

**St. Paul's  
Newsletter  
September  
2016**

## **SEPTEMBER AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 9:30 AM

Vestry – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Adult Forum - 9:00 AM (begins September 18)

Church School - 9:15 AM (begins September 18)

Wednesday Eucharist - 12:10 PM in the Chapel (begins 9/7)

Choristers - Thursdays at 4:00 - 5:00 PM (begins 9/8)

Choir Rehearsals - Thursday at 7:00 PM (begins 9/8)

### **Church Open for Prayer & Reflection**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM*

### **Memorial Garden Committee Meeting**

*September 7th at 7:00 PM*

### **Gardener's Market**

*Saturday, September 10*

### **Ingathering Sunday**

*September 11 with*

*one combined service at 9:30 AM*

*followed by a potluck parish picnic.*

### **Adult Forum**

*Sundays beginning September 18*

*Reflections on Race and Faith*

### **Backpack Sunday**

*Sunday, September 18*

### **Nicaragua at both Services**

*Sunday, September 25*

### **Save the Dates**

*as seen further in this Newsletter*

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Dear Companions in Christ,

Our anniversary year festivities continue, but who's counting? WE are!

We're challenging ourselves as a parish to do **275 acts of kindness** between now and our Stewardship Brunch on Sunday, October 30. Here's how it works: Do some acts of kindness and record them on the brightly colored form inserted in this newsletter. Once you've completed a form, place it in the large glass jar at church. Chances are, you'll need more than one form -- never fear, additional copies will be available at church on Sundays and in the parish office during the week. Watch the jar fill up with the brightness of our kindly acts.

What constitutes an act of kindness? Deep down, *you know*. But here are a few ideas to spark your imagination...pay it forward in a drive-through...introduce yourself to a neighbor you don't know...sit with someone new in church and accompany them to coffee hour...write an old-fashioned note to a long-lost relative or friend...if you don't ordinarily bring in items for Master's Manna, bring some in (and if you do ordinarily bring in items, bring more!)...be the first to say "I'm sorry" ...throw more than change into the "Change for Change in Nicaragua" jar...volunteer to read aloud at the library or a school...volunteer at the emergency shelter (especially if you've never done so before)...give more than you pledge...ask me if there's someone in the community who could use your help...pray for someone who irritates you...write a fan letter to the choir and/or choristers...reach out to someone who's lost a loved one -- a month *after* the funeral...do errands for a busy young family or an elderly person or *both*...give a book to a child beyond your immediate family...pick up trash wherever you see it...invite someone to church...offer a water bottle to someone you pass on a walk...YOU know what's needed from where you sit -- at church, in your neighborhood, at work or

school or wherever you volunteer.

This is something we can all do inside and beyond the parish, working together or alone, and all ages can join the fun. Spreading kindness is a perfect way to honor those whose selfless acts have brought us this far. Now we continue serving one another and this world God so loves.

Many thanks in advance to everyone who helps us reach -- and surpass -- this goal of 275 acts of kindness. Many thanks to former vestry member Amy Grant who first suggested this idea years ago.

Faithfully,  
Dee Anne +

### **Adult Forum: Reflections on Race and Faith**

In our baptismal covenant, we promise to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” In the face of tragic incidents related to race and racism that have occurred in our country in recent months, we are challenged to examine our own understanding of race and what our faith requires of us in combating racism, both individual and institutional. This fall the Adult Forum will read and discuss several articles and scriptural passages connected to this topic along with Ta-Nehisi Coates’ powerful book *Between the World and Me*. The School Library Journal write of Coates’ book: “In a series of essays, written as a letter to his son, Coates confronts the notion of race in America and how it has shaped American history, many times at the cost of black bodies and lives. Thoughtfully exploring personal and historical events, from his time at Howard University to the Civil War, the author poignantly asks and attempts to answer difficult questions that plague modern society.” The Forum will meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Wilkinson Hall, beginning on September 18. Please contact Amy Foster if you would like to order a copy of the book for \$14, or if you have any questions about the Forum.

\*NOTE: If aren’t able to make it to the Forum but would like to discuss *Between the World and Me* at an evening gathering or two, please let

Amy Foster or the Rector know of your interest

## **Vestry Update July 2016**

For our July meeting we spent half of it outside. The theme was “A Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood.” We paired up and left St. Paul’s walking out along various compass points for about 15 minutes and then returned. During that time we asked ourselves “What does God want us to notice” and What’s God up to and how can we be privileged to participate.”

