

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET



2016 Annual Report

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

St. Paul's Church in Nantucket 177th Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Immediately following the 9:30am service

Opening Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum (minimum of 37 members)

Recognition of Vestry Members and Church Officers

Wardens

Treasurer

Clerk

2016 Treasurer's Report and 2017 Budget Report

Presentation of Officers and Vestry Slate for 2017

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 24, 2016

In the absence of a quorum, the Rev. John Beach announced that the Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket, duly called, shall be adjourned to Sunday, January 31, immediately following the 9:30 A.M. service.

2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2016

Call to Order. At the close of the 9:30 A.M. service on January 31, the Rev. John Beach called St. Paul's Annual Meeting to order and began with a prayer. Copies of the 2015 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 2015 annual meeting.

Recognition of Departing Vestry Members

Warden Stacey Stuart then recognized Normand Berthelette, Malcolm MacNab, Pat Newton, Dual MacIntyre, and Randy Wight and thanked them for their service to St. Paul's.

2015 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget Report

Treasurer Frank Robinson reported an excess of ordinary operating expenditures over ordinary operating revenue in the amount of \$9,921. The balance of the capital campaign fund, reflecting 2015 investment results, is \$124,071. There were four bequests received in 2015, totaling \$112,275; the Vestry authorized capital expenditures (installing condensers at rectory, refinishing rectory floors, parish house repairs) amounting to \$21,990, leaving \$90,285 to be transferred to long-term investments, where the current balance is \$622,130. St. Paul's working capital and reserves of \$199,017 is almost equal to that of 2014. As of December 31, 2015, St. Paul's has net cash assets of \$945,218, less cash liabilities (security deposits of \$2,000), bringing the total net cash assets to \$943,218.

Dual Macintyre, Assistant Treasure, presented the annual budget 2016.

The following Motion to Approve the Annual Budget was presented by Warden Randy Wight:

"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.

Nominating Committee Report. Nominating Committee chair Normand Berthelette then presented (1) the slate of officers for 2016, (2) the nominees for the Vestry Class of 2018 and (3) the 2016 delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery:

2016 Officers

Stacey Stuart, Warden

Lou Gennaro, Warden

Frank Robinson, Treasurer

Pam Goddard, Clerk

Vestry Class of 2018

Martin McKerrow, 2018

Phil Smith, 2018
Sandra Keys, 2018
Luke Thornewill, 2018

The 2016 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery

Lucy Bixby
Marshall Keys

The following Motion to Designate a Senior Warden was introduced by Frank Robinson:

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.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Blessing of Officers and Vestry

Motion to thank Rev. Gale Davis

The following motion was presented by Warden Stacey Stuart:

The 2016 Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church expresses our gratitude to the Rev. Dr. Gale Davis for her ministry among us during our interim. Her love, patience, gentleness, wisdom and piety have been a source of healing following the loss of our previous rector. We wish her joy and every blessing in her future endeavors.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A copy will be sent to Rev. Davis.

Question and Answer

A brief question and answer period was followed with the closing prayer. Upon adjournment all those present were invited to attend brunch in Gardner Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Goddard
Clerk

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NANTUCKET 2016 Annual Report of our Rector

Dear Friends,

Denise and I have completed our first year as part of this welcoming community, and this report gives me an opportunity to express our gratitude for the many blessings we have received in this place.

The rhythm of the year presents interesting delights and challenges to the churches on this island. We have become a community which welcomes the huge influx of short-term worshippers while also ministering to the families of those who can be seen over the course of the year.

We are very grateful for the kindness demonstrated towards us in the weeks following Denise's illness and hospitalization last winter. We experienced the unique ways that this parish family ministers to those in time of suffering and loss. This has been a source of inspiration and encouragement for me.

I look forward to 2017 with joy and excitement. Our nation is greatly divided and we have lost our ability (and perhaps even our desire) to communicate across a great ideological gulf. It is my hope that our church community can be a sanctuary which can equip us to express the values and regain our

moral compass. I am inspired by words spoken by The Rev. Samuel Wells, Vicar of St. Martin's in the field in London who recently stated:

"I believe it's possible to build a community of humility, generosity, gratitude, grace, truth, and compassion-- for which the only word I know is 'church'. A church like St. Martin's is called upon to be a living example of what the reconciling, liberating and transforming love of God can do. It may be that a witness like ours can begin to heal our country and inspire it to take a different, more inclusive and hopeful direction. But even if it doesn't, we are going to do it anyway"

I am honored to be part of such a church family here at St. Paul's. It is my hope and prayer that we can continue to proclaim the Gospel to the many people who pass through our doors this year.

There are many people I would like to thank for their personal support over the course of this year. Among those I would like to personally mention are

Christine Borneman, our parish administrator. Her competence, patience, and diligence has done much to insure the ministry of this church. Her attention to detail has insured that many of my sins of omission are never discovered.

Ann Colgrove, our director of music. Her musical gifts and her love of liturgy have made St. Paul's a welcoming house of worship.

Curtis Barnes, our vergier. His knowledge of the people of this island as well as our physical plant has staved off many disasters.

Sr. Susanna Fronzuto. Her gentleness and love for children is evident in her service as children's ministry coordinator.

Stacy Stuart and Lou Gennaro, our wardens. Their counsel, organizational skill, and humor have been instrumental in the growth and development of our parish.

Frank Robinson, our treasurer who, with the generous assistance of Dual Macintyre, has compiled regular and detailed accounts of our income and expenditures and has allowed us to be good stewards of the financial resources of this community.

Pamela Goddard, our vestry clerk and chair of the Every Member Canvass. Her calm and gentle demeanor and her attention to detail are appreciated and are much needed.

Sharon Robinson, Penny Macintyre, Deanna McCormack, Dan and Nancy Bills, and all those who have worked on our summer and Christmas fairs. Their work throughout the year has given us the mistaken impression that these two wonderful activities are easy to oversee.

Sara Jones, Vi Allen, Cynthia Borneman, Nancy Wooley, Sister Susanna, Randy Wight and many others who have been involved in the pastoral ministry of this place. They have insured that those who are experiencing illness, pain, or loss have contact with the love of Christ in this Church.

Luke Thornehill, Steve Paradis, and Arthur Dwyer who have seen that we take care of our physical plant.

Dottie Gennaro who has coordinated our altar guild whose members have worked with love to insure that we are ready for worship.

Sheila Daume and all those who participate in the ministry of fellowship who by their gracious hospitality insure that we remember that we do not live by bread alone.

Lucy Bixby and all those who have participated in the book discussion groups over the course of the year. She has allowed us to remember that we are to love the Lord our God with all of our mind.

Our vestry over the past year Steve Paradis, Sheila Daume, Sandra Keys, Phil Smith, Pam Goddard, Mary Lacoursiere, Luke Thornehill Lou Gennaro, Jean Wagley, Cathy Ward, Bambi Mleczo, Cece

Fowler, Martin McKerrow, and Stacey Stuart. Their love of this parish and their vision for the future is source of inspiration.

