year against parish assessments have clearly had an effect on its implementation. Diocesan staff will be streamlined in some cases eliminated or their jobs outsourced.

The primary effect on us is that the Diocese will be divided into three regions, each with its own resident canon to guide growth and development. Our initial relationship will be primarily with other parishes in Southeastern Massachusetts. With time, we will be able to develop relationships with parishes elsewhere that have similar demographics and needs. Happily, a number of parish clusters have beta-tested this structure and reported that it works very well for them.

I have offered to represent St Paul's in the Cape and Islands cluster. I have many years' experience promoting cooperation among not-for-profit organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall Keys

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, about 580 people attended The 232nd annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston with our Rector, the Reverend John Beach, Marshall Keys and I serving as your representatives of St. Paul's in Nantucket.

Though much of the convention concerned itself with perfunctory matters including elections to various offices; passing an amendment to the Diocesan Constitution clarifying the current role and structure of the Diocesan Youth Council; adopting the formula by which Clergy compensation and benefits are determined; passing a resolution to fight climate change; and passing a resolution to encourage the formation of a network of congregations and individuals engaged in elder ministry in the Diocese; the delegation also adopted an \$8.8-million Diocesan budget proposed for 2018. Down from the \$9.2-million budget adopted last year, the 2018 budget takes into account new mission strategy priorities as well as a reduction in assessment income resulting from a new formula for calculating each congregation's annual assessment.

Most enlightening for me was the continuing work of "embracing brave change", a mission strategy adopted at last year's convention. We heard recommendations from the mission team that has been working over the past year including launching a process for intentional conversation to help build relationships among congregations; implementing "Mission Match," a diocesan version of Episcopal Relief & Development's online asset-mapping tool, to help connect people and congregations in collaborative ministries; and continuing work to discern a diocesan organizational structure that will more effectively balance centralized and regional support to congregations.

The prayerful process of deliberate listening, exploring of vision and making needed systemic change (a 3 year process thus far) led by Bishop Alan Gates may well serve as a model for us at St. Paul's Nantucket in our struggle to embrace brave change.

I am grateful for being able to serve the church in this capacity, especially for having had the opportunity of one-on-one time with our rector during the nearly 6 hour round trip by car, plane, bus, foot and boat.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul R. Borneman, Jr.

B. BUILDINGS AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

St. Pauls' Campus Review Group 2017

This is a task study group for Long term planning. The mission is to examine our physical campus as it currently exists and functions and how we may optimize and streamline our campus in the future to be in stride with future plans.

We have broken this down to two steps.

In 2017

Step one was to document all existing conditions and review strengths and weaknesses of buildings and grounds and their related functions, operating financials and real-estate values. This has been (almost) completed in the form of individual building drawn floor plans, written supporting text, real estate preliminary values and financial specifics.

Step one will be available for review to all in the next couple of months.

In 2017

Step two will be to begin explorations that address weaknesses and move to see how our campus may better serve the church and community. Then we will move to assist in forming the new sustainable master plan concept as well as to be informed by it.

Respectfully submitted

Luke Thornewill, Jean Wagley, Ken Beaugrand, Robert Inglis, Penny Macintyre and Larry Smith.

Buildings and Grounds 2017

Major and minor work has completed:

The exterior of the Parish house was painted and significant rot issues addressed.

In an effort to be more responsive and cost effective for the smaller tasks at hand we have hired a new sexton to keep a closer eye on our buildings and grounds.

A multitude of smaller tasks was completed by various people in order to keep buildings operational.

The Tower

We will be starting work on repairing the tower this March.

In 2017 we completed a lengthy review process under the leadership of Brian Pfeiffer, of Building Preservation Associates. Brian is an architectural preservation historian and coordinates construction and he will be overseeing the work as it progresses.

In the very first meeting Brian identified our likely problem as being one of failed mortar joints and he estimated accurately at what our costs were likely to be. Penn Austin, one of Nantucket's most experienced preservation masons, supported Brian's observations and opinions at the time after examining many of the mortar joints.

Ultimately we interviewed 4 separate stone contractors all of the highest quality from off island. They too confirmed that our problem was not one failed mortar. The reason for the failure is not entirely known but evidence suggests the construction was started in late fall (1902), a time of year that did not permit the mortar to cure properly.

While we have felt under some pressure from parishioners to hurry up and fix the problem over the last few years; patience and due diligence have better served the church in a few ways:

1. We have cross-referenced and sought support from other experts with all final decisions.
2. We have chosen March 2018 as our starting date as the best date to begin quality work that will be long lasting.
3. We have gained significant gift funding from the CPC \$100 K each year over the last two years. The town approved \$100K at the town meeting in 2017 and we expect them to approve again this in 2018. A total of \$200 K has been raised for the repair of the church. The CPC gifting is a significant blessing financially to the church and its ability to fix the problem.
4. Our primary contractor and stone mason is Fabio Bardini, of Florentine Renaissance Masonry. He is a perfect fit, has a small crew and impeccable references. His bid was also the least expensive. The Vestry approved the contract.

More detailed information regarding the tower can be obtained if requested and an anticipated schedule for work will be forthcoming when available

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of buildings and Grounds

Luke Thornewill, Robert Inglis, Peter Greenhalgh

Long Range Planning (LRP) 1/15/18

Our 2016 Annual Meeting called attention to the general fatigue of our lay leadership and to the significant concerns of financing. There was no plan in place for declining membership or for the question as to whether our campus buildings were being used optimally. Our church lacked a sustainability compass and seemed to be doing little more than treading water. Much seemed precarious.

Moving forward with urgency immediately thereafter, in January 2017 LRP formed on the initiative of Luke, Ken and Jean - representing new and experienced leadership, a balanced team. Initially studying building use, it quickly became obvious that there was no clear vision for the church's future.

