



# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

## TIDINGS



summer 2022

### Letter from Our Rector

Jesus said, "FEED MY SHEEP."

Our Rector in Boston often noted, "In the earthly ministry of Jesus, one always hears dishes clanging in the background, like eating in an open kitchen cafe." Table fellowship was so important to Jesus that he dared to go beyond cultural conventions and to welcome even outcasts to dine with him. Through his loving kindness, Jesus sought to nourish all people spiritually, physically, intellectually, and socially. And such is our goal at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket.

So many aspects of our parish's faithful efforts are nourishing. Members, neighbors, and guests are fed by sharing in worship and the sacraments at our open table. Children are fed by our providing school snacks and weekly reading with kindergartners, and now with our reestablished Sunday School program. Hundreds are nurtured and strengthened for the journey through our creative music ministry, with St. Paul's Suppers, with our popular Lunchbox Series and Bible study, through our far-reaching broadcasts, by our compassionate support of Island nonprofits and their staff, and importantly, in our welcoming hospitality. All these efforts and more, through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, help fulfill our mission to make the love of God more widely known.

In my varied individual and community interactions, I sense that there is such a pervasive hunger. Thank you for sharing with me our parish's commitment to respond to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to feed his sheep. Love, Max



### Thank you

Thankfulness is a prominent Bible theme. First Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "BE JOYFUL ALWAYS; GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN JESUS CHRIST." In this busy island world, St Paul's Mission Committee has recognized the bigger picture of those in need, and with the many volunteers who make the services available weekly we offer our gratitude. To the weekly meal packers, the drivers who deliver those meals, to the bakers who provide dessert, to the Food Pantry bag fillers and who volunteer there, to the generous gift of clean laundry provided monthly, to the readers of the children's read program to the rug ticket sellers, and so much more...we are thankful for the valuable time you give. Your volunteering is a special gift to this work of the church. Thank you for all you have done this past year.



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## Our Staff

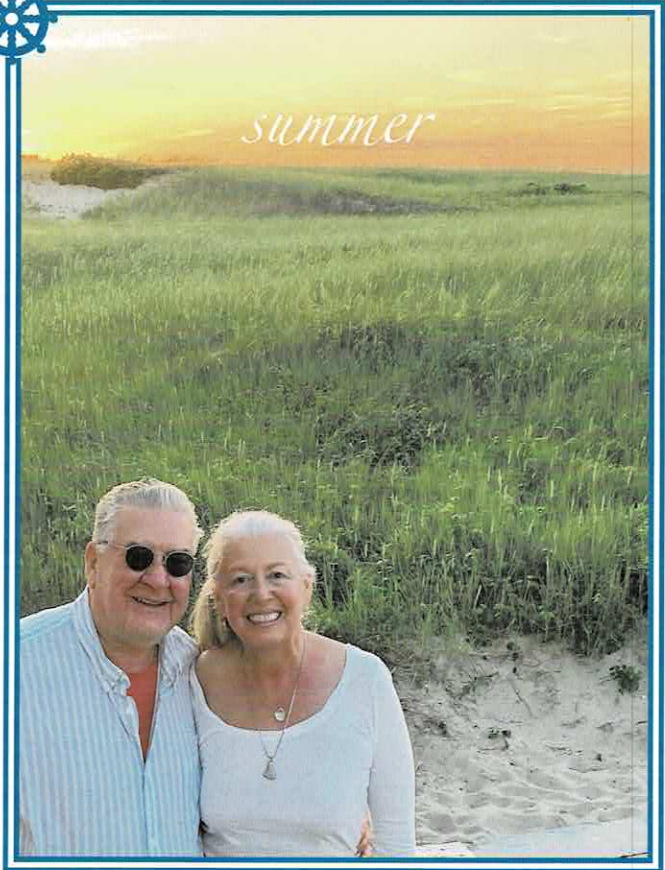
The Rev. Max Wolf, *Rector*  
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Our Church is blessed  
by the guardianship of  
staff and volunteers.



