

Rector's Update – May 22nd

Greetings to the saints of St. Paul's,

Good news! It looks like we'll be back in the church for Trinity Sunday on June 7th! We'll be putting out details of that next week, as there will be differences than our previous worship. For example, we'll all have masks, and no congregational singing. Those 65 and over (and those with underlying health conditions) are recommended to continue watching the livestream, rather than attending the service.

As mentioned last week, we have started distributing consecrated hosts (i.e. the wafers) to those who let me know they'd like to receive them. Each Sunday, I will consecrate extra wafers, and have them distributed to those who let me know that they would like to receive it. During the service, I'll ask that those watching online to consume the host with me during the Eucharist. We'll continue to do this as long as we need to do it. The catch is that you have to let me know that you want to receive the host by the Thursday afternoon prior to the Sunday you'd like to receive the Eucharist. Please let me know the number of people receiving, and how often you'd like to receive. The best way to let me know is via email: fathernickfunk@gmail.com.

Here's St. Paul's news for the week:

- We're continuing to livestream Sunday services. These are broadcast via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm, and can be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube page. The recorded sermon may be found on our website as an MP3.
- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799. This is the same meeting information as I use for all my meetings.
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via a Zoom meeting, and upload it live if Facebook works (right now, it's below 50% success rate).
- Our 'Bible and Breakfast' Bible Study continues at 8:00 on Friday morning (sans the breakfast) via Zoom.
- We have our virtual Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service via a Zoom meeting.

Here are the Highlights from St. Paul's Vestry meeting:

- Heard a teaching on charting a moral Christian path during coronavirus.
- Heard that there has been no indication from the Diocese regarding the date of the church or office reopening.
- Heard that the Diocese is receiving nomination for the annual elections at the 2020 Diocesan Convention.
- Offered thanks to the tech team and service support on Sunday.
- Offered thanks to Georgianna Harrison and Laura Funk for using flowers grown at the church and close by to decorate the Altar.
- Heard that the Senior Warden is putting together a survey of the parish.
- Heard that the June Vestry meeting probably will be via Zoom.
- Heard that we have purchased new John Deere X350 riding mower from United Ag and Turf, Sulfur Springs.
- Heard that we have installed a small undercounter hot water heater in Altar Guild Sacristy.
- Heard that a trench has been dug for the fiberoptic cable to offer a high-speed internet connection for live streaming of services.
- Heard that we are working with Shane Stovall Roofing to get cash bids for reworking school and Clardy Hall roofs.
- Heard that a city code enforcer sent a code violation letter to wrong address to get our back field mowed.
- Heard that we will likely be offering live streaming worship for some time, and that may require the purchase of additional equipment.
- Heard that we are pursuing a number of grants for the school and church plant. Thank you to Debbie Shaffer and Elizabeth Porter.
- Heard that we have signed up for mobile and electronic giving through Tithe.ly (https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give)
- Heard that Dr. Joe Bleier has been added to the Bishop's medical advice cohort.
- Decided NOT to proceed forward with the installation of flagpoles near the church sign.
- Decided to receive the donation of a table and benches.
- Will seek to comply with the regulations necessary to obtain full CARE Act loan forgiveness.

Total Income Year-to-Date: 86,210.55; Budget: \$88,814; Over Budget: -\$2,603.45

Peace,

Fr. Nick