We backed away from being campus specific and fast forwarded to search for a new vision: a vision that reflected our times, faith, hope and love; a vision that included young and old; a vision that moved to bring the church closer to community and be more vital, a place with positive energy, a place for increased worship opportunities.

We wanted an ever-expanding, organic vision that was inclusive, exciting, different and bold; but, also one that underscored our current strengths and attributes.

In the months that followed this small group met to discuss the core values of our parish, our church, and our community. Prayer itself became central to our exploration and decision on how to move forward.

And so, on April 6, 2017, Ken Beaugrand made our initial presentation to the Vestry and Rector which, first and foremost, was an invitation to participate and to grow upon the compilation of work conducted by three. The proposal created a visual preliminary blueprint only partly completed that was an invitation to find a new way to think. This was layered and conjoined with the more pragmatic conventional approach of logic and intelligent ideas. After two additional meetings with the Vestry and Rector, we redefined our goals and mission. A new mission statement was created and approved: "To make St. Paul's an inviting and exciting place where we live and share Christian values."

The three immediate goals identified to help analyze key areas of need in our parish emerged as:

Goal #1: Build our three congregations: Year-round, summer, and young families.

Goal #2: Engage children and youth; re-engage retirees

Goal #3: Celebrate our faith in new and different ways.

Last summer an action plan for immediate mobilization of trial ideas was put in place in the form of "The Grey Lady's Navy." Five Sunfish sailboats were made operational as a new ministry and growth idea. It was well received. LRP also ran the Wednesday prayer vigils from September through Thanksgiving.

LRP didn't want to just come up with ideas but with the support of the church to pursue ideas and by example encourage others to do the same. Initially LRP suggested a new structure for congregational participation - the SpArc system - for keeping committees small and effective whilst utilizing individuals for task research or contributions.

In addition to the two new initiatives, to date we have started to achieve our three goals through the following strategies:

Goal #1: Create Vestry committees intended to implement these strategies:

Campus Review Group – Chairman Luke Thornewill; Committee Members Ken Beaugrand, Robert Inglis, Penny Macintyre, Larry Smith, Jean Wagley

Communications – Chairman Scott Widmeyer, Committee Members Curtis Barnes, Stacey Stewart, Campbell Sutton, Alan Yount

Development/Fund Raising – Chairman Lou Gennaro

Music – Chairman Malcolm MacNab, Committee Members: Deborah Beale, Pam Goddard, Ann Martindale, Susan Robinson, Nancy Jane Woolley

The remaining committees will move forward as the 2018 vestry comes on board:
Education, Financial, Liturgical, Outreach

Goal #2: Formation of Family Ministry Committee – Chairman Larry Smith, Committee Members: Curtis Barnes, Christine Borneman, Cindy Borneman, Faith Frable, Godfrey Frable, Sister Susanna Margaret, Sandra Keys, Deanna McCormack, Bill Moore, Siobhan O'Mahony, Stacey Stuart, Marie Sullivan, Luke Thornewill

Goal #3: Celebrate our faith in new and different ways- deferred pending the arrival of our next clergy leader.

As we continue our work in 2018, we look forward to establishing a time frame for completing our analyses and preparing a final recommendation to the parish.

Respectfully submitted by,
Long Range Planning
Ken Beaugrand, Luke Thornewill, Jean Wagley

C. MINISTRIES

1. Christian Education

A year and a half into my call as children's ministry coordinator, I am delighted at the ways our children are living into their faith. I want St. Paul's to be a welcoming place for all children where they can learn of God's love and grace and learn to be part of the church family.

Sunday School

We welcomed 9-11 children each week in the Sunday School/Nursery from January –June. Joanne McAveety oversees a warm, safe nursery while I lead our pre k-through fifth graders in exploring Bible stories and rites and rituals of the Episcopal Church through storytelling, art and crafts. Our focus this year is LOVE; for ourselves, our neighbors and God.

Our Wednesday night Lenten series, From Caterpillar to Cocoon to Butterfly used the metaphor of a butterfly to communicate the story of Jesus from Lent to Easter. While cold temperatures prevented the shipping of our cocoons, the children were still able to explore the life cycle of the butterfly and relate the journey to the days leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Children also participated in an interactive Stations of the Cross during Holy Week.

Sunday school ended with the ever popular Sundaes Sunday in mid-June which correlates to the end of the public school year.

Classes resumed in early September with the Blessing of the Backpacks. October was busy with the children spending a Saturday morning making dog biscuits and bagging cat treats for the Blessing of the Animals while later in the month they enjoyed an All Saints evening gathering of food, fellowship

(with youth members from Summer Street Church), games and pumpkin carving. November found the children busily at work peeling apples and mixing spices with adult supervision to make apple and pumpkin pies for the Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the American Legion. We also had our first ornament making workshop. December was a very busy month with children selling their handiwork at the Christmas Market while our youth braved the frigid temperatures wearing sandwich boards on Main Street to advertise the event. The fall session of church school ended with 'Twas the Night before Christmas' presented at the family service on Christmas Eve that told the true meaning of Christmas to one very cynical mouse.

In January, 2018 we begin our study of Love thy neighbor, starting with the Parable of the Good Samaritan, while we learn together how God wants us to love everyone and how we can incorporate that love into our daily life. Our Lenten series, All God's Children, creates a "bold and bigger vision of the church as the body of Christ". After Easter, children will learn about working together and serving others.

Looking Ahead

A year ago, children had little to do with the life of the church beyond sitting in a pew. Now there is at least one child/youth led service each month where even our youngest members can participate by taking up the offering. Children are readers, crucifer, singers, and torch bearers. They gather around the altar while the table is prepared for communion. Children encircle the baptismal font and carry the water and candle used at the sacrament of baptism.