## Parish Committees

The committees of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket  
welcome your participation:

### Altar Guild

Dottie Gennaro and Ann Oliver, co-chairs

### Campus Oversight Committee

Robert Inglis and Libby Tracey, co-chairs

### Capital Planning Committee

Ken Beaugrand and Bob Felch, co-chairs

### Communications Committee

Patsy Wright, chair

### Finance Committee

Kirk Baker, chair

### Hospitality Committee

Olly Wolf, chair

### Mission Committee

Dorothy Baker, chair

### Stewardship Committee

Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright, co-chairs

serve 



# The **JAZZMASS** of St. Paul's — Nantucket by Joe Hammer

Beautiful music. My mom, Nancy Broll, would have loved it. - Carolyn Broll Kelly



PHOTO BY PATSY WRIGHT

Jazz Mass ensemble and Tony Nalker, on the piano, PHOTOS BY BEVERLY HALL

The *Jazz Mass of St. Paul's — Nantucket*, made its world premiere over the course of two services, Friday, August 12, and Sunday, August 14. The commissioned piece, made possible through the generous underwriting of the Nancy Tompkins Broll Music Fund, was a rousing, true jazz experience for St. Paul's parishioners and the Nantucket community at large from Dixieland and New Orleans funk to classic jazz waltzes and jazz arrangements of classic hymns.

Composed by Washington, D.C. area composer and pianist Tony Nalker, at the invitation of Father Max, the Mass used the text from the Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, set to music for two vocal soloists, piano, string bass, tenor sax, drums, organ, and choir. Over the two services, more than three hundred attended in person, with hundreds more taking part over Facebook Live and YouTube.



The musicians for the Mass were: Tony Nalker, composer, and pianist; vocal soloists Bob McDonald, bass, and Andréa Wood, soprano; James Cotton, saxophone; Shane Dahler, drums; Ethan O'Reilly, string bass; and Joe Hammer, organ. Singing in the choir were Deborah Beale, Walter Birge, Joe Hammer, Eli Jordan, Janet Lindgren, Ann Martindale, Nicholas Parker, Dan Rabold, Jake Rabold, Jennifer Rabold, and Libby Tracey.



Discussions are already underway to explore incorporating the Mass in next summer's service music line-up.

† OH COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD; LET US MAKE A JOYFUL  
NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION! PSALM 95:1

♪ The first thing is, jazz is one of the few things to let you know that there is  
a God and there is a creation.

Billy Higgins

*summer: keeping* COOL





## A Word from Our Wardens by Libby Tracey and Bob Felch

Your Vestry has its sleeves rolled up to guide, drive and live our mission at St. Paul's. Making the love of God more widely known is at the core of our spiritual beings.

With encouragement and guidance from Father Max, we have streamlined our Vestry meetings to help us focus on mission-centered initiatives. Committee chairs provide written reports prior to our monthly meetings thus freeing up time for us to think strategically about what we believe is important to the St. Paul's and broader Nantucket community.

Father Max Baptizes the newest Christian.



Lately, we have been discussing how to open our doors more widely to young people from infants to teenagers. As you may have read in a recent Sunday bulletin, Vestry members Dorothy Baker and Jan Jacoby are working with us to form a creative model that brings and engages our young folks within the walls of our church. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

We trust you will look to your Vestry for new, "out of the box thinking" on how to open our doors even wider.

We value your input and any suggestions or concerns you may have. You periodically see lists of your Vestry members in publications such as this. Reach out to any of us, anytime. If you have an idea about a new ministry that you have experienced

at another church in your life, bring it forward. We wonder if you have seen this greeting on our website under "I'm new!" section. It has a nice feel to it, doesn't it?

If you are new to St. Paul's, you will be welcome in our congregation, and we will welcome you with warmth and shared faith. There is no right or wrong at St. Paul's. We welcome all, and you can stand, sit or kneel. You don't have to "dress up" for our church — you may come in casual attire — even **NANTUCKET REDS™**! We are not concerned about "who you are" — we only ask you to share our experience of the Love of God and hope you will join us in spreading that Love.

