

FEBRUARY'S GUEST PREACHERS



We are blessed to welcome four guest preachers to our virtual pulpit for the month of February, and thankful for the special message delivered by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in January.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan

Sunday, February 7th

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan is Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School and McFaddin Professor of Anglican Studies and Pastoral Theology at Yale Divinity School. An Anglican priest and historian, his scholarly work focuses on the life of early Christian communities, and on aspects of contemporary Anglicanism. He blogs at *Saint Ronan Street Diary* (abmcg.blogspot.com).



The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth

Sunday, February 14th

Our Bishop will preach to wrap up our adapted Diocesan Winter Convocation events. (Read more about Convocation on page 9) In addition to welcoming him to the pulpit, we'll also observe our annual parish celebration of World Mission Sunday.



Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Wednesday, February 17th

Our seminarian and former Director of Youth Ministry, Leah Romanelli DeJesus, will preach for our pre-recorded Ash Wednesday service. Read more about our Ash Wednesday and Lent offerings on page 5.



The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Sunday, February 21st

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis, will preach on February 21, as we observe the First Sunday in Lent and Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday.



MLK Jr. Day Message

Several months ago we invited Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to reflect on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1963 address to St. Paul's for MLK Jr. Day. We gave Bishop Curry one instruction: "Be Michael Curry."



However, the week Bishop Curry was going to record his reflection, the United States Capitol Building was stormed. He delayed his remarks, and we're thankful he did. Dr. King's and Bishop Curry's words took on special meaning and provided timely reflection, comfort, and inspiration. To read Dr. King's address or watch Bishop Curry's address, visit our website at stpauls-church.org/sermons

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Our Mission

St. Paul's is a living, evolving community of Christian people who worship together according to the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We seek to know God and God's will for us; to care for each other; and to support each other in the exercise of our ministries among our neighbors and in the wider world.

Parish Notes Deadline

Submissions for the next *Parish Notes* are due March 8th to:
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Newcomers

We continue to welcome digital visitors to St. Paul's. Invite your friends to church by sharing our videos with them. It's an easy way to help spread the word and our story. Visitors can fill out a Welcome Card on our website to get more information about the church by clicking "I'm New."

Online Edition

Need a specific link? Or do you want to see the photos in color? Head on over to our website!

stpauls-church.org/connect/download

STAFF UPDATES

FROM THE RECTOR



I have spent time over the past year considering the right staffing for our Children's and Youth Ministries. I've looked at the evolving nature of our Youth Ministries and spoken with colleagues in similarly sized Episcopal parishes. With Leah Romanelli DeJesus, our Director of Youth Ministries, leaving this fall to pursue ordination, we have an opportunity to reshape our staffing. There are few lay people seeking Director of Youth Ministry positions – my guess is that this is due, at least in part, to so few churches having this position. As a result, few lay people develop the skills and seek the position.

Since Leah left in September, Lauren Dockery, our Director of Children's Ministries, has been implementing and organizing the many activities of the children and the youth. She has proven to have the skills for both these areas of ministry. She is faithful, thoughtful, creative, collaborative, warm, and genuine. She delights in children and youth, and recognizes and honors their spiritual gifts. She connects well with the children and youth, as well as their parents. With all these wonderful traits in mind, I am promoting Lauren to Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. Please offer her your congratulations!



St. Paul's is an unusually active parish, with a breadth of ministries overseen by our clergy. In addition, we have the extensive pastoral needs and relationship opportunities that come with a large parish. Marge LoPresti, our Pastoral Care Associate, is near retirement. The time feels right to adjust our staffing with a new hire: an Assistant Rector who will be the clergy presence to children and youth ministries and will oversee our Adult Formation ministries. This clergy person will share in the presiding, preaching, and pastoral care with the rest of the clergy team.