A "prayerground" at the rear of the church holds a comfortable rug where children can sit quietly or crawl around. There are coloring pages, a basket of books and busy bags hanging from a peg that can be taken back to the pew. We want children and families to know they are welcome at St. Paul's. In late January, I will be introducing Rite 13, the first part of the Journey to Adulthood, a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th graders. Rite 13, for 6th-8th graders assists young people as they begin to take the first steps of independence from their families into their own lives. The congregation is a part of welcoming these young men and women and celebrating their unique gifts and abilities.

Historically, Sunday school followed the public school calendar, ending in mid-June. I anticipate that Bible study for children will continue during the summer months with a different format. I look forward to continuing the journey with the family of St. Paul's. In Christ's service,

Sr. Susanna Margaret OSB

Adult Programs:

Tuesday Lectionary Group

Held on Tuesday afternoons from 5:00pm until 6:00pm. The group reviewed the following week's lessons and had the opportunity to talk about them.

The **Thursday Afternoon Book Group** continues to meet weekly. St. Paul's Book Group meets weekly, on Thursdays from 11:30 - 12:30 in the Parish House. Being a church group, the emphasis is theology, as found in books of fiction, non-fiction, history, biography, essays, and poetry. We also savor the occasional off-the-press best seller. Advent and Lent are observed in our choice of the written word, and we follow along with (Episcopal monastery in Cambridge) SSJE's "WORD of the Day" programs. Attendance ranges from a dedicated few in January to a dozen or more during the summer season. All are welcome! For a list of books we studied in 2016, please contact me, bixbyphoto@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Bixby

Centering Prayer Group. The group continues to meet weekly on Saturday mornings and is led by Sister Susanna Margaret.

Parishioner Bill Jamieson continues to organize and host the **St. Paul's Movie Nights** which are held in the Parish House on Tuesday nights (throughout the winter).

Related Fellowship Activities:

This year we continued with many of the traditional Fellowship activities which included: Sundaes Sunday, Back to School Supply Drive and Backpack Blessing, The Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Nicholas Visit, Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, and Church School Recognition Sunday.

2. Music Program

Overview

The music program at St. Paul's seeks to enhance the worship experience for all who attend our weekly worship services. Those who sing in the volunteer choir have a love of music, of course, but we also know that music is very important to many in the congregation. This is evident in the congregational singing of favorite hymns and the many thank-yous directed to the choir. In a real sense, we consider the entire congregation to be a part of the choir and seek to inspire and include congregational singing in the service music.

Adult Choir

Joining our volunteer choir is an expression of one's love for music, but it is also an expression of love for and service to this church community. Many times during the year, the Adult Choir is asked to lead services in addition to the regular Sunday schedule: Lent and Holy Week, the Advent and Christmas seasons, Evensong, Sung Compline, and memorial services, among others. Despite their own busy schedules, the singers always seem to make time for such requests. The Adult Choir also serves as a welcoming bridge between year-round church members and those attending in the summer as all singers – church members and visitors – are invited to be a part of the choir. The return of the summer singers is always a joyful occasion as long-term friendships are renewed and new friendships are kindled, with music as an important bond.

In the 2016-2017 program year, the Adult Choir sang familiar and nontraditional music, in English, Spanish, French, Latin and Zulu. From plainsong chants to gospel music – and everything in between – the choir has developed an impressive depth and range of skills. Their sense of musical adventure enables us to provide a wide array of music to enhance our worship services – offering something for everyone. In the summer of 2017, the singers learned several new and complex anthems with their usual grace and dedication, producing some dazzling offertory anthems.

During Holy Week, the choir sang in five services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. On Wednesday, the choir presented the service of Tenebrae, beautifully chanting the complex psalms while extinguishing candles in preparation for Maundy Thursday. The next evening, the choir sang for the Maundy Thursday service, chanting a Taize hymn during the footwashing. In the Good Friday Seven Last Words program, St. Paul's once again invited seven women to give reflections on each Word, and island musicians presented musical responses. The Easter Sunday service was another glorious musical celebration.

As summer began, we welcomed the summer singers as always. The summer choir swelled to more than 20 singers, many of whom are active in other choirs during the off-season. Once again, we (happily) had to set up folding chairs in the chancel during much of the summer season to accommodate all of the singers.

On Christmas Eve, the 30-minute Choral Prelude was the product of long rehearsals and marked determination. The singers displayed their musical range and dedication as they sang a program ranging from early music to contemporary settings of well-known Christmas music. Joined by island musicians, the program included music on the violin, upright bass, trumpet, and handbells, as well as a jazz quartet.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir, ages 8 and above, sang several anthems during the 2016-2017 program year and led the congregation, along with the Church School Singers, in hymn-singing, choral blessings and songs

of praise. At times during the year, the Youth Choir came to the Adult Choir rehearsal to teach the adults an upcoming anthem or new hymn.

Church School Singers

The youngest singers in the parish participated in songs of praise and choral blessings throughout the year. Singing with the older children during the services gives them experience that serves to prepare them to join the Youth Choir when they are old enough.

Compline Choir

In the season of Lent, the Compline Choir offered Sung Compline on Sundays at 5pm. Chanted and sung by candlelight, this ancient and contemplative service is the final office of the day in the Christian tradition. The choir members vest in black cassocks and sit in the crossing facing each other as they chant the lessons and prayers designated for that evening.

Instruments

Our 1902 Hutchings-Votey tracker organ continues to bring us joy and delight. Since its renovation in 2014, the organ has been in constant use for services and occasional concerts. In October of 2017, we welcomed organists Margot Young and Isaiah Williams who performed the St. Paul's portion of the Organ Crawl.

The Steinway piano, which was donated to St. Paul's by the Fowlkes family, continues to be an important part of each service.

