

# APRIL NEWSLETTER 2018



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[Matthew 28:6](#)

**He** is not **here**; **he has risen**, just as **he** said. Come and see the place where **he** lay.

HAPPY EASTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



5TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE ON SATURDAY APRIL 14 AT 10:00AM.

EPHIFANY SOUP KITCHEN 4-5 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR APRIL 14, 2:30-4:30. AND ALSO JUNE 16. SEE JACKIE PRINGLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SPRING CLEANUP WILL BE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21, FROM 9:30 TO NOON (RAIN DATE IS SAT. APRIL 28).

"St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed."

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

### “No More Disappointment”

To be sure, our “best-laid plans” do not always work out the way we had hoped. So often, we have been sure of what we wanted to accomplish or happen and then we live with the frustration of failing to see our dreams come true. Consequently, we become disappointed with ourselves and express unhappiness when the behavior of others disappoints us as well.

Think how disappointed the disciples must have been as Jesus was betrayed and crucified. They had planned on seeing the establishment of the “New Jerusalem” safely conducting business under the rule of their friend and teacher, Jesus of Nazareth. Think how disappointed these recruits must have been when the “Messiah” was legally declared to be dead.

Failure is the experience of unfulfilled dreams and ambitions. The disciples experienced failure when Jesus was placed into the tomb. We experience failure when our ambitions are laid to rest. That is why the disciples returned to the setting of the Last Supper. I am sure that they not only feared for their lives but most likely were also feeling sorry for themselves at the loss of their dreams.

But what they needed to do was to learn to live with alternate results. Irving Berlin, the great American composer and lyricist, once said, “*Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.*” This is the lesson Jesus brought to the locked room. Jesus encouraged them to pick up their lives, trust him, and move forward without fear. Was it what they had expected? No. It was what God intended.

From this Resurrection Lesson, I believe that the key to living with “alternate results” is to transfer our trust away from ourselves and turn to the Lord for guidance. When this happens, we make the most of life in the light of the resurrection and no longer have to assume responsibility for our ultimate destiny. Our lives now our in the hands of God, and, as St. Paul once said, “**Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed**” (Rom. 10:11).

*Sincerely,*

*Pastor Schultz*

**SPRING CLEANUP** will be on Saturday, April 21, from 9:30 a.m. to noon (rain date is Sat. April 28).

We will be raking leaves, cleaning window wells, and picking up litter. Please come and help get St. Paul's ready for spring.



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**Apr. 4 Irma Pereira**  
**Eunice Stoskopf**  
**Apr. 8 Roberta Decontee**  
**Apr. 13 Kumba Forkpa**  
**Apr. 24 Norma Sonstroem**  
**Apr. 25 Alison Schultz**  
**Apr. 27 Judy Crump**  
**Apr. 28 Gerda Jourdan**  
**Camille Pringle**  
**Apr. 29 A. Barton Buffington**  
**George Dauda Jr.**



## Prayer Breakfast



THE FIFTH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 10:00—11:30 AM AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 445 ELMWOOD AVE. PROVIDENCE, RI, PHONE: 401-941-5100.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED:

Dane Carthur Winqvist-Watson, Hawa Victoria Mulbah and Cameron Michael Arrundell  
(Pictured left to right in first picture)



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	READERS /ACOLYTES	COMM. ASSIST.	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS
1	Leela Ballah/ Ciannah Akloiwala	Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik <b>EASTER</b> 	Leela Ballah Available Youth
8	Danlette Norris/ Camille Arrundell		Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik	Rick Sinnigen Mack Makor Onu Stevens Andrew Mastrostefano
15	Corvah Akoiwala/ Jacob Mastrostefano	Corvah Akoiwala Bill Oehlkers	Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik	Kim King Helen Miller Bill King Dennis Kollie
22	David Martin/ Cameron Arrundell		Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George Dauda Grace Dauda
29	Joe Norris/ Abiodun Adekeye	As Available	Irma Pereira Dawn Nahlik	Kim King Helen Miller Bill King Dennis Kollie

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Feb. 11, 2018**

A special meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 11:15 a.m., on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, by President David Ballah, Sr. Present were: President Ballah, Vice President and Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, Treasurer Dan Robinson, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Buco, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees James Woods, and Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Bill. Pastor Leon Schultz joined the meeting immediately thereafter.

President Ballah recognized David Martin who explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and adopt a written child protection policy. David related that on Jan. 25 he had forwarded to all Council members an email from our insurance agency (Emery & Webb). The email stated that our insurer (GuideOne) was instituting new requirements for sexual misconduct liability coverage. Specifically, in order to maintain our current limits of coverage, we must submit a copy of our written child protection procedures and complete a questionnaire about those procedures. Failure to do by Feb. 12 will result in a reduction of coverage.