There are many, many, others who have given much to the church whose names I have neglected to include. I am grateful both for the very public and the very private acts of ministry which are part of this place.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my wife, Denise Bénéteau who regularly reminds me what a joy it is to be your priest and pastor. It has been a great blessing to serve as your rector this past year and I very much look forward to serving this community in the year to come.

Faithfully,
The Rev. John Beach

A. LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Wardens' Report - 2016

St. Paul's continues to be a special community of faith on Nantucket and to benefit from the generosity, dedication and hard work of many long-standing and talented members of this parish.

Rector

Our Rector John Beach has completed his first full year as the spiritual leader of St. Paul's, and he has gained a great deal of knowledge and understanding about life on Nantucket and St. Paul's in the last 12 months.

We waited nearly six months to celebrate John's induction in June, so that many seasonal parish members might also participate in that memorable celebration. Bishop Alan Gates presided at a wonderful service and then all enjoyed a parish party. John has expressed his gratitude for being here and his hopes for a long tenure as our Rector. Likewise, we are thankful for John's ministry and leadership, and for his dear wife Denise Benetau.

Church Staff

The addition of Sister Susanna Margaret to the church staff, with responsibility to work with our school age children in Christian formation, strengthens our commitment to family ministry. We have also formalized Arthur Dwyer's role with responsibility as Sexton to better help with maintenance of the numerous buildings that make up the parish campus. We continue to benefit from the talents and dedication of the entire church staff; and especially our Verger, Curtis Barnes, Music Director Ann Colgrove, and Christine Borneman in the church office.

Treasurer and EMC

We are grateful for the work of Treasurer, Frank Robinson, and Asst. Treasurer, Dual Macintyre in continuing to strengthen St. Paul's financial position. We are also grateful for Pam Goddard's work as both our Clerk and Chair of the EMC initiative.

All three of these individuals dedicate many hours to St. Paul's in their respective roles, and do excellent work.

Vestry

We thank the entire Vestry for their time and efforts, and acknowledge those whose terms will be expiring this month - Sheila Daume, Mary Lacoursiere, Bambi Mleczko, and Steve Paradis.

The Vestry participated in a Workshop in May when we discussed goals and objectives for the future. The following list of goals were developed at that workshop with some commentary about our progress for each item.

Vestry/Rector Goals and Priorities Summary

- 1) To make St. Paul's more welcoming, and encouraging for children, youth, and their families. This will involve encouraging programs for the young and making our worship more accessible. **Follow-up** – The appointment of Sister Susanna Margaret and her ongoing work as an initial step.
- 2) To lift up and develop our Inreach ministry. This includes how to be more intentional about our pastoral care to members of the community and the Island. **Follow-Up** – Though we continue in these ministries, more needs to be done in terms of leadership and organization.
- 3) Lift up and develop Outreach Ministry-the support and work being done in relief and development outside our parish. This includes the ministry to those who live in poverty and/or are victims of man made or natural disasters. **Follow-Up** – The team of Vicky Goss, Nancy Bills, and Sheila Daume have developed ideas and recommendations for Vestry consideration and work is ongoing.
- 4) Adult Christian education and formation. This will include the encouragement of Bible study, other Christian literature, and the intentional study of those spiritual powers which are at work in the social, political, economic forces which shape our world. **Follow-Up** – The ongoing work of Adult Forums after services and John's involvement with the book group.
- 5) Welcoming of Newcomers. We could do a much better job of welcoming the many persons who enter our church. **Follow-Up** – Though we have heightened our sensitivities to this need, more organized plans and a structured approach need development.
- 6) Review and Finalize Buildings and Grounds Repairs and Improvements – Develop leadership team and framework for decision making in regards to 12 month projects and long term projects. Short term focus to resolve the Tower leak. Assign Sexton responsibilities to a responsible person. **Follow-Up** – We are making good progress on this item and Luke Thornewill has provided leadership in concert with our Rector and Vestry.
- 7) Campus Wide Stewardship Assessment – develop best utilization plans for all buildings **Follow-Up** – This project has been initiated and we expect first reports from Luke Thornewill in the near term.
- 8) Financial Goals – plan and work towards financial break-even or better in 2016. Recruit a Stewardship Leader and team to support goals. Replace Finance Committee Chair and Recruit Caroline French Leader. Long term focus to improve EMC results and develop a substantial Endowment. **Follow-Up** – As reported by our Treasurer, Frank Robinson, the financial results for 2016 were positive and the 2017 EMC campaign, under Pam Goddard's leadership has achieved significant improvement from 2016. Martin McKerrow has volunteered to lead the Finance Committee and will initiate meetings in the near future.

The Vestry will have another planning session in mid-January 2017 to review progress and assess future directions and challenges.

Buildings and Grounds

A number of repairs and improvements to our buildings and grounds have been completed in 2016 – most notably a new exterior staircase for the Parish House, repairs to the lift between Gardner Hall and the church, and rework on the railings in the front church entrance. Extensive studies regarding the long troubling leaks in the Church bell tower have been completed in 2016, and we are moving forward with plans to repair these problems. This will be a costly project and we have made financial provisions for the anticipated costs of these necessary repairs. We thank Steve Paradis for his past efforts with Buildings and Grounds and Luke Thornewill for assuming responsibility for this demanding and important committee during 2016 and beyond.

Reports from the leaders and chairpersons of the many committees and ministries at St. Paul's are included in this Annual Report. We thank all of these leaders and those who serve and work on these committees. They are the backbone of this parish and represent one of our greatest strengths.

Concurrently, we recognize that one of our most significant long term concerns, is that a significantly large number of our valued and capable leaders and volunteers are retired seniors; and we continue to struggle in attracting younger families and members to become a part of St. Paul's. This challenge is not unique to St. Paul's and is a concern for many Episcopal parishes, but it is an issue that requires ongoing efforts to improve.

We thank everyone at St. Paul's for all that you do to make our parish the beloved Christian community we all love.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Stuart and Lou Gennaro

2. Treasurer's Report

The financial strength of St. Paul's as of December 31, 2016 was strong.

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 of 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.

Calendar year 2017 will, of course, have its challenges for us. While we have promising, early results from our Every Member Canvass for 2017, its success in meeting the goal reflected in our 2017 operating budget will require our members who have not yet pledged doing so generously. And, of course, our budget continues to rely heavily on the success of our Fair, Christmas Market and other fundraising events during the year. Our Rector is reinvigorating our Christian Education and Youth programs with correlative staffing. Our \$20 million campus (church, parish house, rectory, cottage and parking lot and playground) would benefit from major capital improvements suggested to the Vestry by our Buildings & Grounds Committee, and then there is the Bell Tower and THE LEAK. While the Vestry is determined to convert the pending results of studies of the causes of the leak into a contract for repairs this Spring, the costs of the full restoration are still unknown.

Of great comfort to us all, the Vestry has re-appointed Dual Macintyre as Assistant Treasurer such that we will continue to benefit in 2017 from his wise counsel and stewardship of our resources.