The Mark Adler harpsichord gives us the ability to sing and play early music with authentic accompaniment.

The three-octave Schulmerich handbells were refurbished in 2014 and have been used often in our services and performances since then.

Music Events and Outreach

The acoustics in the nave at St. Paul's make it an excellent venue for musical performances. In October, St. Paul's, along with the Nantucket Arts Council, co-hosted the fifth annual Nantucket Baroque concert. This year the concert featured Greg Funfgeld, Artistic Director of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, on the organ and double-manual harpsichord. The well-attended concert also included a recorder, cello and soprano.

St. Paul's continues to offer performance space for musical groups and events as an excellent way to make our church available to the wider island community. The Nantucket Music Center (NMC) uses the space for student recitals and Women's Chorus concerts throughout the year, and the Hutchings-Votey organ is always a highlight of the annual Organ Crawl. This year at Christmas, NMC presented "The Nantucket Christmas Stocking," a musical gift to the Nantucket community – and a full house – featuring performances by students and faculty.

The Nantucket Lighthouse School middle school offered handbell classes during the year under the direction of Nigel Goss using our three-octave set of bells. The classes met in the Parish House music room one morning each week.

Finale

At the beginning of September, I submitted my resignation as Director of Music after five wonderful years. It was a difficult decision. I have loved working with the staff to put the Sunday services together. We have been a very close family. Finding music to complement the services has become a spiritual exercise for me, and has helped to deepen my understanding of the connection between music and liturgy. Helping grieving family members, as well as brides and grooms, find the music to express their sad and happy feelings at such tender times is a very important part of this music ministry. I have been pleased to introduce new services – Tennebrae, Sung Compline, the Good Friday Seven Last Words program, Advent Lessons and Carols – that are becoming part of the St. Paul's tradition. The congregation has been warm, appreciative and receptive through the years, enjoying the familiar hymns and welcoming (or at least tolerating) the new ones. That kind of response has made our efforts even more rewarding. I will miss sitting on the piano bench and seeing the warm and friendly faces of the people in the congregation.

But the best part – and what I will miss the most – has been working with the choir as we learn new and challenging music together, and polish and update the old favorite anthems and hymns. Our weekly rehearsals, our communication during the services, and our love of the music and of each other are memories and feelings I will have with me always.

With gratitude and much love,
Ann Colgrove, Former Director of Music

3. Altar Guild

In 2017 the sanctuary had a facelift when the white frontal, the pulpit hanging and bible markers were replaced. The colors on the altar represent the seasons of the church calendar and are changed regularly to fit the season. The altar is covered in white for baptisms, weddings, funeral, and high holy days which means the white frontal, pulpit hanging and bible markers are continually changed all year. In 2016, the white frontal finally just fell apart and needed replacement. In order to complete the facelift a new chasuble and stoles were also purchased. The bright and clean look is beautiful.

The 20 members of the St. Paul's Altar Guild made 2017 a delightful year with their dedication and commitment. Barbara Anderson, Jeannette Fowlkes, Polly Espy, Beth Keith, Penny Macintyre, Barbara MacDonald, Sister Suzanna Margaret Fronzuto, Sheri Perelman, Jay Riggs, Ann Smith, Cathy Ward, Christine Borneman, Cindy Borneman, Jean Bennett, Betty MacDonald, Ann Bond and Trisha Anderson have committed to follow the schedule that allowed for the weekly preparation of the altar and sanctuary year round. There is not only preparation needed for the weekly service and holy days but for the many funerals, weddings and other special occasions. Ann Oliver, Anne Olsen have had health and other issues that have prevented them from helping this year. Special thanks go to Cindy and Paul Borneman for their dedication to cleaning the candle sticks and cross on the main altar for Christmas.

Jean Bennett, Betty MacDonald, Ann Bond and Daphne Walker have all asked to step down from the Altar Guild responsibilities. Much thanks is given to them for all the time and commitment that they gave to support the Altar Guild. They will be missed.

Our annual spring luncheon has always been a special event to welcome the returning summer members and share time at a social event . Unfortunately we may not be returning to Miacomet Golf Club Restaurant in 2018 because of the fire at the restaurant. It is time for another plan. The Altar Guild has continued to grow over the years and has become a very supportive and energetic group. The time, effort, and spiritual dedication shown by all helps to make St. Paul's the wonderful place it is.

Dottie Gennaro, Altar Guild Coordinator

4. Liturgical Ministry

Serving the Church as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, usher, greeter, or acolyte is a ministry open to all. We are delighted that several new people volunteered to serve in 2017. We can always use more help, and serving in one of these ministries can be very fulfilling as well. We encourage all members of the parish family to consider volunteering in one of these areas of service, and we look forward to welcoming you into that fellowship.

The parishioners listed below have served during the past year in the various Liturgical Ministries of St. Paul's Church. We thank them all for their dedicated service!

Eucharistic Minister's

Curtis Barnes
Peter Barnes
Paul Borneman III
Cindy Borneman

Alison Boughrum
Richard Boughrum
Nancy Broll
Mary Casey

Godfrey Frable
Sister Susanna
Margaret
Nigel Goss

Beverly Hall
Sandy Knox-
Johnston
Malcolm MacNab

Vicky Maltby
Bill Moore
Sheri Perleman
Susan Phillips

Ian Roberston
Randy Wight

LECTORS

Trish Anderson
Kathy Baird
Curtis Barnes
Ken Beaugrand
Denise Bénéteau
Normand Berthelette
Nancy Bills
Walter Birge
Lucy Bixby
Jeff Blackwell
Abigail Borneman
Cynthia Borneman
Nancy Broll
Mary Casey
Ned Fawcett

