

# NEW LIFE, NEW HOPE ~ A TIMELESS GIFT.

Fall 2017

Dear friend of St. Paul's,

What does new life mean to you? When have you been encouraged and restored by new hope? Many, many people experience new life and new hope through the ministries of St. Paul's church.

Uplifted by our worship and music, inspired by the teaching and preaching of wise and gifted ministers – both lay and ordained; encouraged in their faith journeys through our formation and fellowship opportunities, and cared for in their times of deepest need, our parishioners have firsthand knowledge of God's boundless generosity. And God's gifts don't stop there. St. Paul's outreach ministries provide new life and new hope to the world beyond our building.

- Our food pantry fed over 14,000 people in 2016, more than a third of whom were children.
- Chapter Two provides affordable or free clothing to our homeless neighbors, families living in poverty, newly arrived refugees, and newly released prisoners.
- Our Mission with Jamaica ensures that the citizens of Chantilly – and miles around – receive professional medical care and preventative dentistry on an annual basis.
- Through our participation in the Family Promise program we provide hospitality to homeless families and help them get back on their feet with permanent housing and employment.
- Our partnership with the Friends Youth Mentoring program is giving local youth the chance of a better future, one child at a time.

These are just a few of the countless ways St. Paul's brings new hope to people who had given up hope, and new life to people who were barely existing. And we can do this because of the unfailingly generous support of our members and friends. Your annual pledge allows us to budget confidently and spend wisely – so that we can continue to carry out our transformative ministries both within our parish and outside it.

For the past six years we have featured one of St. Paul's beautiful stained glass windows as a theme for our pledge campaign. This year, in honor of our bicentennial, we have recreated one of the beautiful windows destroyed in the fire of 1984. The Resurrection window itself is gone but its significance is eternal: new life, new hope – timeless gifts freely given by our God who loves us beyond measure and inspires us to share those gifts with others.

As you consider your pledge for 2018 please do so prayerfully, acknowledging the new life and new hope you have discovered through your connection with St. Paul's. And please be as generous as you can, remembering that every pledge is important, whatever the amount.

Thank you and God bless you.

  
Rev. Kate Atkinson, Rector

  
Jan Greer Carney, Senior Warden