



**ST. PAUL'S BEACON**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**16457 Old Frederick Rd.**  
**Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771**  
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**November 2021**

### **A New Ministry with Afghan Refugees Emerging**

Dear St. Paul's congregation,

I am really encouraged by the many people who gathered on October 17 to begin our ministry with Afghan refugees. Together with the 17 members from St. Andrew's, 9 members from St. Paul's met and began to strategize, organize, and learn. Below is a synopsis of the gathering written by Susan Scott. Since the gathering, a committee has been formed to oversee zoning and renovation issues of the Parish Life Center into a housing option for refugees, action approved by the vestry on October 12th.

Peace & grace to you,  
Dina

The Rev. Dina van Klaveren

Priest-in-charge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
Poplar Springs, Maryland &  
Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Glenwood, Maryland

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**Sundays**, in November. Services at St. Paul's are at 11:15 a.m. each week.

**Adult Formation**  
Sundays 9:30-10:30

**Pledge** Sunday  
& Pot Luck Lunch,  
November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Service via Zoom and Facebook from St. Paul's.

### **AFGHAN REFUGEE MINISTRY**

On Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of members from St. Paul's and St. Andrew's met at St. Paul's to discern how the two communities could join hands to help Afghan refugees. ERICA, the Episcopal Refugee and Immigration Center Alliance, provided a list of short term and long term needs for people who will be coming into the area soon. St. Paul's and St. Andrew's have already begun supporting the resettlement effort through ERICA by supporting a short-term staff person's salary.

After a period of prayer and reflection, the volunteers indicated where they were called to support this ministry in the following areas: finding jobs for refugees, recruiting other volunteers, organizing activities, providing money and gift cards, assisting refugees through bureaucratic processes such as filling out job applications, driving people to

appointments and staying with them if they need help, collecting household goods, providing storage for donated furniture and household goods until they are needed, pro bono legal assistance, grant writing, and housing assistance.

The volunteers divided into sub-groups where they felt they were called to serve. The sub-groups were: refurbishing the house, providing household goods, communicating this refugee ministry to the greater community, fund raising, and cultural competency.

The St. Paul's campus includes a three-bedroom ranch house which at the present time is vacant. On October 12th, the St. Paul's vestry voted to utilize the house for refugee housing if needed. To turn the house into a safe and welcoming home, financial resources and sweat equity are needed. The volunteers toured the house and departed with feelings of excited optimism for this next ministry there.

There is room for everyone as Christ calls us to open hearts and wallets to these refugees. If you would like to join hands with others in the cause, email Deacon Amy Shimonkevitz to be added to the email list: [arshimonkevitz@gmail.com](mailto:arshimonkevitz@gmail.com). If you would like to make a financial donation for this ministry, please write "Afghan Refugees" in the memo line, and leave at either congregation. (Meeting notes prepared by Susan Scott)

Peace & grace to you,

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Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Glenwood, Maryland & Priest-in-charge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Poplar Springs, Maryland

## **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

Thank you to the vestry for their continuing leadership. The current vestry members include: Stephen Jones, Suzanne Bourg, Phyllis Weston, Kathleen Alexander, Ron Alexander, Wendy Gahm. Three new vestry members will be elected at the next annual parish meeting. Members are invited to submit names to the outgoing vestry members, Wendy Gahm, Kathleen Alexander and Stephen Jones, before the end of the year. Nominees should meet the following qualifications:

- -qualified according to the Canons (a confirmed member who is known to the treasurer);
- -demonstrated a level of commitment to St. Paul's which is appropriate to vestry service, including regular pledged support of the ministries of the parish; attending worship weekly; and engaging in the ministries of St. Paul's;
- -the ability to be a constructive and unifying influence even when working with those of different viewpoints.
- Those elected at the annual meeting will serve from February 2022 through the annual meeting of 2025.

## Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

One difference between deacons and other clergy in the Episcopal church is that deacons do not consecrate the bread and wine at Eucharist; only priests and bishops can do so. A unique role of the deacon in liturgy is service, particularly in setting the table for Eucharist, enabling the priest in her ministry. In our Diocese, Bishop Sutton has authorized all deacons to preside (as necessary) at a Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament no more than once per month in one location. This means that bread (and wine in non-pandemic times) which is already consecrated by a priest or bishop (reserved sacrament) may be used to celebrate Eucharist by a deacon in the absence of a priest or bishop. To do so more often requires additional approval from the Bishop. With the current rotating schedule of leaders worshipping at St. Paul's from week to week, there may be times when observing Eucharist from the reserved sacrament at St. Paul's may be appropriate. The caution is not to make a frequent habit of such Eucharist observances. It is important, vital, and very good in any parish for a priest to celebrate Eucharist and to consecrate the elements on a regular basis. However, on those few occasions when Eucharist from the reserved sacrament can be an option, our Bishop has made such an allowance.

