



**Preserving Our Past
to Build a Foundation
for Our Future**



OUR STORY

[who we are]

Founded in 1828, St. Paul's history is indeed rich and colorful. As one studies the history of St. Paul's Church, a great family of God-fearing souls emerges. Some reached heights of eminence, some were war heroes, but all experienced the deep quiet that our faith fosters when our clergy, vestry and people seek earnestly to worship and glorify God.

Our rich history enshrines and honors,

those of the past – whose commitment to founding a place of worship and to keep it vibrant throughout America's magnificent and sometimes turbulent history is a testament to their dedication to their community and to the glory of God...

those of the present – who, like those of every generation find themselves faced with unprecedented challenges, but nonetheless never lose sight of God's blessings and the importance of continuing Christ's ministry within their families, parish and community...

and most especially,

those of the future – whose story is yet unwritten, but whom we are confident will be guided by the Holy Spirit in continuing the legacy of St. Paul's.



To describe the coming days as "exciting" would be an incredible understatement. Our rich history as a parish has achieved many milestones that mark the journey thus far and point us toward the great adventures that lie ahead.

Through the sacrifice and commitment of prior generations, God has provided us unbelievable resources with which we can continue to build and enrich the legacy of St. Paul's Church for future generations to come.

Toward that end, our stated goals are:

- Incorporate climate control capability in existing buildings.
- Strengthen our music ministry - repair our organ.
- Improve facilities for our youth.
- Provide new facilities - build a gazebo for outdoor events.
- Preserve our cemetery.



OUR VISION

[where we are going]

As we prepare to expand our foundation for growth and service to our congregation and community, it is imperative that we repair and maintain the physical facilities that foster our spiritual growth. The improvement of our buildings will create better opportunities for our youth to grow their faith. Similarly, the congregation as a whole, will be offered the opportunity to grow in faith by ushering in improvements to our ministries that help us to better serve the Lord through worship and community action.



OUR PURPOSE

[how we get there]



In order for St. Paul's Episcopal Church to continue to grow, we must allow room for growth in our existing facilities as well as plan to make room for new growth as God expands His kingdom right here in our own community. We must be faithful to use His resources to do whatever is necessary to help build the kingdom.

Our church has launched a Capital Stewardship Campaign named "Preserving Our Past to Build a Foundation for Our Future" to aid us in preparing to do what only God can do. With the proper level of commitment and investment, we will have the resources to enable growth, impacting our community so that they might hear the loving and saving message of Jesus Christ. These exciting days bring us to a new challenge.

How can you be part of such a phenomenal undertaking?

- Thank God for His providence
- Ask God how much He would have you give
- Be obedient and give as the Lord leads
- Be ready to receive the blessings that only He can give

On Commitment Sunday, May 16th, everyone in our church will be given the opportunity to make a three-year commitment over and above what they are currently giving to the operating budget. Plan to be a part of this Commitment Sunday by being present, and let's join together in our commitment to sacrificially give toward this exciting vision.

Then let's watch what God will do!



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