

January 2019

Number 180!

The 180th Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church will be held on Sunday, January 27, following the 10:15AM Eucharist.

There will be only one service, followed by a POTLUCK LUNCHEON. Time to get out those cook books and bring your favorite dish.

The meeting will feature the election of Wardens, Vestry members (profiles found on page three), Convention Delegates and the Nominating Committee for 2019.

The Nominating Committee has selected **John Bauer**, Senior Warden, and **Thomas Goode**, Junior Warden. **Sandra Halgerson** (second term)

and **Eric Dawson** are nominated for three-year terms and **Florence Dukes** for a two-year term on the Vestry.

Terry Zimmer is leaving as Senior Warden and **Bill Fry** is leaving the Vestry.

The candidates were selected to complement the gifts of returning Vestry members **Lee Coppernoll**, **Michael Gauger**, **Lela Joscelyn** and **Paulet Kelly**.

The 2018 Nominating Committee was chaired by Zimmer and consisted of **Bauer**, **Halgerson**, **Mary Beth Haubrich**, **Pat Luebke** and **Brad Toebben**.

THANK YOU...all who made *Advent and Christmas meaningful seasons at St. Paul's Church:*

- ❖ Thrift Shop Boutique shoppers and item donors;
- ❖ Tim Benson and the St. Paul's Choir;
- ❖ Fr. Brad Toebben;
- ❖ Deacon Sheila Scott;
- ❖ Organist Jayne Layta;
- ❖ Lay Readers;
- ❖ Chalice Bearers;
- ❖ Those who coordinated the Tuesday evening Soup Suppers;
- ❖ Members who decorated the Sanctuary, Great Hall and Community Room;
- ❖ Those who coordinated and brought refreshments for Lessons & Carols;
- ❖ Acolytes, Ushers and Altar Guild;
- ❖ Donors to the Flower Fund;
- ❖ The children who were part of the procession at the Christmas Family service.

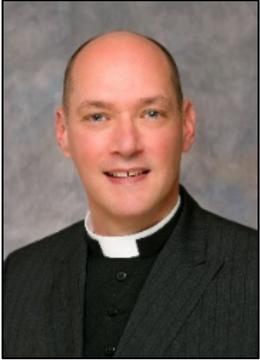


Little reminder...

St. Paul's volunteers are scheduled to prepare and serve the midday dinner-style meal at The Gathering on Saturday, January 12th. It is the usual time and place: 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church located at 924 W State Street in Milwaukee. Please sign up by email/text/phone at this address (katheep@gmail.com) or 414-412-6909. You are also welcome to sign up in the Information Center at church. If you do come, please note that donations of milk, coffee or a dessert are appreciated but not necessary.

Accessibility at St. Paul's...

St. Paul's is accessible on Knapp Street via a ramp to the door from the garden on the east side of the church. The Vestry is working with the city to establish protected street parking near this entrance. Inside the church, the sanctuary can be reached for communion by way of a ramp leading from the left aisle, near the Baptismal font. This also makes the Great Hall, restrooms and other main floor areas accessible.



From the Rector...

The practice of making New Year's resolutions has never been part of my tradition. What has always been my experience, though, is the sense that a new beginning is at hand. For one who holds the past as sacred and insightful, I have never wanted to correct it as much as adjust its course and meaning. It is deep resolution that our world seeks perhaps more than at any other time in our history. Such resolution will only come about by *our* resolve. In the Christian tradition, the understanding of sin (*harmartia*) as "missing the mark" has largely been lost to the notion of sin (*peccata*) as "a violation of God's law." It would be very mistaken to ignore this former understanding as we witness the acts of hatred and greed that people, most especially the weak and vulnerable, experience daily at the hands of the powerful and self-obsessed. Yet, in this season on Incarnation, it seems timely to reflect on our own experience of not living up to our profession of baptismal faith by striving for justice and peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being. Beginning in short, for not expressing our belief that God's law shares our flesh and blood.

That reflection begins in a deep and honest self-examination and acceptance for the choices we have made and those we have taken away from others. How have we missed the mark? Often, in our attempt to help, we revert to fixing. Rather than accepting the beauty of difference and the invitation to journey with the other, we labor to show them the way – our way. Yet our Way is that of Manifestation: *He is the Way, the Truth and the Life*. In this month when so much seems fixed and frozen, we are invited to see below the surface. We are called to peer into baptismal water that moves under what seems impenetrable and look into the eyes of Christ illuminating from those depths.