Amy Shimonkevitz

## Pledge Sunday

St. Paul's annual Pledge Sunday will be held November 21 @ 11:15 a.m. A Pot Luck Lunch will be held immediately after the service. Everyone is urged to attend this Pledge Sunday.

A sign-up sheet will be placed on our Coffee hour table. For sign-ups. Any questions please contact Suzanne Bourg or Linda Barnes  
Thank You. Suzanne Bourg and Linda Barnes



## **Every Perfect Gift**

## **My 2022 Promise**

In gratitude for Every Perfect Gift, I/we have received, I/we promise

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

I/we plan to fulfill this pledge \_\_\_ weekly \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ semiannually \_\_\_ annually.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.

Please contact me about including the church in my estate plans.

Please contact me about making my gift through stocks or securities.

I will make my gift online this year, please look for my gift.-



Rev. Dina van Klaveren shares a children's message with Katherine and Marie, while their great-uncle Jeff acolytes.

The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, Priest-in-charge.

**Adult Formation: A Time to Grow** Sunday 9:30 – 10:30.

When we say that we want the church community to grow, we often think of adding more households to our number. Another keyway that a community can grow is through the interior spiritual growth of its members. Life provides many opportunities to grow and learn as we face new and different challenges. It's also useful to seek out growth with other members of the community, to grow in our prayer lives and in our fellowship with one another. One way to do this is through our adult formation offering.

The class has gotten off to a fantastic start. Plenty of food for thought! Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, the author of "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" effectively intertwines Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, history, and modern-day applications for our daily lives. Lively conversation abounds. Even though the book is easy to read, one has to pause and ponder its contents. Please join in this ministry experience. We are all learners and seekers. Your voice and presence are needed to help all of us grow into what God is calling us to do. Join us...you will be glad you did.

Carrie Brown

**St. Paul's Fall Service Schedule**

Worship at St. Paul's - 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

The schedule: Holy Eucharist, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays ; Morning Prayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

You may worship with St. Andrew's at 8 a.m. Union Chapel or 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall.

## **Worship in November**

### **Sunday, November 7**

The Rev. Caroline Stewart will be leading worship and preaching at St. Andrew's at 8 am and 9 am, and at St. Paul's at 11:15 am. Caroline served as Associate Rector at St. Andrew's from 2006 to 2008, and was ordained a priest in the Parish House on January 6, 2007. Her ministries in the Diocese of Maryland have included serving at Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, and she is currently the chaplain to the Barn Campaign at the Claggett Center. She brings a deep reservoir of spiritual insight into her preaching and pastoral ministry, and we are delighted that she will return to Western Howard County this fall. The Rev. Amy Shimonkevitz will preside at Morning Prayer with Reserved Sacrament at the 11:15 am service in Union Chapel.

### **Sunday, November 14**

CELEBRATION SUNDAY at St. Andrew's:

-40 years of ministry in Glenwood!

-We have paid off our last mortgage on the Parish House!

-We are gathering pledges to continue ministry into 2022!

Retired Bishop Suffragan of Maryland, the Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb, will preach at all three services at St. Andrew's to celebrate the faithfulness of God and God's people.

At 10 am, we will celebrate by burning the mortgage note, eating cupcakes, and sharing in a festive toast! You are welcome to contribute cupcakes, if desired!

Jennifer Grimelli, Associate for Ministry, will be leading Morning Prayer at St. Paul's, Poplar Springs at 11:15 am.

### **Sunday, November 21**

As we prepare for family and the Thanksgiving holiday, let us gather and give thanks to God. The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, Rector at St. Andrew's and Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's, will preside at 8 am and 9 am at St. Andrew's, and at the 11:15 am service at St. Paul's. This is a special CELEBRATION SUNDAY for St. Paul's, Poplar Springs as we celebrate with a potluck and gather in the pledges for ministry for 2022. Jennifer Grimelli, Associate for Ministry, will be leading Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's at 11:15 am.

### **Sunday, November 28: First Sunday of Advent**

Friends and family still in town for the Thanksgiving celebration? Bring them to worship!

Join us for the 8 am, 9 am or 11:15 am service at St. Andrew's, with the Rev. Dina van Klaveren, Rector at St. Andrew's and Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's, presiding. Jennifer Grimelli, Associate for Ministry, will be leading Morning Prayer at St. Paul's, Poplar Springs at 11:15 am.

**Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Worship Schedule 2021**  
**FAMILY FOCUSED WORSHIP at ST. ANDREW'S, GLENWOOD**

**2:00-4:00 pm** "Walk to Bethlehem": Family Pageant Pilgrimage in Parish Hall

**ST. PAUL'S, POPLAR SPRINGS**

**5:00 pm** with festive music, live streamed on Facebook

**ST. ANDREW'S, PARISH HOUSE, GLENWOOD**

**6:00 pm** with music (No reservations required.)

**ST. ANDREW'S, UNION CHAPEL, GLENWOOD**

**8:00 pm** with music, live streamed on St. Andrew's website (Reservations required.)

**10:00 pm** with music, (Reservations required.)

**Advent Wreath** – We will be using our lovely hanging wreath for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent is November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of the greens which is about \$60., please call the church office by November 21<sup>st</sup>. One person or several people can help with the cost. This can be given as a memorial, in thanksgiving or as a donation. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Linda D. Barnes

**St. Paul's Christmas Card** Mailboxes will be in the parish hall, Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. These boxes are for Christmas cards you want to give to your parish family, without going through the U.S. Post Office. Please have your cards at the church by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. So the church card elf can put them in alphabetical order and ready for pick up on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. And 19<sup>th</sup>. Please **ONLY** include cards to persons who are in regular church attendance, (if you are not sure of who is attending -MAIL those cards). Cards to the sick and shut-ins should be mailed directly to them. Many thanks for your help – it is greatly appreciated.

Linda D. Barnes

**Scrip: Gift Cards**

Good News! We are stocked up on gift cards. Therefore we (hopefully) have any cards you need.

Do your part to help St. Paul's thrive. You can. It is so easy. Buy Scrip – Yes Gift Cards.



We all shop. Groceries, gas, summer gear, clothes, shoes, eating out, and the drug of choice – Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts, etc. You know your passion.

Plan ahead! Make it a habit to purchase gift cards for all of your shopping needs. There is no extra cost to you, yet a benefit to St. Paul's. A wonderful, painless contribution to the ongoing ministry of St. Paul's.

Peter McIntosh

## **Stewardship Great News!**

### **On-line Giving**

The Vestry has decided to provide on-line giving for St. Paul's. We are working with Vanco, the firm that St. Andrew's utilizes, to put those plans in place. As soon as it is up and running, we will give you the information to enroll.

During this time of transition, it is important to pray and work for our ongoing vitality and continued presence in this community.

God has blessed St. Paul's with many talented members (and their families and friends). Repairs are done by our handy men and women. Hospitality abounds here. All of these help our bottom line however, there are bills to be paid, outreach commitments, diocesan assessment, and other ongoing expenses. Your financial support is St. Paul's most important and necessary asset. **Please keep your pledge up to date.** Remember those special events you may want to recognize by way of a donation, in loving memory or thanksgiving. Together we can do the work God is calling us to do.

### **St. Paul's Thrift Shop**

Our Thrift Shop is open, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fall and winter apparel and holiday items are now available. Donations are being accepted. The donation shed is open all the time for donations. Come shop and support the ministries of St. Paul's.

### **Remembering our Parishioners**

Each month St. Paul's would like to honor a parishioner with notes or calls.

For November Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater has been selected. Please let her know that we are praying for her and thinking about her.

Ms. Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater                      301-831-7538  
6770 Runkles Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771

### **Pastoral Concerns**

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. Please contact the church office, (410) 489-4411, email: [stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net). Emergency Pastoral Needs: Dina van Klaveren, Priest in Charge - 443-995-5347 cell/text.

### **Refreshing our Prayer List**

For Advent we are refreshing our Prayer List. If you would like someone to be on the prayer list, please get their permission to be on our prayer list and let the office know so we can add them to it.

### **Prayer List**

Nancy McIntosh; Sandra Napier; Gerlinde Pflaumer-Yeater; Al Yeater; Natalie Gahm;

Dave Lawson; Bryan Landry; Susan; Pam; Trish; Ruth; Joe; Sandra; Bill; Phyllis Heffner, Susan Kelley; Jaxon & Nathan Buckley; Chris Tuel; the Harrington family; John Tuel; Joe & Eileen; Clair & Kevin Murray; Bertyl Girod, Ayana Fenton, Eduardo Acevedo, Andrea, Josie, Matthew, Amy, Brianna and persons, who have died from Covid-19 and their families.



