

**Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 23, 2022**

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

**Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.**

Church Phone: 301-845-4600 E-mail: [info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto:info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org)

Web Site: <http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org>



Saint Paul's Official YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7\\_-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q)

**SERVING TODAY**

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck  
Lector.....Marie Purswell  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President—Trisha Valcarcel  
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler  
Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein  
Secretary—Patty Rimel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELLS RUNG

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.....ELW 886

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.

*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*KYRIE (ELW, p. 147) (Sung)*

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: **Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW, p. 149)*

L: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!

C: **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Anthem.....This Is My Father's World, ELW 824.....Choir*

*FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

L: *The Word of the Lord*

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm #19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
**and their voices are not heard,**

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their mes-  
sage to the ends of the world,  
**where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
**it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the  
soul;  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives  
wisdom to the simple.**

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the  
heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives  
light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
**the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous  
altogether.**

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than  
much fine gold,  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the  
comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous  
sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of  
a great offense.**

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW Page 151)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Fourth Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)**

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
your reign on earth begun!  
You come to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression  
and rule in equity.
- 2 You come with rescue speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in your sight.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before you,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore you,  
your praise all people sing.  
To you shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
your kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING** Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

**OFFERTORY HYMN: (ELW 801)**

Change My Heart, O God

The musical score is written on four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.' The second staff contains the lyrics 'Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.' The third staff contains the lyrics 'You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.' The fourth staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa  
Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** ... *Merciful God,*

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**P:** Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**P:** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. .

**C:** **Amen.**

1 Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Text © 1989 William Whitla

**GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD,  
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

*POSTLUDE (Please remain seated until the postlude concludes.)*

**Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:**

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.



# PRAYER LIST

**Tommy Sorge**, Nephew of Marie Purswell

**Marion Forrest, Rick Fischler**, Friends of Robb and Dianne Port

**Milton & Dolores Denn**, Members

Erica Hoff, Daughter of Betty Walker

**Sharyl Mildenstein**, Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein

Joe Collins, Cousin of Joann Valainis

Dr. Heather DeVincentis, Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder

The Foster Family, Friends of Robb and Dianne Port

**Libbianna LeDuff**, Family of Hope Donati

**Sharon Crayton**, Friend of Betsy Galliher

**Ronald Zeimen**, Father of Amy Mildenstein

**Thelma Powell**, Member

**Robert Hoff, III**, Member

**Family of Barbara Miller**, Relative of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Connor Jane Knoebel, Grand Daughter of Robb and Dianne Port

**Joe Evens**, Father of Patty Rimel

Donald Melchior, Friend of Robb and Dianne Port

**Dennis and Regina Cavell**, Members

**Eric and Anna Cavell**, Son and Daughter-in-law of Dennis and Regina Cavell

**Debbie O'Brien & children, Matthew Lokos, Benjamin & Dorothy Cavell**, Family of Dennis & Regina Cavell

**Barb Callow**, Close friend of Marie Purswell

**Peggy E.**, Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Lin Snider

Sue Snyder

**Ron and Sharon Layman**, Friends of Betsy Galliher

**Bob Schmidt**, Brother of Dottie Titmas

**Gail Carlson**, Friend of Shirley Merando

**Irene Matthews**, Mother of Tammy Snurr

Jacob Dietzel, Grandson of Merle Anderson

**John Bergstrom**, Friend of Pastor Phil Beck

Dan Beck, Son of Pastor Phil and Sue Beck

**Patti Connors and Family**, Family of Robb and Dianne Port

**Patty Ferguson**, Mother of Mary Ann Ferguson

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

- +Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, niece to Linwood Snider
- +Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
- +U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
- +Dan Beck, 1st Lt., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
- +Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj Gupta
- +1st LT Patrick Campion, US Army, son of Michelle and Michael Harrod
- +Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of Mary Ann Ferguson
- +Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in law

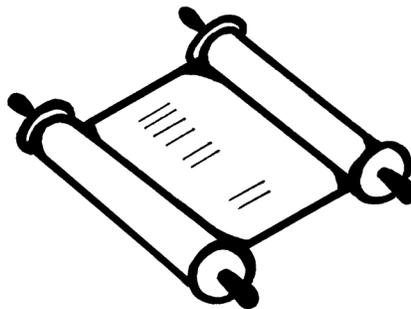
*Do you have need for prayer?  
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?  
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at  
St. Paul's that is ready to help.  
Simply contact the Church Office.  
All requests are confidential.*

