

# St. Paul's Newsletter April 2016

## **APRIL 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

Church School - 9:15 AM

Wednesday Eucharist - 12:10 PM in the Chapel

Choristers - Thursdays at 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Choir Rehearsals - Thursdays at 7:00 PM

### **Adult Forum: The "Other" Epistles**

*Sundays at 9:00 AM in Wilkinson Hall*

### **Property Committee Work Day**

*Saturday, April 16th - 8 AM - 11 AM*

### **Lawn Mowing**

*Sign up to help mow the church grounds*

### **Girls' Friendly Society**

*Tuesday, April 19 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM*

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

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

### **Community Celebration Needs Finger Foods**

*Sign up sheets in the back of the church ASAP*

### **275th Anniversary**

### **Community Celebration in Words, Music & Art**

*Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 PM*

### **Dinner-Dance at Wallingford Country Club**

*Reservations required by April 10*

### **Festive Worship**

*Sunday, May 1 - 9:00 AM*

*The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Celebrant & Preacher*

*Catered reception in Wilkinson Hall after worship*

### **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

Dear Companions in Christ,

It's our 275th Anniversary! But surely you knew that already?

We're gearing up for some BIG events in the next few weeks. Please see details on the next page and mark your calendar. Invite everyone you know. And, for heaven's sake, if you still need more details about the dinner-dance (pre-paid reservations only), please let us know and we'll get you the info ASAP.

I hope you've noticed that we've been marking the occasion for some time now. Years ago Pete Nickerson pushed us to start "sprucing the place up" in time for the party. Among other things, the outside was power-washed last year. Now the sanctuary is being painted for the first time since our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! This vital project, along with the repair of our rose window, is made possible through the major capital portion of the Sacred Trust Fund.

Down the hall, the Common Room is getting a facelift for the first time in a generation. This is a generous gift from parishioners Jane Smith (in loving memory of her husband Don Smith and her parents Albert and Elizabeth Bunnell) and Karen and Tim Rowe (in loving memory of Andrew Cleto and David and Eva Rowe.) Last year Jane funded a renovation of St. Luke's Chapel, also in memory of her husband and parents.

Lois Olesen and Wendy Oestreicher have spent weeks painting bathrooms, upstairs and down, and have donated some fixtures to complete the look. Along with Gene and Bobby Gervais, they've stripped a lot of grimy wax off of various floors. Chuck Maynard has repaired and painted Wilkinson Hall.

Bob Mansfield continues to lead the charge keeping our facility in top shape. Bob recently repaired a (leaky) antique drain pipe, while Joe Drouin dry-walled the surrounding wall. (Elsewhere in this newsletter, please see Bob's invitation to an April 16 work morning in anticipation of the festivities.)

Note that this good stewardship of our historic building is made possible by generous gifts from parishioners past and present (not our annual budget). *Please remember the church in your financial and estate planning.* It is truly a gift that keeps on giving for generations to come. Now *that's* something to celebrate!

Faithfully, and festive-ly too,  
Dee Anne +

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Wallingford CT**

203-269-5050 [stpaulswallingford.org](http://stpaulswallingford.org)

### **275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

***Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Future!***

**Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

#### **Community Celebration in Words, Music & Art**

*Telling our story with artists from the Wallingford Symphony, the Mariachi Academy, guests from neighboring choirs, the St. Paul's Choir, Choristers and more, plus an anthem composed by Music Director James T. Lindsay commissioned especially for this event.*

**Saturday, April 30, 2016 Dinner-Dance at Wallingford Country Club**

*Reservations required by April 10, 2016.*

**Sunday, May 1, 2016 Festive Worship at 9:00 A.M.**

*(NOTE NEW TIME)*

*The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Celebrant and Preacher  
Plus, reaching out to the community by supporting the Autism Awareness Walk down Main Street with water bottles and good cheer, and a catered reception in Wilkinson Hall.*

***Watch for other events, opportunities & surprises throughout our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year!***

## Vestry Update for March 2016

With Holy Week toward the end of March and our 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration drawing neare, the Vestry has been very busy. At our March meeting we were informed that our sexton, Dave Cosgrove has tendered his resignation. A search for a replacement is under way. In the interim, we have hired Bobby Gervais on a temporary basis to keep the church neat and clean.

