

Questions for our future

By Steve Carnell

What do you value most about St. Paul's and what would you like to see change?

Our vestry is going to be addressing these questions in the coming months and they will be looking for your input. The plan is part of a larger effort to strengthen what we at St. Paul's already do well and to seek how to bring new ministries and people into our body. It includes a proposed new mission statement for our church —

To deepen our knowledge and love of God and bring people to Jesus Christ

— plus the following overarching goals:

- **Grow our church membership**
- **Strengthen the ties that bind us**
- **Enhance our spiritual vitality**
- **Increase fellowship opportunities**

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Rich Shea, left, Dick Breithaupt and Nora Broszeit were unanimously elected at the annual meeting to serve on the vestry. Story on Page 2.

St Paul's to offer Covid vaccinations

If you've been frustrated by watching all the appointments for Covid shots disappear from the screen week after week, fret no more!

ECW President Joyce Cashin will take down your information for an appointment right here at St. Paul's. Shots will be given on Saturday, March 27 an hour or so after the close of the Farmers' Market for the day.

Of course, you have to have an appointment, but Joyce will take care of that.

You must be 60 years or older.

You will need to show your driver's license or other state-issued identification, and your insurance card.

Face masks will be mandatory. Please contact Joyce Cashin at 239-331-4080.

Leave a detailed message with your first name, last name, phone number and the day, month and year of your birth

You will be informed of your time slot. Please show up 15 minutes prior to your appointment to fill out forms. Don't come early, as social-distancing will be in force.

There are limited amounts of vaccines.

There is no guarantee you will be given an appointment. That number again:

239-331-4080

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New vestry seated

Three parishioners accepted positions on the 9-member vestry after a unanimous vote of the parish at a Covid-abbreviated annual meeting Jan. 31.

Richard Breithaupt

When Richard learned just before the annual meeting from Lee Perry that a third candidate was needed for the vestry, he volunteered. He is involved in many ministries including counting, intercessor, usher, stewardship, and elections.

He is no stranger to the vestry. His multi-year tenure as senior warden was perhaps the most active of any since the founding of St Pauls. In his first year the Rev. Tara McGraw resigned as rector and was replaced by the Rev. Dr. D. William Faupel. The following year he chaired the 50th anniversary committee, planning monthly activities, a commemorative history booklet and a celebration ball, and the next two years as head of the search committee while simultaneously chairing the vestry meetings. Finally, he, along with his energetic spouse, Diane, oversaw the restoration of the rectory and the installation of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Thoeni as rector. He stayed on as Fr. Tom's senior warden for the next year.

Richard and Diane, who is an active God's Gardener and arranges the altar flowers, live here fulltime. They



have two daughters, Tori and Tina. Tina is married and the mother of their two grandsons, Tripp and R.J. Tripp, 14, sang with Diane in the Christmas Eve choir.

Nora Broszeit

Nora and Richard Broszeit have been married 44 years this month. They have two grown children, Eric and Rhonda.

Nora was waiting to be a fulltime resident before becoming a vestry member. They moved to Naples permanently in 2019. Of course, with the pandemic they have not left Naples in over a year now!

Nora has served on vestry at three Episcopal churches in New Jersey; usually as Treasurer. "I am terribly

Departures

Charlene Conolly and Lee Perry accept bottles of Fr. Tom's favorite wine as tokens of thanks for their service. They and Yvon Hive, who couldn't attend the annual meeting, retired from the vestry.

missing singing in the choir and our ECW meetings where again I am the Treasurer. Richard and I enjoyed bringing goodies to Coffee Fellowship at least once a month. We also miss the church luncheons and potluck dinners. I still enjoy being a lay reader and intercessor."

Nora's suggestion to the parish is to "discern what gifts God has given you and use them for improving our church family life."

Rich Shea

Congratulations to our new Senior Warden! Rich had served as a Warden in Oregon, so Fr. Tom asked him if he would serve again.

