



## EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2016



The Reverend Gretchen S. Grimshaw, Rector  
1135 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461  
[www.parishofstpaul.org](http://www.parishofstpaul.org)  
617-527-6642

# Building Our Beloved Community

*Born in 1883, still building in 2016!*

Right now we have an opportunity to drastically change the way we live into our values! We are taking some bold steps to truly become the creation-loving and inclusive community that we claim to be. *Please join us in this opportunity to make the sort of difference that can only be made together!*

*We hope to raise \$350,000!*

## Green Heat - Clean, Reliable, Flexible, Affordable, Respectful of God's Creation!

Our plan is to better live into our values by addressing two immediate needs in our church facility. First, our old heating system was not only expensive and unreliable and on the verge of collapse, but more importantly, it was massively disrespectful of God's creation and abundantly wasteful of our God given resources, both financial and environmental. Our Green Heat team and our vestry have enthusiastically embraced the challenge to help us live into our values, even though that integrity is going to cost us! We hope you will agree that the result is well worth the cost!

### Features of our new Green Heat

1. We have eliminated the asbestos in our heating system! *Healthier for us and the environment!*
2. We have two efficient gas fired boilers instead of one ancient oil burner! *Clean and very cool!*
3. We will have three extremely responsive heating zones instead of two slow, inefficient zones!
4. Our heating delivery system will be forced hot water rather than steam! *Faster and more accurate!*
5. We will replace our pipes (possibly 100-years-old!) with all new ones! *Good for generations to come!*
6. There will be air conditioning in the rector's office, the parish office, and the choir room!

### Benefits of our new Green Heat

1. Every space in our church will be warm enough in the winter! And a few will be cool in the summer!
2. The heating will be quiet and reliable and flexible enough to be started in a few minutes!
3. Our monthly heating bills will be at least 25% lower!
4. Our carbon footprint will be close to 40% lower!
5. The climate control system in our church will be good for another few generations!
6. We will now truly embody our support of God's creation whenever warming ourselves by the new system which is more efficient than its long serving, but obsolete, predecessor.
7. We can set a wonderful example for our kids and our neighbors!

## Accessibility/Inclusivity - Equal Access because everyone is valued equally!

Our second initiative looks to honor our commitment to welcome and include people of all mobilities equally. To that end, we want to improve the accessibility to our worship space and to the altar. The current exterior ramp is uneven and unsafe when the weather is bad, and it requires that those who use it enter our church through the back door, rather than the front entrance with everyone else. And access to our altar, God's table, the center of our worship, requires the ability to walk up several stairs. If we truly want to welcome everyone equally, we need to offer a front entrance and access to the altar that accommodates folks of all mobilities. And, our undercroft, is completely inaccessible to anyone who cannot walk a fairly full flight of stairs. We have not yet begun our community conversation about these initiatives, but the vestry considers these projects to be of the highest priority. This Capital Campaign will help support our forward movement in this initiative.

*We will begin community conversations around these projects in early 2017.*

### Program Expenses

Engineering Plan	\$20,000
Asbestos Removal (completed)	\$20,000
New Green Heat System (planned completion by Thanksgiving)	\$237,000
New front entrance all-accessibility ramp and altar accessibility (2017)	TBD
Assessment and feasibility Plan for Accessibility to the Undercroft (2018)	TBD
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$277,000+</b>

### Funding Plan

Gifts from our beloved community including two \$25,000 challenge grants (that we already have!)	\$300,000
Gifts from others who love our space & community	\$ 10,000
GoFundMe (\$250 from gifts offered by each of our 60 families' family and friends)	\$ 15,000
Silent Auction	\$10,000
Sale of Tiles for the ramp (\$250 per tile – at least one per each of our 60 families)	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>

### How You Can Help Build Our Future Today!

- Make the biggest gift you can manage without passing out! *Your Spirit will thank you!* (You can choose to pay your gift in any time frame up to four years, although sooner is always better!)
- Give a chunk of stock you have been saving for the future. *This is for the future!*
- Offer some valuables for our silent auction! And help on the Silent Auction Team!
- Ask your friends and family to remember you on birthdays and anniversaries and holidays with our upcoming GoFundMe campaign! Coming in 2017!
- Buy a tile or two to be embedded in our new ramp! Coming in 2017!

## Onward!