*\*\*Please remember all the names on our prayer list, and especially those that are **bold**. They have a specific current need for Christian love and support.*

## Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Jesus began his ministry with these words read from a scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." The arrival of the dominion of God was, in those words, inextricably tied to helping the poor, releasing prisoners, healing the sick. And yet the poor remain in our streets, our prisons are overcrowded as never before, and everyone of us will eventually succumb to ill health and physical death. Had Jesus failed? . . . Following in his steps from that early synagogue worship service, to the hills of Galilee, the road to Jerusalem, and the way of the cross, we discover that suffering is not God's will. Rather, life in the face of suffering is God's will; courage in the face of fear; faith in the face of doubt and abandonment; love in the face of hatred and prejudice. God's will is to call these things out of the hurt and brokenness that we are and that we find around us. With Christ, the prophecy is fulfilled, in you and in me. —*Bruce J. Evenson*

[Bruce J. Evenson, in *Homilies for the Christian People*, p. 402.]



# REMINDERS

## **\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER\*\*\*\*\***

Please remember, it is imperative that you completely fill out the **PINK** sign in sheets located on the bulletin board in the Church and on the table inside the door in the Parish Hall if you are entering either building at a time other than a scheduled meeting or service. **Please** remember to check in with the Office **before** entering the Church building or the Parish Hall.

## OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

#### Electronic Income

**January 16, 2022:**

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,314.55
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 230.00
Total:	\$1,544.55

#### In Worship Offerings

**January 16, 2022:**

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,467.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$1,667.00

#### ATTENDANCE:

**January 16, 2022**

In person: 34  
Virtual: 28

### This Week at St Paul's

#### Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

##### ***Third Sunday After Epiphany***

In Person Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Children's Faith Formation	10:30-11:30
Town Hall Meeting	10:45

#### Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

FEC	8am-5pm
Worship & Arts	7:00pm

#### Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Congregational Life	7:00pm
---------------------	--------

#### Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

FEC	8am-5pm
-----	---------

#### Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Gathered at the Table	12:00 Noon
-----------------------	------------

#### Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>

##### ***Fourth Sunday After Epiphany***

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Children's Faith Formation	10:30-11:30
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	10:45

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



***The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Joan on the date of our  
Marriage by Ed Chaney.***

We have four candidates interested in serving on Council for a 3-Year Term (2022-2024). Linda Yopp (re-running for 2nd 3-year term), Ellen Bucheimer, Michael Harrod, and Kate Stottlemeyer.

Jackie Waas will be finishing Debbie Loso's last year on council during 2022.

Voting will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30, 2022.

**Nominating Committee:**

Betsy Galliher, Sheila Kahler, Gary Wachter and Linda Yopp.  
Thank you



## **QUESTIONS AND VOTES**



**TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY**  
*(No Voting, just Q&A)*  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**10:45AM PARISH HALL**

**ANNUAL**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
*Your Vote Counts*  
**JANUARY 30, 2022**  
**10:45AM PARISH HALL**

# TOWN HALL MEETING

Because we are virtual for worship today, the TOWN HALL will be *virtual* as well. Please use this link to attend at 10:45am: <https://zoom.us/j/95137446904?pwd=K2xtcUc1U3lJZW9jY252eDF6a0FkZz09#success>

Please review the 2022 proposed expense budget, the Constitution along with Proposed changes and the proposed Mission Statement that are attached to the congregational email sent out January 14th and the weekly email sent on January 19th. Please bring all of your questions, comments and concerns to the *Virtual Town Hall Meeting*, today, Sunday, January 23, 2022, 10:45am immediately following virtual worship.

The logo for the Virtual Town Hall meeting. It features the words "VIRTUAL" and "TOWN" in a large, black, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. Below "TOWN" is the word "HALL" in a white, sans-serif font, enclosed within a red speech bubble shape with a tail pointing downwards and to the left.