Appended for your review are a condensed income statement for the year ended December 31, 2016, one page showing non-operating income and expenses, the year-end balance sheet and the operating budget we propose for calendar year 2017. All three statements are preliminary and unaudited. Of particular note is the change in accounting made in 2016 and retroactively to 2015. The change allocates to the calendar year for which pledges are prepaid the prepayments made in in the previous calendar year. For example, 2016's financial results include the 2016 pledge prepayments received in 2015 and excludes the 2017 pledge prepayments received in the 4th quarter of 2016 which are shown as "Deferred EMC Revenue" on the 2016 balance sheet and will be included in January 2017 income.

At our Annual Meeting, we will present in capsule form our financial results for calendar year 2016 and provide a commentary on our proposed operating budget for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Robinson, Treasurer

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Cash Basis

Saint Paul's Church
2016 INCOME STATEMENT (collapsed)
January through December 2016

Jan - Dec 16

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4-1100 · EMC Pledges	221,561
4-1200 · EMC Gifts	67,250
4-1300 · Back Pledges	2,750
4-1400 · Plate Offerings	50,970
4-1500 · Special Offerings (In Memory)	6,450
4-1600 · Gifts - Restricted	7,050
4-1610 · Gifts - Unrestricted/Contrib.	25,111
4-1700 · Special Services and Ceremonies	2,797
4-1710 · Property Usage	27,425
4-1720 · Gifts for Flowers	2,375
4-2200 · Rug Raffle	7,579
4-2100 · Fair	43,589
4-2500 · Christmas Market	10,214
4-2390 · Ship's Inn Dinners	12,600
4-2000 · Other Fund Raising	4,250
4-3000 · Int / Div / Stock Sale Gain	496
Total Income	492,467
Expense	
6-0000 · Outreach	86,739
6-1000 · Christian Education	3,848
6-1100 · Youth	759
6-1500 · Liturgical Expenses	5,062
6-1600 · Music Program	3,980
6-2000 · Clergy	126,187
6-3000 · Staff	123,003
6-4000 · Administration	44,545
6-5000 · Payroll Expense	8,583
6-6000 · Church Building	14,034
6-7000 · Parish	7,611
6-8200 · Rectory	7,347
6-8300 · Cottage	1,588
6-8400 · Buildings & Grounds	50,008
Total Expense	483,294
Net Ordinary Income	9,173
Net Income	<u>9,173</u>

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Cash Basis

Saint Paul's Church
2016 INCOME STATEMENT (other income)
January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Combined Other Income	
4-5001 · Bequests	61,925.25
4-7001 · Capital Campaign Donations	61,086.72
4-7002 · Capital Campaign Int / Div	862.90
4-7004 · Vestry Reserve Acct Interest	43.84
4-4000 · Chnge Invstmnt Value	
Vanguard	-27.27
Diocesan Invstmnt Trst	2,159.75
Fidelity-General 2762	7,919.50
Fidelity-Nelson 7230	9,941.78
Total 4-4000 · Chnge Invstmnt Value	19,993.76
Total Combined Other Income	143,912.47
4-6000 · Gifts to Rector's Discretionary	50.00
4-6001 · Rector's Disc Fund Interest	4.48
4-6002 · Building Fund donation	24,800.00
Total Other Income	168,766.95
Other Expense	
6-9000 · Capital Campaign Expenses	
Organ	9,000.00
Othr Capital Improvemnts(CC pd)	10,400.00
Total 6-9000 · Capital Campaign Expenses	19,400.00
6-9001 · Rector's Fund Outreach	1,750.00
Total Other Expense	21,150.00
Net Other Income	147,616.95
Net Income	<u>147,616.95</u>

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Saint Paul's Church
2016 BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2016

Dec 31, 16

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1-1000 · General Checking Acct Nant Bank	104,234
1-1015 · Money Market Acct Nant Bank	74,165
1-1002 · OPER CHECKS IN TRANSIT	1,455
1-1030 · Rector's Discretionary Fund CC5	8,089
1-1024 · Capital Campaign Acct CC5	133,244
1-1003 · CAP CAMPGN CHECKS IN TRANSIT	33,400
1-1025 · Vestry Reserve Acct CC5	40,751
1-1045 · Bell Tower Restoration Acct	43,325
Total Checking/Savings	438,663
Other Current Assets	
1-1060 · Fidelity - General 2762	339,764
1-1070 · Fidelity - Nelson 7230	235,324
1-1076 · Vanguard Wellesley Acct	39,898
1-1080 · Diocesan Investment Trust	60,662
Total Other Current Assets	675,649
Total Current Assets	1,114,312
Fixed Assets	
1-3100 · Land	6,141,800
1-3200 · Buildings	13,808,400
1-3300 · Furniture & Fixtures	513,700
Total Fixed Assets	20,463,900
TOTAL ASSETS	21,578,212
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2-4000 · Deferred EMC Revenue	
2017 EMC Pledges Deferred	66,000
2017 EMC Gifts Deferred	27,666
Total 2-4000 · Deferred EMC Revenue	93,666
2-2000 · Security Deposit	2,500
Total Other Current Liabilities	96,166
Total Current Liabilities	96,166
Total Liabilities	96,166
Equity	
3200 · Equity - Property & Plant	20,463,900
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	0
3900 · Retained Earnings	861,356
Net Income	156,790
Total Equity	21,482,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,578,212

Modified Cash Basis

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**St. Paul's Church in Nantucket
2017 Budget - 2nd Look**

Revised 1/9/2017

	Jan - Dec '16	2016 Budget	1st Look 2017	2nd Look 2017
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4-1100 - EMC Pledges	221,206	184,000	247,000	247,000
4-1200 - EMC Gifts	67,250	52,800	83,000	83,000
4-1110 - Prepaid - EMC Pledges	0	64,000		
4-1210 - Prepaid - EMC Gifts	0	35,000		
4-1300 - Back Pledges	2,750	9,000	3,000	3,000
4-1400 - Plate Offerings	50,970	45,000	50,000	50,000
4-1500 - Special Offerings (In Memory)	6,450	5,000	5,000	5,000
4-1600 - Gifts - Restricted	7,050	6,000	6,000	6,000
4-1610 - Gifts - Unrestricted/Contrib.	25,011	40,000	15,000	23,000
4-1700 - Special Services and Ceremonies	2,797	20,000	3,000	3,000
4-1710 - Property Usage	27,425	26,000	27,000	27,000
4-1720 - Gifts for Flowers	2,375	4,000	2,000	2,000
4-2200 - Rug Raffle	7,579	8,000	7,000	7,000
4-2100 - Fair	43,589	38,000	30,000	35,000
4-2500 - Christmas Market	10,214	10,000	5,000	7,500
4-2390 - Ship's Inn Dinners	12,600	10,000	12,000	12,000
4-2000 - Other Fund Raising	4,250	8,700	5,000	4,000
4-3000 - Int / Div / Stock Sale Gain	496	500	200	500
Total Income	492,012	566,000	500,200	515,000
Expense				
6-0000 - Outreach	86,739	64,700	73,100	87,200
6-1000 - Christian Education	3,848	5,500	4,000	4,000
6-1100 - Youth	759	7,500	5,000	5,000
6-1500 - Liturgical Expenses	5,062	6,000	5,000	5,000
6-1600 - Music Program	3,980	2,000	3,000	4,000
6-2000 - Clergy	126,187	130,500	140,000	140,000
6-3000 - Staff	123,003	149,000	132,000	133,400
6-4000 - Administration	44,545	55,000	45,000	45,000
6-5000 - Payroll Expense	8,538	10,800	9,000	9,000
6-6000 - Church Building	14,034	25,000	25,000	20,000
6-7000 - Parish House	7,611	11,000	11,000	11,000
6-8200 - Rectory	7,347	10,000	10,000	10,000
6-8300 - Cottage	1,588	2,500	2,500	2,500
6-8400 - Buildings & Grounds	50,008	67,000	50,000	50,000
6-9999 - Miscellaneous		11,000	17,000	7,000
Total Expense	483,249	557,500	531,600	533,100
Net Ordinary Income	8,763	8,500	-31,400	-18,100