Down Center Street we noticed only a few empty stores, noticed houses for sale , and what a great addition Hubcap is to our community.

Heading east on Center Street to Silver Pond Apartments we noticed many sub-divided houses, some in very good condition and some needing a lot of work, the convenience stores and wondered about the worker’s safety. On Church and Orchard Streets we noticed lots of renovations taking place, the very large parking lot for St. Peter and St. Paul’s, but with unfriendly parking signs. We noticed First Baptist’s signs and their vacation Bible school and wondered if we could partner with them for a combined camp. On Prince, Center, and Whittlesey Streets we noticed many teens playing Pokemon Go, the synagogue, old neighborhoods, stores with Spanish signs. The center of town is a safe and vibrant area, but we wondered what’s under the surface and is anyone reaching out to the older people in this area. As we summarized our observations we tried to tie them into our Vestry retreat priorities – have services on the green, visit the elderly in Silver Pond Apartments and other senior housing. Can we reach out more to help our town.

In other business we discussed upgrading our outdated phone system and the contract for our trash/recycling. We are looking for ways to economize and ease communications with our members. We plan to make decisions in these areas at our September meeting. We discussed our members heading off to Nicaragua to continue our mission work there. Lastly, we discussed the renovations to the thrift shop and the remaining schedule to enable a re-opening the first weekend in August. Please visit the thrift shop. You will be amazed at the transformation.

Lastly, we discussed the planning and logistics for the In-Gathering Sunday and church picnic. Be sure to put September 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for these events and remember – there will only be a 9:30 service that Sunday.

Your wardens,

Amy Foster and Chuck Maynard

## **Memorial Garden Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM



## **Gardeners' Market**

Volunteers are needed to help at the St Paul's booth at the Wallingford Gardeners' Market, near the railroad station, on Saturday, September 10. We will be handing out tote bags from 9:00 AM to noon. Set up starts at 8:15 AM. Any time you are available to volunteer is appreciated. Please contact Carole Ireland. Thank you!



## **♪♪♪ Music! ♪♪♪**

Now is a great time to join the Choir or Choristers! Choir rehearsals begin in September 8th and are held on Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm. Choristers is open to any child in 1st grade or older. Rehearsals for the Choristers begin on September 8th and are held weekly from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested please contact our music director Jay Lindsay at [musicdirector@stpaulswallingford.org](mailto:musicdirector@stpaulswallingford.org).

Hope to see you there!

**Ingathering Celebration with Picnic** -- Won't be long now until **Sunday, September 11** observed with a single, combined service at 9:30 followed by a potluck picnic. We'll provide hot dogs and hamburgers with condiments and beverages; you bring salads, side dishes and desserts. ***Please sign-up on the list on the easel.*** The day will include an observance of the fifteen anniversary of 9/11, as well as church school registration with games, acoustic music and more. This is always a fun-filled event, and it's also a great way to catch up with those we've missed over the summer! Please invite friends - the more the merrier!! *Lots of good reasons to be together supporting one another as we kick off a new year of love and service.*



**Church School News:** Greetings, all!! I hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer! Please make every effort to attend our Ingathering on 9/11 so you can be sure to get signed up for church school. We have a great year planned. This year we will be "taking action!" We will be learning about stories of the bible and how to be disciples by taking action...cooking, experimenting, modeling, building, etc. you name it, we will be doing it! The church school students have been challenged to complete 275 Random Acts of Kindness by 9/11. That is approximately 9 per child. This is very doable and the children will be rewarded. It's also a great way to challenge the adult members to do the same! Please bring in your list of RAOK on 9/11. They will be tallied that day! **Church school will resume on 9/18 at 9:15.** This will also be the same day as the blessing of the backpacks! Please make every effort to arrive on time and invite friends! Don't forget your backpacks!!!

**September 18 is Backpack Sunday!** -- Calling all students, teachers, aides and school administrators: Bring your backpack (or tote bag or

briefcase) to either service for a blessing plus a little something to "light" your path in the school year ahead. Perfect time to invite friends!



## **GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY**

St. Paul's G.F.S. branch would like to thank all those who have already donated educational supplies for IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services). As families arrive throughout the year IRIS gives the children a backpack filled with the supplies needed to begin their school careers in the U.S.A.

A note from the IRIS Newsletter said that they had processed as many families during the month of July, 2016 as were processed in all of 2015. This shows that the supplies are very much needed.

