

A Guide to Writing your Story

If you're having trouble coming up with how to write or even start your story, we here, at the St. Paul's Writing Workshop, have come up with a few pointers.

First, let us say that your story is unique – whoever you are. We are a diverse community and have come to St. Paul's in many different ways. In order to understand and learn about each other, we would like to have your story to publish on our website's blog.

It doesn't have to be 300 words – it can be 10 words. The 300 is a maximum guideline so that Elvin and I don't get too bleary eyed.

Secondly, by answering the following five questions: Who? What? Where? Why? When? and How (optional)? You will be on your way.

Answers to these five questions provide the basis for your story. Anything else you write is gravy.

So, it goes like this – tell us Who you are; What brought you to St. Paul's; Where did you come from; When did you join St. Paul's, Why did you pick St. Paul's, and How did you get here (optional).

Answer the parts you are comfortable with. These are tips to help you get started.

We would like to receive stories as soon as possible. If you don't have access to email, write it up long hand, type it and send it by snail mail or carrier pigeon to the church office. Be sure to make it to Sue or Elvin's attention. Your story is important to us, and Elvin and I will take care of the rest.

Sue's email: jkerss@earthlink.net

Elvin's email: elvinmcdonald@centurylink.net

And, if you are still having trouble, plan on staying after the 10 o'clock service (or returning after the 8) the first three Sundays in August. Several of us will be available to help you.

We are designating Aug. 5, 12 and 19 as writing workshop Sundays.

We want each of you represented in the fabric of the community of St. Paul's Cathedral Church. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Sue Masid Keress and Elvin McDonald