Attached to the email was a template of a sample child protection policy from GuideOne and the questionnaire the church must answer. David noted that both of these documents had been forwarded to all Council members with the email.

David explained that he had drafted a child protection policy utilizing the sample document from GuideOne. He then went through the draft policy and explained the decisions he had made regarding who in the church would be responsible for various tasks and/or duties. The Council discussed the draft policy and the assignment of duties and responsibilities. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to place with the Board of Deacons the responsibility for deciding whether an offense was a disqualifying offense which would prohibit a church member from working with children.** (In the draft prepared by David this responsibility had been placed solely with the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons).

David observed that implementing the policy would require additional decisions by the Council. While these decisions did not have to be made at this meeting, they will have to be made soon. Among those decisions are the following: Who will be responsible for creating the application which must be completed by members who wish to work with children? Who will check the references provided by such members? Who will request the national criminal records check? Who will conduct the face-to-face interview of members who have applied to work with children? Who will maintain the records documenting that the protective measures required by the policy have been completed?

David then turned to the questionnaire and reviewed the questions in that document. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize President Ballah to answer the questions contained in the questionnaire in the affirmative.** Following passage of the motion, President Ballah signed the questionnaire with all questions being answered in the affirmative. David stated that he would transmit the questionnaire and the child protection policy to Emery & Webb on Feb. 12, 2018.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The meeting ended at 12:10 p.m. with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

## MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Feb. 15, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, by President David Ballah. Present were: President Ballah, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris and Pastor Leon Schultz. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor.

**Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Jan. 18, 2018, regular Church Council meeting. A separate motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 11, 2018, special Church Council meeting was also made, seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report.** Although Treasurer Dan Robinson was unable to attend the meeting, his Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Jan. 31, 2018, was distributed to Council members. Total income during this period was \$20,190.52 and total disbursements were \$18,686.76, resulting in net ordinary income of \$1,503.76. The balance of Memorial Funds as of Jan. 31, 2018, was \$250,964.67.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor had no official acts to report. Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday, Mar. 25. No confirmation gowns are available as the company which previously made them no longer does so. One possible alternative for this year is to have the three confirmands wear acolyte gowns. Danlette offered to assist in preparing the gowns.

**Deacons.** Joe Norris reported that a list of readers has been put together. He will make sure that the readers for special services (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Good Friday) are aware that they are scheduled to read and that they plan to attend the service. It was suggested that the list should be publicized 2-3 months in advance and that there should be a similar list for acolytes. Pastor noted that some acolytes arrive late and that he felt it was disrespectful for them to then appear on the altar after the candles had been lit. He requested that the Deacons inform the acolytes of this. This Sunday (Feb. 18) the Deacons will ask members to verify their directory information and also to provide their email addresses. Joe will speak with Richleau Norris this Sunday about how the addresses will be incorporated into the photo directory. David asked Donna to have Lees fix the toilet in the ladies room at the foot of the narthex stairs which takes an excessively long time to stop flushing and to also fix the leaking faucet in one of the sinks in the mens' room at the foot of the Carter Street stairs.

**Stewardship.** Bill Oehlkers reported that within two weeks the Board of Stewardship will be posting photos of all members with their names on a bulletin board in the parish hall. The purpose of this is to help members get to know one another better.

**Social Ministry.** Danlette reported that almost \$400.00 had been realized from "Souper Bowl Sunday." She expressed hope that enough money will be raised so that we can purchase a freezer for the kitchen. Danlette thanked Jackie Pringle and David Ballah, Sr., for taking care of the Coffee Hour while she was in Africa.

**Old Business.** David Martin noted that the Council had adopted a Child Protection Policy at its Special Meeting on Feb. 11 and said that steps needed to be taken to implement it. The Policy requires that members who will be working with children/youth complete an application form. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the Child/Youth Application Form from the SafeChurch Guide as our application. A motion was also made, seconded, and passed to assign responsibility for carrying out various tasks in connection with the Policy to the persons identified in a document prepared by David entitled "Questions Which Must Be Answered To Implement St. Paul's Child Protection Policy."** A copy of this document is attached to these minutes.

**New Business.** Bill Oehlkers said that a member had approached him and requested an opportunity for members to express their views about the current rental policy for the parish hall and the sanctuary. Bill then made **a motion that members be invited to a forum at which they can express their views regarding the rental policy. After being seconded and discussed, the motion passed with four votes in favor and two abstentions.** It was agreed that the forum will be held on Sunday, Mar. 11, in the youth room immediately following the service. Notice of the forum will be included in the worship folder and the March newsletter.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting ended at 8:32 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Mar. 15, 2018, Church Council meeting.