† JESUS CALLED THEM UNTO HIM, AND SAID, SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME, AND FORBID THEM NOT: FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD.  
MARK 10:14



Crucifer Genevieve Frable with acolytes George Moore and Finn Moore. PHOTO BY FATHER MAX







## Our Stewardship by Peter Barnes & Patsy Wright, Annual Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

Blessed by your generosity, we reached our 2022 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$475,000 this year. We received pledges from more than 170 parishioners. The average pledge for 2022 is \$2,771, up 10.5% from our 2021 campaign. Remarkably, 10 months after we launched the 2022 campaign, with its theme of "Love, Serve, Thrive", pledges continue to come in at a steady pace. We pray that this is a vote of confidence our staff, mission and ministries — that we are good stewards of your generosity.

For 2023, we have set our goal at \$525,000, up another 10%. You will receive our 2023 stewardship materials by mail shortly. For perspective, pledges have been increasing by more than \$50,000 a year for the last three years. You can read in this edition of *Tidings*, how this additional funding has allowed us to expand our St. Paul's suppers program during the pandemic; to increase our support for the Fairwinds counseling center; to provide snacks to students at the Nantucket Community School and launch a reading program there; to care for the spiritual and physical needs of our own parishioners, and to make needed repairs to our campus, including on our beloved bell tower. Your donations fund many other programs as well. We are also grateful, not just to those who donate treasure to the church, but also those who give their time and talent to it. All of this "To Make the Love of God More Widely Known" in Nantucket and the wider world.

For what are we if we do not do the Lord's work in this life?

Please contact the church office if you have any questions about our 2022 campaign or about volunteer opportunities at St. Paul's. Thank you.

A beautiful Sunday morning at the 8am service in the Memorial Garden. PHOTO BY ADAM DREAD



The Mission team packing Wednesday's meals.



† MAY THE FAVOR OF THE LORD OUR GOD  
REST ON US; ESTABLISH THE WORK OF  
OUR HANDS FOR US— YES, ESTABLISH  
THE WORK OF OUR HANDS. PSALM 90:17





## Young People and the Church by Jan Jacobi

We've known for a long time that attendance at mainline Protestant churches has been declining. When I visit an Episcopal church in New York for the main Sunday service, I am shocked to see the church half, and sometimes one third full. My own church in St. Louis, the Church of St. Michael and St. George, has been a whirlwind of activity — which has meant no loss over twenty years, but unfortunately no gain. St. Paul's in Nantucket seems to be a beacon of light with a moderate increase.

Equally depressing is the loss of young people in the church. Not only are millennials fleeing, but they are taking their children with them. If it's any comfort, they are also snubbing the symphony and the opera — not, however, art museums. On a recent two day "museum crawl" in New York, five museums in two days, I noticed a cheering number of teenagers, mostly girls.

In the middle of all this there is hope.

Both Dorothy Baker and I have been associated with parishes which have read *The Spiritual Child* by Lisa Miller and invited Lisa to give a presentation for the congregation. Lisa's main point is that children are hard-wired for spirituality. She defines spirituality as "an inner sense of relationship to a higher power that is loving and guiding... spirituality encompasses our relationship and dialogue with this higher presence." Parents have the opportunity to nurture this natural impulse in a child or to quash it. In her book, Lisa provides a host of ways in which we can nurture spirituality in our children.

Right here at St. Paul's we have all the ingredients to take a step forward to attract millennials and their children back to church. Fr. Max is a pious piper for one and all, but he's a magnet for children. He reminds them of Santa Claus, but they also accept him as a messenger for Jesus. The church's message of serving a loving God resonates with young people. The parish leadership is committed to this initiative, and the parish itself is alive with women and men who are joyful in their worship and intent on loving others. Those things matter to children.

Before her untimely death at the age of thirty-seven, the blogger and theologian (and Episcopalian) Rachel Held Evans wrote an article in the Washington Post entitled, "Want Millennials Back in the Pews? Stop Trying to Make Church 'Cool.'"

