



**SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
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Dear Parishioners of St. Paul's

First, I want to welcome Georgianne Jackson and Bob Cichowski to our Vestry for the remainder of this year. Georgianne has agreed to assume the duties of Church Treasurer and Vestry Member, replacing Frank Michel. Bob will replace Marty Durrett who has had to step aside for health reasons. The Michels anticipate spending increasing time out of state with their grandchildren and Frank was concerned about his availability. I am sure all of you join the Vestry in giving Frank a very well-deserved THANK YOU for an outstanding job as our Treasurer for several years. As your Senior Warden, I can certainly attest to the dedication, good judgment, credibility and accuracy that Frank has brought to this very important service to our church. Courtney Warner has also resigned from the Vestry for health reasons, but we will not fill this position until our Annual Meeting next year.

Our Search for our *Priest-In-Charge* is on schedule and the position was advertised nationwide on August 8th by the Diocese. You may see the posting on the Diocesan website, www.edecr.org. The Diocese also has sent a special notice of the posting to the 13 Dioceses in Province 8 which includes the western states and the Pacific. I again want to thank you for your participation in helping to describe St. Paul's and our needs as we seek to call our next Priest. The posting is scheduled to close on September 15th, however we have the option to extend the posting if we wish. If you know of anyone who might wish to apply, please have them contact Canon Brian Nordwick (Brian@edecr.org) at the Diocese.

I also am very proud of our *Parish Profile* which is available to candidates and is on our website, www.stpaulscambria.org, clicking on the tab for *Rector Candidate Page*. Check it out and thanks again to Leonard Kohout for assuming the duties of webmaster from Adair Heard, who set a high standard. As you know, Betty Malone is chairing our Search Committee of 10 members who will be responsible for reviewing applications and conducting the initial interviews. The Committee may also conduct site visits and then make a recommendation of 1-3 candidates for Vestry consideration. Our timeline calls for calling our next Priest by mid-November, but we all need to be guided by the discernment of God's will for us and take our time. We have Supply Priests scheduled for the remainder of this year.

Finally, we are celebrating Fr. Fred's five plus years with us and his retirement from the active Clergy with some gatherings in September. There is an all Parish dinner at the Cavalier Restaurant on Thursday, September 11th and you can buy your reserved seat from Joni Michel or from Michelle. On Saturday, September 13th, we will be treated to a free concert of Irish music at the Church at 7:00 PM followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Fr. Fred's last Sunday with us is Sunday, September 14th, which will also include the baptism of his and Adair's granddaughter, followed by a festive coffee hour. Please mark your calendars and I hope you can attend all of these celebrations.

Please contact me or any member of our Vestry if you have questions or concerns. We ask for your prayers as we move through this time of transition and discernment in our Parish.

Sincerely,
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