Marianne Felch
George Fowlkes
Genevieve Frable
Pam Goddard
Vicki Goss
Peter Greenhalgh
Beverly Hall
Robert Inglis
Bill Jamieson
John Knox-Johnston
Sandy Knox-
Johnston
Marshall Keys
Lucy Leske
Wyatt Leske

Reggie Levine
Kathi Linville
Penny Macintyre
Karen MacNab
Sally Nash
Siobhan O'Mahony
Jenny Paradis
Steve Paradis
Yvette St. Jean
Geoff Schultz
Larry Smith
Barbara Stevens
Howard Stovall
Hannah Sullivan
Randy Wight

USHERS/GREETERS

Barbara Anderson
Curtis Barnes
Ken Beaugrand
Normand Berthelette
Abigail Borneman
Elizabeth Borneman
Christine Borneman
Lou Gennaro
Peter Greenhalgh
Carolyn Hills
John Knox-Johnston

Reggie Levine
Penny Macintyre
Aidan McCormack
Erin McCormack
Martin McKerrow
Bill Moore
Tracy Murray
Steve Paradis
Frank Robinson
Dirk Roggeveen
Phil Smith

Stacey Stuart
Hannah Sullivan
Timmy Sullivan
Luke Thornewill
Wes Thornewill
Jean Wagley
Cathy Ward
Randy Wight
Scott Widmeyer
Alan Yount

ACOLYTES

Elizabeth Borneman
Genevieve Frable
Erin McCormack

Hannah Sullivan
Timmy Sullivan

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Barnes, Coordinator

5. Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

The knitting ministry is composed of five steady knitters and several others who attend when they are on island. Our meetings begin with prayer for the knitters and their work. We discuss the known needs for prayer shawls and update the group on those who have received them. Those who are ill or facing challenging times often express their gratitude as they wrap themselves in the tangible evidence of St. Paul's caring community of believers. Recipients need not be a church member. We only ask that they be given a shawl by one of our church members, preferably in person.

Our biggest challenge is knowing who could benefit from a shawl. We need your help in supplying the names of those in need as well as delivering their shawls. The names of the knitter and recipient are then recorded in a logbook started by Vi Allen years ago. In 2017 we gave out eighteen prayer shawls and lifted many more individuals in prayer.

We meet on the second Monday of the month in the Parish House, but during winter months we continue to knit at home even if we do not meet as a group. Walk-ins are welcome to join the group.

This is an important outreach ministry of our church that receives no money from the church budget. All supplies are purchased by the knitters or donated by those who support this ministry. If you can knit or crochet, you are welcome to join us and we will supply knitting needles, crochet hooks, yarn and lessons. It takes at least \$20 of yarn to make one shawl (approximately 800 yards). If you would like to support this ministry, a donation marked for our group can be left in the church office and will be used to purchase yarn and or needles.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Borneman

6. Fellowship Committee

Again this year the committee is made up of a very enthusiastic, organized and energetic group of ladies which include: Stacey Stuart, Nancy Bills, Nancy Jane Wooley, Sharon Robinson, Sally Nash, Randy Wight, Libby Tracey, Barbara Stevens, Dottie Generro, Penny Macintyre, Debbie Timmermann, Marie Sullivan, Tracy Murray and Sheila Daume.

Our weekly duty is to organize and set up the Sunday coffee hour, supplying treats, savory and sweet and to encourage other members of the congregation to contribute and help set up and clean up.

The very popular winter dinners in private homes were planned and organized by Nancy Jane and Penny and were well attended. Curtis Barnes organized and held a pancake supper and also a spaghetti dinner.

In April we hosted our soup and bread Lenten Brunch and after the Easter service, a special coffee hour with special treats from Yvette and Sister Suzanna Margaret followed by the Egg hunt. The tea party at Sherburne Commons was very successful and very popular with the residents who were charmed by the graceful and adorable Frable girls who served the tea and treats and chatted with the guests.

The Ships Inn dinners in June and again in September were very well attended. We are hugely appreciative of the Ship's Inn's generosity again this year. We hosted the Festival On Fair preview party, in the garden where we served delicious savory appetizers made and served by the committee and some younger helpers.

The committee helped out greatly with the Christmas Market again, with a delicious hot meal of quiches, several soups and salad. They also supplied an amazing bake table stocked with so many treats and they also worked the day of the Market!!

Our finale was a lovely Christmas brunch held, with soups and salads to benefit A Safe Place. Our Mitten Tree was very popular and a generous donation was made to A Safe Place.

The committee is most grateful for all those who throughout the year have graciously brought savory and sweet treats to our coffee hour table on Sunday.

I am very grateful to my ever-willing and dedicated Committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Daume

7. Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is part of the Befrienders whose larger mission is to provide care and friendship to those needing meals, rides, visits and the like. Each week (except during Advent and Lent when there are just altar greens) the Sunday altar flowers are broken down into smaller bouquets, and delivered to those in the community who are ill, housebound, just need cheering, or are to be thanked for extraordinary service of some kind. Volunteers and recipients alike receive the warmth of St. Paul's loving care in this special ministry. Thank you to Pat Newton who organized the group for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Borneman

D. FUNDRAISING

1. Summer Fair

St. Paul's Annual Summer Fair was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 9:30AM to 2:30PM. As in previous years, Fair St. was closed to all traffic to accommodate the set up and operation of the children's area of the Fair, and the Parish House, the parking lot, the Memorial Garden, and Gardner Hall were all pressed into service for the event.

In conjunction with the Fair, the second annual Festival on Fair (the all-parish gathering reuniting of our year-round and summer parishioners) was held on Monday, July 10, in the Church garden. Wine and passed hors d'oeuvres, seeing old friends and making new, as well as the opening of the Silent Auction and the Gift Chalet to those attending, provided a great time for all.

