

JUNIOR WARDENS 2021 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

This year, I had the opportunity to serve as the Junior Warden. Serving as the Junior Warden has allowed me to have a different perspective of our church life, even as the Pantry coordinator. I have come to understand that regardless of when (please not if) we are no longer functioning within a pandemic, we are not the same. This experience has changed us.

On February 9, the Vestry will meet for the first time with the new members, and then on February 26 we will have the Vestry Retreat. The Vestry has been organized into committees. They were: Communications, New Comers, Social aka Tag Team, Children and Youth, Leadership and Stewardship. In keeping with the acknowledgment that things are not the same, it is time to take a second look at this organizational structure. One focus of the new Vestry will be to evaluate this structure and then determine how relevant this type of structure is. What might be a better way for the Vestry to function and recognize the now, and find a way to the future?

In addition to the Vestry asking questions and reflecting on how we are not the same, we know that one person or one group does not have all the answers, not even all the questions. What does still hold true and without change is that those answers are best discovered when we can all discuss and discern together. March 6 will be the first "All Parish" meeting of this year. We have to define our values and work from our new and different place. How do we at St. Paul's move forward? How do we "do" church and work with and for our community from this different place still representative of God's love. First, please attend the "All Parish" meeting. Second, Kurt will be sharing some central questions that we would ask that you think about and then share your thoughts, insights, and concerns at this meeting.

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