



Wardens Update

Hello my Brothers and Sisters,

As I reflected on this advent season, the coming of our Savior, and the new year, I see so many invitations at St Paul's to share our gifts Inspired by the Spirit. We are invited to reflect on our 2019 pledge as our In-Gathering approaches. We are

invited to celebrate our Reverend Lyn as she takes her leave. We are invited to share our spiritual gifts, perhaps in a sermon in the new year or as a new vestry member. Come on in; all are welcome.

Reception for Deacon Jim and Merry Rue

Sunday was a wonderful celebration of Deacon Jim and Merry Rue. We will all miss them: Jim's humble, God-filled presence and Merry Rue's beautiful voice at our services. We enjoyed good stories, food, and cheer. Thank you all who attended.

For those who were not there, we clarified that Deacon Jim's departure (and Rev. Lyn's) is the Diocese's requirement as we plan for a new priest to join us.

Special thanks to Beth Etter and her team for putting together such a great send-off for Jim and Merry Rue.

Inspired by the Spirit In-Gathering

As we approach our In-Gathering, where we will present our pledges for God's blessing, I have looked back at the wonderful invitation from the Stewardship committee.

"... an invitation to reflect on the spiritual nourishment and blessings we have received this year, and to ask for your commitment to increase your support in 2019"

I personally have been Inspired by the Spirit as well as by you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. We heard from our children on why they come to St Paul's, Kay Williams on the power of our music, Elaine Hild on how she is inspired by how we share our gifts, and Bob Woody on the difficult move from Elizabeth and the comfort in the affirmation that the people are really our church. We also read an amazing update on the work St Paul's does through our ministries.

Have you been Inspired by the Spirit?

Place Update:

The Place Committee continues their work of putting together a spreadsheet of opportunities as we take the next step in discerning our Place. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about opportunities for place, don't hesitate to contact Rhoda or me or anyone on the Vestry — we are all working closely with the committee.

Priest Update:

We have no new news from the Diocese this week on potential candidates. We do have our supply priests organized through March 2019. Reverend Sathi Bunyan will cover 14 Sundays and 12 Tuesday morning services from December 30, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Reverend Paul Garrett, who was a member of St Paul's from 1975 to 1985 and raised to seek ordination under Fr. Bacon, will be with us Jan 27, Feb 17, and Feb 24.

If you have any interest in sharing your spiritual gifts through a sermon in 2019, you have an open invitation. Just speak with Rhoda or me and we would be happy to put you on the schedule and provide any guidance you may want.

Call for New Vestry Members:

In a time full of opportunities to share your gifts, we have an invitation for anyone interested in joining the vestry. Please speak with nominating committee: Gray, Seth or Demetrios if you are interested.

Up-Coming Events (Invitations)

We will continue to keep you informed. Here is our calendar for the next couple of weeks.

- Dec 9: Inspired by the Spirit In-Gathering
- Dec 16: Celebration of Reverend Lyn
- Dec 18: Vestry Meeting: open to parishioners
- Jan 27: Annual Meeting

In closing, I would like to thank you all for inspiring me with how you share your gifts and live out Christ's call in your lives. Though we may not know where the Holy Spirit is guiding us, I know it will keep us together at St Paul's.

Wishing you God's Blessing and a Happy Advent,
Rhoda and John, Your Wardens