SET UP

Although collection of saleable items for the Gift Chalet, Hodge Podge and the used book sale began in earnest in May, the physical set up of the various areas began this year at the end of the Lighthouse School's school year (June 20). The first floor "classroom" was set up for the Gift Chalet, the basement "classroom" for Hodge Podge, and the board room for the Silent Auction. Gardner Hall was available to be set up for the Book sale a little earlier.

On Tuesday, July 11, with the help and sweat of many volunteers, tables, chairs, grills, and tents (some owned by St. Paul's – some rented) were set up and arranged in the parking lot. All food related services were located here.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

The advertising campaign to promote the Fair used the following venues this year:

Yesterday's Island

The Inquirer and Mirror – "This week on Nantucket" calendar and supplement

Mahon about Town – ad, calendar and special coverage in Kids about Town

NPR radio

Visitors Bureau event calendar

Chamber of Commerce event calendar

Town of Nantucket calendar of events

Posters – The Hub, Stop & Shop (both), Essex St. playground (English and Spanish), Visitors Bureau, Hy-line, Hatches, Bookworks, Wicked, Island Haircutting, The Lighthouse School, etc.

Flyers - approximately 500 flyers were hand delivered to hotels, guest houses and inns for distribution to guests as well as to the 3 Visitors Bureau locations operating in July.

VOLUNTEERS

Lacking a Volunteer Coordinator for the Fair, positions were filled by booth heads and the Fair and Kidstreet chairs. As in the past, this is a problematic area for the Fair in several respects. Finding volunteers, not just to cover the 2-hour shifts on Fair day, but finding people willing and able to commit to organizing, planning, and providing new leadership for the Fair is the major challenge for the continuation of this event. People DID come forward in the end, but the lack of firm, timely and in

depth commitment, special requirements and needs, make the staffing of the Fair a difficult task. Approximately 170 volunteers split between two shifts, morning and afternoon, are needed on the day of the Fair. Volunteers come, not only from the parish community, but from the community at large. All volunteers over the age of 10 were welcomed, and we are grateful to all who took part.

FAIR DAY

The Fair was divided into two sections – the adults’ and the children’s Fairs. The adult section of the Fair (chaired by Sharon Robinson and Penny Macintyre) featuring the Gift Chalet, the Book Sale, Bill Welch Art, the Bake Sale, Hodge Podge, the Silent Auction, the Snack Shack (hamburgers, etc.) and the Raw Bar all of which have been recurring events. This year, thanks to a generous donation of new toys, a Toy Shop was added as well as a jewelry table. Despite a noticeable drop in donations to the Gift Chalet and Hodge Podge, sales were strong and attendance up from the previous year.

KIDSTREET

The children’s section of the Fair consists of games, crafts, face painting, the Toddler Yard, special events such as the Nanpuppet Show and the Prize Tent.

With the support and approval of the Vestry, a major change was made to the children’s area of the Fair this year. All fees for playing games, doing crafts and special programs such as the Toddler Yard and the Nanpuppets show were dropped, and Kidstreet was opened to all children as a free community outreach event. We received, are grateful for and very proud of the outpouring of underwriting dollars that parish members generously provided to support this idea. These donations covered all the operating expenses and more than compensated for the loss of income from Kidstreet.

With this change, we actively sought to increase participation and attendance by the Island’s day camps in the Fair. The Nantucket Boys and Girls Club was able to bring ALL children who wished to come to the Fair instead of only those who had the money. The Community School Day Camp and the Murray Camp also brought large groups. We distributed flyers to many island day care providers who also brought their groups.

With children no longer paying to play games, sales at Novelty Row (cotton candy, etc.) rose substantially.

Kidstreet games and activities (chaired by Deanna McCormack) ran flawlessly, undisrupted by the funding change. Over 20 games, activities and special events were available. The town provided a new Dunk Tank much to the delight of the children who, unfettered by the need to buy tickets, had the unlimited access and kept the attending volunteers VERY busy. The Prize Booth was equally as busy, distributing prizes in exchange for “coins” won at the games.

As a measure of success, we counted the number of children – 538 - who were able to participate this year by giving out bracelets to each child attending.

The feedback and good will we received from the parish, from parents, from the directors of the Boys and Girls Club, from Mary Murray of the Murray Camp, and from visitors and Islanders alike were overwhelmingly positive.

Despite making Kidstreet free and the significant drop in donations of goods for resale at the Fair, we were able to raise almost \$40,000 for St. Paul’s. The Fair remains the Church’s largest fundraiser.

Thanks to each and every person who stepped up, pitched in and made it happen. We hope more of you will be able to help and get involved with the Fair in 2018.

Sincerely,
Sharon Robinson and Penny Macintyre, Fair Coordinators

2. Needlepoint Rug Raffle

Sometimes the winner of the needlepoint rug raffle is a summer person, sometimes just a visitor, but sometimes it is won by a local. This past Labor Day, the winning ticket went to Dave Fronzuto, about as local as you can get!

The design of this particular rug, with its rope border delineating the names of several of Nantucket's best known areas, and a brighter blue background, was so popular with everyone who saw it that we have decided to use that same general format again this next summer.

Thanks as always must go to Cindy Chilauskas, who year in and year out comes up with one great design after another, this past year being one of the very best. Thank you, Cindy! And thanks to our stitchers as well; Caroline Ellis, George Fowlkes, Martha Johnson, Bay McClure, Manda Riggs, Yvette St. Jean, Barbara Stevens, Sheila Daume and Nancy Bills.

Further thanks must go to our underwriters. That type of financial support is of extreme importance to the success of this endeavor. As usual, there was a raffle table set up outside Congdon & Coleman. The people from that office were always helpful with setting up and taking down, and generally enthusiastic about the project.

