

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 2024 Newsletter



APRIL AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 A.M. Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:30 A.M. Rite II Holy Eucharist

(9:30 A.M. is livestreamed to YouTube)

2nd Sundays Morning Prayer at 8 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (see page 9)

BELLS FOR BEGINNERS

Sunday, April 7 - 9:10AM practice time. (see page 4)

VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday April 9 – 7:00 PM

FOOD DRIVE-THRU TO BENEFIT MASTER'S MANNA

Saturday April 13 – 9AM-12PM (see page 6)

ECCT 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

PARTICIPATION DEADLINE

Sunday, April 14 (see page 7)

STORY WALK AT MARCUS COOKE PARK

Sunday April 21 at 8:30 a.m. (see page 4)

PIZZA AND PAJAMA MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday April 27. (see page 4)

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS
TUESDAY, APRIL 23 by NOON**

*****SAVE THE DATES for this MAY event*****

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 4TH & 5TH

ECCT Pilgrimage to the National Museum
of African American History and Culture (see page 7)

With more on-site events taking place in the church building again, just a gentle reminder to please be in touch with the parish office to advise and request dates and times for any activity or meeting that will be taking place at St. Paul's. It is important to make sure events are on the calendar to avoid any potential overlapping dates! Thank you in advance for your help with this important task!

Vestry Update

In March the Vestry accomplished quite a bit as we continued to handle a wide range of issues and tasks. One big task was to complete and submit the annual Parochial Report, which is now done!

A significant decision made at the March meeting was to allocate our 2023 Outreach funds (\$7864) in this manner:

Columbus House meals: \$500

Canopy for community outreach: \$300

Wallingford Community Dinners: \$200

El Porvenir: \$2000

IRIS: \$2000

Episcopal Relief and Development: \$2000

Camp Washington: \$864

A subcommittee comprised of Amy Foster, Carole Ireland, and Nathalie Szilagyi developed the above proposal that the Vestry approved. This group will be joined by Nathan Leach and two additional parishioners to work on plans for allocating the 2024 Outreach funds.

The Vestry also approved a proposal created by Carole Ireland and Wendy Oestreicher to restructure and increase our suggested donations for outside use of our facilities. We continue to discuss ways to advertise the availability of this space to non-profits.

Additional items that we are continuing to work on include getting nametags on lanyards for all parishioners, developing a prayer for the search process for a new priest, and some property items.

Finally, we are grateful to Sharon Turlis and Wendy Oestreicher who have volunteered to co-chair the Memorial Garden Committee. Rob Page has been a wonderful leader of this committee for many years, and we appreciate not only the work he has put into it but also his offer to help train the new leadership.

Amy Foster, Senior Warden

Tammy Napoli, Junior Warden

On behalf of the Vestry

CHURCH SCHOOL



Dear St. Paul's Family,

March was an exciting time for Church School! In addition to another great month of Story Walks and Bell Choir, we had our second Children's Worship Service of the program year: on Lent V, children took ownership of worship as readers, torch bearers, crucifers, and ushers, and together crafted a shared homily on knowing God's will in their lives.

We continue in April with more fun events for children and families. We hope you will mark your calendars for the following dates:

April 7th—Bells for Beginners: Children of all ages are invited to make a joyful noise with Bells for Beginners! No musical experience is necessary. We will rehearse in the Purple Room at 9:10 before Church School at 9:30.

April 21st—Story Walk: Join us at Marcus Cooke Park at 8:30 for a Bible-based walk through the woods! It's a great opportunity to build community and get some fresh air. After the Story Walk, all children are invited to join the grown-ups for 9:30 worship. This is a chance for the kids to get involved in the liturgy. If your child is interested in serving in some capacity at this service, as an acolyte, reader, or usher, please let us know!

April 27th—Pizza & Pajama Movie Night: On the evening of Saturday, April 27th, we will have a Pizza and Pajama night at St. Paul's! Mark your calendars, and watch your inbox for more details.

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Looking Forward: With Lent and Holy Week behind us, we only have a few months left in the St. Paul's program year. Is there anything you want to make sure we do before the summer? Are there events, service opportunities, or activities you want to suggest for Church School? If so, we want to hear about it! Send me an email or find me at coffee hour.