3. Every Member Canvass (EMC)

The 2016 EMC campaign, Weaving Together the Fabric of Our Lives, culminated with the unveiling of the altar frontal at John Beach's installation service. Anyone who wished to take part in this aspect of the campaign was asked to share what St. Paul's means to them by depicting it on a 6" square cloth marked with a mandala, or circle. The project inspired a wide range of submissions in varying art forms, from written words to photos, embroidered symbols to drawings. The mandalas were beautifully pieced together on a green backdrop by Priscilla Saperstein, who created a finished design that was more beautiful than I could have imagined. She also fashioned a stole for John Beach from mandalas created by St. Paul's children. Thank you also to those of you who took the time to write your St. Paul's story.

The 2017 campaign, Awaiting a Mighty Wind, has been very successful thus far. At the end of 2016, we had received 148 cards, 27 more than the same time a year prior and almost equal to the total pledges returned, 151. Many of you increased your pledge, which is truly appreciated. Currently, pledges and gifts total \$304,009, which is well over our final total for 2016, \$288,350. If you have not returned your pledge card, we still welcome any contributions.

We are extremely grateful for everyone's support and participation. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2016 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 was much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Goddard
EMC Chair

4. 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 January 22, 2017:

Warden for a one-year term	Stacey Stuart (biography on website)
Warden for a one-year term	Lou Gennaro (biography on website)
Treasurer for a one-year term	Frank Robinson (biography on website)
Clerk for a one year-term	Pam Goddard (biography on website)
Vestry for a three-year term	Deborah Beale (biography follows)
Vestry for a three-year term	Robert Inglis (biography follows)
Vestry for a three-year term	Larry Smith (biography follows)
Vestry for a three-year term	Scott Widmeyer (biography follows)
Diocesan Delegate for a one-year term	Marshall Keys
Diocesan Delegate for a one-year term	Paul Borneman, Jr.

Solely for purpose of compliance with our 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.

Deborah Beale Bio: I was born in New Jersey and graduated from Spencer School in New York City; received a B.A. from Marlboro College in Marlboro, VT and continued studies at the Mannes College of Music, spending two summers at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. I completed my graduate work in musicology at NYU and have taught music at Spencer School, Mannes College, Music School of Rivers, and in the Nantucket Public School System.

I have been a summer resident every year of my life, and lived here year-round from 1983-2001. My husband Mark and I have recently moved back to live year-round again. I have served on many island boards, including the St. Paul's vestry under the leadership of Doug Tompkins and Joel Ives.

While at St. Paul's I have also been on various search committees: for organists, youth director, and minister. When my kids were young, I was the youth director and youth choir director. I have worked on the Fair, and sold rug raffle tickets for many years (except this summer because of illness).

I have had the pleasure of singing in the adult choir since about 1985, although only during summers for those years we were away; the music and the ritual are the most important elements of St. Paul's for me, along with the feeling of being part of a family.

Robert Inglis Bio: My life started in Edenton NC. I was raised on a farm out in the county that has been in my mother's family for generations turned to centuries. We were Episcopalians who attended church every Sunday. I was baptized as an infant by my Episcopal priest grandfather, and attended all Sunday school programs, and was confirmed as a young teenager. My parents thought it was important for me to attend boarding school and for that reason I attended a Quaker boarding school in the greater Philadelphia area.

I was married on Nantucket in 1989 to Alison Golding and not long after I moved to Nantucket full time – during the days of interim minister John Wing - I became a member at St Paul's with some regularity. I have been active in agriculture, commercial fishing and agricultural operations among other things. After moving to Nantucket, I began working at the Surfside Wastewater Treatment plant and have remained there in various positions for 25 years.

It is my intention to serve St. Paul's and its mission to the best of my ability. I am prepared to make the effort needed to meet needs as they exist, and will meet those obligations with prayerful deliberation. I feel St. Paul's main strength is in the conscientious hearts of its talented and capable congregation.

Larry Smith Bio: I married Ann Colgrove at St. Paul's in 1996, and have been a full time member since 2011, although Ann and I became part time members when we acquired property on Nantucket in 1999.

I am a long time resident of Washington, D. C. beginning when I went to college there. I worked on Capitol Hill for thirteen years in a variety of professional positions. My last position was Sergeant at Arms of the U. S. Senate. Since 1985, I have been in the government relations business and am founder and President of Legislative Strategies, Inc. I commute back and forth between Washington and Nantucket.

I previously served on the vestry of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington, the largest parish in the D. C. area. While on their vestry, I served as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. I also sang in the adult choir for 20+ years and have continued that practice at St. Paul's.

I believe that St. Paul's serves as a welcoming place on the island, both to full time and part time residents as well as to visitors. We need to figure out ways to use this strength to build upon what we already have as a community.

Given the fact that St. Paul's is an aging congregation, I hope that we can focus our attention on how to grow the congregation and attract younger members who will want to be active in the life of the parish. I believe a key element to this must be to expand our engagement with the youth of the island; although not an easy task by any means since young people have many competing demands for their time.

I have run a business for thirty plus years that is client based. Meeting and exceeding the expectations of our clients has been and is key to our success. I think I can bring those same skill sets to the work of the vestry as we plan for the future of St. Paul's.

Scott Widmeyer Bio: is a graduate of West Virginia University (WVU) He has a 30-year record in providing strategic counsel to scores of decision-makers, from presidents to governors to chief executive officers to union leaders. Scott has been a Member of St. Paul's since 2014

At St. Paul's, I have participated as an usher at the 10 am services on Sunday, I also have been a reader for the Lessons. This fall, I worked with Rev. Beach to develop the concept for St. Paul's newly revamped newsletter. And, I contributed to the newsletter with a new series that will be ongoing called, "Getting to Know You." Also, Alan Yount and I have helped support some of the church's fundraising efforts by making available "comped" copies of our "A Walk Around Nantucket" coloring book that was published in May.

When we are not on Nantucket, we live near Woodstock, NY where we attend St. Gregory's Episcopal Church since 2003. At St. Gregory's, I have chaired the Finance Committee, led the annual Stewardship program, key role in critical fundraising events and supported the church's communications efforts.

