



September 18, 2022

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



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2022 VESTRY

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Dear Friends in Christ,

What an exciting time this is! We just celebrated our 133rd anniversary. There's a wonderful energy on the campus as schools go back into session and ministries grow and flourish. Though the pandemic continues, the church is recovering beautifully. We have new tenants on the campus. The Gooden Center renovation is nearly completed. More people are attending services – online and in-person. This is a time of growth and revitalization. We are grateful to God for these blessings and grateful to you for your continued support of the church.

INTRODUCING THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

It's time to ask for your pledge to support St. Paul's through 2023, so here's your pledge packet. I offer my sincere appreciation to every one of you who has continued to support the church through donations, pledge payments, encouragement, and prayer. Your support has made all the difference, and we are so very grateful!

Now we need to set our sights on preparing for the coming year. We need your support as we enter our 134th year. Budgets need to be prepared; plans need to be made. But what will we have to work with? You can help answer that question.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

We remember Jesus lifting five loaves and two fishes as over five thousand hungry people waited. He blessed the food and asked the disciples to distribute it to the people – and the most amazing thing happened! Not only were the people fed, there were twelve baskets of leftovers. With this story in mind, we pray that God will make the offerings we make to support the church into *More than Enough* to carry us through the coming year. This isn't an easy time for the church but, because of your generosity and God's blessing, we continue to keep the church going and growing.

SAVE THE DATE:

House Blessing for the Gooden Center

at 7pm Friday, September 30, 2022

Park in the church parking lot. We'll gather in the living room for a brief service of prayers then invite you to the yard for some refreshments. The Treasurer and I will give you a brief look at the financial health of the parish and how things will change with the income from the Gooden Center.

MAKING A PLEDGE:

Making a pledge is easy... *and so very important!* Please complete the pledge card or simply call or email the information to us. If you're ready now, great! Please don't put it off, do it right away. If you need some time to think and pray about it, that's no problem. The campaign ends Nov. 6th.

Thank you for your faithfulness through these challenging times. Your support makes all the difference. We appreciate your pledge, and, as always, we promise to do great things in the name of Christ with whatever you're able to give. Because of you, St. Paul's will be able to continue its important work throughout the pandemic and beyond.

With **LOVE** in Christ,

The Rev. Susan Bek,
Rector



Keeping the Faith: Through the Pandemic and Beyond

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