



Stewardship Season

By Pam O'Halloran, Director of Operations

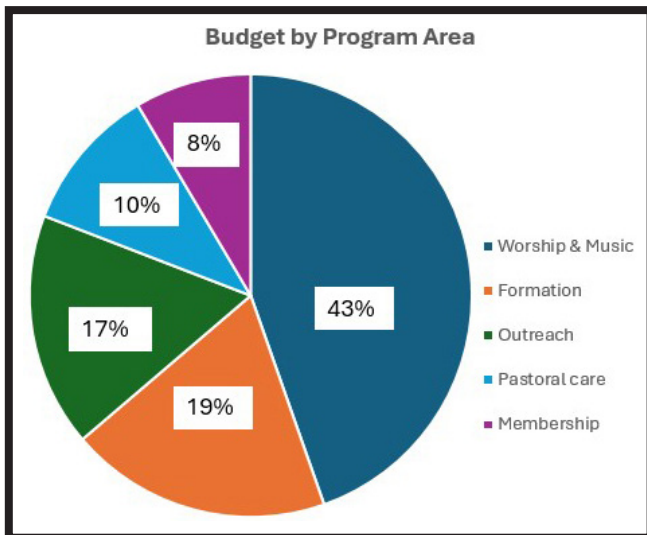
The 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign is underway, and we are asking all parishioners to submit their pledge of financial support for the coming year. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to help you understand what the Annual Campaign is about and why your pledge is so important.

Why are we asked to make a pledge *now* for the coming year?

The 2025 budgeting process will soon be underway. To plan fiscally responsible budgets, your leadership depends on the pledge process to estimate income for the coming year.

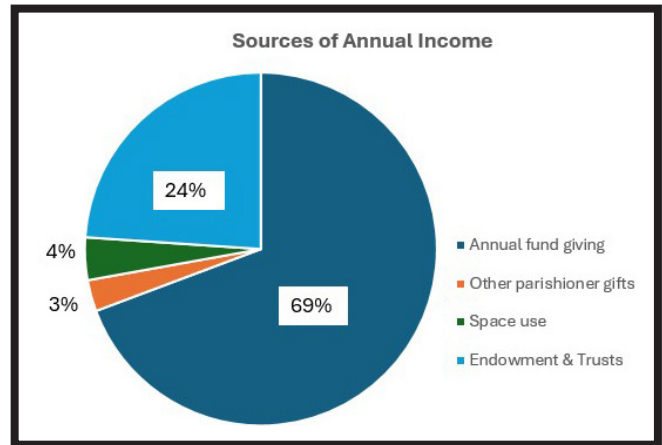
Where do my gifts go?

Our largest expenses are staff salaries and building maintenance. But it is our staff and our church building that make possible so much of what we do. Looking at our expenses by what they enable tells a different story (*see pie chart below*).



Does St. Paul's have other sources of income?

Annual giving from parishioners, through pledge gifts or other offerings, makes up 72% of all income. Because of past parishioner generosity, our endowment and trust income provide an additional 24% (*see pie chart below*). **St. Paul's is truly a "member supported" institution!**



Why is my support even more important during the interim year?

The essence of a congregation is not defined by the clergy leadership at any given time, but rather by the parishioners who call the church their parish home. A talented rector can work with a congregation to help them focus their gifts and passions to achieve their aspirations as a parish. As rector candidates discern a call to St. Paul's, it is important that they see us as the vibrant and committed congregation we are. Maintaining our financial support is a healthy sign of that commitment.

Contact Pam O'Halloran, director of operations, with questions: pohalloran@stpauls-church.org

Your commitment to St. Paul's is what makes us a strong, vibrant parish. Your pledge helps us plan for the future.

Please submit your 2025 Pledge by Commitment Sunday, November 17.

All Saints' Worship Services Sunday, November 3

7:45 a.m. | St. Martin's Chapel

10 a.m. | Combined Service in the Nave

ASL interpreted, Livestreamed at
StPauls-Church.org/Live.