Rich and Jan Shea have three children and four grandchildren. Elizabeth lives in Naples and has two children. Kristen lives in Athens, Georgia, and Eric lives in DC and has two children. Jan and Rich have lived here fulltime for two years.

Rich has participated in numerous ministries at St. Paul's. He worked at several polls and participated on committees. He enjoys the virtual Bible Class and parking cars at Farmers' Market. For years Rich has devoted his time as a volunteer with Avow Hospice.

Rich hopes more members will be involved in St. Paul's ministries.

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• **Exercise stewardship of God's bounty**

Our vestry has begun reviewing and discussing the plan. On March 12, they will hold a retreat. On March 18 there should be updates.

More to come on this venture in the weeks ahead!

(Editors note: At the February vestry meeting Steve Carnell presented a re-



vised summary of the 2018 long range plan. Steve is a Certified Public Administrator and recently retired as Collier County Public Services

Administrator, and has worked with budgets, human services, and purchasing.)

There are many paths

Our sanctuary has six exterior doors. Trinity Hall has four. Serson Hall has five. That's 15 doors in all and 13 of them have sidewalks.

This is a metaphor that all of us have arrived at St Paul's by a different path. Even if we arrived with a friend or a beloved we each have arrived by our own particular paths in seeking God. Some may have even been rough and rocky!

More often than not, when someone is speaking of this newsletter they refer to it as Pathways. Few realize that, until this edition, the name for the newsletter was singular, Pathway, not Pathways. But at a recent meeting of contributors to this newsletter the insight that we all have different pathways to God led us to agree to change the name to the plural, to Pathways.

Pathways reminds us that we unite here as one Body in Christ but we each have our own story, our own experiences, and our own relationship with God. Thankfully our paths cross frequently and even, at times, merge. But we all have our own pathway to God and in honor of this truth we now offer you our newly, and slightly differently titled newsletter: *Pathways*



Meet our new comptroller

by Daniel Fischer

I'd like to introduce you to Virgil Manuel, the new comptroller for St. Paul's. Mr. Manuel comes to us after many years of accounting services in various local faith communities and schools.

Having emigrated from the Philippines more than 25 years ago, Virgil is a deeply faithful person who has seen his own share of troubles. His wife came to the United States alone before he was able to get a visa. He remained in the Philippines

for a year, caring for their two very young children, before he was able to join his wife and reunite as family. Virgil is a very faithful servant who impresses one with his mature faith and strong prayer life.

While their two children are now older and pretty much on their own, they are in contact daily and the importance of family has never wavered.

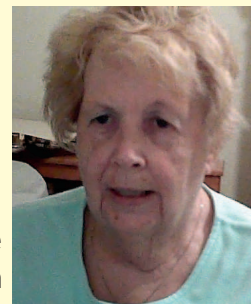
Virgil was hired in January after the unexpected death of Janet Ross, who held the position for six years.



That's Deacon Mary Abrams behind that mask, receiving her dusting of ashes from Fr. Tom on Ash Wednesday. Mary and Jan will have had both their vaccine shots by March 14, and will be rejoining us on Palm Sunday!

Joyce wears many hats

Joyce Cashin is our junior warden, having been selected by her fellow vestry members (the senior warden is selected by the rector). Joyce is also president of Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Did you know that all women of the parish are automatically members of **ECW?**



One Sharp Dude

by Lee Barron

As you 'tool around' Saturday mornings at the Farmers' Market, keep a 'sharp lookout' for St. Paul's 'secret weapon' who should be given serious and better consideration: Rashim Kut (RASH'im) + (Rhymes with "Put"), the tool sharpener. Located at the intersection of the two parking lots in front of the white shed, he is underutilized. Why? After all, we all have too many knives, scissors, pruners, loppers,



spades, shovels, etc., at home that not only are not functioning at their best, but are dangerous to use. According to Rashim, the worst mistakes we all make with tools that depend on their sharpness and usefulness are: 1) using scissors for all materials. Keep scissors separated by use: one for fabric, one for paper, one for (very thin) wire, etc.; 2) using knives for other actions than cutting. Never "hack" at frozen meat or anything, for that matter. A knife is used for slicing and using the proper knife for the right object is crucial. Use a small knife for vegetables, a larger carving knife for meats, serrated knives for bread (or as a meat knife at the dining table); 3) using a dull knife, or any tool, puts more stress on your hands and arms and will likely slip and cut you, causing a large, "rough" wound that will be hard to heal; and 4) using the right tool for the job will make the project safer and easier.