The stitchers are looking forward to receiving their canvases to start on this next rug. And we all look forward to the continuing support of the parish in this important fundraising event.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Daume and Nancy Bills

3. Christmas Market

This year's market was a challenge for Sharon, Tracy and Sheila as we were missing our fearless leaders Dan and Nancy Bills who have managed in years past to create a very successful and magical Christmas Market. But we forged ahead with the help of a great many people. We starting setting up the Sunday after Thanksgiving and moved treasures from storage in the Parish House, all week we sorted, priced, organized and displayed items; Hung greens from the rafters to make it look like Christmas!! Sharon Robinson again delivered hundreds of flyers and posters to Inns, the Visitors Center and Boat docks to advertise the Market.

Jean Wagley and Cathy Ward created the Gift Chalet which was dazzling!! They priced and displayed all the gifts and treasures with help from Susie Robinson, Karen MacNab, Caroline Ellis and Meryl Renwick. Nancy Jane Wooley provided scrumptious lunches for the workers which was such a treat.

The greens table looked very festive and featured live wreaths and flower arrangements for sale.

This year we added a Kids Table. The St. Paul's Youth skillfully made several different beautiful ornaments, Head Wreaths (which were seen all over town) and special treats for sale by kids. This was supervised by Sister Susanna Margaret, Christine Borneman and Deanna McCormack. Abigail Borneman and Hannah Sullivan took charge of sales at the table. Erin McCormack and Elizabeth Borneman donned their sandwich boards to advertise the Christmas Market and wonderful lunch as they wandered thru town. About town.

Vicky Goss and her very able cooking staff: Denise, Luke, Bill and Randy created and served a wonderful hot lunch of quiche, salad, hot dogs, chowder and soups. The Waiters: Lou, Larry, Frank, Phil and John cheerfully cleared the lunch tables as needed.

Dottie and her great bake table crew amazed us all with cookies, cakes, fudge, honey, jams and salts etc etc. So many generous parishioners donated their favorite sweets to delight everyone.

Dual and Penny Macintyre headed up the cashier table. Our Silent Auction this year was also a success with wonderful items donated by Mary Lacoursiere, Bill Murray, Cathy Ward, Pat Searle, Sheila Daume, Bay McClure, Toni and Martin McKerrow.

The Christmas Market was a great success thanks to over 38 volunteers from the St. Paul's Congregation and for their generous donations of time, treats and treasures. Thank you to each and every one of you

Sheila Daume and Tracy Murray
Co-chair Ladies

E. OUTREACH

1. Nantucket Interfaith Council

The Nantucket Interfaith Council is a non-profit association made up of clergy and lay members of the Island's diverse faith communities. Open meetings are held to discuss common concerns and opportunities to promote interfaith dialogue and action regarding important issues affecting the Nantucket community.

The Nantucket Food Pantry, the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, and the Fuel Assistance Program, rebranded collectively in 2017 as "Nantucket Food Fuel Rental Assistance," are vital community outreach programs sponsored by the Interfaith Council. These programs provide critical assistance of food, shelter, and heat to Nantucket's families.

In the first six months (ended December 31, 2017) of its current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, NFFRA reported that

- 2,550 had visited the Food Pantry, and 1,653 households had received 10,621 bags of groceries,
- 15 households had received rental assistance from NFFRA, and
- 3 households had received fuel assistance.

Members of St. Paul's have made contributions through a monthly collection, on the first Sunday of each month, of food and money for the Food Pantry as well as donations for rental assistance.

The Nantucket Interfaith Council conducts the annual commemorative service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January and coordinates the yearly Nantucket High School Baccalaureate.

The IFC's bylaws provide that each Island congregation is entitled to representation by its clergy and two lay representatives. Erin Schrader and Frank Robinson have been appointed by the Vestry to be St. Paul's lay representatives for terms ending June 30, 2018. Others in the congregation are welcome to attend IFC meetings (Noon, second Tuesday of the month, from September to June, at the Congregational Church on Centre Street) and are encouraged to bring important community matters to the Council.

We are blessed to be part of such a generous community in which people of all faiths work together, peacefully, to respond to our neighbors in need.

Frank Robinson
Lay Representative

1. Outreach Committee

Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the island, the nation and the world in a tangible way, by giving what we can to those in need.

Charity begins at home: we have given the bulk of our time and money to programs on the island:

- \$500 and supplies for the schools
- \$1,045 and bags of groceries to the Food Pantry
- \$371 to Safe Place
- \$3,000 to Nantucket Rental Assistance
- \$500 to Fair Winds (the umbrella organization for mental health, wellness and education, and addiction recovery services).
- We have also made and delivered cookies and treats to our first responders at Christmas.
- We provide space for NIANA to meet, 4 times weekly.
- Laundry Love. This is a national program brought to our attention by Kathy Baird, aiming at those who do not have the resources to wash laundry on a regular basis. One small load of laundry costs \$3.85, and drying it costs \$2.40. This adds up very quickly! The program has been generously funded by John, our rector, through his discretionary fund, but more donations to keep it going are needed and welcome. Many thanks to John, Kathy, and to Frank Robinson.

Off-island, our donations have gone to:

- \$466. The Diocese of Jerusalem. We have responded to the Bishop's request to contribute to the schools and hospitals run by the Episcopal Church. They are much needed, and all are welcome.
- \$3,715. Hurricane Harvey disaster relief. Through Episcopal Relief and Development, we have helped emergency relief efforts as well as addressing long-term needs along the path of the hurricane.
- \$484. Hurricane Relief for Puerto Rico.

Thank you to everyone in this congregation who has supported St. Paul's Outreach efforts, financially, by the work of your hands, and through prayer.

Outreach goals for 2018

1. We will continue with our support of island programs.
2. We will continue to support the Diocese of Jerusalem.
3. We will respond to disasters as we are able.

