

Fall 2025 Update

The 100th Anniversary Campaign



God Loves You. No Exceptions.

These are not just words on a sign.
This is an expression of our faith, of our shared commitment.
This belief has driven our growth as a community of faith
and service for the past 100 years.
That belief will carry us into the next 100.

"One of the highest values of this parish is that sense of belonging. The parish aspires to have all people experience it. That belonging is grounded in the unconditional love of God, loving you, loving me, just the way we are today."

--The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector since 2017





The St. Paul's we know today.

There's an openness here that draws people from diverse backgrounds and makes them feel welcome. There's a spirit where people from different faith traditions find a home. There's an energy that drives us to look outward and to act in service to our neighbors, near and far away.

"There's a warmth to this community that I haven't found anywhere else.

Within one year, I considered St. Paul's a spiritual home."

Casey Bowles

Member since 2023

Consider the impact St. Paul's has had on others during the past year.

Among other things, St. Paul's has...

- Grown to be the largest parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and one of the 50 largest parishes in the Episcopal Church.
- Enrolled more children in our youth programs than many parishes have members.
- Brought hundreds of parishioners together for Bible study, book discussion and educational and spiritual events.
- Provided more than 6,000 meals for neighbors in need.
- Donated more than 500 Christmas gifts through our Angel Tree partners.
- Volunteered more than 300 hours on youth mission trips.
- Created interfaith partnerships with the Turkish Cultural Center and Temple Emanuel.
- Called us to gather around the Lord's Table to be nourished for the work God has given us to do.



We hope that what we value today will carry on. We hope there will still be opportunities for ways to feel connected and involved. That we all will still love our neighbors as ourselves. We hope our worship will still be rich and spiritually fulfilling, and our sense of community will remain strong and attractive to others.

The St. Paul's we hope for tomorrow.



In addition, we hope our physical property will be structurally sound, accessible and welcoming to all. We hope the areas where we gather to worship, learn and serve, whether inside the church, out in the garden, in the undercroft or meeting rooms, will be clean, bright and conducive to spiritual nurturing, and that the items and technology we use to support worship are well-maintained.

The 100th anniversary campaign will help us move from today toward tomorrow and beyond.

“Coming here every Sunday recharges my emotional batteries. It has become my place and my time, allowing me to be a better wife and mother.”

*Susan Wilcox
Member since 1972*

The Need: St. Paul's 100th Anniversary Campaign Projects

Beginning with the launch of the campaign in early 2025, initial donors have given generously, preliminary project plans have been enhanced, and cost estimates have become more realistic. St. Paul's now confidently hopes to raise \$1.65 million for the following physical improvements as well as a reserve fund for future needs:



St. Margaret's Garden (\$300,000)

The need to replace deteriorating flagstone has led to re-envisioning the space as outdoor rooms that are more conducive to worship and fellowship. Improved access will be provided by a ramp from the second floor and by a paved pathway from the parking lot. Natural and structural shading will provide comfort. Drainage issues will be corrected and the restored patio will feature a labyrinth for meditation. Engravings will list the names of campaign donors.

Organ Upgrades (\$65,000)

The technology that controls the organ's two keyboards must be replaced before it becomes obsolete.

Stained Glass Preservation (\$45,000)

Continuing on with previous window projects, additional sections need attention to keep them in good condition and energy efficient.

Sound System Improvements (\$40,480)

New and expanded wireless systems have been installed in the church and parish hall so that everyone can better experience the prayers and music of worship and more fully engage in parish gatherings.

Church Lighting (\$30,242)

Old LED fixtures have been replaced resulting in brighter and more even lighting.



Washington Road Entrance (\$154,000)

Our front door will be accessible to all with the installation of a new permanent ramp and widening of the existing steps. Both will lead to an enlarged landing that provides a level entry into the church. New sidewalks will connect to these points of access.

Elevator Restoration (\$212,900)

Early campaign gifts paid for a new jack that returned the elevator to service. A full refurbishment of the unit is still needed.

Bathroom Renovations (\$55,000)

Our restrooms need to become more accessible and hospitable for all users.