Rashim became a tool sharpener eight years ago. This is the only venue Rashim attends since he also has an online business (shopturkey-.com) in which he sells 1st Century, Ottoman Empire-like designs of tiles for backsplashes, walls, etc. that are imported from Turkey to the consumer. He plans to add Turkish lighting fixtures to his collection.

What is the strangest item he has been asked to sharpen? It was a child's toy, a real sword! As the interview came to an end, a nicely dressed, demure woman stepped up, quietly reached into her purse, and whipped out the biggest butcher knife EVER! It looked like something out of a pirate movie or a scary slasher movie! "WHOA!" as we lurched back! What was more shocking was the very reasonable price he quoted! So, please do not wait. Gather up your scissors, knives, and garden tools and do bring them to Rashim and let him have a 'stab' at sharpening them while you shop at our Farmers' Market. Your fingers will thank you for it!



Have a dog! Join Ken Eastlack, Jack LaRose and Lee Barron at the Friendship Circle at the Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings. Meet a new friend.



Captain Ken was a beloved seafood vendor at Farmers' Market since its inception. A memorial wreath with fishnet decor was created by Lee Barron and Diane Breithaupt. It was placed in the space Captain Ken used to occupy. Many of his customers and others stopped to read the sign and were saddened to hear of his passing.

Lagniappe*

Are you an iPhone pro? **Joe and Phyllis Tracy** are asking for a tutorial. Your reward will be to meet them.

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That **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** has become the darling go-to clergyman for the national media is easily understood: his "sound bites" are keepers. Here are his tips for staying in touch:

"If you're high-tech, Zoom, if low-tech text and no-tech, phone." But nothing, he said, beats a handwritten note.

* lan-yap, roughly, "a little something extra for you."



That sounds better

We were having a problem with the sound during the live streaming of Sunday mass. So Gene Bartley suggested we put our heads together to figure it out.

"Maybe together we have half a brain," he said. Thus motivated, we pondered and puzzled and sure enough, the sound is now improved.

Without taking you too deep into the weeds, we (Gene, mostly) solved a \$1,700 problem—that's what our sound system installers wanted to charge—for \$200. Gene, a professional musician and surely owner of a full brain, introduced me to Guitar Center, from whom we purchased a small mixing board.

We then plugged into that mixer one of our hearing assistance devices that are made available to parishioners by the ushers on Sundays. Voila! Sound, clear of distracting background noise, came into being.

Alas, when the organ came alive so did a lot of unwanted pops and squeals. The organ has its own sound system. Gene pointed to the three microphones suspended in

front of the choir and suggested they may be causing the disturbance. I pulled the plug on the three, and we got this lovely note after our last worship service:

"Thanks again for your ministry in bringing us the online service. Sound & video continue to trend in the right direction.

"The terrible static/vibration from the organ feed was significantly improved this week.

"Overall sound now is good enough that it's not always necessary to follow along in bulletin/sermon text.

"It remains a mystery how this all gets online but we want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts.

"Peace"

Bill & Stephanie Griffith

Those of you who tuned us out, understandably, please try us again. We will continue our efforts to make the Sunday worship stream worthy of your time. It's on our YouTube channel. Easiest way to access it is to link from our website, saintpaulsnaples.org

—Tom Connolly

Women invited To webinar on leadership

Sharon Julian, president of Women-of-Trinity, is inviting the women in the Naples Deanery to a livestream presentation, "Leading from a Feminist Soul."