Pastoral Care

A Collect for Election Day

As you wait in line at your polling place or fill out your vote-by-mail ballot, we invite you meditate with this collect for Election Day.

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives.

That, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected, and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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See also: *Prayers of the People for an Election* by Rev. Shannon Kelly, Director for the Department of Faith Formation:

TinyUrl.com/spe-election-prayer

Election Night Virtual Prayers

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 8 - 10 p.m. EST, Virtual



Zoom registration

Bishop Sean Rowe will offer an opening reflection and prayer. Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers for peace, the nation, and all people and countries. Join the event via Zoom or on The Episcopal Public Policy Network's Facebook page.

Register for the Zoom: TinyUrl.com/5ab54vd5

Children & Youth

Christmas Pageant Lead Role Auditions

Sunday, Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Evans Room

Calling fourth through sixth graders with a passion for storytelling—join us on Sunday, November 17, to audition for a lead role in St. Paul's Christmas Pageant!

Additional information:

Lead Role Rehearsals: Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mandatory Rehearsal (all participants): Monday, December 23, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Third grade and younger: no audition needed, just attend the rehearsal on December 23.

For questions or to sign up, email Lauren Dockery: ldockery@stpauls-church.org

CAST Fall Play: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.

Get ready for laughs, chaos, and fun! This fall, CAST presents *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*—the story of what happens when the rowdy Herdman kids take over the annual holiday pageant. Will Christmas be a disaster, or will this small town discover the true meaning of the season? Don't miss this delightful production!

Tickets on sale now!

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Formation

Saints' Hall of Fame

Sunday, Nov. 3, after the 10 a.m. service
Tucker Hall

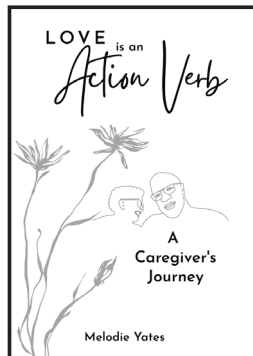
Join us for a festive coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service. While celebrating the newly baptized with treats, explore fun presentations and activities at the 2024 Saints' Hall of Fame. Let's connect and celebrate as a community!

Love is an Action Verb: A Caregiver's Journey Poetry Reading and Q&A

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Brooks Room

St. Paul's is a spiritual home to many caregivers. Others have been on the receiving end of someone's devotion, support, and love, with Christ as our guide.

To support the caregivers among us, we've invited Dr. Melodie Yates to read a selection of her poetry and host a Q&A session. Light refreshments will be served, and Melodie's book will be available for purchase (\$13, cash or Zelle).



A Look Ahead: Advent Forums

Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22, 10:10 a.m.

Join us in December to learn about and discuss Outreach efforts at St. Paul's. How might God be guiding us to use the resources St. Paul's is so blessed to have? How might we serve the needs of the world in the most faithful, loving, and impactful ways? We look forward to exploring these questions together.

A Heartfelt Invitation

Dr. Melodie Yates and her writing have already made an impression on St. Paul's! Member Patricia Cangelosi-Williams offered this reflection on Melodie's career, poetry, and impact.

Like many couples, Doctors Melodie and Richard Yates wanted to stay active after "retiring." But their plans had to change when Richard began living with Alzheimer's disease.

Regardless of Melodie's professional accomplishments and the support of her family and friends, caring for her husband and navigating his decline brought Melodie to her knees. It was frightening to feel like she was losing herself and her perseverance. She turned to poetry as a mechanism for survival, regeneration, and expressing emotional angst.

Melodie's book, *Love is an Action Verb: A Caregiver's Journey*, is an earthy representation of her experience, framed as poems about truth, vulnerability, courage, and strength. It is a portrayal of the helplessness, frustration, and loneliness that erupt internally as caregivers manifest outward calm and kindness.