I believe my career in communications is a resource I can offer to St. Paul's. I love to work with people from all walks of life, and I am always eager to see things moving forward and progress being made. From my professional work, I know that it is always important to listen and not rush to judgment. I would bring that skill set to my work if I am elected as a member of the Vestry.

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 Annual Meeting:

Stacey Stuart '16 – Warden (Completing her second year as Warden; eligible for reelection to a 3rd one-year term)

Lou Gennaro '16 – Warden (Completing his first year as Warden; eligible for reelection to a 2nd one-year term)

Frank Robinson '16 – Treasurer (Completing his first full year as Treasurer; eligible for election to a 2nd one-year term)

Pam Goddard '16 – Clerk (Completing her first full year as Clerk; eligible for election to a 2nd one-year term)

Sheila Daume '16 (Completing her 2nd 3-year term on Vestry; ineligible for reelection)

Mary Lacoursiere '16 (Completing an unexpired 2-year term; declined consideration for reelection due to work commitments)

Completing the one-year term of Pat Newton, who retired; eligible for election to a 1st one-year term)

Bambi Mleczko '16 (Completing her 2nd 3-year term on Vestry; ineligible for reelection)

Steve Paradis '16 (Completing his 2nd 3-year term on Vestry; ineligible for reelection)

Members whose terms do not expire at the forthcoming Annual Meeting and their remaining terms of office: Cece Fowler '17, Jean Wagley '17, and Cathy Ward '17 and Martin McKerrow '18, Sandra Keys '18, Phil Smith '18, Luke Thornewill '18

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 Thursday, January 19, 2017 for circulation to the Parish ahead of the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee

Stacey Stuart *ex officio*, Chair

Sheila Daume, Mary Lacoursiere, Bambi Mleczko, Steve Paradis, Lou Gennaro *ex officio*, John Beach *Rector*

5. Diocesan Convention

Report on the 231st Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts

November 4-5, 2016

There are two links below: *Summary of the 2016 Convention, sent by the office of the Diocese.

*Bishop Alan Gates' Address to the 2016 Convention.

Two impressions stood out, above and beyond all the positive which took place during the two-day Diocesan Convention. I had wondered, after gathering in a place as sacred as that of 2015, the re-dedicating of the newly renovated Cathedral in Boston and the seating of our then-new Bishop ... how could as "holy" a space be created in a Holiday Inn next to the highway in Mansfield?

A very beautifully, holy space was created, woven into the words of Bishop Gates, in the Holy Eucharist, in the hymns, the prayers, especially the Lord's Prayer ... joining God's people together in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn! Wherever two or more are gathered together ...

Towards the end of the second afternoon, it happened again. They lined up in front, facing us, group after smiling group of young people, dedicated to the service of the Episcopal Church, from all over the Diocese. From high-schoolers to graduate students studying for the priesthood, these fabulous young people had spent their weekend to volunteer, in all manner of ways, to insure that all ran like clockwork. These youth are the future of the Episcopal Church and our Diocese ... and our future looks bright, indeed.

It has been an honor to represent St. Paul's for the last two years!
Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Bixby

*<http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/diocesan-convention-%E2%80%99Cembracesbrave-change%E2%80%9D>

*<http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/bishops-address-diocesan-convention>

B. BUILDINGS AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

Capital improvements this year:

1. Rebuilt entry steps to the Parish house.
2. Made exterior trim repairs and painted trim on Parish house in a continued phased approach.
3. Parish house conference room, and hallway has been painted.
4. Progress on Pew finishing has continued.
5. We switched lift maintenance companies, had the company repair the lift in November and believe that the lift will be far more dependable as a consequence.
6. The rectory had interior carpentry repairs related to swollen doors and minor leaks.
7. The church roof leak was repaired over the right side of sanctuary pews.

The Bell Tower:

A miracle has not happened with the bell tower. It still leaks...and pretty badly.

This summer we hired Brian Pfeiffer of Building Preservation Associates to review the bell tower and provide recommendations for its restoration.

In July we were provided a thorough initial report that has identified the tower problem. This was further verified by a second opinion in December.

With report in hand and thanks to Dual Macintyre's efforts, we applied to the CPC for funding of this project. The bell tower is a big project. The cost of it is yet to be established.

Building Preservation Associates is coordinating some continued studies. We expect to be inviting potential contractors to look at the project this spring.

Work to repair of the tower may begin in the fall rather than the spring.

Steve Paradis is stepping aside after serving for 6 years as lead guy for Buildings and Grounds. Many thanks to Steve; he did an excellent job.

General maintenance for all buildings was handled over the year and a multitude of minor repairs and tasks completed.

Luke Thornewill continues to transition into position of lead buildings and grounds guy.

With special thanks also to.. Curtis Barnes, Frank Robinson, Dual Macintyre, Lou Gennaro, Arthur Dwyer and Vicky Goss and others for being impromptu buildings and ground people, all of whom have been tireless and proactive for buildings and grounds when needed.

For 2017

We are in the process of prioritizing projects on a master list, that will be completed as our budget allows in 2017.

We have created floor plan drawings that accurately reflect the floor plans of all buildings and will be the base information for future planning purposes.

We are looking forward to continued good stewardship to our buildings and grounds which we are so fortunate to enjoy. "This buildings and grounds stuff is like drinking from the fire hose!" ...Thank you Jesus ;)

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Thornewill

On behalf of The Building and Long Range Planning Committee

C. MINISTRIES

1. Christian Education

Children's Programs:

Since taking on the position of Christian Formation in September 2016 I have been blessed to carry on several of the traditions at St. Paul's while embracing a few new ones.

The Sunday school year began with the Outreach activity *Blessing of the Backpacks* followed by Sundae Sunday and church school registration. There is one church school class offered on Sunday mornings for children ages 5-12 during the 10 am service. Nursery care is available in the Parish House and we are grateful for Joanne McAveety who provides such good care to our youngest members, year round. The curriculum we are currently using is *Seedlings*, a Christian Education curriculum in the Episcopal tradition. It is broad-based with the small church in mind and provides in Year 1 an introduction to all major Bible stories while strongly encouraging teachers and their students to be creative in exploring the experiences, feelings and attitudes of Biblical figures. We are presently traveling through the books of the Old Testament interspersed with the teachings of the liturgical year starting with Advent as we celebrate the cycle of events in the life of Christ.

There were three youth-led services (September, October, December) where children served as crucifer or lector. Children participated in short skits that served as an interpretation of the gospel and especially enjoyed gathering around the altar as it was prepared for the Eucharist. The Sunday School singers also lifted their voices to songs carefully chosen by the Music Director so even the youngest child could participate.

Other activities this year included a Sunday brunch for church families to answer questions and address concerns regarding religious education, a dramatization of the Pumpkin Gospel followed by a kid-friendly Spooktacular coffee hour, a visit from St. Nick, the annual Gingerbread-House building and potluck and the Christmas Pageant.

