

January 2024

St. Paul's PARISH Epistle



ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Meeting

January 28, 2024 following
the 10:00am service.

There will be a pot luck coffee hour after the meeting. If your last name begins with A-M please bring appetizer and N-Z please bring a main dish. Dessert will be provided.

Church Elections

Vestry Candidates

Peggy Andrews

Pat Jamison

Sherri Ward

Please see bios on page 15

Convention Delegate Elections

In accordance with our parish by-laws, delegates to convention must be elected by the congregation. Please note that delegates are not representatives. They vote as they think best after studying the issues and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Rites of Passage

Birthdays

Scott Hazuda	January 4
Susan Johnson	January 5
Lane Parkhurst	January 5
Mary Shea Valliant	January 6
John Friel	January 9
Will Freestate	January 18
Byron Luna	January 23
Nancy Wiley	January 23
Frazier Walker	January 27
Egan Valliant	January 28
Trevor Ayres	January 30



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary please call the parish office at 410-758-1553. Due to a computer virus I have lost some of my mailing list, birthdays, and anniversaries.

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Treasurer, Diane Freestate

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Rector



Dear Friends,
Happy New Year! Many of us make New Year's Resolutions to exercise regularly or to eat more healthily. Perhaps we can also consider resolutions about our spiritual health. Some possibilities are being regular in Sunday attendance and daily prayer or participating in one of the ministries of St. Paul's. Volunteers are the very heart of our church and we are blessed to have many faithful parishioners who work to spread the Kingdom of God right here in Centreville. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved in 2024. Below is the list of ministries and the contact person. I would be happy to answer any

questions.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting on January 28 after the service. We will elect new vestry members, hear about the budget and review the ministry of the church in 2023. A pot-luck brunch follows. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about your church and to participate in the election of our lay leadership.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Mary+

Ministries of St Paul's Episcopal Church

Acolytes

Dan Rugg 410-758-1395

Acolytes serve as the Crucifer, Torch Bearers and Servers. The Crucifer is charged with carrying the Cross. The Torch Bearer is charged with the lighting and extinguishing of the Altar candles. The Server assists the Rector with preparing the table for Holy Eucharist.

Altar Flowers

Sharon North 443-262-8792 Jessica Sellers 410-725-8288

Altar Flowers is responsible for ordering, arranging and placing the flowers on the Altar.

Altar Guild

Sharon North 443-262-8792 Jessica Sellers 410-725-8288

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up and caring for the furnishings in the nave, sanctuary, and sacristy, as well as any other area of the church where special worship will take place. The Altar Guild is a ministry of "quiet service". It's behind the scenes, but a most critical act of service to the church.

Back Packs

Sharon North 443-262-8792

Back packs are filled and delivered for distribution to children of need through Social Services.

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Choir

Stef Scaggiari 443-988--8704

The primary role of the choir is to lead and support the congregation's worship through singing. Choirs may also sing anthems or make other special musical offerings to beautify and enhance the experience of worship.

Coffee Hour

Kathie Moore 410-310-7653

Kathy Anderson 410-253-3000

The Coffee Hour is held every Sunday after the service. It is a time of fellowship, which gives members of the congregation the opportunity to meet other members while enjoying coffee and a small snack. Members of the congregation sign up for a particular date to supply the snack.

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. Mary Friel 410-758-1553

A form of mental prayer in which meditation and petition give way to quiet adoration of the mysteries of God. Contemplation is the fruit of divine grace. It comes after a period of reconciliation and self- abandonment.

Counters

Michele Miller 410-758-1553

The Counters are responsible for accurately registering monetary contributions from the church service.

Episcopal Church Women

Lizzy Stanton 410-590-1251

All women are members of the ECW. The ECW sponsor fund raisers for local charities and sponsor women's social events.

Hand Bells

Nancy Cook 410-758-2502

Music created with Hand Bells to enhance the experience of worship.

Haven Ministries (Homeless Shelter at Kent Island Methodist Church)

Barbara Ackermann 443-797-4569

On a scheduled basis, St Paul's provide food and fellowship to homeless individuals and families.

Healing Prayer Team

Eleanor Strietman 301-642-5950

Knitting Ministry

Jean Hilleary 410-758-1858

The Knitting Ministry supplies the handmade Prayer Shawls, which are given to individuals upon request. Prior to giving the Prayer Shawl to the individual, it is blessed during a worship service by the Rector and the congregation.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Chris Pupke 410-924-8279

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are persons licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist. They may administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priest or deacons to assist the celebrant.