I have started receiving resumes for this position and have put together a Search Committee to aid in discerning the right candidate. My thanks to Diane Banyard, Barbara Hoekstra, Kaneala Nelson, Eustacia Netzel-Hatcher, Tres Roeder, and Erin Wagner for their time and input. I will keep you up to date as the process continues. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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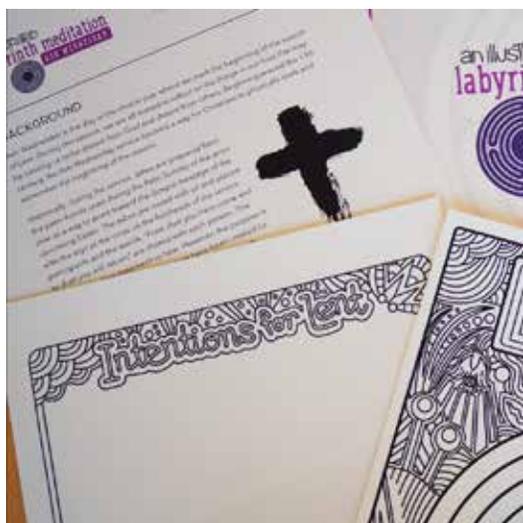
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT A WRINKLE IN TIME WAS A HIT!

This year, the Winter One Act was a little different. CAST worked together in virtual meetings to rehearse and record a stellar production of *A Wrinkle in Time*! High school senior Thomas Vodrey met with the cast three times a week for three months to prepare, and the hard work paid off! 54 Zoom accounts tuned in to watch the live premier together on Saturday, January 30th. The play starred Celia Doherty as Meg Murray, Theo Grimes as Charles Wallace, Ethan Johnson as Calvin O'Keefe, and Grace Kaelber as Mrs. Whatsit; and it featured Iris von der Heydt, Rachel Hren, Julia Koops, Mattie Spaller, Linnea Koops



and Joshua Koops. Several other St. Paul's artists contributed by painting backdrops, including Alice Carter, Reagan and Quinley Armstrong, Gwen and Ella Wheaton, and Sophie Grimes. This virtual production is a treat. A story of good overcoming evil is made complete with our talented actors, thematic music and a few special effects. Congratulations to all the CAST! If you missed the live premiere and would like to watch the recording, please email Lauren Dockery for the link: ldockery@stpauls-church.org

— Lauren Dockery, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries



Children and Youth Lenten devotionals

To elevate our prayer practices during the season of Lent, devotionals will be available for children and youth. Once again we'll use Illustrated Ministry's beautiful Lenten workbooks with coloring pages and prompts for family conversations for children and families to use independently. Youth will use a book with the poetry of Emily Dickinson paired with Lenten reflections, which we'll use together throughout the season of Lent. All of these materials will be available for pick-up in the parish office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, beginning February, 18th. If you need your devotionals dropped off at your home, email Lauren at ldockery@stpauls-church.org

THE REV. BRANDON ASHCRAFT

THE LENTEN PROMISE BEYOND THE ASHES



Remarkably, it's been almost a year since the pandemic transformed us into an online worshipping community. Thanks be to God for the technology that has sustained our worship during this time of social

distancing. But as members of a liturgical tradition that values embodied rituals and tangible symbols, there's no denying we've had to relinquish much of what we love about worship this past year. We will feel this loss again on February 17th, when the pandemic that deprived of us palm processions on Palm Sunday and foot-washings on Maundy Thursday forces us to forego the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. To be sure, we'll mark the day with an online service using the Prayer Book's liturgy for Ash Wednesday, complete with scripture readings, prayers, and the Litany of Penitence — but without the imposition of ashes. Undoubtedly, you are wondering, "Is it possible to commemorate Ash Wednesday without ashes?" Our history suggests that it is!

For centuries, in fact, there was no imposition of ashes in Anglican Ash Wednesday liturgies. The first Anglican prayer book to authorize imposition of ashes — after a four-hundred-year absence — was the Episcopal Church's 1979 Book of Common Prayer (the one we still use today). And even now, the Prayer Book is clear that the imposition of ashes is optional. This is not to diminish the profound significance ashes have taken on for so many of us. But we would do well to remember that ashes are a sign, and signs point us to deeper truths beyond themselves.

Among other things, ashes point us to the truth of our mortality. In most years, we hear this reminder clearly in the words used at the moment of imposition: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." And in most years, this solemn reminder feels dissonant with the world around us. But this year, reminders of our mortality surround us on all sides. The very pandemic that keeps us from gathering in person has taken more than two million lives globally. We've just tolled our church bells 400 times for the 400,000 lives lost to COVID-19 in our nation. The pandemic may erase ashes from our Ash Wednesday observance this year, but it has left plentiful reminders that "to dust [we] shall return."