Evans argues that the pop, mega-churches put "...more emphasis on marketing Jesus than actually following him." She quotes a blogger friend who wrote, "I do not want to be the target of anyone's marketing. I want to be asked to participate in the life of an ancient-future community." In searching for a place to worship, Evans found too much exclusivity in many Christian churches.

Here's what she found in the Episcopal Church. "My search has led me to the Episcopal Church, where every week I find myself, at age 33, kneeling next to a gray-haired lady to my left and a gay couple to my right as I confess my sins and recite the Lord's Prayer."

She found a church whose life is focused on the sacraments. "But I believe that the sacraments are most powerful when they are extended not simply to the religious and the privileged, but to the poor, the marginalized, the lonely and the left out."



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Last June, sitting in the morning sunlight, surrounded by the early blossoms of St. Paul's Garden, and hearing familiar liturgy, I knew that I had come home. My husband, Sam, and I were attending the first, in-person service since the start of the pandemic. We were delighted to be there and to engage with others in our traditions. What caught me by surprise, though, was how congruent I felt. After a peripatetic journey, moving over thirty times in six different countries, I was exactly where I wanted to be. Not just in Nantucket, but with this wonderful, welcoming church family.



Summers in Nantucket had always anchored me throughout my childhood and in my life as an expat. While my home, school, and work changed at regular intervals, my summers in Nantucket remained blissfully constant. Returning to Nantucket in early summer, I was overjoyed to find things exactly as I had left them. Later, as Sam and I raised a family abroad, we were lucky enough to bring our sons to Nantucket in the summers. At first, we shared our childhood home with my family. Four generations under one roof was a rare gift. As our sons got bigger, we bought a house around the corner.

Now, we have the privilege not only to live here year round, but also to be a member of the St. Paul's community. I have been especially thankful to get to know others in the parish, and to be

engaged with some of St. Paul's community initiatives. When Father Max learned of my interest in supporting young children, he connected me with the Community School. Not only does St. Paul's provide snacks for all the children in the Community School programs, we also launched a reading program for kindergarten students. Seeing the smiles on the faces of these students is a joy, and I am grateful to Father Max and St. Paul's for not only encouraging this outreach, but also for participating in the program.

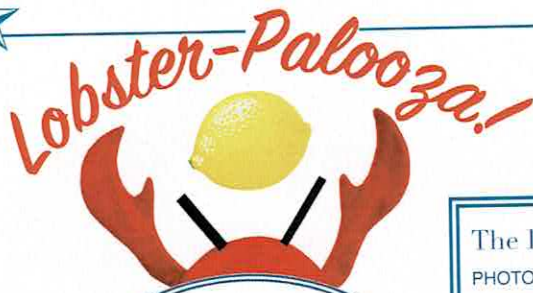
As the summer winds down, I look forward to starting my last year in Sewanee's Education for Ministry program, continuing the Lunchbox Series, and more time in the garden!

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH CONTINUED

This is the inclusivity so many millennials long for in their churches, and it's the inclusivity that eventually drew me to the Episcopal Church, whose big red doors are open to all — conservatives, liberals, rich, poor, gay, straight and even perpetual doubters like me.

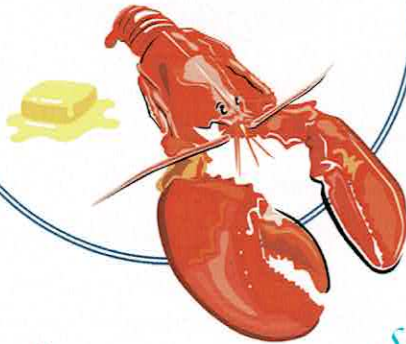
This is St. Paul's. It's a place that Lisa Miller would find spiritually alive, and Rachel Held Evans would attend because of its inclusivity, its sacramental focus, and its mission of living God's will into the contemporary world. It's a church for millennials and their children. Open the doors and they will come. †