Lectors

Chris Pupke 410-924-8279

Lay persons trained in reading scripture who are appointed by the clergy person in charge of the congregation to read lessons or lead the prayers of the people.

Micah Ministry (Social Justice)

The Rev. Mary Friel 410-758-1553

Pastoral Care Team

Linda Carroll 410-490-6299

The Pastoral Care Team provides visits, meals and rides to parishioners who need a little tender, loving care and assistance.

Planned Giving

Bob North 443-454-6923

Ushers

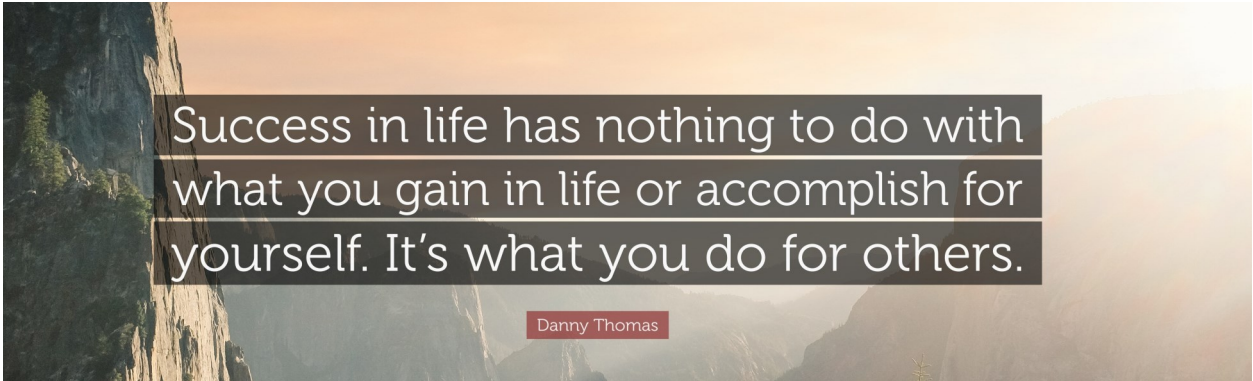
Dan Rugg 410-758-1395

Ushers welcome parishioners into the church. They create a welcoming environment and set the tone for every parishioner's personal experience with the church. Ushers collect the offering at the appointed time during the service. Ushers are responsible for securing the offering until it can be counted and deposited. Ushers organize the procession to the Holy Eucharistic and assist individuals with mobility issues.

Vestry

Bob North 443-454-6923

The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation, to support the church's mission by word and deed, to ensure effective organization and planning and to manage resources and finances. At St. Paul's, vestry members are expected to be faithful in worship and stewardship and well informed about the activities of the parish.



Success in life has nothing to do with
what you gain in life or accomplish for
yourself. It's what you do for others.

Danny Thomas

Senior Warden

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners,

As we move into 2024, I want to thank my fellow Vestry members and all Parishioners for a productive year and their strong support of St. Paul's Parish during 2023. It has been a productive year in many ways. Here are some of our many accomplishments:

- Charlie Ackermann, our Junior Warden, has completed a number of significant projects to maintain our Church structure and grounds.
- We celebrated 20 years of extraordinary service by our Parish Administrator, Michele Miller,
- We recognized Hallie Rugg's Altar Guild service.
- Julia retired as Music Director. We celebrated her retirement and welcomed Stef Scaggiari as our Music Director.
- Continued our support of Haven Ministries and Backpacks for Kids.
- Continued our Crossroads Community Dinner Church.
- Our Green Team participated in the Diocese of Easton Ministry Fair, emphasizing the Environmental Protection element of our Micah Ministry.
- The Parish Picnic was held in our Church yard.
- Increase in Parish membership.

Thanks again to all and I look forward to our Parish fellowship and your continued support during 2024.

Yours in Christ

Bob North

Senior Warden



The upcoming dates for St. Paul's to volunteer for Haven Ministries are January 26th and 27th, and February 27th. Please contact me with any questions or to sign up at barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569. Thank you! Barb Ackermann



Junior Warden

This year really flew by. Seems like yesterday Lester just started the weekly grass cutting and now his crew is collecting all the fallen leaves.

As I walk around St. Paul's I always see someone doing something; for example, you can see people tending gardens, changing light ballast, painting, hauling stuff to the dump, making various repairs. etc. etc. We're a very active church community

Here are some highlights of projects from this past year:

Back in April the elevator was shut down for over a week due to a what seemed like a mysterious problem the techs individually couldn't solve but as a team they came up with the solution. A power supply unit failed.