That's all for now! Enjoy Spring, and keep an eye on your inboxes for more updates.

Yours in Christ,

Nathan Leach
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April Food Drive

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

TO BENEFIT



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKING LOT

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of the month. We will be back in the parking lot for our monthly food drives starting on April 13th. Please take advantage of sales at the grocery stores and help fill the shelves at Master's Manna. They are especially in need of pasta sauce and mac and cheese. And remember, if you are unable to come to the drive-thru food drive on Saturday, you can always bring any donations to the church beforehand and leave them outside the office.



Cereal Sunday

“You guys are just awesome!” That’s what the volunteers at Master’s Manna told us when they unloaded two SUV’s packed with boxes of cereal. Thanks to everyone at St. Paul’s, we collected 226

boxes of cereal weighing in at 222 lbs. Our first “Cereal Sunday” was a great success --watch for its return next March. And again, thanks so much for being so generous.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A celebration for couples, spouses, and partners who have been together for 50 years. Guests & Clergy are invited to attend.

Sunday, May 19, 2024
4PM

Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford



50th Anniversary Celebration - May 19, 2024, 4PM

Participation Deadline: April 14th

- Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford on May 19, 2024
- This is an ECCT-wide event, and we invite all couples who have celebrated their 50th Anniversary since May 2019 to renew their commitment vows.
- Please contact the Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers before April 14th if you're interested in attending.

ECCT Pilgrimage to the National Museum of African American History and Culture - May 4-5

ECCT's Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network will sponsor again this pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. We will leave by bus early on the morning of May 4 and return the evening of May 5, staying one night in a local Virginia hotel. The museum is phenomenal; and, as with all Smithsonian museums, this one has much to teach. We will have time at the museum on Saturday and Sunday, and you'll find that you need even more time with the exhibits that tell profoundly the story of racism in our land. The gifts of our African American sisters and brothers are lifted up in ways that celebrate and remind all of why we are called to remember. Many more details will be forthcoming. **For now save the date of May 4-5, and watch for more information.**



Altar Flowers for Sundays

A nice way to remember a loved one is to place a springtime bouquet of flowers on the altar, and then be able to take the bouquet home to enjoy during the week. Dates are available for flowers on the altar for Sundays. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, please submit the names of those to be remembered and the date of the Sunday on which you wish the flowers to be on the altar. A \$45.00 contribution for each date is suggested. Forms are on the tables at the side and front entrances. Checks for the memorials should be made payable to "St. Paul's Memorial Flower Fund" and submitted to the church office along with the form. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rogalski at srogal156@comcast.net or 203-678-4824.



Springtime Coffee Hour!

Our next coffee hour will be on April 7th. Please consider hosting a coffee hour this spring. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the easel in the back of the church with available dates through June.



Thank you for pledging!

We appreciate your faithful giving.

You may give online by going to stpaulswallingford.org and clicking the red “Donate Now” button, mail your gifts into the parish office or place your offering in the basket during Sunday worship. It’s all good! Thank you.



*The Church will be open Wednesdays
from 10:00 am to 1:00pm
for prayer & reflection.*

*A member of the Healing Prayer Team
will be available from noon
on to offer prayers
and blessings-to-go, upon request.*

The Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open to the public on
Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM-2:00PM.

Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange
any additional times to meet during the week.

Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed
during business hours of 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Friday.

Please advise us of

- change of address or telephone numbers
- illness, hospitalizations, deaths
- requests for baptisms, weddings, etc

Times for St. Paul's Sunday Service
Comcast Cable Channel 18
Frontier Channel 99
www.WPAA.TV - WPAA on the Internet
Sunday - 5:00 PM
Monday - 12:30 AM, 1:00 PM, and 11:00 PM

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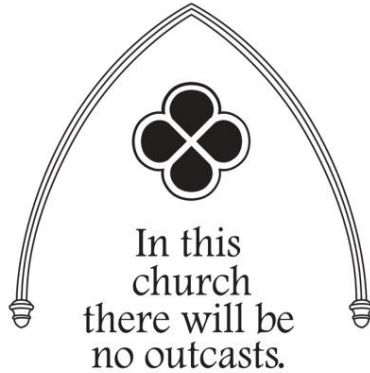
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If we are not in the office, please leave a message.

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