Stove, Counters and Closets (\$51,619)

Our kitchen is the center of parish life, as in any family's home. The current stove, intimidating for many users, will be replaced with a more user-friendly commercial unit. New counters and storage areas will allow for a more functional kitchen for those participating in outreach and social events.

Lounge Air Conditioning (\$10,000)

The aging unit will be replaced with a more efficient model.

Sanctuary Painting (\$43,000)

Currently there are several shades of white on the walls due to a patchwork of projects over time. A uniform color will be applied.

Chapel Entry Way (\$45,000) and Drainage Mitigation (\$35,000)

Multiple places in the building show evidence of water infiltration, not surprising given that we have a structure built on the downslope of a hill. These problem areas will be addressed.

Undercroft Lighting (\$20,674)

A combination of new ceiling lights, sconces and chandeliers have been installed in the parish hall and Nursery School.

Columbarium Expansion (\$36,000)

A second columbarium will be added in the chapel, which necessitates other minor renovations in the room. This is a self-funding project; costs will be reimbursed to the capital fund as individual memorial spots are sold.

Roof Repair (\$20,000) and Second Floor Entrance Steps (\$10,000)

The stone steps on Mayfair Drive show indentation from decades of wear, and our roof requires on-going attention.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will my payments begin and over how much time can I spread out my gift?

A. Gifts may be given as a one-time donation or on a schedule of your choosing, ideally within a three-year period. You can indicate your preference when you make your commitment.

Q. Does my annual stewardship pledge count towards supporting the capital campaign?

A. No. Your annual stewardship pledge is used solely to fund St. Paul's annual budgeted operating costs. A capital campaign pledge is for projects and expenses not related to normal operating expenses. We hope all members of the parish will consider a special pledge to support the capital campaign.

Q. What is the deadline for making a commitment to the capital campaign?

A. We will conclude the asking portion of the campaign by the end of 2025.

Q. How will I be able to know how well the parish is meeting its goal?

A. The campaign committee will provide regular updates to the parish about the status of the campaign throughout 2025.

Q. Is there a minimum gift required to contribute to the campaign? I cannot afford a large gift.

A. All gifts of any amount are appreciated.

Q. What if I am unable to complete my gift?

A. We understand that life circumstances and personal finances can change over time. If you find yourself in a position where you cannot fulfill your pledge, please speak to the rector.

Q. Who approves the expenditure of campaign funds and oversees the work?

A. The Vestry and rector will approve the expenditure of campaign funds and the Property Commission will oversee the work.

Q. How much is the parish spending just to conduct the campaign?

A. Total expenses for the campaign are estimated to be \$30,000, including the costs for an outside consultant, printing and materials, and other needs.

Q. Will donors be publicly acknowledged?

A. Yes, but donation amounts will not be shared. All donors to the campaign will be recognized, if they wish, by having their name or a memorial remembrance inscribed on a brick in the newly redesigned St. Margaret's Garden. Only the rector, the director of administration and communication, and our outside campaign consultant will have access to amounts.

Q. What kind of gift can I give?

A. You can make a cash donation or pledge, or choose to donate property, real estate, appreciated securities or closely held stock. You can also check with your employer to see if they offer a matching gift program.

Consider a planned or legacy gift as part of your estate.

A planned or legacy gift will provide additional income that will benefit the operation of St. Paul's for many years to come.

Please speak with your financial advisor about gifts such as:

- Bequests or bequests in trust
- Charitable or deferred gift annuities
- Gifts directly from your IRA
- Life income, charitable lead or wealth replacement trusts
- Life insurance policy proceeds

“Young people see St. Paul's as a resource, an answer to our problems. They join a church with an eye on the future. They want programs that support them and their children; they want opportunities for outreach; they want book groups and classes, prayer partners and mentors. They want connections that will last and a faith that will encourage.”

*Kathleen Davies
Member since 1999*





St. Paul's touches all of our lives.

It is a place of welcoming.
 A place of worship.
 A place of service.
 A place of memorial.
 A place of community.
 A place of spiritual growth.
 A place of shared experiences.
A place for tomorrow.



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