We complied with county regulations and installed a grease trap in Donaldson Hall Kitchen.

We're now in the middle of our brick walkway repair project. The area near the prayer garden is completed so now we're focusing on the walkways at the Liberty street Church entrance. This area is scheduled for a spring completion.

I'm sorry to say our three, now minor, rain leaks could not be totally solved this year so they will be added to next year's 2024 agenda.

The Rectory had some plumbing and electrical repairs, plus we upgraded a long section of gutter. The size was increased to handle the amount of water flow.

There were two minor fender bender accidents in the parking lot. The people are fine but the maple tree and the light pole did not survive.

We now have two detailed proposals for the Rectory's exterior renovation project.

Both of our geothermal pumps are leaking and we're in the process of having them repaired.

In November we hired Schuman Janitorial. They will be providing and managing the new house-keeping crew. Welcome Aboard!

I would like to thank the vestry, property committee, and the leadership team, for their support and help. And a special "Thank You" to Michele for her 20 years of dedication.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Charlie Ackermann

Treasurer's Update

St. Paul's Finances		2023			
		St. Paul's Finances - November			
		Actual	Budget	Difference	
Revenue					
Pledges		\$ 245,444	\$ 234,146	\$ 11,298	Favorable
Other Offerings		\$ 47,254	\$ 39,294	\$ 7,960	Favorable
Capital Fund Offerings		\$ 36,958	\$ 27,500	\$ 9,458	Favorable
Other Income		\$ 76,049	\$ 79,267	\$ (3,218)	Unfavorable**
Total Revenue		\$ 405,705	\$ 380,207	\$ 25,498	Favorable
Expenses					
Total Personnel		\$ 187,529	\$ 192,139	\$ (4,610)	Favorable
Capital		\$ 47,570	\$ 64,721	\$ (17,151)	Favorable
All Other		\$ 135,296	\$ 136,350	\$ (1,054)	Favorable
Total Expenses		\$ 370,395	\$ 393,210	\$ (22,815)	Favorable
Revenue minus Expenses		\$ 35,310	\$ (13,003)	\$ 48,313	Favorable

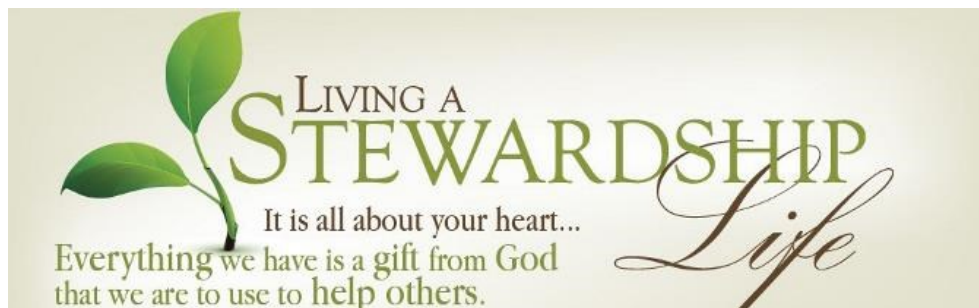


Thank You to Everyone Who Pledged for 2024

If you have not turned in your pledge card, it is not too late please turn it into the parish office. (The list is as of 12-18-23)

Charles & Barbara Ackermann
Gary & Kathy Anderson
Thomas & Peggy Andrews
Ned & Chrissy Aull
Laura Bittinger
James & Gail Brown
Tony & Sharon Burak
Bill Clark
Dorothy Clark
Sally Clark
Nancy Cook
David & Sally Cooper
Anita Dell
Stoney & Jij Duffey
Julia Eaton
Mark and Wendy Emerson
Mark & Diane Freestate
John Friel
The Rev. Mary Friel
Bettina Gilbert
Jack & Karen Gottschalk
Michael & Ann Grace
Alan & Penny Griffith
Bernard & Brenda Hardesty
John Harper
Scott & Kim Hazuda
Henry & Jean Hilleary
Patricia Jamison
Tom & Ronda Jasick
Charles & Susan Johnson
Dave & Anne Jones
Doug & Laura Kaufmann