Her soul-searching reflections offer the deep, raw truth about the realities of long-term caregiving. Underpinning the entire collection is the central theme of relying on God.

"I can speak to the deep spiritual life Melody and Richard are living. A testament to this is his soul connection to Melodie. Even in the later stages of Alzheimer's, he remembers who she is. What a blessing!"

Laurie Rodney, St. Paul's member

As Melodie says about the couple's fifty years of marriage, (with 16 years of Alzheimer's): "I put words to emotions to make room for love."

We sincerely hope you will join us on Thursday, November 14, to meet Melodie and be affirmed by a community of caregivers!

Fellowship

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 10
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Dining Room

The Men's Council will be serving up pancakes, French toast, sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice. \$10 per adult, \$6 per child, \$25 per family of three.

All You Can Eat! Buy tickets online ahead of time and save \$1 per ticket:

[TinyUrl.com/spe-pancakes2024](https://tinyurl.com/spe-pancakes2024)



Herb Harvest Sale

Sunday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tucker Hall

Our annual Herb Harvest Sale is a great time to shop for holiday gifts!

All of your favorite items will be back, including homemade breads, jellies and jams, moth chasers, lavender sachets, soups mixes, herb flavorings, and chutneys.

Funds from this sale help us sustain the beauty of the St. Paul's gardens.

Cash or checks only, please!

SAGES November Event

Friday, Nov. 22, 11 a.m.

SAGES, our group for active seniors, is planning a riveting presentation, and so we are opening our November event to all St. Paul's adult fellowship groups. We will hear Sara Fisher, director of the International Women's Air & Space Museum, speak on "Women in WWII Aviation" at St. Paul's, followed by a potluck luncheon.

Please bring a salad, fruit, or dish to share as you



are able. Since we need to plan logistics, please email Rev. Gabriel to register by November 18: glawrence@stpauls-church.org

For transportation concerns, email Denise Wells: wellsdenise7@gmail.com

SAGES group with Rev. Gabriel at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, October 2024



SAVE THE DATE! All Things Advent

Sunday, Dec. 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Kick off the Advent season with warmth, fellowship, and fun for the whole family at All Things Advent! Share a cozy soup supper, create Advent wreaths, plant waiting bulbs, and prepare for this sacred season together with festive activities. We need your help to make this event special! If you'd like to bring a soup or lead a craft, please email Susan Armstrong sarmstrong@stpauls-church.org



SAVE THE DATE! Greens Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Our calendars fill up so quickly this time of year, so save Thursday evening, December 5, for the Eliza Backus Guild's Greens Workshop. Tables will be piled high with fragrant greens and Christmas trimmings, everything you need to create a tabletop boxwood tree, dining room centerpiece, or festive decor for your front door.

In Memory of Dr. Richard Nelson: Beloved Musician, Educator and Friend

By Kelsey Ferguson, Director of Music for Children and Youth



Richard Nelson, PhD, was a revered music educator known for his lifelong dedication to nurturing young musicians.

For more than 20 years, he served as the Director of Music for Children and Youth at St. Paul's, where he worked alongside his beloved wife, Dr. Beth Nelson. Together, they created a vibrant musical community. Hired by then-rector the Rev. Nicholson B. White, Rick introduced the Royal School of Church Music program to St. Paul's, building a strong choral foundation that nurtured countless choristers and families. His deep love for the English choral tradition left a lasting imprint on those who sang under his direction.

Dr. Nelson's influence extended far beyond St. Paul's. Each summer, he sent many of his choristers to study at the prestigious St. Thomas Girls Chorister Course in New York City, helping them grow as musicians and people. Many of these former choristers have gone on to pursue careers in music, a testament to the profound impact he had on their lives. He collaborated closely with Steven Plank and Karel Paukert during his time at St. Paul's, forming a harmonious partnership that elevated the church's music program.