VIRTUAL  
TOWN  
HALL



# Get vaccinated.

It's free, safe and no ID or insurance is required.

**COVID 19 Vaccines**

**Saint Paul Lutheran Church**

**19 W Pennsylvania Ave Walkersville MD 21793**

**Saturday February 5, 2022**

**9am-12pm**

**FrederickHealth.org/Vaccine**

m



Proud to team up with our community partners



Asian American  
Center of Frederick  
Enhance. Empower. Enrich



FREDERICK  
HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES



Public Health  
Frederick County Health Department



Spanish Speaking Community  
of Maryland Inc.

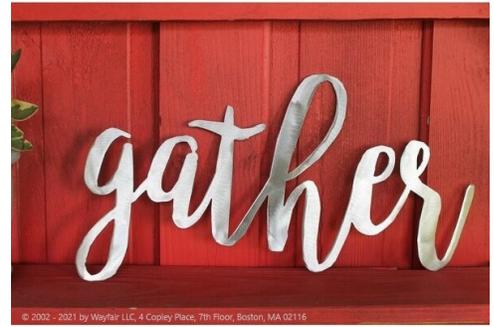


Frederick  
Health

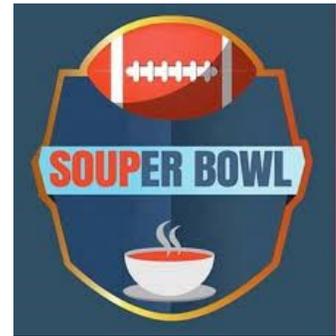
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gathered at the Table!!

We hope you enjoyed last week's discussion. Any thoughts? Comments? Questions? Make sure to tune in this Thursday at Noon to learn how Pastor Phil, Belinda and Russ journey through the ELCA Social Statements.



**Souper Bowl Can Drive  
Now through February 13th  
Bring in soup cans for the  
Glade Valley Food Bank**



Would you like to schedule a Sunday to sponsor Altar flowers? Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office to arrange a date



## Don't Forget!

Hat & Mitten Tree  
Continues through  
January 2022  
The Tree is located in  
the nave.

**Share the  
Warmth!**



**Mardi Gras Game Night and Dinner  
Saturday, February 19, 2022  
5:00pm to 9:00pm  
St. Paul's Parish Hall**

Bring your family and friends for food and fun at the annual Mardi Gras Game Night with Dinner. Bring your favorite crockpot of soup, sandwiches or dessert to share for the dinner and your favorite board games!

**Please sign up** and indicate the number of people attending and what food item you will bring for the potluck dinner. Sign up sheets are on the round tables in the overflow area and on the Parish Hall Bulletin board.

You can also call the office to sign up 301-845-4600

***Dress up in Mardi Gras attire and win a prize!***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

[https://youtu.be/9YVuA031\\_ul](https://youtu.be/9YVuA031_ul)

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming in our weekly email. You can always watch live on our

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulslutheranofwalkersville/>,

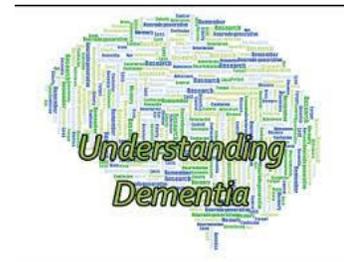
by going to our website, [www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org),

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Red Cross Blood Drive: February 4th 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Vaccine Campaign: February 5th 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Understanding Dementia: February 6th, 1:30pm-3:00pm**



## **GVCS Food Bank**

***Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!***

***Items of need are:***

- Mac-n-cheese
- Spaghetti sauce
- Individual fruit cups
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Feminine pads.

***Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall***



## **Staff**

Minister-202-497-0584 (pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....Pastor Phil Beck  
Youth Coordinator-240-315-5030 (youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....Belinda Burriss  
Office Administrator- 301-845-4600(officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....Joann Valainis  
Music Coordinator .....Nancy Cochran  
Flower Coordinator.....Patty Rimel  
Administration/Purchasing .....Ed Chaney  
Sexton .....Larry Beard  
Stephen Ministry.....Linda Yopp  
Property Coordinator.....Russ Mildenstein  
Financial Secretary.....Troy Keeney