Dale Krider
David Larrabee & Carolyn Carney
Jean Lecompte
Elizabeth Lepre'
Susan "Penny" Lins
Mrs. Paul M. Long, Sr.
Carol Lorditch
Charlotte McClatchy
James Miller
Kathleen Moore
Robert & Sharon North
Robert & Elsie Ozinga
William & Norma Patton
George & Barbara Phillips
Elizabeth Pupke
Myron Richardson
Dan & Hallie Rugg
The Rev. Peggy Samuels
Coleman & Jessica Sellers
John & Martha Shaum
Barbara Stanton
Elizabeth Stanton
Jane Stanton
Eleanor Strietman
The Rev. Roger Tilden
Tom & Harriet Todd
Reed Valliant
Thomas & Margo Vuicich
Matt & Sherri Ward
Nancy Wiley
Kent Young

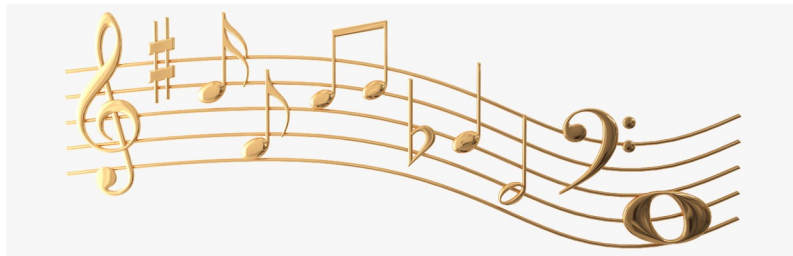


From the Director of Music

For me, Epiphany is the realization that acts of kindness will transform the world. I appreciate all the positive effort from my wonderful choir and the kindness received from all of you here at St. Paul's.



Your in Christ,
Stef
Director of Music



Men's Breakfast
January 6th at 8:15am

The Creamery in Centreville

The men's breakfast group meets the first Saturday of the month at the Creamery at 8:15am. Everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00am

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday:

11:00am

Informal Eucharist

- Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment
- Holy Matrimony may be administered at anytime outside the seasons of Advent or Lent
- Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present. (BCP 312)

The Susan Whitaker Prayer Shawl Knitters

Please Join Us

Tuesday, January 16th at 2:00pm

A Prayer Shawl is a shawl that is handmade, blessed by our Priest Mary, and given lovingly to someone who is suffering and in need of comfort or someone who is celebrating a great joy. If you have ever received a prayer shawl or shared one with someone, you know how special they are.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the Richardson Room (sitting area next to the church office) at 2:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month and we would like to encourage anyone who can knit or crochet or anyone who wants to learn either of these to join us! We get together each month to knit and crochet, help those just learning, provide solutions for problems, answer questions, and basically enjoy the time together. There is no pressure in this group and everyone works at their own pace and in their own way. Some members have been knitting or crocheting for a long time and others are just starting out. At this point, our prayer shawl supply is low and we really need more members in our group.

Please consider joining our group and contributing to St. Paul's in this way. For more information, contact Jean Hilleary at 410-758-1858 or Susan Johnson at 203-623-4221.

We would love to see you at our next meeting!!

Jean and Susan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II	1 Office Closed The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00am Homeschool Group	2 9:00am Bible Study	3 9:00am Backpack packing 10:00am Homeschool Group 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:30pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon	4	5 10:00am Homeschool Group	6 The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery
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Church Office Closed

January 1, 12, and 15



Ministries Schedule for January 2024

Ministry	1/7 10:00am	1/14 10:00am	1/21 10:00am	1/28 10:00am	2/4 10:00am
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Judy Webster	M. Krempasky-Cawley	Elsie Ozinga	M. Krempasky-Cawley
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Mark Freestate	Sharon Burak	D.Donnelly Barton	Ned Aull
<i>LEM</i>	Tom Andrews	John Friel	Haley Melton	Chris Pupke	Chris Pupke
<i>LEM</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Doug Kaufmann	Dan Rugg	Gary Anderson	Eleanor Strietman
<i>Ushers</i>	Steve Parkhurst Mark Emerson Bob North	Mark Freestate Sharon Burak Miranda Burak	John Friel Kim Hazuda Stoney Duffey	Scott Hazuda Tom Andrews Dan Rugg	Sally Cooper Bill Clark David Cooper
<i>Acolytes</i>					
<i>Server</i>	John Friel	Doug Kaufmann	Eleanor Strietman	John Friel	Haley Melton
<i>Crucifer</i>	Mark Freestate	Stoney Duffey	Jimmy Miller	Jimmy Miller	Doug Kaufmann
<i>Acolyte</i>					Alex Leary
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Kim Hazuda	Wendy Emerson	Julia Eaton	Bob Ozinga	
<i>Counters</i>	Bob Ozinga	Char McClatchy	Byron Luna	Barb Ackermann	Barb Ackermann
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Michele Miller	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate	Pat Jamison	Gail Brown
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull Linda Carroll	Sharon North Dot Abbott	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate	Laura Kaufmann Haley Melton Barb Ackermann	Jessica Sellers Wendy Emerson Penny Lins
<i>Flower Guild</i>		Laura Roth	Pat Jamison	Krempasky-Cawley	Elizabeth Lepre ¹⁴