May the words of poet **William Stafford**, in his poem "Ask Me," assist us as we discern our own self-acceptance in our commitment to journey with the new born Christ:

*Some time when the river is ice ask me
mistakes I have made. Ask me whether
what I have done is my life. Others
have come in their slow way into
my thought, and some have tried to help
or to hurt: ask me what difference
their strongest love or hate has made.*

*I will listen to what you say,
You and I can turn and look
at the silent river and wait. We know
the current is there, hidden; and there
are comings and goings from miles away
that hold the stillness exactly before us.
What the river says, that is what I say.*

Brad+



Adult Formation Session for January...

The session will begin at 9AM in the Community Room

January 13 – *Innovative Voices in New Testament Theological Studies*

Garwood Anderson, PhD, Nashotah House's Provost and Professor of New Testament will share new directions in New Testament studies, including his own.

SENIOR WARDEN CANDIDATE: John E. Bauer
LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S: Three years
OTHER CHURCHES ATTENDED:

- ❖ St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee;
- ❖ Grace Lutheran, Milwaukee

PARTICIPATION IN ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES:

- ❖ Presenter for Adult Education Hour – Congregational Culture;
- ❖ A Proposal for Strategic Planning; Report of a Congregational Survey
- ❖ Junior Warden - 2018

WHAT GIFTS DO YOU BRING TO THE VESTRY:

- ❖ Nonprofit leadership
- ❖ Administration and planning
- ❖ Public speaking

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Birth date, September 6, 1949
- ❖ Married to Sarayu Meraki, December 9, 2017
- ❖ Three adult sons, six grandchildren

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 1981 to 2003
- ❖ Executive Director, CHARIS Institute, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 2003-2006
- ❖ Merger Integration Manager and COO, Bethesda Lutheran Communities, 2006-2008
- ❖ President and CEO, Bethesda Lutheran Communities, 2008-2014
- ❖ Principal and Senior Strategist, John E. Bauer Consulting, 2014 to present
- ❖ B.S.Ed. – Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN
- ❖ M.A. – Concordia University, River Forest, IL
- ❖ Ph.D. – Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
- ❖ LLD – Wisconsin Lutheran College

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S:

- ❖ A few musings based on my knowledge of the history and workings of the congregation:
- ❖ A vibrant faith community that seeks relevance and impact in its communities
- ❖ A fellowship which values acceptance, compassion, inclusion, love and social justice
- ❖ An increased emphasis on attracting millennials to seed the next generation of members
- ❖ An increased use of technology to link people to the community
- ❖ Meaningful interpretation of the Episcopalian value proposition to the public.

JUNIOR WARDEN CANDIDATE: Thomas W. Goode

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S:

- ❖ 2 ½ years

OTHER CHURCHES ATTENDED:

- ❖ Lifelong Episcopalian
- ❖ 21-year member at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Wausau, WI

PARTICIPATION IN ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES:

- ❖ Vestry - St. Paul's
- ❖ Board Member - Interchange Food Pantry
- ❖ Parking Committee - St. Paul's
- ❖ Buildings & Grounds - St. Paul's (continued on next page)



WHAT GIFTS DO YOU BRING TO THE VESTRY:

- ❖ Experiences in the Episcopal Church:
 - Chaired, Building & Grounds Committee
 - Vestry member
 - Junior Warden
 - Senior Warden
 - Chaired, Episcopal Ministries of Central Wisconsin
 - Experiences with non-denominational advocacy:
- ❖ Secretary of NAOMI (North-Central Area Organized to Make Impact), Central Wisconsin Chapter of Wisdom

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Even though I spent 21 years in Wausau, I call Whitefish Bay my home town, graduating in 1980 from high school. I have two boys, Samuel 22, Wausau and Alexander 18, a Freshman at UW La Crosse. If you don't see me in church I am probably in Wausau or La Crosse. I have three older sisters and a younger brother of which three reside in the Milwaukee area. Mom is almost 91 (Mary served on the St. Paul's Vestry in the 90s) and a resident at St. John's on the Lake. My dad, Wesley (my middle name), died in 2001 and resided in Crandon, WI.

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Bachelor Science in Architectural Studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- ❖ Architectural designer and Project Manager in multiple commercial architecture practices, 1995 - Present.
- ❖ Managing partner of Wausau Cabinet & Design, 2005 - 2012.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S?

- ❖ I see a vibrant St. Paul's centered on God's word and continuing what St. Paul's has built. Reaching out through inclusiveness to the needs of Milwaukee's residents.

VESTRY CANDIDATE...three-year term: Sandra Helgeson

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S: 10 years

PARTICIPATION IN ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES:

- ❖ Vestry
- ❖ Outreach – The Gathering, the Hospitality Center of Racine
- ❖ Common Ground
- ❖ Altar Guild
- ❖ Daughters of the King



WHAT GIFTS DO YOU BRING TO THE VESTRY:

- ❖ As to what gifts I bring to the Vestry, it's a tough question. I've spent most of my working life as a Financial Analyst and have worked in the manufacturing, financial, and non-profit sectors. I have also been involved in community/charity activities -- United Way, Junior Achievement Project Business, Chairperson of Whitewater Landmarks Commission (nine years) and interpreter/researcher at Old World Wisconsin museum for over 20 years. I'd like to think that I would bring some of that diversity of experience. I'm also not afraid to roll up my sleeves and pitch in."