This GFS Mission Project continues through 2016 so there is still the opportunity to donate supplies in the collection box in the rear of the church near the font.

Thank you for your help!

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED**

**Back Packs; Notebooks; Loose Leaf Paper; Binders; Folders; Pencil Boxes; Pencils; Pens; Highlighters; Glue Sticks; Graphing Calculators; Pencil Sharpeners; Scissors; Colored Pencils; Crayons; Rulers; Erasers; Beginner Reading Books**

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In other news, the St. Paul's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets at the church twice a month and welcomes girls beginning at age 5. Our first meeting of this school year is **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** in the purple classroom. A complete schedule of meetings through December will be e-mailed to all families.

We look forward to seeing all returning members and welcoming new ones!

See you all on the 20th!!

Karen Rowe, Branch Advisor & Jane Smith, Leader



**Save the Date for Nicaragua:  
Sunday, September 25 at Both Services**

Looking forward to hearing about this year's Nicaragua mission trip, see the world premiere of Luke Adams' latest movie and learn all the different ways we can support the ministry of El Porvenir year-round!

Also continue to keep putting spare change in our "Change for Change" jars located in the church as we look forward to next year's trip to help provide clean water in Nicaragua.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2  
Celebrate Wallingford**

**Saturday, October 22 - Churches on Main Progressive Dinner**

**Saturday, November 5 - St. Paul's Fair  
(See the notice later in this Newsletter.)**

**Celebrate Wallingford**

St. Paul's will again have a booth in front of the church at this year's Celebrate Wallingford on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, October 2nd from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed both days to hand out St Paul's tote bags along with dog and cat treats announcing the annual Blessing of the Pets. A

sign-up sheet will be posted in the rear of the church. Contact Carole for additional information. Thank you!

**CHURCHES ON MAIN  
PROGRESSIVE  
DINNER**

**Saturday, October 22nd  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

***First Course:* St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
65 North Main Street  
Use rear entrance**

***Main Course:* First Baptist Church  
114 North Main Street  
Use side entrance by Wells  
Fargo parking lot**

***Dessert:* First Congregational Church  
Use side entrance on Center  
Street**

**Followed by a unified worship time at First  
Congregational**

**Suggested Donation: \$5.00  
payable at main course**

**(Money collected in excess of expenses will be donated to the  
Wallingford Emergency Shelter)**

**Look for sign-up sheets during coffee hour.**

**HOLIDAY FALL FAIR**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2016**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Apple Pie Making** begins Tuesday, November 1. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted in the church starting in October. There will be both daytime and evening times for helping.



### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

If you are interested in coordinating the Thanksgiving baskets, please contact me. I will not be doing it this year and am happy to share with you what it involved. It isn't difficult, but takes a bit of planning. Our home-bound parishioners are always so appreciative of the fruit baskets. Please consider this way of serving the parish. Thanks. Please contact Helen Stowe.

### **Church Open for Prayer & Reflection** **Wednesdays 10 AM - 1 PM**

Wednesdays from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, take some time for reflection and prayer on Wednesdays any times between 10 AM and 1PM. ALL are welcome to come and stay for as little or as much of the time as needed. Help spread the word!

### **Thrift Shop News**

As we enjoy our new surroundings, we are busily preparing for the Fall/Winter season. To celebrate our newly renovated store and to show appreciation for the many volunteers who made it happen, we will be hosting an open house to parishioners on a Sunday morning in the next few weeks. Watch for the date to follow soon!

### PASTORS OF THE EARLY YEARS

During the "lean years" one incident is worth mentioning. In 1831 there were some difficulties in the Congregational Society. Some twenty families left the Society and joined St. Paul's. Because of this sudden enlargement the parish needed more room.

On October 13, 1831 the Wells Society:

"...for the sum of eighty dollars and other good cauces (sic); received to our full satisfaction of the Episcopal Society of saint Paul's Church in said Wallingford; Do, in our seciels (sic) Capacity give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Episcopal society of st. Paul's Church all the rights, title, interest, claims, and demands whatsoever which the Wells Society have or ought to have in or to a certain piece of land situated in Wallingford together with the Meeting House standing thereon ...."

This is the site of our present church!

In addition, the deed states:

"It being understood that the present members of said Wells Society who wish to attend public worship in said house and do not wish to join the Episcopal Society shall be accommodated with uacets (sic) by contributing what they shall judge proper towards the support of the Pastor."