As it does every year, our Ash Wednesday worship will invite us "to the observance of a holy Lent." This call will beckon us once again to confess our sins and assume the Lenten posture of repentance. This spiritual posture turns us back to the God of compassion and mercy, who has freed us from the power of sin and death forever. While our Ash Wednesday observance may look and feel different this year, the hopeful Lenten promise remains the same. The story does not end in the dust of our mortality. At the end of our Lenten fast awaits the Easter feast, and the joyful promise of eternal life with God.

Wednesday Compline: Join Rev. Brandon and St. Paul's parishioners at 8 p.m. each Wednesday for a peaceful service of prayer to end the day. Join on Zoom or on Facebook at [facebook.com/stpaulscle](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscle)

LENT @ ST. PAUL'S

A Liturgy of the Word

Traditional Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17

Join us as we observe the traditional Prayer Book liturgy for Ash Wednesday. Leah Romanelli DeJesus, our seminarian and former Director of Youth Ministry, preaches. The service will be available at 7 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

Children and Family Service

Wednesday, February 17, 5 p.m.

It's time to bury the "Alleluia", while we get ready to approach the great mystery of Easter. Join us on Wednesday at 5 p.m. (or any time thereafter) for a special liturgy designed to help children and teens understand the significance of Lent.

Ash Wednesday

The Observance of a Holy Lent

Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m.

Each year the liturgy for Ash Wednesday invites us "to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." The St. Paul's clergy will explore the many ways we can heed this call and live more deeply into the season that prepares our hearts and minds to celebrate the joyful mystery of Easter. We'll gather on Zoom (tinyurl.com/1jqbj2v9) and finish before the 8 p.m. virtual Compline service begins. Contact Rev. Brandon Ashcraft with questions (bashcraft@stpauls-church.org)

Prayers for Repentance & Reconciliation

Fridays, February 19 to March 26, 12 p.m.

Pause for a few moments on Fridays in Lent to be nourished by the ancient words of scripture and to pray a special Litany of Repentance. The service will be led by members of St. Paul's Sacred Ground circles, a ministry of the Episcopal Church that fosters racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. By embracing the Lenten call to prayer, self-examination, and repentance, we'll discover the joy of new life in Christ that resides at the heart of this season. You can register to participate on Zoom at this link: tinyurl.com/q5y37cnc. The service will also stream on our Facebook page.

A River Through the Desert

A Lenten Virtual Pilgrimage

Sundays, February 21 to March 28, 10 a.m.

This year's Lent forum offering will allow us to travel virtually to Israel and to walk where Jesus walked. St. George's College Jerusalem offers this six-session spiritual Lenten pilgrimage.

The course explores the geography of the Holy Land, following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha. The theme for each session is supported by short films that we'll watch together, and reflection questions that we'll discuss in break-out rooms.

So, you are invited! Come and see the desert, the water well, the mountain, the sea, the road, and, finally, the garden where Jesus prayed. We are seeking the presence of God and hope to meet the Risen Christ. Register for the series at tinyurl.com/LentForum. Contact Rev. Jessie with questions (jdodson@stpauls-church.org).

"The Beginning of the Good News" Journey through the Gospel of Mark

A Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays, February 24 to March 24, 7 p.m.

This Lenten Bible Study will explore the Gospel of Mark — the primary source of our Sunday Gospel readings for this year. The sessions will shine a spotlight on Mark's unique approach to telling the "good news of the story of Jesus, the Son of God" and will combine tools of historical, literary, and textual analysis to unearth the riches of this earliest and shortest of the four gospels. No advance preparation is needed, and those interested can join at any point in the series. The sessions will be led by the newest member of our clergy team, the Rev. Brandon Ashcraft. Register on Zoom (tinyurl.com/1jqbj2v9). Contact Rev. Brandon with any questions.

LENT DIGITAL RESOURCES

CONTEMPLATION AND PRAYER

There are many ways to craft a Lenten discipline. Here are several digital resources (one crafted by our own Associate Organist-Choirmaster, Dr. Steven Plank!) that can help you journey through this season of contemplation and prayer.