It is my desire to see St. Paul's be the place for children and families seeking to go deeper in their walk with Christ. Children's Ministry is about changed lives and hearts in the lives of our kids. I look forward to sharing many experiences with the children in the upcoming year to include a child-friendly Lenten series, vacation Bible school and community service and outreach.

Blessings,

Sister 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: Sundae 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, 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 participate in the program 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 the 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, 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 – 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 2016, the Adult Choir learned new music and polished familiar anthems, singing in 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.

During Holy Week, the choir sang in seven services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We again invited the St. Mary's Hispanic Community to join us in the Stations of the Cross, a moving bilingual program made all the more striking by Beverly Hall's photography. 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 a musical response. The women of St. Paul's choir sang the prelude, and the full choir sang a striking and challenging piece entitled "Good Friday Anthems" with Mollie Glazer on the cello. The Easter Sunday service was another glorious musical celebration.

As summer began, we welcomed the summer singers and were also happy to welcome new choir members. The summer choir swelled to more than 20 singers, many of whom are active in other choirs

during the off-season. There were so many of us that, once again, we (happily) had to set up folding chairs in the chancel during much of the summer season.

On June 17th, we celebrated the installation of our new rector with a glorious service filled with magnificent music. The choir led the service music and sang several anthems with a string trio.

On Christmas Eve, the 30-minute Choral Prelude was the product of long rehearsals and 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. Throughout the Choral Prelude, our music was enhanced by two professional sopranos and by musicians playing the flute, cello and bass.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir, ages 8 and above, sang several anthems throughout the 2015-2016 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. They are excited about learning new music and seeing how it fits into the liturgy.

Church School Singers

The youngest singers in the parish participated in several 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 5:00. 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.

Handbell Choir

Under the leadership of Associate Director of Music Nigel Goss, the handbells have been in regular use since they were recently refurbished. Handbell Choir members were active ringers in services during the year, with Nigel helping to increase their repertoire, musical skills and confidence.

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 2016, we welcomed well-known Washington DC organist Diane Heath 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 since then.

Music Events and Outreach

The acoustics in the nave at St. Paul's make it an excellent venue for musical performances. In July, the Nantucket Arts Council and St. Paul's co-hosted the fourth annual Nantucket Baroque concert. A group of twelve musicians played a Baroque program which included a duet by Jessica Goodenough Sanseverino and Greta Feeney, as well as a thrilling performance of the Second Brandenburg Concerto by ten musicians.

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 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.

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

Thank Yous

I would like to thank all who participate in the music program at St. Paul's: the singers, the handbell ringers, and the parents who bring their children to rehearsals when there are many competing activities. It takes a lot of work and dedication from everyone involved to learn so much music and to make it expressive and essential to our worship services.

With gratitude,

Ann Colgrove, Director of Music

3. Altar Guild

Many thanks are given to all the members of St. Paul's Altar Guild for their dedication in 2016. Jean Bennett, Betty MacDonald, Barbara Anderson, Jeannette Fowlkes, Polly Espy, Beth Keith, Penny Macintyre, Toni Mckerrow, Barbara McDonald, Ann Oliver, Anne Olsen, Sister Suzanna Margaret Fronzuto, Sheri Perelman, Jay Riggs, Ann Bond, Ann Smith, Cathy Ward, Daphne Walker, Christine Borneman, Cindy Borneman, Trisha Anderson and Juliet Hunter have been the members of our Altar Guild. Those who were able committed to a schedule that allowed for the weekly preparation of the altar and sanctuary year round. Some members of our team have had health and scheduling issues that have prevented them from participating this year but we hope they can help in 2017. Besides preparation of the altar for weekly services and holy days, we attend to the many funerals, weddings and other special services during the year. Many thanks go to Barbara Anderson for her special commitment to assisting at the weddings. We have also had gatherings of our team to polish the many brass pieces on the altar and throughout the church before the Christmas and Easter holy days.

We are grateful to have John and Curtis for guidance, support and direction. John continues to enhance different parts of the service and quietly makes changes in the church's appearance. He is supportive of our efforts and quick to add an uplifting comment to everyone.

Traditionally the Altar Guild has celebrated the return of our summer members with an annual luncheon in the spring. This usually had been an in-house gathering until last year when we chose to go to the Miacomet Golf Course Restaurant for a delightful luncheon. We were blessed with good weather that day, and moved to the outdoor patio for a wonderful meal in the warmth of a bright sun.

The 24 members of Altar Guild are divided into four teams, one for each week of the month plus enough to cover the occasional fifth Sunday. There are four or five members in each group, allowing flexibility with the scheduling throughout the year.. This has been a very successful program for everyone and we will maintain this approach in 2017.

The Altar Guild has continued to grow over the years and become a very supportive and energetic group. The commitment of time, effort, and spiritual dedication from every team member brings a sense of joy and camaraderie to our work.

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 have volunteered to serve in 2016. 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

Curtis Barnes
Joseph Baird
Peter Barnes

Paul Borneman III
Cindy Borneman
Alison Boughrum
Richard Boughrum
Nancy Broll

Mary Casey
Fernando Esteban
Godfrey Frable
Sister Susanna
Margaret
Nigel Goss
Beverly Hall
Sara Jones
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

Peter Finch
George Fowlkes
Chuck Gifford
Connor Gifford
Pam Goddard
Vicki Goss
Peter Greenhalgh
Beverly Hall
Robert Inglis
Bill Jamieson
John Knox-Johnston
Sandy Knox-Johnston
Sara Jones
Marshall Keys
Tinka Knopf
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
Howard Stovall
Randy Wight

USHERS/GREETERS

Barbara Anderson
Curtis Barnes
Ken Beaugrand
Normand Berthelette
Jeff Blackwell
Abigail Borneman
Elizabeth Borneman
Christine Borneman
Fernando Esteban
Lou Gennaro
Tierney Goddard
Peter Greenhalgh

Carolyn Hills
John Knox-Johnston
Reggie Levine
Dual Macintyre
Aidan McCormack
Erin McCormack
Martin McKerrow
Bambi Mleczko
Bill Moore
Pat Newton
Gerry Newton
Steve Paradis

Frank Robinson
Dirk Roggeveen
Phil Smith
Stacey Stuart
Luke Thornewill
Will Thornewill
Jean Wagley
Cathy Ward
Randy Wight
Scott Widmeyer
Alan Yount

ACOLYTES

Elizabeth Borneman

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Barnes, Coordinator

5. Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

The prayer shawl knitting group is growing as is the demand for our work. In 2016 we added six new members to our group: three are church members and three are from the community at large. We provide needles, yarn and lessons for anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet and hopefully they will be able to make a shawl. If not, we have enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends and promote our church. Due to our increase in numbers and a variety of schedules, we have added a

second knitting day each month. We now meet in the Parish House each month on the second Monday at 7:00pm and at 2:00 pm on the second Tuesday. Our meetings begin with prayer for the knitters and their work. We discuss known need for prayer shawls and update the group on those who have received them. Some knitters attend both sessions, others come and go as schedules allow. Although we do not meet Jan-April, our dedicated knitters work on their own throughout the winter. When we have at least four shawls, they are blessed by our Rector.

