

Rector's Update – April 24th

Greetings to the saints of St. Paul's,

Here are the highlights from what we did at the April Vestry meeting:

- Reviewed the Rector's Report, Junior Warden's Report, and the Treasurer's Report from March, as there was no Vestry meeting in March (due to coronavirus concerns).
- Heard the Executive Committee meets every week to discuss and handle our changing situation.
- Discussed the changes in Sunday worship and thanked the Tech Team (i.e. The Faunces, Mark Walsh, and Laura Funk) for doing an excellent job on making our worship available for parishioners.
- Understood that our next potluck event will likely be the June 28th Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.
- Agreed that the Seder meal will be scheduled at an appropriate time in the future.
- Heard that the Parish and School applied for CARE Act funding for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, but funding ran out before our loan went through.
- Approved the Parish and School to apply for CARE Act funding when/if additional funding is made available.
- Discussed possibilities for Parish Administrator staffing while Angela is out on maternity leave.
- Heard that Duncan Electric will install an electrical outlet on the porch of the school, and the Jr. Warden will install low-voltage landscape lighting.
- Discussed ways to fund the repair or replacement of the roof at the school and parish hall.
- Heard that we are currently applying for a number of grants.
- Heard various possibilities of receiving funds through credit cards and automated clearing house (ACH).
- Heard that we have the funding necessary to purchase the new lawn mower/tractor, and are waiting until business has returned to normal to complete the purchase.
- Heard that the School's attendance had been 88, and is now about 20 (i.e. children of Essential Personnel).
- Heard that the School's teachers are working 50% of what they have in the past, but are being paid 75% of their normal wage.
- Heard that the School's 50th Anniversary Celebration has been moved to October 24th.
- Heard that the School's Open House may be cancelled, or moved to May 12th.
- Heard that most Vestry committees have been unable to meet.
- Discussed the possibility of having a Celebration of Life event for Paula Backus (pending approval of the Backus family) in a month or two, and publicizing her memorial fund.

Total Income Year-to-Date: 74,907.45; Budget: \$76,520; Over Budget: -\$1,612.55

Here's my weekly update:

- Sunday services continue live via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm.
- The church building is now locked when not in use. This is to allow for the expensive video equipment to remain in place between services, and to make it so that we do not have to complete a top-to-bottom sanitizing every time we use the church. If you are one of the parishioners who use the church for private prayer, please contact the Rector.
- Our Sunday services improve each week, and the number of viewers continue to increase. Our tech team (i.e. The Faunce family, Laura Funk, and Mark Walsh) are great! We'll continue to offer the service via Facebook and YouTube as live streaming (with recordings and an MP3 of the sermon posted on our website later).
- Our parish office has closed, and we are working from home at least through the end of April. We are checking parish voicemails remotely, responding to emails, and meetings will be done via conference calls and videoconferencing.
- If you need to get with me for a meeting, I'm available to schedule one for a phone or video call. Probably the best email is fathernickfunk@gmail.com.
- Pastoral Care is being done via phone and videoconferencing. Face-to-face pastoral calls are only done in dire situations, and by the Rector only. If you have needs, please email or call – we can help!
- Zoom videoconferencing has been the major provider for videoconferencing in the Diocese, and St. Paul's is using it regularly. The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020, and password is: 7777777. That's the same meeting information as I use for all my meetings.
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom and Facebook and/or YouTube live streaming.
- Our 'Bible and Breakfast' Bible Study continues at 8:00 on Friday morning (without the breakfast) via Zoom.
- We have our Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service via a Zoom meeting.

Peace,
Fr. Nick