The Lobster Palooza team  
PHOTO BY FATHER MAX

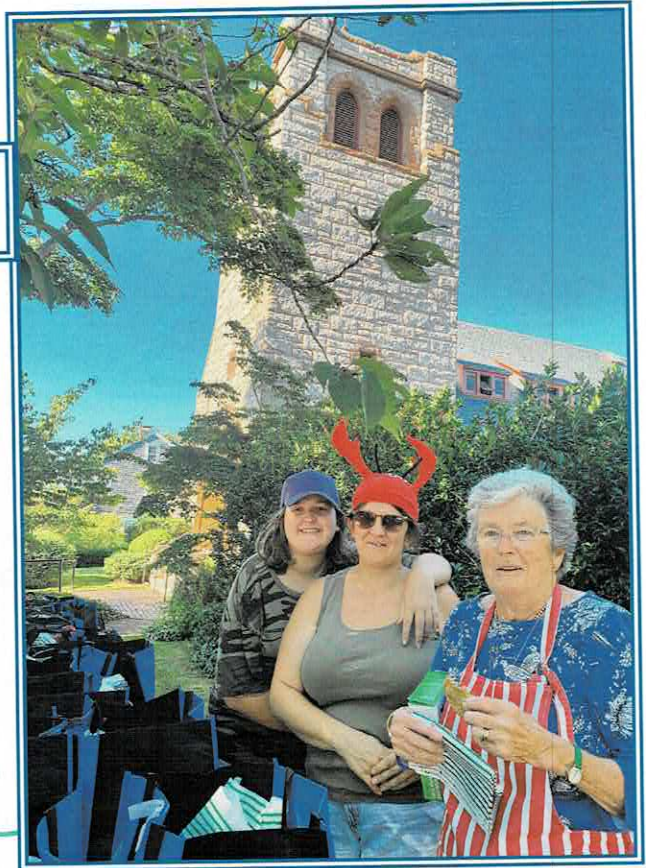
*Thank you  
Palooza Patrons!*



*Thank you  
Team!*



*summer days*



## St. Paul's Needlepoint Rug

Max and Olly take a shift on Main St at the needlepoint rug raffle table, courtesy of Murray's Toggery.

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and volunteers!*



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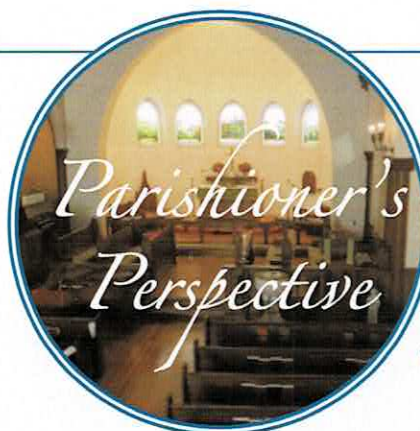
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## Parishioner's Perspective

My husband Shawn and I gratefully describe our move to Nantucket as a pandemic success story. It was because of the pandemic that our work — his as a product manager for a tech company, and mine as a psychotherapist, became fully remote, allowing us the option to sell our house in Rye, NH, buy a house on Nantucket, and move permanently to the island. A dream we had had for a long time, never really knowing how to execute.

My first service at St. Paul's in years was this past February when Father Max was celebrated by the congregation for his ordination 25 years ago. I listened to all of the wonderful things parishioners said about him and at the end Father Max sent around his Bible for people to sign. When it came to me, I thought, I'm not really a member of this parish, should I sign this? But then I thought, I have just listened to all of the wonderful things said about Father Max and listened to all of the love from these parishioners, this is obviously going to be my spiritual home on Nantucket and I will be back, so I signed my name with love.



Father Max greets parishioners after a Sunday service.

PHOTO BY PATSY WRIGHT

I did come back, but it wasn't until the end of April. My mom passed away after a long and brave struggle with Parkinson's in early March. I returned to St. Paul's stunned. Because even though my mom's passing at 87 was both expected and in many ways a blessing, me losing her took my breath away. My faith has always given me comfort, hope, and a sense of grace — I did the one thing I knew would help center and ground me — go to church.

After a few services I went to coffee hour to learn more about the St. Paul's food ministry. Sheila warmly welcomed me and introduced me to Libby. I joined Sam Baker's Tuesday lunch group, Father Max kindly invited me to the church dinner at the Ships Inn, and week after week on Sunday sitting in the pew I felt comforted by the liturgy. Such amazing grace. Thank you St. Paul's for your loving welcome!