One of his most cherished memories was visiting King's College, Cambridge, for Christmas—a special experience that brought him immense joy. His gratitude to Jeanne, Steve, and Karel for allowing him to miss Christmas at St. Paul's that year was something he often expressed with deep appreciation.

Beyond the church, Rick made his mark as a beloved faculty member at the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM), where he taught music theory from 1996 until his retirement in 2018. Nearly every student who passed through CIM during those years had the privilege of learning from him. His patience, expertise, and love for teaching left an indelible mark on their education. In addition to his work at CIM, he graded AP Music Theory exams and contributed greatly to the broader field of music education. Before his time at CIM, he taught at Mercer University.

In retirement, he found peace and joy in Hilton Head, where he became an avid boater. His days on the water, often spent reading or listening to music, were some of his happiest. Surrounded by local barbecue spots, he was truly in his happy place.

Dr. Nelson's legacy lives on in the hearts of his students, choristers, and colleagues whose lives were made better by his warmth, wisdom, and unwavering support.



Choral Evensong for Dr. Richard Nelson Sunday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m., Nave

Please join us for a service of Choral Evensong in memory of Dr. Richard Nelson. A reception in Tucker Hall will follow the service.

Music & Art



This twelve-voice ensemble of collegiate and experienced singers is dedicated to delving more deeply into the Anglican tradition of Choral Evensong and passing it on to the next generation.

The November 2 service will feature:

Byrd *Justorum animae*
Kenneth Leighton *Responses*
Richard Farrant *'Short' Service*
Thomas Tomkins *I heard a voice*

The November 23 service will feature:

Leighton *Responses*
William Mathias *'Jesus College' Service*
Howells *A Hymn for St. Cecilia*

Organ Recital by Jack Mitchener

Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.

Professor of Organ at Mercer University in Georgia, Jack Mitchener plays an organ recital on the Holtkamp and Hradetzky instruments.

Mr. Mitchener appears through arrangement with Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, LLC. His concert is co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

His program will include works by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Byrd, Gheradeschi, Mendelssohn, William Grant Still, and Sweelinck.



St. Cecilia & St. David and Youth Choirs Evensong at Trinity Cathedral

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m.

2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH

The St. Cecilia & St. David and Youth choirs will sing a service of Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral on November 6, at 6 p.m. Works by McDonald, Lioncourt, Aston, and Howells will be featured. Rev. Gabriel Lawrence will officiate.

Livestream available on Trinity's YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/@TrinityCleveland](https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityCleveland)



An Invitation to Join the Parish Choir

Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m.

Our newly formed Parish Choir will lead the music for liturgy at the 11:15 a.m. service on November 17. This is a great opportunity for all adults and children who can read to sing without the commitment required by the Senior Choir. Rehearsal is at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Kevin Jones, Director of Music, to indicate your interest and/or if you have any questions: kjones@stpauls-church.org

Music & Art

Senior Choir Choral Evensong

Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Senior Choir continues its monthly offerings of Choral Evensong as the ensemble prepares for its July 2025 choral residency at Salisbury Cathedral. Todd Wilson is the organist. Kevin Jones conducts, and Bishop Jeffrey Lee officiates.

The service will feature:

Ralph Vaughan Williams *O taste and see*

Bernard Rose *Responses*

Kenneth Leighton *Second Service*

Herbert Howells *Behold, O God, our defender*

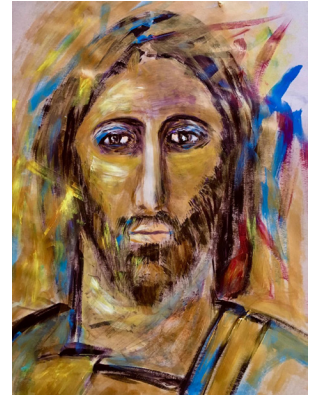
The service will be livestreamed on St. Paul's website: StPauls-Church.org/live

Choral Eucharist for Christ the King

Sunday, Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m.