Many of you have witnessed projects to spruce up our facilities. Most visible is the painting of the church where work is now progressing on the chancel and center aisle section. Also taking place are the remodeling of the common room, painting and stripping of wall paper in the ladies and family accessible bathrooms, and the touch-up painting of Wilkinson Hall.

From our treasurer we learned that our deficit is running less than last year. This is primarily due to a drastic reduction in our heating bill as we are now relying on natural gas and no longer purchasing heating oil. The market has had a sizeable effect on our investment accounts which we hope will rebound as the year goes on. Audit reports for the past 2 years were reviewed and actions taken on a number of the recommendations.

In Outreach, Nancy Harrington announced we will have 8-11 volunteers participating in the mission this year to Nicaragua. A rice and beans fund raiser dinner will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> with a mariachi band through SCOW. We were also informed that the Wallingford Emergency Shelter was purchased by Columbus House in New Haven. Many of our parishioners devote many hours to helping support the shelter. Columbus House brings a wealth of resources to assist in the shelter's operation which may lead to year-round operation.

Keep your calendars open for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> when we will have our Community Celebration at 7:00 pm. This will be followed by our dinner dance at the Wallingford Country Club on April 30th followed by our Anniversary Service conducted by Bishop Ahrens on May 1st followed by a catered reception in Wilkinson Hall. We look forward to seeing you at all three of

these important events.

Your wardens,  
Amy Foster and Chuck Maynard

## Adult Forum: The "Other" Epistles

Many of us likely feel fairly familiar with many of the epistles attributed to St. Paul (Romans, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and more). But, what about those "other" epistles? What's in them? Who wrote them? And what richness do they add to our Bible? This spring (starting on April 3) the Adult Forum will read and discuss together these epistles, including Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, John's three epistles, and Jude. The Forum meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in Wilkinson Hall and always welcomes new participants! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Amy Foster.

## 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!



**PROPERTY COMMITTEE** - The Property Committee will have a work day on Saturday April 16th from 8:00 A.M. till 11:00 A.M. to spruce up the grounds prior to the 275th celebrations on the April 23rd and May 1st. There is a little touch-up painting (outside) and some ground maintenance to do. Many hands make light work! Thanks!

## THE EARLY YEARS

In February we promised to tell about Ichabod Camp, another of the early ministers. Rev. Camp is listed on the Missionary's window as having been the fourth missionary to serve the Episcopal Church in Wallingford.

Ichabod received his B.A. and M.A, degrees from Yale and referred to himself as Doctor of Divinity and Fisick". He served the Congregational Church in Sharon until 1748 when he abandoned the church of his ancestors and embraced the faith of the Church of England. He immediately began reading services to the Anglican families in Middletown and Wallingford.

In 1749 he married Content Ward, and in 1751 he traveled to England to be ordained. In 1751 Macock Ward (Content's father? ) deeded to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Lands eleven acres of land at Bushey Hill for "Securing the Service of Worship of God Amongst us ..." I do not know if the conveyance of land had anything with Ichabod.s ordination, but perhaps it did. Upon his return to Connecticut Rev. Camp served the churches in Middletown, Wallingford, Cheshire, and North Haven.

Content died in 1754, and in 1757 Rev. Camp married Ann Oliver. By 1759 Rev. Camp had decided that his present income was insufficient and that his chances for future growth were poor. He wrote to the governor of North Carolina inquiring about clerical possibilities. The economic rewards were better because the SPG subsidized clergymen, and the legislature provided tax support. In June, 1760 Rev. Camp and his family left for North Carolina.

**LAWN MOWING** - Last year we had lots of snow to help fertilize the lawn. This year there has been very little snow, but I am sure that the grass will still grow just fine. Therefore, I am appealing for help with the mowing. Last year we had eight mowers, and they only had to mow three or four times. We supply the mower and the gas. All you need to do is pull the cord to start the mower and then steer it. Please sign up now by calling Bob Mansfield. The secretary will also be glad to take your name.

**Community Celebration on April 23rd** - We will be needing finger foods for refreshments for the reception following the concert. If you can contribute finger foods, such as deserts, fruit trays, cheese and crackers, etc. your help would be greatly appreciated. Please try to bring your goodies to the church by 2:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the back of the church and in Wilkinson Hall.