Would you like to share your personal perspective (in 200 words or less) about St. Paul's?

Please submit it to either:

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or

Patsy Wright

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Fellowship at the biannual Ship's Inn dinner, a popular St. Paul's fundraiser. PHOTO BY PATSY WRIGHT





# Lights! Camera! music!

## Songs from the SILVER SCREEN

by Joe Hammer



### Songs from the Silver Screen — A "WOW" performance!

St. Paul's resounded with "Songs from the Silver Screen" on Wednesday, August 10th, during an evening concert presented by gifted Washington D.C. music artists Bob McDonald, bass soloist, and Tony Nalker, pianist. The audience, comprised of St. Paul's parishioners and Nantucket summer and year-round residents, enthusiastically responded to a broad range of vocal cinema classics. This was Bob and Tony's second concert at St. Paul's, and we look forward to having them return in 2023!

## ENCORE! ENCORE!



Kirk, Jenny, Yvette and Olly serving refreshments at the Silver Screen concert after-party. PHOTO BY PATSY WRIGHT

♪ True music must  
repeat the thought  
and inspirations  
of the people and  
the time.

George Gershwin



Music is  
an agreeable  
harmony for  
the honor of God  
and the permissible  
delights of the soul.

Johann Sebastian Bach



Flute duet by Pam Goddard and Joseph Gioe. PHOTO BY PATSY WRIGHT

🎵 Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music  
is the greatest treasure in the world.

Martin Luther







## Our Treasurer's Report by Martin McKerrow, Treasurer

As we have commented in the past, it is only thanks to the generosity of our congregation that St. Paul's has been able to weather the impact of a global pandemic. While we were physically closed for an extended period of time and limited in our ability to use our facilities, you not only continued to support us, but your support grew. This support has allowed us not only to maintain our financial condition but to improve it. In turn this has allowed us to meaningfully increase our support of the Nantucket Community. We thank you from the bottom of our heart.

As of June 30th, 2022, St. Paul's continues to enjoy healthy finances, and we currently have no reason to expect a major financial change between now and year end. Unrestricted liquid reserves on hand on June 30th coupled with anticipated income are adequate to meet known expenses.

Our long-term investment accounts both restricted and unrestricted were negatively impacted by falling stock and bond markets. However, given our conservative asset allocation, our assets have fallen relatively modestly.

Revenues in the first half of the year exceeded our budget and expenses were moderately below budget. As a result, we experienced an operational surplus. This operating surplus was offset by capital expenditures for the maintenance of our campus and the fees of consultants hired to address the restoration of the Narthex that has been negatively impacted by the long term water intrusion into our Bell Tower. Nonetheless, our overall financial results were ahead of budget.

Looking forward, we will benefit from continuing proceeds from our recent Stewardship Campaign as well as the receipt of unrestricted gifts. We expect to meet our budgetary forecast of an operational surplus for the full year.

At the same time, we do face some financial uncertainties. Our four-building campus suffers from deferred maintenance, and we continue to experience capital expenses for its maintenance. In addition, our Church building has been particularly impacted by long term water intrusion particularly in the Narthex. We will receive reports from our consultants in the near future that will define the extent of the work required and its cost. It may well prove to be expensive. At the same time, with strong finances and a supportive Parish, we expect to be able to meet the eventual cost.

We thank you for all you do financially and in person to support our mission. We truly believe that what we do does Spread the Love of God.

love  serve  thrive 





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## ★ summer 2022

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to make the  
**LOVE OF GOD**  
more widely  
known.



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## Follow With Us



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- Sunday Eucharist 9:30AM
- Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30AM – 12:30PM



Facebook Live

- Joe Hammer's Music Monday 8:30PM
- Prayers from the Attic & Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Wednesdays 8:30PM

To join us on **zoom** please see our weekly  
*Parish Update* for the meeting number and password.  
Please contact the Church office if you need assistance.



Our online offerings are taped and available  
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**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**

*Episcopal*