Join us as we welcome Cathy Hackney, Professor Emerita at Kent State University, principal author and editor of *Leading from a Feminist Soul*, who specializes in women as leaders who seek to make a positive, constructive difference with the positional power they now hold in sometimes traditional structures. Dr. Hackney will offer inspiration, guidance, and affirmation to women who seek to lead from goodness, justice, and the 'power of difference' they bring to the workplace, organization and/or community.

To stream this presentation, go to the Trinity by the Cove website, <https://www.trinitybythecove.com/streaming-events/>

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 28, 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2, noon

Holy Name of Jesus at noon in Trinity Hall

Holy Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m.

Easter

Easter Vigil, April 3, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9 a.m.

There will be drive-through Holy Eucharist from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Holy Name of Jesus service will be at 5 p.m.

Founding rector shocks the parish

By November 1970 St. Paul's had received title of the land, church building (what is now Trinity Hall), and Vicarage. All were consecrated by Diocesan Bishop Hargrave and Vicar Bell was installed as rector.

In October 1970, it was noted that the church had grown so much that expansion was needed. It was proposed that a committee be named to consider such planning. The committee's first assignment would be to contact a Naples architect to discuss construction of a new, larger church. Nothing evolved from this proposal in late 1970, but the need was apparent as church attendance grew. An additional 40 chairs and kneelers were bought in January 1971.

At the annual meeting that month, it was no surprise that the budget would rise to \$22,000 and Bell's salary would be increased to \$7,680. A new senior warden was in place and it was agreed to continue with seven vestry members, despite suggestions that a larger number could better cope with the many details of the growing church and parish operations.

During that winter Bell received welcome assistance from the Rev. Charles Serson, a retired Canadian priest who wintered in Naples and conducted many services. In six years of his devotion to St. Paul's, he would be honored as a permanent "fixture" to us all.

During 1971, several fundraising projects continued with the ever-popular Spanish Supper that netted \$753.86 with meals costing \$2.75 per person. The ECW had a "Pinecone Fair" the previous November and an April rummage sale in the parking lot of a furniture store on East 41.

Parishioners volunteered to plant shrubbery along the western edge of church property and hibiscus and areca palms near the church. A power lawn mower was purchased, and a shed was built to store the lawn and garden equipment.

To help reduce teenage criminal activity involving drugs and petty crime in East Naples, Bell began a "Hot Line" with volunteer counselors answering phone calls on weeknights from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Janice Price was elected as the first woman to serve on the vestry and became the first lay reader at St. Paul's.

Our church was busy with many positive and productive activities.

Then came a special meeting on June 24, 1971: Rector Bell surprised everyone by submitting his resignation. He announced that on September 1, he would become rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Caracas, Venezuela. The parish was stunned—he had been at St. Paul's for nearly four years. His leadership

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St. Paul's history by Lee Barron

and energy had established and nurtured the church up to that point. His decision was based on St. Paul's achieving Parish Status, continuing to gain new members at a nice flow, having an experienced and responsible vestry, ECW, and Sunday School, as well as a wide range of successful parish activities. He had decided it was time to move on. He regarded the opportunity in Caracas as a challenge—as St. Paul's had been! He said that he had always been interested in missionary work. A saddened vestry accepted his resignation.

Bell did not take his usual summer vacation. Instead, he and his family were honored at a farewell parish dinner on August 22, 1971. The vestry gave him a silver tray, suitably inscribed, and a cash gift of \$55 from the parish.

The church now had its hands full to find a suitable replacement for the vicar who had done so much to get St. Paul's on the map and establish the little church that was growing so rapidly and successfully.

Parish prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of St. Paul's truly a community of prayer and belonging.

Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others.

Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



Gift Shop Bazaar Blast

by Lee Barron

The “Gift Shop Gals,” as part of the ECW, hosted their annual big bash of a bazaar on Jan. 6 to raise money and wow, did they!

Due to Covid precautions, it was held outside in the parking lot rather than Serson Hall as in past years. Our gals worked hard for several weeks prior to the big day by taking in the various donated items, sorting them, boxing sets of like items, and pricing each.