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UW-Whitewater and for a little over two years was a student in Europe – Austria, France, Great Britain – mostly studying, but also traveling. For many years, she made the commute between Whitewater and Milwaukee for work, finally moving to the Milwaukee area about a dozen years ago.

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PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Financial professional – manufacturing, financial, and non-profit sectors

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL’S:

- ❖ St. Paul’s has such a wonderful history and heritage. It has been and continues to be an active, open, diverse and giving worship community. I would hope to help that history continue and expand.

VESTRY CANDIDATE...three-year term: Eric Dawson

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL’S:

- ❖ I was received into the Episcopal Church and St. Paul’s on the Feast of Saint John the Baptist, June 24, 2008.

OTHER CHURCHES ATTENDED:

- ❖ Trinity Wauwatosa, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, AR
- ❖ St Paul United Methodist Church, Louisville, KY, Belmont United Methodist Church Nashville, TN

PARTICIPATION IN ST. PAUL’S MINISTRIES:

- ❖ Altar Guild ❖ St. Paul’s 175th Planning Committee
- ❖ Stewardship Committee

WHAT GIFTS DO YOU BRING TO THE VESTRY:

- ❖ A willingness to serve, listen, understand and to walk in the light as God shows me.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ I was born in Memphis TN where I grew up with my parents, two brothers and one sister. I have seven nieces and nephews. All of my family live in Mississippi and Tennessee; I am the first to venture this far North. I moved to Milwaukee in 2005 from Birmingham, Al to continue my career in Retail at Kohl’s corporate office in Menomonee Falls.

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Graduated Mississippi State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Business Degree in Marketing.
- ❖ I have spent my entire career in retail in a variety of positions including store management, buying, product development, and strategic sourcing. Today I am an Associate Sourcing manager with Kohl’s. Being in this field gave me opportunity to relocate to other companies and cities. However, now I have lived in Milwaukee longer than any other city besides my hometown Memphis.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL’S: With a rich heritage of over 175 years ministering in this community, I see our future as:

- ❖ Continuing to discern our path as we welcome and inspire discipleship in both our parishioners and our neighbors in Milwaukee
- ❖ A church that is actively keeping our baptismal covenant to proclaim by word and example the Good News of Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being.



VESTRY CANDIDATE...two-year term: Florence Dukes

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP: Active member since August, 1981

OTHER CHURCHES ATTENDED:

- ❖ The Church of the Transfiguration, Miami, Florida
 - ❖ St. Augustine’s University Chapel
 - ❖ St. George’s Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 - ❖ Temple Baptist, (with Mom on occasion), Miami, Florida
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PARTICIPATION IN ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES:

- ❖ Vestry Member
- ❖ Junior and Senior Warden
- ❖ Chair, Personnel Committee
- ❖ Outreach Committee
- ❖ African American Heritage Month Planning Committee Chair
- ❖ Thrift Shop
- ❖ Altar Guild and Chalice Bearer

WHAT GIFTS DO YOU BRING TO THE VESTRY:

- ❖ Non-Profit Sector Administration
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Organization
- ❖ Development, Coordination and Implementation of Programs

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ Native Floridian
- ❖ Parents: Mizie Rolle Hanna and the late Carl Levan Hanna
- ❖ Widow (Enoch Dukes)
- ❖ Two Adult Daughters
- ❖ Three Grandchildren
- ❖ BS Degree, Elementary Education/History, St. Augustine University, Raleigh, North Carolina
- ❖ MA Degree, Management Administration, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

- ❖ City of Milwaukee Employment:
 - Employee Benefits Director, Employee Relations
 - Deputy Director, Employee Relations
 - Director, Employee Relations
 - Safety Director, Milwaukee Police Department
- ❖ Manager, Career Planning and Staff Development, Milwaukee Area Technical College
- ❖ Executive Director, Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- ❖ Teacher, (1st Grade) Governor Morehead School for the Deaf, Raleigh, North Carolina

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S

- ❖ I envision a flourishing parish with increased membership with the desire to carry out the tenets of Christianity.

St. Paul's Outreach Impact in 2018...from *Stephen Filmanowicz*

Outreach remained one of the defining aspects of the spiritual life of St. Paul's in 2018.

Among our outreach ministries — each shepherded by a trusted champion from the parish — St. Paul's Thrift Shop and The Gathering are two especially active ministries that involve many in the parish in serving and engaging those in need in our community.