**Purchase St. Paul's Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts!** - These shirts and light weight full-zip hooded sweatshirts will feature the 275th anniversary emblem drawn and designed by Dan Lyon. The emblem will be embroidered on the left chest are of the shirts. The colors, sizes and prices are listed on the order forms which are in the church and also found as an insert in this Newsletter. Payment is due with the order form. Part of the cost of each shirt will go to support the Nicaraguan service trip. Please return the order forms by Sunday, April 24. Contact Carole Ireland for more information

### **SAVE THE DATE: Nicaragua Fund Raiser!**

Rice & Beans Dinner to benefit St. Paul's  
work trip to Nicaragua; May 21, 2016.  
Great food, great music and more.



**Nicaragua Service Trip (July 30, 2016 – August 7, 2016)** –  
Contact Rob Page for more information.

Please continue to keep putting spare change in our "Change for Change" jars located in the church to help us as we look forward to next year's trip, as we help those less fortunate.

### **Bottled Water Donations Needed:**

St. Paul's will again hand out water bottles, in front of the church to participants of the Walk for Autism. The Autism Walk is Sunday, May 1, which is also the date for the festive worship service with Bishop Laura Ahrens. Following the 9:00 AM worship service, Bishop Ahrens will join the St. Paul's volunteers handing out water bottles. Please bring your water donations to the church no later than Sunday, April 17. Please contact Carole Ireland with questions of if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

#### ***Parish Life***

#### ***Funerals***

*Wallis D. Bolton*

*Patricia Dow*



#### **Holy Baptism**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: Pentecost (May 15, 2016) and All Saints' Sunday (November 6, 2016). 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).

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

### **Girls' Friendly Society -**

Tuesday, April 19 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 7 - 10:30 AM-1:00 PM (More info to come)



### **The Episcopal Church in Connecticut announces 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

This event will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 3:00 PM at Christ Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut. The purpose of this celebration is to honor couples who have realized this milestone. Bishops Ian T. Douglas and Laura J. Ahrens, will be there to celebrate with you at this service. It will include the renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates to all couples. A reception will follow. If you are interested in participating in the celebration, please give your name and address by April 15 to your parish priest, who will forward your information. If you have any questions, please contact The Rev. Dee Anne Dodd at [rector@stpaulswallingford.org](mailto:rector@stpaulswallingford.org) or 203-269-5050.

### **Volunteer Drivers Needed:**

Senior Transportation Services, Inc is a nonprofit transportation service for senior citizens, age 55 and older. We are in need of volunteer drivers willing to commit to two hours a week to meet the needs of their community in aiding seniors to "age in place". Mileage for volunteer drivers is reimbursed. Anyone interested in applying to become a volunteer driver can call us 860-224-7117 or contact us at [seniortransportationservices@yahoo.com](mailto:seniortransportationservices@yahoo.com).

## Wallingford Emergency Shelter Joins Forces with Columbus House

We have exciting news to share with our friends and colleagues! In a strategic move designed to enhance services for people experiencing homelessness in Wallingford, the Wallingford Emergency Shelter will soon become a program of Columbus house.

Last year, in an effort to significantly improve both the breadth and sustainability of services to current and future clients, the Wallingford Emergency Shelter board began developing a 5-year strategy called WES2020. During this process, the WES board concluded that we might achieve our goals more efficiently if we could join forces with a like-minded organization with a depth of services already in place. Our board began having conversations with the board and staff of Columbus House, a recognized leader in homeless services and housing in the state. After a year of careful consideration on the part of both organizations the two have mutually agreed to join together to address the issues of homelessness in Wallingford.

You are an important part of the Wallingford Emergency Shelter. Since 1982, you have served meals, cleaned units, donated basic needs items, provided fellow ship and made financial contributions to help our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. We hope you will continue to be a part of Wallingford Emergency Shelter. With added resources from Columbus House and your continued involvement, we will be in a better position to help even more of our neighbors out of homelessness.

Editor's Note: You may also see the Rector, a member of the WES Board, for more information.



**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 at 203-988-7405.

### **Times for St. Paul's Sunday Service**

Comcast Cable Channel 18

Frontier Channel 99

[www.WPAA.TV](http://www.WPAA.TV) - WPA on the Internet

Sunday - 5:00 PM

Monday - 8:00 AM

Wednesday - 1:00 PM

Saturday - 6:30 PM

### **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.