In 2015 we gave thirteen shawls. In 2016 we gave 24 shawls. To each shawl is attached a label "With Love, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Knitting Ministry" and includes a prayer for healing. 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 by one of our church members. The names of the knitter and recipient are then recorded in a logbook started by Vi Allen years ago.

Due to the number of shawls given in 2016, we have depleted our supply of yarn. Although many of the knitters buy their own yarn, we like to have a supply on hand for anyone, especially newcomers, to use. It takes at least \$20 of yarn to make one shawl (approximately 800 yards). If you can knit or crochet, you are welcome to join us. If you cannot do either but 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,
Cynthia Borneman

6. Pastoral Care Team

Last Spring, the Rev. John Beach engaged me in the facilitation of recreating and extending the St. Paul's Befrienders Ministry. The goal being to look into developing, empowering, and equipping lay people to assist in ministering to the pastoral care needs within our parish: "in-reach," "member to member."

Through the years St. Paul's Befrienders have taken on the responsibilities of a Flower Ministry (taking altar flowers to shut-ins), a Transportation Ministry (driving people to church, Dr. appointments, etc.), a Meal Ministry (providing meals to parishioners on an emergency basis), as well as having guest speakers at their meetings to educate the group on community social service resources here on Nantucket (a precursor of our after church Forum's). The recipients of this care testify to the blessings of these ministries.

In June, we had a series of after-Sunday-Service gatherings to discuss extending these ministries to include quality pastoral care and a visitation ministry by a trained and dedicated lay pastoral care team. We discussed the needs for and functions of this team, as well as the formation, training and operation of the team.

I was part of the formation of such a pastoral care team (which continues after 15 years) at the Auburndale Federated Methodist and Congregational Church (MA). We used a curriculum entitled: "Called to Care" which is an excellent, detailed training for lay pastoral care teams. I will be offering this training this winter. Please contact me if you are interested at (508)221-6801 or email me at quesara@comcast.net.

Blessings,
Sara Jones

7. Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is made up of a very organized, enthusiastic and energetic group of ladies including.... Stacey Stuart, Nancy Bills, Nancy Jane Woolley, Sharon Robinson, Sally Nash, Randy Wight, Libby Tracey, Barbara Stevens, Dottie Gennaro, Penny Macintyre, Nancy Newhouse and Sheila Daume.

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

Winter dinners were planned by Penny Macintyre and Nancy Jane Woolley and were successful again this year. After the Annual meeting in January we organized a pot luck Brunch for the congregation. Curtis Barnes organized and ran a pancake supper in February. In March we organized and helped with the Soup and Bread Lenten lunch after the service. April we hosted a tea party at Sherburne Commons for residents and friends. We supplied all kind of delicious treats, which were served by the adorable Frable girls.

In June we organized and helped with the exciting and lovely reception in the garden at St Paul's after the beautiful Institution service for Rev John Beach, with many dignitaries in attendance. We had lovely catered appetizers and a clam bar supplied generously by Curtis Barnes.

The Ship's Inn Dinner is always a wonderful and delicious dinner enjoyed by many.

In July we hosted the Festival on Fair, a preview to the Summer Faira lovely Soirée in the Garden with delicious savory appetizers made and served by the committee.

In September another lovely and delicious evening at The Ship Inn, which is always well attended.

Our committee chipped in and helped make the Christmas Market again this year.

In December we hosted an all parish beautiful pot luck Christmas brunch {with linen table cloths!!!} after the 9:30 service that benefitted A Safe Place, we collected items that were needed and also gave a monetary gift.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Daume

8. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Newton

D. FUNDRAISING

1. Summer Fair

St. Paul's annual Summer Fair was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 9:30 to 2:30.

The Fair was kicked off on Monday, July 11 with the new "Festival on Fair" parish cocktail get together. This new event combined the annual social gathering of the parish year round and summer members, The Summer Soiree, with the Fair Preview Party. Old friends and new gathered in the Church garden to enjoy each other as well as hors d'oeuvres and wine while having the opportunity to bid on the fabulous items put together for the Silent Auction by Cathy Ward and Nancy Newhouse. Thanks to these two, the Silent Auction was successfully restructured for the 2016 fair offering fewer but higher quality items and focusing on more experiences than goods. Sheila Daume and the Fellowship Committee outdid themselves with the delicious offerings.

On Wednesday morning, Fair St. was closed to traffic to enable us to set up our ever popular Kidstreet venue for children featuring games, prizes, crafts, face painting, puppet shows featuring Nanpuppets (many thanks to Lissa Obremski), and the Toddler Yard for the youngest Fair goers. The much anticipated, advertised and loved Dunk Tank, which is loaned to us by the Town of Nantucket, did not function due to a missing part, causing great disappointment among the children (and a few adults). Under the leadership of Deanna McCormack and Marie Sullivan, with Christine Borneman lending much help and support, a good time was had by hundreds of children.

St. Paul's parking lot housed our food court with the Snack Shack led by Malcolm MacNab and his tireless crew of burger flippers, the Raw Bar orchestrated by Martin McKerrow and his stalwart shuckers and Kenny Hilbig and his staff of kids from the St. Paul's and St. Mary's Youth Groups serving cotton candy and treats. Dottie Gennaro and her crew of bakers sold out completely at the Bake Table long before the Fair was over.

Bill Welsh with his beautiful art work and prints was joined in the parking lot this year by the new St. Paul's Talent Tent which showcased the skills and talents of the members of St. Paul's. Hand crafted lamp shades, oil paintings, honey, hand knits, books, jewelry, coloring books, lightship baskets were just a few of the items produced by members, donated to, and sold at this table.

The Parish House was again turned into the best boutique on the Island under the direction of Dan Bills, Martha Johnson and Polly Epsy. Visually and financially, the Gift Chalet is the jewel of the Fair, drawing in dedicated shoppers, due to its well established reputation for top quality items. To those who donated, those who worked and those who bought, thank you for making it a huge success. Hodge Podge, headed by Nancy Bills and Sheila Daume, sold housewares and eclectic items on the lower level. Both these venues require unseen hours of dedicated work to set up and prepare, and we wish to acknowledge all those who gave so generously of their time and effort.

St. Paul's Fair is a challenging event to organize and orchestrate but an important and integral part of parish life and public face. It draws the people of St. Paul's together like no other event and draws people to St. Paul's like no other event. It takes about 170 volunteers to staff and each plays an important part in the outcome of the day. We are thankful for each and every one. We couldn't do it without YOU.

There was a visible drop in the public attendance (adult and children) at this year's Fair even though it was not reflected in the financials. We are unsure of the reason but feel that the increased number of nonprofits holding competing fundraisers could be a significant factor and we should plan accordingly as we go forward.

The 2016 Fair netted over \$43,500 exceeding the budget of \$35,000. The Gift Chalet was the top producer followed by the Silent Auction. The Gift Chalet stayed opened for 3 Sunday mornings after the Fair which contributed significantly to its profit margin. The used book sale, despite the valiant efforts of Dan Bills and his crew, continued its downward trend – more used books are donated to the sale than there is a market for. We suspended accepting book donations many weeks before the Fair. Food sales were also down most likely due to the drop in attendance.