During the 11:15 a.m. service, the Senior Choir offers Herbert Howells's poignant music for The Office of Holy Communion that he wrote for the choir of King's College, Cambridge in 1956.

Drawing on the sound and renown of this famous choir, Howells creates a work that evokes the mystery, light, and color of being in the 15th-century chapel in which they sing. This is a rare chance to experience the music for the ordinary of the mass in its liturgical context.



Gallery News



Closing Soon: Fall Gallery Show

Final Day: Sunday, Nov. 17

If you haven't already, be sure to see the paintings, photographs on canvas, and ceramics and mosaics by four local artists. Some pieces will go to new homes when the show ends!

The purchase of a gallery piece supports local artists! Unlike many gallery hosts, St. Paul's does not take a commission. Contact the artist directly (their information is available in the Gallery booklet) or call Gallery Co-Chair Robin Outcalt at 216-225-0267 for more information.

LEFT: Selected pieces from the Fall Gallery Show

SAVE THE DATE! Winter Gallery Show Opening Reception

Friday, Dec. 6, 5 - 7 p.m.

The N.B. White Gallery Committee announces its winter show will be on display beginning Friday, December 6. Join us at the opening reception to welcome the artists and mingle with parishioners and guests. Refreshments will be served.

An Update From the Wardens

When we warmly welcomed the Right Reverend Jeff Lee to serve as our Interim Rector/Bishop in Residence for the next several months, we noted that we would soon be able to identify the priest who will follow Bishop Jeff's ministry when it concludes early in 2025.

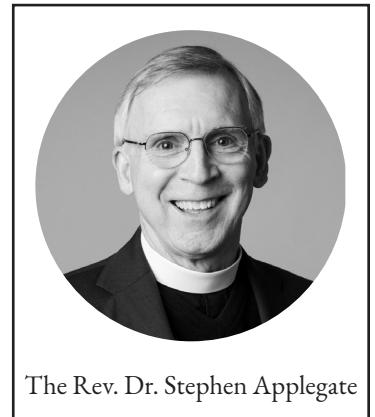
We are very pleased that the Reverend Dr. Stephen Applegate will serve as our full-time Interim Rector. St. Paul's will be the sixth parish in a row that Stephen has helped through their transitions to new rectors. Bishop Jeff appointed Stephen to be the interim of All Saints' Chicago – one of the parishes in his diocese. Given a strong previous working relationship, the passing of the baton from one to the other will be seamless.

For the past year Stephen has been the Interim Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Toledo. A graduate of Hamilton College, he attended his 50th college reunion in June.

He is a cum laude graduate of The General Theological Seminary in New York City and earned a Doctorate of Ministry in Congregational Development from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. He received interim training through the Interim Ministry Network and is a member of that organization.

In addition to leading congregations, Stephen has served as both secretary and president of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and was the president of the Trustees of the Diocese, a team of five that oversaw over \$100 million in investments.

Stephen is passionate about congregational life and finds joy in strengthening churches as they prepare to welcome their next rector. In his work, he is aided by his pastoral associate, Bernie, an 11-year-old black Labrador retriever. He and his wife, Terry, a retired first grade teacher, make their home in Granville, a small college town (Denison University) not far from Columbus, OH.



The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate

We'll have more information about Stephen closer to his arrival in the new year.

Sam Hartwell, Senior Warden
Susan Quill, Junior Warden



Now Accepting Vestry Nominations

In Episcopal parishes, in addition to the Rector, the vestry is our governing body of the parish. Made up of members representing the congregation, their responsibilities include managing resources and finances, ensuring effective organization and planning, property, and selection of the rector.

Vestry terms are typically three years. If you would like to nominate a member of the parish, please complete this form: [TinyUrl.com/spe-vestry2024](https://tinyurl.com/spe-vestry2024)

E-mail questions and completed forms to Vestry Nominating Committee Chair, Andrea Turner, by November 15:

act_one@sbcglobal.net

New vestry members will be sworn in at the annual parish meeting in January.



Scan for the form