### **Prayer for Healing and Comfort**

*Dear God,*

*Lift me high on eagles wings, fill my mind with your truth and cover my heart with hope. Protect me always, may I feel safe and secure besides you. Walk with me through each moment. Come be strength when I feel weak, be counsel when I needs comfort. Help me to rest, to lay down when I need to and allow others to take the strain. I pray that throughout this hard time I may know Your love for me. Amen.*

### **Our sincere sympathy is extended to:**

Gerlinde and Al Yeater on the passing of Gerlinde's daughter, Diane.

Nancy Murphy on the passing of her husband, Gary.

Grant them eternal rest and may light perpetual shine upon them.

### **An Uplifting Story of Resilience and Prayer.**

After being on our prayer list for a very long time, we are able to remove John Michael Shuey. See the note from Kathleen Alexander below, reprinted with her permission.

Good Morning!

Hope all is well with you. I have good news- we can remove John Michael Shuey from the prayer list. He had a tumor removed from his spine last year and finally has no signs of paralysis and is doing well. At 5 weeks he had a heart transplant. My daughter Katie (his half sister) donated a kidney to him 10 years ago and saved his life. The anti-rejection meds cause many serious conditions but he is a fighter. He is in his late 20's and working on his PhD.

Thought it was an uplifting story of resilience and prayer. Thanks.

Prayer works!

Kathleen Alexander reprinted with her permission

### **Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time**

Before the covid-19 virus pandemic came, St. Paul's had coffee hour/fellowship time following the 9:00 a.m. service. There were teams of 2 people for each Sunday to bring the goodies, make coffee, make hot water for tea drinkers and have some juice. With the pandemic, we could not have coffee hours, because of the rules set by the Diocese. Now the rules are relaxed and we can do a coffee hour at 10:30 a.m. before the 11:15 service. You can buy prepared packaged goodies from the store or you can make your own goodies, (must be individually wrapped.) If you can continue being on



the coffee hour team, and are willing to do a 10:30 fellowship time, please call Linda Barnes 443-604-3402.

The coffee hour teams were/are

Doris Wilcher, Carrie Brown  
Phyllis Heffner, Linda Barnes  
Wendy Gahm, Suzanne Bourg

Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice  
Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek  
Ginny Chandler, Helen Tuel

We can always use more people (even men) to be part of a team. Many thanks to the teams who will step up and do a coffee hour/fellowship time. I greatly appreciate your help, time and talent. God Bless you!  
Linda D. Barnes

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. – From The Catholic Prayer Book*



**“St. Paul’s  
A Shining Light  
in the Community”**



**Vestry Officers & Members**

Jeff Spaulding: Senior Warden  
Pete McIntosh: Junior Warden  
Treasurer: Linda Sharp  
Registrar: Nancy McIntosh  
Kathleen Alexander    Stephen Jones  
Suzanne Bourg         Phyllis Weston  
Ron Alexander         Wendy Gahm




**Staff**

Rev. Dina van Klaveren: Priest-in-Charge  
Rev. Amy Shimonkevitz: Deacon  
Jennifer Grimelli: Associate for Ministry  
Lynda Sheckels: Administrative Assistant

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our Mission is to carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word deed and to help all people experience God’s presence in their daily lives.*

## November 2021 ~ Service Calendar

	November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , Pentecost	November 14, 25 <sup>th</sup> , Pentecost	November 21 <sup>st</sup> , Christ the King	November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> , Advent
	Green	Green	White	Blue
	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer
	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Greeter	Suzanne Bourg	Wendy Gahm	Suzanne Bourg	Linda Barnes
Chalicerist/ Acolyte	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander	Carrie Brown
Lector	Stephen Jones	Dick Wilcher	William Toole	Kathleen Alexander
Psalm	Lee Hajek	Helen Tuel	Wendy Gahm	Lee Hajek
Prayers of the People	Dick Wilcher	Stephen Jones	Carrie Brown	Jeff Spaulding
Altar Guild	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia		Suzanne Bourg	

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. All Altar Guild meet to prepare for Advent**

*"Times of transition are...an opportunity to purge,  
rethink priorities, and be intentional about new habits.  
we can make our new normal any way we want."*

*Kristin*

*Armstrong, Olympic  
Cyclist and Motivational  
Speaker*



*Every good gift*  
AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT  
IS FROM *above*,  
AND *cometh* DOWN FROM  
THE FATHER OF *lights*,  
*with* WHOM IS *no* VARIABLENESS,  
NEITHER SHADOW OF *turning*.  
JAMES 1:17