We are particularly grateful to those who generously donated funds to underwrite the operating cost of the 2016 Fair. Their contribution, although largely unseen by the general public, is invaluable and so, so appreciated.

Sincerely,
Sharon Robinson and Penny Macintyre, Fair Coordinators

2. Needlepoint Rug Raffle

At the end of this past summer, Bill Walker let us know that he had stitched his last canvas for our annual needlepoint rug project. Bill and Daphne have been two of our constants over the years, having been at the heart of his project since it first began so many years ago.

Thank you to our underwriters for insuring our success. Fewer tickets sold and more money coming in is the direct result of increased underwriting. Thank you to all who supported us in this important way.

As usual, Cindy Chilauskas designed this popular Nantucket themed rug. Our stitchers included Caroline Ellis, George Fowlkes, Martha Johnson, Bay McClure, Manda Riggs, Yvette St. Jean, Bill Walker (with Daphne), along with Sheila Daume and Nancy Bills.

Sales were held outside Congdon & Coleman during July and August (only the 21 days mandated by the town). The people from their office were more than helpful in assisting us in getting the rug, card table and chairs set up each day. The core sales volunteers were Ann Thayer, and of course, Daphne and Bill. Thank you as always.

The winner of the rug was Lisa Soderquist from California, another summer visitor more than thrilled to have won.

Thank you once again to all who helped with this endeavor; to stitchers, to sellers, and a special thank you to all the underwriters.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Daume and Nancy Bills

3. Christmas Market

TENTH CHRISTMAS MARKET REPORT – 2016

Once again, our Christmas Market was a meaningful success, an achievement which absolutely would not have been possible without the help of a great many people. Setting the stage takes the better part of a week. Each day starting right after Thanksgiving Sunday would find any number of people hard at work. Two young men were hired this year to move everything stored in the parish house over to Gardner Hall which was an enormous help to the older volunteers. All week long, a crew could be found sorting, organizing and pricing. Dozens of tables were set up, all covered with bright red cloths, those on the food tables made of oil cloth.

It should be noted that preparations for this market take place well in advance of the event. Our crafty people were busy with their creations, some of which were destined for the Silent Auction. Thank you Jean Bennett and Cathy Ward for your lightship basket creations, and Bambi Mleczko for your beautiful ceramic platter. Throughout the summer and fall, we asked for donations for the market, and several generous parishoners purchased merchandise off island specifically for this market. Thank you. Sheila Daume, Bambi Mleczko, Nancy Newhouse, Sharon Robinson, Suse Robinson and Jean Wagley along with Dan and Nancy Bills could be found on most days hard at work, sorting, pricing and arranging the Gift Chalet along with the Crafts table; and Nancy Jane Woolley made certain we were all well fed. Various other parishoners would stop by for a while and promptly be put to work. Thank you, Toni McKerrow.

On Thursday, Vicky Goss began her efforts in the kitchen, along with Ruth Ann Rahal. Cooking preparations continued on Friday, and Saturday found the kitchen busy with staff, which included John and Denise. On Friday, Dottie Gennaro and Yvette St. Jean began the setting up of the excellent Bake Table, and Sheila made certain that the greens were well arranged as the first display to be seen upon entering in the Hall. Sheila was also responsible for procuring beautiful outdoor wreathes for sale. Sharon Robinson delivered flyers to the various inns around town and to the Visitor's Center. She also placed posters in strategic spots downtown. Elizabeth Borneman and Erin McCormack once again donned their sandwich boards, and walked through town on Saturday morning. Our sales staff numbered more than 15; this year Abigail Borneman joined the group.

Penny McIntyre headed up the cashier's table along with Dual; Eric Goddard made certain we would use the credit card machine.

We had over 40 volunteers helping to make the event successful. Thank you all of you.
Thank you EVERYONE!

Nancy Bills, Dan Bills, & Nancy Jane Woolley
Christmas Market Co-chairs

E. OUTREACH

1. Nantucket Interfaith Council

The Nantucket Interfaith Council is a non-profit organization made up of clergy and lay members of the Island's diverse faith communities. Open meetings are held monthly to discuss commonalities and opportunities to promote interfaith dialogue and action regarding important issues affecting the Nantucket community. Our goal this year is to increase the participation of and connections with ALL faith communities on Nantucket, including many new congregations that have formed among residents from other countries who speak other languages.

The Nantucket Food Pantry, the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, and the Fuel Assistance Program are vital community outreach programs sponsored by the Interfaith Council. In this past year, these programs provided crucial assistance of food, shelter, and heat to approximately 14% of Nantucket's families. The Interfaith Council has recently received a grant to open A Baby Center which will distribute free essentials for babies such as diapers and formula. We are currently involved in a multi-lingual, informational, resource Program for Immigrants facing changes in the near future. Congregants of St. Paul's have made major contributions through a monthly collection for the Food Pantry, of food and monetary donations, on the first Sunday of each month. Several individuals have also given of themselves, volunteering to work at The Food Pantry.

The Nantucket Interfaith Council conducts the annual commemorative service for Martin Luther King, Jr. in January, coordinates the yearly Nantucket High School Baccalaureate, has an interfaith worship service during the annual Christmas Stroll, and a summer service of "Blessing of the Animals."

Our new Rector, The Rev. John Beach is now an active clergy participant on the Interfaith Council. Sara Jones, MDiv., our lay member on the Council is currently serving as the President of the Interfaith Council for the next two years and also serves on the Board of the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program. Frank Robinson is also active on the Council and has stimulated increased donations and volunteers from within the St. Paul's congregation. Others in the congregation are welcome to attend the monthly meetings 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. Thank you, thank you!

Blessings,
Sara Jones
The Nantucket Interfaith Council

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 appreciates 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. I, along with our new 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

Bishop Donovan L. Kerr, Overseer &

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 fifth through eighth grade middle school possible. While 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 your support and cooperation in our endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Miller

Head of School

G. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications

The Communication Committee, at year-end, is in the process of being revitalized. The Committee is assuming responsibility for the website and is working with our Rector to develop a communication program. Our goal is to work toward a stream of communications that include two to three newsletters a year more frequent updates on events and news about St. Paul's and a more complete integration between these items and the Bulletin. Two newsletters will be seasonal – Advent and Lent – and the third, if it is written, would be released in advance of our Summer Fair.

St. Paul's Website

We believe that the Website should become a primary communication vehicle for St. Paul's and it includes all written communications from the Church as well as a wealth of information about the Church including its staff, its ministries and a detailed Calendar. We continue with the ongoing process of updating our website and would welcome suggestions from parishioners.

Your Contact Information

Keeping detailed contact information up to date is challenging. If you've moved, changed your e-mail or phone contact information please let Christine in the Church Office know. There are blank contact cards in the rear of the nave and if you have not recently completed one, please do. Even if we have your contact information, it is a good idea to occasionally update it.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin McKerrow