To advertise the event, it had been listed on the ‘Next Door’ app as well as on our church signage out front for about two weeks. On the big day, before the sun peeked out from the horizon, our gals arrived to get the tables covered and lined up. They assigned category spaces for like items and then carried the items out and organized them on the various tables. One by one, more angels appeared.

ECW members came to lend a helping hand to carry and arrange the myriad of items. Yummy baked goods were donated as well, many fresh that morning. Our volunteers bagged and priced the goodies while having a good time laughing and joking. Even Fr. Tom kindly baked up a batch of Southern Benne Wafers—a Charleston classic made with white sesame seeds. They were DELICIOUS, by the way! Many thanks to Dick Emerson, Peter Lund, and Lee Perry who so thoughtfully set up the tables and hauled box after box of items and later helped to clean it all up and break down what they had set up earlier. Special thanks to Lee Perry for

the tent that the men set up so that the ladies could sit in the shade while attending to the tables all morning.

The tables were overflowing to where items had to be placed on the ground. The ladies were ready and the

bazaar blasted off! The shopping frenzy began with folks looking for items that were of good quality and uniqueness and at quite a reasonable price. Our cheerful ladies skillfully attended to each table selling and wrapping up delicate items while others chatted with customers to entice them to

buy—especially those baked goods.

Jewelry, dishware and glassware were the most popular. However, a very special thank you goes out to Diane Breithaupt for making several little bouquets of flower arrangements that flew off of the display table; they were so pretty!

Susan Larson and Marilyn Perry were quite happy with the results of the event, raising \$1,100, about half of last year, but due to Covid there has not been the attendance to the market as in the past. They and other ECW members will have a table out Saturdays with items left over from the bazaar plus any other items folks still wish to donate. If there is something that perhaps you saw at the bazaar but did not pick up at the time, come on Saturdays to look again.

We are so appreciative of Susan, Marilyn, Joyce Cashin and all of the ECW volunteers, as well as the men and women who donated, baked, arranged, bought, or lent a kind hand in helping make the bazaar the bash that it was! You are all angels!



Revisiting that 'fire in the belly'

What spiritual stimulation do you seek from church involvement?

Is your church experience stoking the "fire in your belly"? Stimulating and inspiring you on your spiritual journey?

How might the church do a better job?

We asked these questions in the previous edition of Pathways. Now

we're asking directly: Do you have an interest in helping your church identify needs and ideate solutions? If yes, contact Ken Eastlack, our "fire" coordinator, at keastlack.2@gmail.com.

We would envision a small group of like-minded people serving as a resource for clergy and vestry, helping to synthesize and articulate the

various desires and suggestions of the parish.

We would like to especially hear from folks who have had a good experience in programs such as Cursillo, Education for Ministry or workshops, prayer and discussion groups. We reverently look forward to hearing back from you.

—Ken Eastlack

Consider Education For Ministry

Do you want to know more about God and your call to be a lay minister?

Are you eager to learn more about the church and ministry, but not called to the priesthood or diaconate? You may want to consider Education for Ministry, EfM.

Every baptized person is called to ministry and to be active participants in the church's total ministry. The EfM program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry.

An EfM group consists of six to 12 participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of 36 weeks. It is a four year program but participants are asked to commit to only one year at a time. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Each week members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss the study materials.

Those who take part in the four-year study know EfM to be much more than just another Bible study program. There is Bible study, of course. The first two years consist of study of the Old Testament and the New Testament. Then in Years 3 and 4 'Church History' and 'Theological Choices' are covered. Along with the reading and discussion, theological reflection takes place, and for most, this becomes the most important part of the session each week.

If you are interested in learning more, join Deacon Mary in Trinity Hall after the 9 a.m. mass on April 11.

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Concert tickets available

A limited number of tickets are still available for the concert on Monday, March 15, in the church. Paul Todd and son Paul Jr. will be playing favorite Broadway music, "the biggest showstoppers." Also available are front-row passes (in your own home) to stream the show live. The performance will be streamed using professional audio/visual equipment, so it will be broadcast quality. For tickets and passes, visit the St. Paul website at:

www.https://saintpaulsnaples.org