VESTRY

Candidates



Peggy Andrews

I've been a life-long Episcopalian, as a child in Michigan, as a teenager in Ohio, and as an adult in Ohio, Maryland, and Georgia. As a member of St. Paul's for the past 10 years, I've enjoyed participating in the Choir and Bell Choir. I've served a term on St. Paul's Vestry and would be happy to serve again.

In Michigan, my family belonged to St. Paul's in St. Clair. When we moved to Euclid, Ohio, we were members of The Church of the Epiphany, where Tom and I were married. Then when we moved to Maryland, we were members of St.

Margaret's in Annapolis where our girls grew up. I taught Sunday school for several years there and Tom and I worked with the Acolyte program. Our daughters were married in St. Margaret's. Then, Tom had yet another job opportunity and we moved to Georgia and joined St. David's in Roswell.

I have an Education degree from Miami University of Ohio and a Masters in Education from Eastern Michigan University. And as expected in the Education field, I've accrued a lot of extra graduate hours from Maryland colleges: Towson U., Loyola U., and Bowie State. I was in Elementary Education for 37 years. I've taught in pre-school and primary classrooms (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) in school systems in Mansfield, OH and Chelsea, MI. The major portion of my classroom teaching was in Anne Arundel County, MD and Fulton County, GA. I also worked as a Reading Specialist and taught staff development courses. My last position was working with student teachers at Georgia State University.

We moved back to Maryland in 2013 after I retired (and Tom retired the first time) to "come home" and to be near our girls and their families. We have five spectacular grandchildren, ages 17-23, who live very busy lives in Crofton, so we are often "crossing the bridge" to attend their swim meets and soccer games, as well as family events and celebrations. Grandparenting is one of my favorite roles. I am blessed to have found a spiritual home at St. Paul's and would be honored to serve again as a Vestry member.



Pat Jamison

Dr. Jamison received her PhD from the UMD at College Park in 1981 and was a leader in the field of special education in MD for many years. She developed the field program for the Special Education Department at College Park while working on her PhD and went on to be a Specialist for the Department of Defense (DOD) Dependents' Schools in Germany from 1985-1987. Returning to Maryland, Pat held a number of positions for the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and was the Director of the Special Education Program, one of the largest in the state, from 2004-2008. She was an Adjunct Faculty Member for the UMD at College Park and taught courses for DOD in Germany from 2012 until 2018. She was also a Special Member of the Graduate Faculty, UMD, Eastern Shore, where she taught a Special Education Inclusion Course in the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program from 2010 until 2019. Pat has been active in the community, since her retirement, and is currently a member of the QAC Ethics Commission, on the board of the LWVQAC and a hospice volunteer. She is a Counter and is on the Flower Guild at St. Paul's. Pat has two children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Sherri Ward

Since coming to St. Paul's, Matt and I have always embraced the loving, kind spirit that exists here. I especially appreciate that everyone is welcome and that is why we became members. Five years ago, I decided to join the choir and have thoroughly enjoyed this ministry and I am looking forward to possibly expanding my ministry by serving on the Vestry.

Matt and I have been married for twenty-eight years and we have two sons, Jacob and his older brother, Ryan. The two passions in my life are children and singing. I have thoroughly enjoyed running my own family childcare business for the last twenty-eight years. I love my little ones and enjoy the special connections that I have with them as they grow older.

I grew up in the Seventh Day Adventist Church and I have been singing for as long as I can remember. Since I was three years old I would tell my parents whenever I would want to sing for the church service and they would never deny my requests. I still have that same love for singing and the desire to share the message of God's love through my voice. This is a gift that God has given me that I will always cherish.

I am looking forward to the chance of serving St. Paul's as a member of the Vestry.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*

The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*

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Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*

Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*

Carol Lorditch, *Registrar*

Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*

Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*

Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*

Matt Ward, *Production Manager*

Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*



The Vestry

'24 Sharon Burak
Elsie Ozinga
Carol Lorditch

'25 Laura Bittinger
Julia Eaton
Kim Hazuda

'25 Wendy Emerson
Dan McCreary
Bob Ozinga

The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

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IN THE NEW YEAR, I RESOLVE TO...