In 1841 the Rev. Hillard Bryant came to be Rector. He was Rector for nine years, but under his leadership the parish took vigorous steps forward. In 1843 a rectory was built on South Main Street for a total cost of \$1,746. In 1846 a new Gothic Church forty by sixty-three feet was erected on the old "Wells" lot for \$3,500.

In 1850 the Rev. Joseph Brewster was elected Rector, and he was succeeded in 1853 by the Rev. Charles S. Putnam. In 1858 the

Rev. John Townsend was elected Rector and he stayed until 1864.



**St. Paul's 275th Anniversary Ornaments** will be on sale soon. The hand-crafted, pewter ornaments depicting St. Paul's Church were drawn and designed by Dan Lyon and custom made by Woodbury Pewterer's, Inc. The ornament project has been made possible through a very generous gift from the Page Family in memory of their parents Dennis & Louise Page. Each ornament sells for \$10. Contact Carole Ireland for more information.

**Readers – Ushers – Crucifers – Acolytes – Chalice Bearers!**

Please check your schedules for services and times you are serving. If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please obtain a substitute for yourself! If you would also inform the parish office of any changes it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you.

**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 - 8:00 AM**  
**Wednesday - 2:00 PM**  
**Saturday - 7:00 PM**



### **Holy Baptism**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: All Saints' Sunday (November 6, 2016), Baptism of Jesus (January 8, 2017), and Easter Vigil (April 15, 2017). Preparation for this celebration of Christian initiation includes a formal application and participation of parents and godparents in our Baptism Workshop and Rehearsal. Please direct any inquiries to the Rector at 203-269-5050 or [rector@stpaulswallingford.org](mailto:rector@stpaulswallingford.org).

Dear Friends and Fellow Saints ~

**♪ Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give Thanks and sing!! ♪**

For recognizing a need, knowing the urgency of the need and stepping up to fill the need ~ you are reflecting the love of Christ, living out this command to love one another and for setting an example for others.

You encourage of hearts, enable us to fulfill our mission and you impact lives ~ some in your church, some in the businesses and schools where your family goes and some people you see EVERY day! Some of these people have deep needs, unspoken needs, brokenness and some just want to give ~ to help ~ to make a difference. EVERY day ~ there are the people whose lives YOU have impacted!!

Thank You!  
God bless you ~

Cheryl Trzcinski, Master's Manna

## **Have you heard of EfM?**

Our baptismal vows call us to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. How we live into those vows depends on our personal theology as well as our understanding of scripture and spirituality.

*Education for Ministry* (or as it's better known, EfM) is a program for adults who desire to grow deeper into their faith in a small group. EfM enriches us all for Christ's mission in the world.

EfM is a safe place to explore and develop our personal theology. Groups of 6-12 meet with trained mentors who guide and administer the group. The group covenants to meet in person weekly during the year for 2.5 -3 hours of prayer, discussion and reflection. Each person's experience and point of view is valuable. As Frederica Thompsett says, "'Hearing the Word of God, in the past and in the present, is related to hearing each other.'" (from We Are Theologians.)

EfM was developed by the (Episcopal) School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Currently there are EfM groups in nine countries, as well as the USA. The program is a four-year curriculum, but **each person commits to a year at a time.**

Annual tuition is \$350, which covers all textbooks and the administrative costs of running the program. This is a discount of \$110 because the Diocese of Connecticut is a "sponsoring" Diocese.

**The EfM group of Epiphany, Durham meets Monday nights from 6:30-9 PM.**

- **Curious? Check out the EfM website:**  
[www.sewanee.edu/EFM](http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM)

- **For an application or more information, please call Karen Otte or Victor Friedrich at 860-349-3631, or email [karen.otte@me.com](mailto:karen.otte@me.com)**

The parish office is open Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

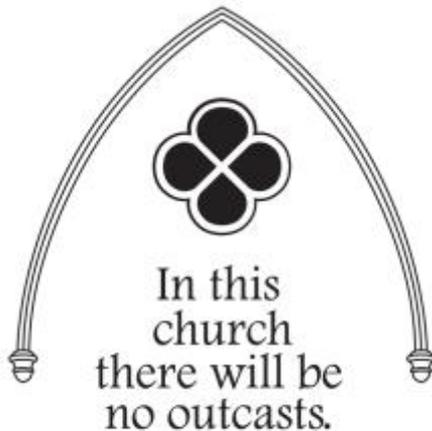
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If we are not in the office, please leave a message.



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