Do you have a Lenten digital resource you'd like to share?
Email Rev. Jessie at jdodson@stpauls-church.org

A Lenten Musical Calendar

Our very own Steve Plank put together a musical Lenten calendar. Every day has a YouTube link to a recording of a seasonally or diurnally appropriate musical work (with translations where necessary). It's broadly constructed—the Anglican repertory is joined by some spirituals from Mahalia Jackson, some Duke Ellington, some Stravinsky, some Arvo Pärt, etc., which we hope will give it a wide appeal. To download, visit tinyurl.com/1vttlb4s

Episcopal Relief and Development

Our world has experienced unprecedented loss over the past year. For that reason, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is shaping their 2021 Lenten Meditation offering around the theme of lament. You are invited to engage the “Four Steps of Lament” by resting, reflecting, repenting, and ultimately being restored to God and to one another. Many of the authors share deeply personal and painful experiences related to a variety of issues including disease, violence, racial injustice, and poverty.

If you would like to subscribe to receive these meditations daily in your inbox, visit eepurl.com/gOZyIH

D365

This daily email Lenten devotional is produced by Passport, Inc., a national student ministry organization and 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on creating meaningful experiences and resources for students. These devotions are geared toward youth and young adults. Visit d365.org

Building Faith

A ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary, this resource combines numerous ideas for Lenten practices to try at home, as well as daily email meditations, and more. Sign up and learn more at buildfaith.org/lent/

Living Well Through Lent 2020

Living Compass, an Episcopal formation resource, offers a variety of ways to engage with them through Lent. You can enroll for daily emails, join a private Facebook discussion group, and download a free Lent devotional PDF. Sign up at livingcompass.org/lent

Come, Pray

With churches around the world closed and congregations scattered, the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) Brothers invite you to “Come, Pray.” The series is centered on a weekly 20-minute video and invites participants to explore and experience diverse prayer practices alongside the Brothers by joining their regular, live-streamed worship, special services, and online teachings. Sign-up at SSJE.org/subscribe and select “Monastic Wisdom for everyday living.” (note: if you are already subscribed to the Brothers’ email, you need not resubscribe.)

Lent Madness

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church’s Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born. Signup at lentmadness.org/about/

THE MUSIC OF JEHAN ALAIN

CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC FOR LENT



The music of the French composer Jehan Alain (left, 1911-1940) has a special place in my heart. I have treasured it ever since my time at the Prague Conservatory and at Ghent, when I became acquainted with a few of Alain's compositions. I have programmed his work in my recitals ever since.

I decided to revisit some of them this year — especially those that might provide a contemplative listening experience during Lent. In addition to Alain's *Litanies*, which are a favorite at St. Paul's, I will again be performing several of his miniatures, which are exquisitely composed: *Choral Dorien*, *Ballade*, and *Lullaby on Two Notes That Cipher*. This last piece was inspired by a malfunctioning note on the organ, which resulted in a dissonant overlap and created a wonderful harmonic pattern.

Jehan Alain grew up in a musical family outside of Paris, France. His father, Albert Alain (1880-1971), was a graduate of the Paris Conservatory. Alain and his siblings, sister Maria-Odile (1914-1937), brother Olivier (1918-1994), and sister Marie-Claire (1926-2013) were all organists and graduated the same institution. It was Marie-Claire and family friend Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986), however, who made Alain's music known, through their performances of his work in recitals that spanned four continents.

Alain was an avid student of non-Western music. He owned a short-wave radio and often listened to Radio Morocco and other music from afar. He also loved Gregorian chant and the monastic tranquility of the abbey at Valloires. All of this musical diversity inspired him in the weekly services he played at a Parisian synagogue.

In early 1964, I met Alain's sister, Marie-Claire, in Ghent, Belgium, when she played a thrilling recital

at St. Bavon Cathedral. A few months later, we again crossed paths in Düsseldorf, where we were both taking part in an organ festival. She kindly invited me to visit her family's ancestral home in the suburbs of Paris, in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, at 46 rue de Pologne, during my next visit.

I visited the Alain home in November 1964, prior to my journey to the United States. Marie-Claire reserved the better part of the day for me. She had just completed her famous recordings of works of J.S. Bach in Denmark, and was taking a respite.

Her aged father, Albert, stopped by to say "bonjour!" A composer in his own right, with close to five hundred organ and choral compositions, Albert studied with Gabriel Fauré in composition, and with Alexandre Guilmant and Louis Vierne on organ. His brief presence moved me, for I remembered the two tragic deaths in his family: daughter Marie-Odile died at 23 in a tragic mountain-climbing accident, and son Jehan, the genial composer, at the age of 29 during a reconnaissance mission in the French Army. The middle movement of Jehan's most important work, *Trois Danses* (Three Dances, composed 1937-38), is dedicated to Marie-Odile and is titled *Deuils* (mournings): a "funeral march dedicated to a heroic memory."

