November 27, 2018

Dear Fellow St. Paul’s Parishioners,

We write with the news that the Reverend E. Clifford Cutler announced on November 18, 2018 that he will be retiring effective April 30, 2019.

During his 13-year tenure as rector, he has served our parish family pastorally and by supporting the many ministries that have grown over the years under his leadership. His constant goal of “creating Christ’s peace through spiritual nourishment and service in the world” has been an inspiration to us all and an underpinning of all that we do.

- Our parish family has grown to include and welcome all of God’s people.
- Our Choirs and Christian Formation for adults, children and youth have grown.
- Our various outreach programs, including Face to Face, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Room at the Inn Refugee Support Program, and Rummage Sale have expanded and are strong.
- The Center for Spirituality that was created to strengthen a more contemplative life is thriving.
- Most recently, Cliff proposed a Capital Campaign to prepare us for the future.

We want to give you some information on what will be happening during the interim time after Cliff leaves.

The vestry has already met with The Rev. Arlette Benoit-Joseph, Canon for Transition for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to begin to plan for the transition and search process. We will meet with her and other staff of the diocese beginning in January to develop specific steps that will include:

- hiring an interim minister
- retaining a search consultant
- calling a search committee and profile committee
- planning ways to celebrate Cliff’s ministry and to say goodbye

We will be in regular communication with you in various ways throughout the process and be available for any questions you may have. We hope that you will think about your desires for the future of Saint Paul’s as we move forward. All members of St. Paul’s will have an opportunity to participate in the discernment process of calling our next rector.
The vestry will ensure that the staff and clergy have all they need to continue to support our parish and our ministries during this time.

As we move toward the transition and search for a new rector, we hope you will take the time to share your memories and thanks with Cliff and his wife, Amy.

In closing, we ask for your prayers for Cliff and Amy as they prepare for the next phase of their lives and for our parish family as we prepare for ours.

Faithfully,

Madeline P. Schroth

Rector’s Warden

Stephen Pearson, Jr.

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