

## 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 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.

### 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

Kathy Anderson 410-253-3000

Gail Brown 443-618-0609

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

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.

**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.