Despite the heaviness of these thoughts, the afternoon was a revelation. The main reason for my visit was to see and play the family organ, built by Albert in their drawing room. It has four manuals and 43 stops; its sonorities unlock and explain many of the seemingly idiosyncratic instructions in Alain's organ scores. His compositions are closely tied to that organ and its many features not found in other instruments.¹

My journey has crossed paths with Marie-Claire many times since that visit in 1964. I will be always grateful to her for nudging me to accept invitations to concerts in the United States and eventually settle here. — Karel Paukert

1) The Alain family organ is now installed in the Swiss abbey at Romainmôtier and is accessible through the Jehan Alain Society in Neuchâtel to organists, musicologists, and visitors.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORMATION

Spirituality on the Silver Screen

Soul (2020)

February 11, 7 p.m.

Hosted by The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft

Where to Stream: Disney+



Our last Film in the series is Disney Pixar's Soul (2020) and will be hosted by Rev. Brandon Ashcraft. Watch the film on your own and then, for about an hour, we'll talk about the movie, its spiritual themes, and learn why the host selected it over Zoom. For direct links to the film on Disney+ and to register, visit: stpauls-church.org/2021silverscreen/

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Food Drive

Saturday, February 20 & March 20, 9 to 11 a.m.

Our Food Drive takes place on the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. All donations go to the Cleveland Food Bank. The Cleveland Food Bank served nearly 400,000 individuals from March to December, 2020 — a 32% increase from the previous year. This is a drive-through, COVID-safe way to help our neighbors during this global crisis, and the need has never been greater. — *Brian Fitch*



Homeless Stand Down

Saturday, February 13

Though there will not be a large, in-person gathering this year, St. Paul's Outreach committee donated to help make The Cleveland Cares Packages. These packages – which have a variety of items including essentials, clothing, food, and things that make clients feel loved – will be made and distributed to those experiencing homelessness.

If you would like to learn more or to make a contribution, visit their website: handson.bvuvolunteers.org/homelessstanddown



Amy Zipp Named to Strategy Team

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) appointed St. Paul's member Amy Zipp to its Strategy Team, as one of two lay people on the nine-member Strategy Team. This past fall, she took a leadership role in GCC's successful 2020 Battle for Democracy Initiative. Amy will help oversee GCC's strategy of building power to take on issues including COVID-19's impact on many Cleveland communities, GCC's long-standing criminal justice work, and its efforts to continue to build voter engagement in targeted Cleveland neighborhoods. To learn more about GCC or join their mailing list, visit greaterclevelandcongregations.org

2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter

Thank you to all who have donated calendars! The Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter is the largest in the state of Ohio, and they are collecting 2021 calendars until October. If you would like to participate, drop off calendars in the bin marked "Men's Shelter" in the foyer outside the church office. — *Jan Hart*

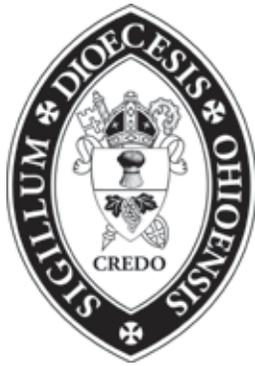
AROUND THE DIOCESE

2021 Winter Convocation

Monday, February 8 to 14

Convocation will be held online from February 7th to the 14th with a series of events free of charge. Workshops will be offered once on a weeknight between February 8 and 12. We will use a one-hour (maximum) online format that will begin at 7 p.m. Bishop Hollingsworth will prerecord sermons, one of which we will use on Sunday, February 14th, to cap the online event.

For more information, visit dohio.org/convocation.



Donations for Your Neighbors Cloak

St. Luke's, Cleveland is seeking various items of clothing to help with Your Neighbors Cloak. Please label all donations by gender, size, and age group (adult, teen or child). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they can only accept certain items: winter hats, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, thermal underwear, gently used shoes, boots, sneakers, blankets, throws, and wraps. They are also in need of *unused* underwear and socks for all ages and sizes. To coordinated a time to drop off donations, or chat with a Your Neighbor's Cloak representative, please email clothing.stluke.cleveland@gmail.com

Absalom Jones

Celebration Service

Sunday, February 7, 4 p.m.