Cuba Mission

We are exploring a partnership with the Church of St. John the Evangelist (San Juan Evangelista) in Vertientes, Cuba. There is nothing left of the church itself but a concrete slab. There is a generation of young people who have grown up without the word of God. There is a severe lack of safe drinking water. We would like to invite our congregation to adopt this church as a companion church, and to offer to help them physically, financially and spiritually. **THIS IS A PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE MISSION, WITH NO TIES TO ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.**

We are learning as much as we can about the history and future of the Church in Cuba, and we hope to share more information both before and after a few of us go to visit in March.

Committee members: Denise Beneteau; Lucy Bixby; Sheila Daume; Frank Robinson; Erin Schrader; Nancy Bills; John Beach, rector; Vicky Goss, chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Goss, chair

F. FACILITY USAGE

1. New Life Ministries International

The New Life Ministries church family continues to be grateful to the St. Paul's Parish for their continued brotherly love and solidarity shown to us over the years.

It is remarkable how you have demonstrated to us such incredible attributes of Christ-like love and kindness. I have the privilege of working with several Ministers of St. Paul's Church and my experience with them through the years has really been amazing. I was invited to an introductory meeting with the Rev. John Beach and it was just an honor and delight to just sit and share with this very distinguish servant of God. I continue to have great admiration for the Leadership and members of St. Paul, as they continue to display such selfless humility in all our encounters. I could not be more grateful and appreciate the stalwart Christian oneness that we experience over the years from all. Curtis Barnes - Verger and Liturgical Coordinator is always available to help. Thanks Curtis.

St Paul's in their kindness has opened their doors and given our congregation a place where we can enter into the presence of our Lord freely; from our weekly bible studies, and summer p.m. services to our Leadership planning meeting. By extending yourselves to us you continue to help us find ways to fulfill our mission of spreading the gospel of God's love in the best way possible. We sincerely thank you for fostering and maintaining this relationship with us. Our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Garfield Bloise, and the entire New Life Ministries Leadership and church family truly look forward to working together the St. Paul's Church family in the cause of making a difference in the "Kingdom of God", and our island community; "Nantucket." As we continue by the help of God to pursue our building project we humbly thank St. Paul's for their continued patience with us. We are grateful for all the support you have shown us as we labor to achieve our goals. Our prayers for you is that all your set goals and objectives for the coming year will be realized with the help of Almighty God and the blessings you receive will be a thousand fold.

Love and Peace

Rev. Garfield Bloise, Senior Pastor

New Life Ministries International

2. Lighthouse School

Nantucket Lighthouse School is extremely grateful for the rental space at St. Paul's Parish House and for the cooperation of St. Paul's clergy and staff in making our 5th through 8th grade middle school possible. Our primary campus for preschool through 4th grade resides at 1 Rugged Road,

Our location at St. Paul's provides an alternative and ideal learning environment for our older students. With the historic downtown as an extended campus, our adolescent students are able to actively utilize Nantucket's natural, cultural and educational resources, thus offering real world learning opportunities particularly appropriate for this age.

We are so appreciative of the rental space at St. Paul's, as well as the unique, educational opportunity that a downtown campus offers Nantucket Lighthouse School students.

Thank you for housing our middle school students and teachers, and for your continued support in our educational endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Miller

Head of School

G. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

As St. Paul's focuses on its future, Communications will be a critical factor in our success. Part of 2017 was focused on establishing a long-range plan for the Church and communications was identified as one of the top three priorities as we aim to grow our congregation, engage our youth and celebrate our faith.

Newsletter

In 2017, we published two editions of The Letter which is the official newsletter for St. Paul's. One edition was released during the Advent/Winter season and a second one was published as our Summer edition. This newsletter intends to cover many programs and events of our church and also to feature key activities that our members are involved in. Story ideas are always welcomed and should be directed to Scott Widmeyer (email scott.widmeyer@widmeyer.com) The newsletter is emailed to all members and friends of the church and hard copies are made available as well to those who prefer that method.

Social Media/Website

The church's presence on social media was increased in 2017 as we devoted new attention to Facebook and to Instagram. If you have not already "liked" St. Paul's on Facebook, we encourage you to do so. Currently, we have 240 friends on Facebook. Instagram is a work in progress. Again, please join us as a follower on Instagram (St. Pauls on Nantucket). We currently have 77 followers. Your following and tagging St. Pauls in your social media is most appreciated.

Our website continues to be upgraded, and we want it to be the go-to place for all information about St. Paul's. Be sure to regularly check the site at www.stpaulschurchnantucket.org The site provides important calendar information, the church budget, Vestry information and minutes from monthly meetings and photos of the many activities at our church.

Weekly e-letter

In late 2017, we made improvements to the weekly e-letter that goes to our members. Again, our objective is to make this a vehicle for the latest information on events and other key messages of importance. If you have something of importance you want listed, please contact Christine Borneman and her email is office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org or call the church office.

Communications Committee

A Communications Committee is in place and we currently have 5 parishioners who have volunteered to be part of the Committee. We welcome others to join this Committee. There is much to do, so don't hesitate to let Scott Widmeyer know of your interest.

Media Coverage

In 2017, story items on church events appeared periodically in key Nantucket media outlets including 97.7 ACK-FM; 89.5 WNCK-FM, the Inquirer & Mirror and Mahon About Town.

Rev. Beach was one of the featured guests on Scott Widmeyer's Cross Currents radio show in June when the topic was the "state of religion in America."

Also, the Frable girls were our "celebrity stars" on radio spots promoting the St. Paul's Fair. These spots ran on ACK-FM for a week in advance of the July Fair.

Your Contact Information

If you are new, or if you have moved, or changed your email and/or phone number, we NEED to know. Please call or email Christine in the church office so this information can be updated. There are blank cards in the back of the church for you to provide this information or email/call Christine at office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Widmeyer
Scott.widmeyer@widmeyer.com