What was a novel expansion of our Gathering ministry a couple of years ago — regularly making bag lunches for guests of the hot

meal program to take with them on Saturdays to tide them over to the next day — is now a

well-established tradition. It involves a large crew from the parish along with some friends gath-



ering on Friday evenings. In 2018, they were responsible for 700 bag lunches. Pictured above is the Pius High School wrestling team that helped twice during the year.

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On six Saturdays, members of St. Paul's also helped prepare, serve and cleanup after lunch at St. Benedict the Moor. And this year, through the inspired leadership of Gathering champion **Kathee Phillipson**, St. Paul's also brightened the Advent season at The Gathering by creating a station where guests could select Christmas and holiday cards for special people in their lives. We even helped look up addresses and mail the cards, if guests didn't want to deliver them themselves. It proved to be a very personal way to connect with guests and learn about their lives.

As a sign of appreciation for our partnership, St. Paul's received a "Friend of The Gathering" award to St. Paul's for our quarterly donations of personal needs items (referred to by staff as "street supplies"). **Cathy and David Simpson** accepted the award at The Gathering's annual volunteer recognition event. And Kathee was featured in December in one of the first volunteer profiles posted to Facebook by Gathering staff!

The Thrift Shop also makes a difference in Milwaukee through the tireless efforts of more than 20 worker-ministers from the parish (and a couple from the neighborhood) who make it one of the city's best sources of affordable, tenderly used clothes and household items. Each year, the Thrift Shop generates significant funds, which combine with funds granted by the Outreach Committee from St. Paul's Outreach budget and Outreach Endowment. See article on next page for the Shop's funds as part of the combined impact.

Truly, all of St. Paul's outreach ministries are vital, and all benefit from champions who maintain and nurture these relationships. Based on annual reviews conducted by these champions, a subcommittee recommends funding support for these ministries, which is considered and voted on by the entire committee. In this way, the committee awarded a total of \$42,097 last year, \$33,300 from the outreach budget, \$8797 generated by the Outreach Endowment Fund.

After committing earlier in the year to \$3260 in dues for Common Ground, \$1250 in support for **Melesa Skoglund's** seminary

expenses and \$3800 for Gathering lunches and personal supply purchases, the committee approved the following year-end contributions to partner and relief organizations:

❖ Christ Church Oforola	\$1,000
❖ Diocesan Haiti Project	\$3,400
❖ Hospitality Center	\$2,500
❖ Interchange Pantry	\$3,500
❖ Our Next Generation	\$2,750
❖ Pearls for Teen Girls	\$3,000
❖ Repairers of the Breach	\$4,250
❖ Running Rebels	\$2,500
❖ Sojourner Family Peace Center	\$2,500
❖ The Gathering	\$3,500
❖ Forest Home Reforesting	\$2,000

The Committee ended the year with a sense of sadness for the passing of **Ugo Okoro** but deep appreciation for his service over the years. Outreach was a key way that Ugo expressed his deep faith. Through his vision and advocacy, St. Paul's established a sister parish relationship with Christ Church in Oforola, Nigeria, that helped the Nigerian church vastly enhance the quality of its worship space and changed both parishes for the better. In 2019, the committee will work cooperatively to honor Ugo's legacy and memory.



On page eight you will find the funds donated to various organization from the St. Paul's Thrift Shop. The Shop's donations totaling \$22,000 combined with the funds from the Outreach Committee total

\$64, 097!

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SUNDAYS

8AM, Holy Eucharist

10:15AM

Holy Eucharist with music

Nursery service available at 10AM

THURSDAYS

Evening Prayer, 5PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of faith being transformed through Christ to

embody the

healing presence of God's love to one another, our city

and the world.

Thrift Shop funds to benefit St. Paul's Annual Donations

After a busy year, the Thrift Shop was able to contribute \$22,000 to support St. Paul's annual Outreach Donations and Ministries. The distribution of the funds was made to the following organizations:

- ❖ Interchange \$5,100
- ❖ The Gathering \$5,100
- ❖ Sojourner Family Peace Center \$4,000
- ❖ Our Next Generation \$3,300
- ❖ St. Paul's Outreach Endowment Fund \$1,000
- ❖ Christ Church, Nigeria \$1,000
- ❖ Repairers of the Breach \$2,000
- ❖ Episcopal Relief and Development \$500



WANTED: Your leftover unused Christmas cards! The Gathering's first Christmas card ministry was a success; we handed out 247 blank Christmas cards to guests of The Gathering so that they could send or give them to their friends and family. We even expanded our original plan to include the Southside site. Due to our success, we're asking for St. Paul's members and friends to donate any leftover Christmas cards they have this year. Just bring them to church and place them in The Gathering's bin located near the Information Center.