The Wilma Combs Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Diocese of Ohio invite you to the Virtual Absalom Jones Service of Evening Prayer hosted by St. Luke's, Cleveland.

The service is based on the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, a constant in the life of Absalom Jones, our first African American Episcopal priest. The Officiant for the service is the Rev. Debra Bennett, Church of Our Saviour, Akron; and the preacher is the Rev. Christopher M. Decatur, St. Luke's, Cleveland. The service will be livestreamed on the Diocesan [Facebook page](#) and the [St. Luke's, Cleveland YouTube page](#).

Submissions

Do you have an event, photo, or announcement you'd like to share?

There are just two simple steps:

1. Type a one page (or less), double-spaced narrative describing your mission moment;
2. Mail or email your writing with photos to us at info@stpauls-church.org

As 2021 begins, it's important we share our experiences and mission moments. Have you interacted with someone in a way that resulted in a positive outcome for you or the other individual? Have you heard or seen something that exemplifies our mission? Have you interacted or witnessed another supporting our mission during the pandemic? We want to share your stories!

Window Shopping: While we aren't open for in-person shopping, our windows are still carefully curated and regularly refreshed. If you see something you like, or are curious if we have something, call (216) 272-2372



2021 Stewardship Report

Despite the disruptions, anxieties, and losses of the past year, St. Paul's is a place where love lives on. Love lives on in our enduring faith and our service to God, to one another, and to our world.

Through the grace of God and the enduring faithfulness of St. Paul's parishioners, our mission, outreach, worship, music, faith formation, and pastoral care all live on despite the unprecedented challenges of the past year.

It is very difficult to compare this past year's stewardship campaign to previous years. Due to the pandemic, we had no in-person contact, no Commitment Sunday, less engagement of parishioners, and more challenging communications. Given these obstacles, the campaign has been remarkably successful.

Thank you to our dedicated Stewardship Committee: Co-chairs Chris Chance and Bill Mulligan; Committee members Dave Banyard, Lael Carter, Jeff Hardacre, Sam Hartwell, Julia Kaesberg, Mike Knoblauch, Julia Mitchell, and Suzanne Stratton-Crooke; and dozens of volunteers who wrote personal notes.

2021 Annual Campaign by the Numbers

As of February 2nd, 343 households have offered their pledge or gift commitments to support the programs and ministries of St. Paul's in 2021, down 18 from last year and down 40 from 2019. We are hopeful that many of those who have not yet submitted a pledge for 2021 will continue to give.

	<u>2021 (as of Feb. 2)</u>	<u>2020 (final)</u>	<u>2019 (final)</u>
Total amount pledged	\$1,504,053	\$1,507,947	\$1,516,609
Total number of pledges/gifts	343	365	384
Number of increased pledges/gifts	123	121	209
Number of new pledges	17	15	22
Average pledge/gift	\$4,385	\$4,155	\$3,876
Median pledge	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800

Campaign Highlights

- A number of St. Paul's parishioners have been impacted by the pandemic, either physically or financially, and making or keeping pledge commitments is quite difficult. Gratefully, many of those fortunate to have remained unaffected made significant increases to their annual giving. As a result, the average gift rose from \$4,155 to \$4,385, enabling us to maintain our 2021 budget at 2020 levels.
- Fifty-five volunteers wrote personal notes to parishioners, inviting others to join them in faithful giving to the church.
- The committee was pleased to see 17 new pledging households. This was especially gratifying given that worship services and other gatherings have been exclusively online since March.
- Communications and parishioner engagement in the annual campaign were a greater challenge without in-person connections in 2020. Articles and announcements were included in Parish Notes, a campaign brochure created, post cards sent, and Parishioner testimonials shared via YouTube. The committee also coordinated the delivery of a gift bag to most households as a more personal connection.

The Rector and Vestry offer their appreciation for all who contribute financially to St. Paul's. Below are the names of those who have made a gift or pledge in response to the 2021 annual fund appeal in 2020.

It's important to note that while the terms "pledge" and "giving money" are similar, returning a pledge is taking the step of stating an intention to give a dollar amount before the end of the upcoming year. This commitment is helpful in planning the church's budget and ministries. Please join us in thanking the people listed below.

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